

TURNBULL OF HAMBURG, GERMANY

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Editor's note; Square brackets added referencing TCA Person Numbers.

Dr. Peter Turnbull contacted me from Hamburg, Germany and asked if I could manage to extend his branch to discover his Scottish roots.

His grandparents were Charles Esmond Turnbull [#64371] and Olga Emille Marie Schuman [#64372] and were the beginning of the German ancestry.

He had traced his family back to a William Beer Turnbull, born 1795 [#64373] in St. Martins, Westminster, London.

When I traced his brothers to Wells St. Soho, I began to note several coincidences with the family of John Turnbull 1748, the Australian pioneer.

William Beer Turnbull, was the son of James Turnbull, born 1771 [#64374] at Westminster and Elizabeth Beer [#64375] and their children baptised at St. Olave.

(The church of St. Olave is in the parish of Finsbury Park and was also used by John 1748 during his marriage to Martha Hunter [#63634])

I then discovered that James parents were a James Turnbull c. 1749 [#62963] and a Christine Hunter [#64376]. Was this a sister or relative?

How many coincidences constitutes a fact?

At this stage I should familiarise members with the history of John 1748 [#62962] of Kelso and Australia.

Thanks to Fiona Turnbull family bible, I was able to ascertain that John descended from the following Kelso family.

William Turnbull born 1719 [#15025] married Mary Meins [#57192] c. 1740 and had the following children;

William 1742, Mary 1746, John 1748, James 1749, Francis 1752, Jean 1754 and Robert 1760

The bible has a history of its own which helps to follow the story. Apart from the recorded baptisms, handwritten statements tell us that the original owner was Mary Mains/Meins. Using her maiden name.

In 1760, John 1748 [#62962], signs the bible and claims ownership (As there are no children after Robert 1760 [#57186], it is possible that Mary died in childbirth. A common occurrence at

that time). This assumes that eldest brother William is not now living at the family home; John [#62962] the second son, now becomes incumbent.

The next "owner" is Francis 1752 [#62964] now named Roberts/Robards. Robert 1760 [#57186], the youngest, is the final owner as his son the Rev. James 1798 [#57167], takes the bible to the USA where it moves on to Fiona.

All of the sons are accounted for except James 1749 [#62963]. He obviously moves from the home around the same time as John.

As most of this is conjecture, I decided to follow the movements of John and James in London, through their marriages and baptisms.

*NB Remembering that the church of St. Olave is in the parish of Finsbury Park

John 1748 m. Martha Hunter in 1771 at Rotherhithe. James m. Christina Hunter at Finsbury (One mile between Rotherhithe and Finsbury).

1772 - 75, John at Finsbury Park (St. Olave)	James at Finsbury
1775 - 89, John at Westminster (St. Martins)	James remains at Finsbury.
1790 - 93, John at Soho (St. Annes)	James still at Finsbury
1794 - 1801 John at Soho	James also living at Soho
1801 John and family move to Australia.	James and his family remain in Soho
and were still in the area in 1836	

The evidence seems overwhelming that James is the missing brother and Dr. Peter descends from the Kelso family.