

February 10, 2017

Dear Brian,

I am writing to provide you with information for your consideration per the [Thomas Turnbull b. c1740 - Turnbull's of Pictou Co., Nova Scotia](#) chart. Just last year I discovered my relationship to David Grant Turnbull, a descendant of that Thomas Turnbull) of Pictou N.S., and your work has helped me expand my chart back many generations to Isle of Man, Scotland.

I am a g-g-g-granddaughter of Edward Turnbull (b. 1814 c. 1881, M, #38816), son of Thomas Turnbull (b. 1766, d.1844, M, #38814) and Charlotte Brady (F, #50622), and grandson of THE Thomas Turnbull (b. say 1740, d. circa 1804, M, #61484). I hope the information I provide below will help correct what I believe to be some small errors on this chart and to, more importantly, provide you with additional information to expand it to the 10<sup>th</sup> generation of Thomas Turnbull of Pictou descendants.

I believe both David Grant Turnbull (b. September 1868, d. 27 July 1910, M, #61573) and Sarah Turnbull (F, #61574) shown as children of Edward Turnbull (M, #38816) should be shown as the children of William Turnbull (M, #61553) and Jane Grant Meikle whom William married in 1868. After being orphaned by the death of their mother, Jane, in October, 1868, David and his sister, Sarah, lived with their father, William Turnbull, in the home of their grandparents, Edward Turnbull ( M, #38816) and Jessie C Colquhoun (F, #61548). That is why they appear in the 1881 Canadian Census as part of that household.<sup>5474</sup> David and Sarah were left orphaned following the accidental death of their father, William, by a falling derrick in 1873.<sup>13</sup>

I am the g-granddaughter of the orphaned, David Grant Turnbull (M, #61573). Below are my lineage details to the best of my knowledge.

David Grant Turnbull (M, #61573), from New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, left the home of his grandparents and immigrated to Boston, MA, USA in 1885. He lists his birthdate as September 28, 1868 and his occupation as "wheelwright" on his naturalization document.<sup>1</sup> On arriving in Boston, he went to live with his uncle, Thomas Edward Turnbull (b. 22 September 1844 d. September 29, 1922<sup>2</sup>, M, #61554), at 51 Rockview Avenue in Jamaica Plain, Boston, MA. Thomas had immigrated to Boston as a blacksmith twenty years earlier in 1865.<sup>3</sup> In 1885, Thomas was living with his first wife, Annie (Morton) Turnbull (F, #61555), whom he married in New Glasgow, N.S. on 7 October 1875. Annie and David can both be found on the 1880 US census residing with Thomas.<sup>4</sup> Annie died of apoplexy on March 9, 1896.<sup>5</sup> Her Will was Proved on April 23, 1896.<sup>6</sup> By this time, Thomas owned a carriage manufacturing business on Green Street in Jamaica Plain, Boston. David worked in this carriage shop as a wheelwright.<sup>7</sup>

In the 1900 US Census<sup>8</sup>, David is listed as living with Thomas and Thomas's second wife, Eliza B. Turnbull, at the 51 Rockview Avenue residence along with two of Eliza's children from her previous marriage. Thomas married Eliza B. Godfrey (widow) on February 15, 1899.<sup>9</sup>

David G. Turnbull had one son, David Morton Turnbull (b. July 23, 1910<sup>10</sup> d. 1983<sup>11</sup>). City birth registry records for David M. Turnbull, give his mother's name as Lorinda J. Williams (b. 1868) from Shelburne, N.S. (See 1881 Canada census). I can find no certificate of marriage for David and Lorinda.

A few days after the birth of his son, David Grant Turnbull took his own life, committing suicide by potash poisoning on July 27, 1910.<sup>12</sup> My understanding is that potash (potassium hydroxide) was commonly used by wheelwrights and blacksmiths so he would have had easy access to the chemical.

Shortly after the death of his father, David Morton Turnbull returned to Shelburne, N.S. with his mother, Lorinda Williams. He would have two children, Grant William Turnbull (my father) and Mary Turnbull,

and die in December 1983.<sup>11</sup> Grant William Turnbull has three children: Cristina L. Turnbull, Leanne Turnbull Rauhala (me!) and Maria (Turnbull) Guider. Leanne Turnbull Rauhala has two children - Jennifer R. Fiorita and Ayla C. Rauhala. Jennifer R. Fiorita has one son, Adam Bererhout.

I believe Adam to be the 10<sup>th</sup> generation of the Thomas Turnbull clan! I hope you can use this information to expand your chart, [Thomas Turnbull b. c1740 - Turnbull's of Pictou Co., Nova Scotia](#) .

I am also providing Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or if you have trouble accessing the supporting documentation I have provided or need additional supporting documentation.

Sincerely,

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Note: Per information above, you may wish to consider making the following changes to the chart. Please also see my version of an updated chart, "Thomas Turnbull of Pictou Chart updates 2017.02". :

1. Add Jane Grant Meikle to the chart as the wife of William Turnbull (M, #61553).
2. Move David G. Turnbull and Sarah Turnbull to be the children of William Turnbull (M, #61553).
3. Modify the name of Jessie Colquhoun (F, #61548) to Jessie Calhoun per the information her son, Thomas, gave on his marriage certificate.<sup>9</sup>
4. Modify the record of Thomas Edward Turnbull (M, #61554) to show birthdate of 22 September 1844 per his naturalization papers<sup>3</sup> and death of 29 September 1922 per the Boston death index.<sup>2</sup> Add Annie Morton's (F, #61548) death date of 9 March 1896; her father, William Morton, and mother, Agnes Smith, per information provided on Annie (Morton) Turnbull's death notice.<sup>5</sup> Also, consider adding spouse, Eliza B. (Godfrey) Turnbull to the information on that record.<sup>9</sup>
5. Alter David G. Turnbull's (M, #61573) record to add his middle name of "Grant", alter his birthdate from 25 September to 28 September per his naturalization papers<sup>1</sup> , and add a death date of 27 July 1910 per his death certificate.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Naturalization\_DGT\_1885

<sup>2</sup> Death\_TET\_1922

<sup>3</sup> Naturalization\_TET\_1865

<sup>4</sup> Census\_TET\_1880

<sup>5</sup> Death\_AGTM\_1896

<sup>6</sup> Will\_AMT\_1896

<sup>7</sup> City\_Dir\_TET\_DGT\_1890

<sup>8</sup> Census\_TET\_1900

<sup>9</sup> Marriage\_TET\_EBT\_1899

<sup>10</sup> Birth\_GMT\_1910

<sup>11</sup> Death\_GMT\_1983

<sup>12</sup> Death\_DGT\_1910

<sup>13</sup> [Dexter Reid Sampson](#)

Thomas Turnbull of Pictou Chart updates 2017.02 submitted by Leanne Turnbull Rauhala.

Below is the Thomas Turnbull (M, #61484) chart starting with Edward Turnbull (M, #38816) as it would appear using the additional information I have provided. Suggested modifications to your current chart detail are in red.

