

A Stewey Scottish Story

Actually, sorry to slightly disappoint you, but this is only a very small part of the story.

In 2007, leading up to Lorna's 60th birthday, I prepared for her a book of the Stewart story as I'd ferreted it out. at that stage. The book was about 72 pages long, and a PDF file of it was 70 meg in size, as it had lots of pictures, and certificate scans but it was not feasibly emailable or downloadable. I tried optimising parts smaller, but then you lost too much detail in the certificates. I printed out a copy to mail to UK, and it was going to cost around \$25 Australian- so I quickly refocused to whom I might send it... I don't think I ever sent it, because as time passed, I had other ideas, and probed different avenues, and then I found out more information which actually verified some educated guesses, and it confirmed other hunches- so the original story would have needed editing again anyhow.

Fast forward two and a half years, and I have more information to add, as well as a need to really follow up one line of enquiry **very** urgently. There are a number of red herrings that make interesting reading, too.

So, in a nutshell, the book I did for Lorna's Birthday was called 'Part 1' as I was working with what we knew, and what we had. The idea was that Part 2 would be the historical Stewarts of Craighiehall stories, and the lineage prior to and surrounding that, for which we still lack a 'proveable' link other than anecdotal stuff. Perhaps I will upload it all on the 'net instead, later on, so anyone can download it, but I personally prefer paper copies.

I have since done another booklet- updated with the last 2 1/2 year's additions, but it is much smaller, and thoroughly boring, and it shows no appreciation of the actual human element in the whole saga. It does contain all the factual stuff, in barest detail. I won't send it out, as it gives you no idea of what is missing, or how it all came about- I did it mainly for my own quick reference to the basic data.

Half the beauty of the real story, as I started it off in Lorna's book, is in the mystery, and the discoveries, the pictures and timelines. I will in due course, rewrite that version, and somehow get it to everyone who might be interested. I have been somewhat disappointed in the response from some cousins from whom I'd requested scans of photos of certain older relatives, and for which I am still waiting. To make the book really good, I need pictures of as many of the pre 1950s people in your family trees as possible- from all Stewart cousin lines- *please!*

In the meantime, we need to make progress with the one avenue I'm about to mention.

This little bundle of data is a small selection of mainly certificates of relatives pertinent to the story, plus two tombstones. It doesn't make a good story on its own, but it does give you the gist of the hard bits, in the right chronological order, rather than backwards, which is the way I slowly unravelled it.

I'm going to explain the family very briefly here- just a couple of generations in the early to mid 1800s (and in the right order), as that's where the going was tough and mighty confusing when you're figuring it out backwards.

David Turnbull was born in 1804. I have no idea where- possibly overseas. He was a ship's carpenter, or a shipwright (conflicting reports). **He married Isabella Stewart** in 1823 in Dundee, Scotland, where both had been living for some time. Isabella was the daughter of William Stewart (a linen weaver) and Jean, nee Anderson.. Isabella Stewart was born in Alyth, Perthshire, in 1801, and she had siblings named Janet, John and Margaret.

In Scotland it was common for married women to maintain their maiden name as part of their newly married name, so Isabella became Isabella Stewart Turnbull. No hyphen. Turnbull was her surname.

David Turnbull, the ship's carpenter, and Isabella nee Stewart had seven children that I could identify. The first six were born in Dundee, Scotland. The seventh in Edinburgh.

1. **William Turnbull**, in 1824, named after his maternal grandfather (Isabella's father). I lost track of William- maybe he died young, as the next, David always claimed to be the oldest.

2. **David Turnbull** in 1826-our *David*, who became an inventor, with patents, and he was a Sugar Plantation owner, and a host of other things. He lost an arm in an accident in one of his machines. He married Frances Middleton in 1848. At that time, he named himself David White Ridley Turnbull. More on that later, but I followed the genealogy of the White & the Ridley families, and we (or he) do not appear at all. I don't know where that name came from, but it vanishes just as quickly anyhow. I have his parish birth records.

3. **Janet Stewart Turnbull** in 1829. I lost track of her after her teenage years, Maybe she married, or died.

4. **John Sturrock Turnbull** in 1832. I lost track of him after his teenage years. Perhaps he is the mysterious ship's captain rumoured in stories to have fled overseas after throwing a man overboard, and maybe that's why I haven't been able to trace him so far. I do have info on him- that'll wait for the book when it happens again- it's not for this small sample here.

5. **Helen Pullar Turnbull** in 1835. I have her parish birth records. In later life she was known as Ellen, not Helen. She married Thomas Miller, and one daughter of hers -Isabella Jane Miller-married into the Whinfield family, marrying James Moore Hopper Whinfield, a brother to Richard Anthony Whinfield who married another relative of ours- Frances Anne daughter of David #2 above. Ellen was nursed in later life up to 1920 by Effie Whinfield- more on her later, but Ellen knew the Craighiehall 'legends.' I have her birth, marriage and death certificates- but they're not listed here for the moment. They are in the book I did though.

6. **George Turnbull** in 1838. Later in his life, he calls himself George Stuart Turnbull, and George Stewart-Turnbull. I have certificates relating to his two marriages (attached here), and his daughter Lilly whom I lost track of before she was 11. He had no other children. in either marriage. He died in 1895.

7. **Isabella Turnbull**, in 1848. She was later known as Isabella Stuart Turnbull and Isabella Stewart-Turnbull She was born the same year her oldest brother David (#2 above) married Frances Middleton. her parents moved a lot, as his wedding was in Newcastle, but she was born in Edinburgh. In various censuses of 1841, 1851 & 1861, they as a family scoot between Northumberland and Scotland a lot. I have full census data and locations in the book- it is not meant to be here as well- this is a brief whetting of the appetite. Isabella married Frank Punter. Their family eventually ended up in Canada. I was in touch with a descendant, but they were of no help re any family legends at all. I have Isabella's tree of relatives in the book.

Now, back to David Turnbull, number 2 above - our David. I have a photo of him, and one of Frances nee Middleton, his wife, as well as of Frances their daughter, and several of her daughters (in the book). I also have copies of some of his patents of inventions. He existed in very real terms.

He and Frances Middleton (I have her family traced back a few generations too- in the book) had several children. They also travelled overseas a bit- to the West Indies, and also to India. This is verified in many places.

a. Their first child was **David Henry Turnbull**, born in 1849 (certificate attached here). David the father called himself David White Ridley Turnbull in the birth certificate, just as he did on his marriage certificate to Frances Middleton. David Henry, this son, (DH) was named after both his grandfathers. He attended Ushaw College in Durham. He later became a railway Station Master in Poona, India, dying there in 1897. (DH had just one son- Charles Edward Middleton-Stewart often known as Charlo)

b. The second child was **Mary Isabella Turnbull** in 1851, named after both grandmothers. David is still called DWR Turnbull. Mary's certificate is attached here. (She was known as Minnie in her later life. She married twice, and died in India, childless.)

c. The third child was **Frances Anne Turnbull**, who later married Richard Anthony Whinfield. Frances was born in Cuba, West Indies, circa 1853. (She was later known as Frances Anne Turnbull-Stewart, and I sometimes abbreviate it to FATS. 8 children.)

d. The next was **John William Stuart Turnbull**, born in 1855. His surname was Turnbull. Stuart was just his third name. He attended Ushaw College with David Henry his brother in 1862-3. (He had three children- David, John(Jack) Cesford, and Ben Frank.)

Now about 1856-7 the family went overseas, eventually to India, and back again. However, when they returned, a son had been born, and died, and they all now named themselves with the surname Stewart (no hyphens). Turnbull had been relegated to a second name in some of the older children. only.

e. The next was **Francis James Stewart**, (i.e. surname Stewart) born in 1858. He died off the coast of Aden aged 20 months in Sept. 1859.

f. The next was **Francis Benjamin Stewart**, born in 1860. Known as Frank, or Ben Frank at times. He maintained Stewart as his surname his whole life. He eventually married in India and had a daughter (she died aged 18, and his wife who was a widow when he married her, died circa 1904. (Details in the book!) Frank then married Alice Florence nee Nicholls in 1910. She'd had a daughter Cynthia Eva Violet Blanche whom Frank adopted, and Frank and Alice had David (died young) and Zena Marguerite Stewart in 1912. Zena later took Middleton as a part surname out of respect for Frank's family, though Frank himself did not.

By the time of the 1861 census, they were all Stewarts, and they had a West Indian servant with them who'd adopted the Stewart surname also. (Details in the book)

g. The next child was **Margaret Jessie Stewart** in 1862. She died of a tooth abscess a year later. (Certificate ahead)

h. The last child was **Lousia Bigger Stewart** in 1864. Shortly after Louisa's father David's death by drowning, Louisa was adopted by the widow Annie Willmer, a family friend, and widow/wife of the Edward Willmer, the godfather of Margaret Jessie.

So that was the family. Pre 1857 the eldest, David's line, were known as Turnbells. Post 1857, they were Stewarts. (more proof in the book). The uncle & aunt line added Stuart/Stewart as a second name from the mid to late 1850s also. Post 1881, only the oldest son David Henry (a), and the second son John William (d) each changed their surnames to become Middleton-Stewart.

The clipping at right was found by Jean Reed in 2009, and lists the wedding of David-at-that-stage-Turnbull, to Frances Middleton.

It is from the Newcastle Journal.

I had engaged a librarian in Newcastle to make several searches of the Newcastle Courant newspaper, but so far found nothing comparable has been located.



The marriage certificate below is well-known. At times we thought it could not possibly be our family, due to the oddity of the 'White Ridley Turnbull' part of the surname, let alone just the Turnbull part but it IS our family and they ARE our ancestors.. The following pages will show certificates that verify the name, albeit briefly, then change.

What I cannot verify, and I am certain that the registrar mis-transcribed the details (as he also did on Frances Ann Turnbull's marriage certificate to Richard Whinfield), is that Henry Middleton was listed as an agent, while he always worked as a railway Station Master, and David WR Turnbull's father is listed as Robert, and apparently he's a banker. I feel these must have been mis-transcribed when the registration happened, as I have never been able to locate any Turnbells as bankers at that time, and no Robert White Ridleys either. All of David's siblings which I have traced (Ellen, George & Isabella) list their father as being also named David, and either a ship's carpenter, or a shipwright (two slightly but significantly different trades- a shipwright was usually land-based, building ships in the docks, while a ship's carpenter sailed with the ships, mending things as needed, during the voyage).

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The Statutory Fee for this Certificate is 2s. 7d. If required subsequently to registration, a Search Fee is payable in addition.

CERTIFIED COPY of an Pursuant to the Marriage



ENTRY OF MARRIAGE. Acts, 1836 to 1898.

[Printed by authority of the Registrar-General.]

M. C. S. I.

Registration District of NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

1848. Marriage Solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of St. John in the District of NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, in the County of

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
471	Novr 11 th 48	David White Ridley Turnbull	full age	Bachelor	Sugar Planter	This Parish	Robert White Ridley Turnbull	Banker
		Frances Middleton	20 years	Spinster		Parish of Wallsend	Henry Middleton	Agent

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by me.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, D. W. R. Turnbull and Frances Middleton in the Presence of us, Thomas Elder, Mary Ann Middleton and Fisher R. Shepherd

I, PERCY HAMILTON OSBORNE, DEPUTY Superintendent Registrar for the District of NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, in the County of NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE AND NORTHUMBERLAND, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Entry No. 471 in the Register Book of Marriages No. 9 for the Parish, and that such Register Book is now legally in my custody.

WITNESS MY HAND this 16th day of January, 1850.



Osborne DEPUTY Superintendent Registrar

CAUTION.—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this Certificate, or (2) uses it as true, knowing it to be falsified, is liable to Prosecution under the FORGERY Act, 1913.

Below right, the death certificate of shipwright David Turnbull 1804-1864, once mentioned as David Stewart Turnbull (on his son George's marriage certificate to Amelia in 1863) and below left, the birth certificate of David Henry Turnbull, later known as David Henry Stewart, and later again as David Henry Middleton-Stewart, station master at Poona, and the father of Charles Edward M-S. Note his mother Frances' second name is Whitfield, (not Whinfield). This comes from her maternal grandfather.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH



GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number... COL028418

REGISTRATION DISTRICT **Tynemouth** in the County of **Northumberland**

1849 BIRTH in the Sub-district of **Wallsend**

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
489	Whitfield August 20 th 1849 at Mr. Whitson's	David	Boy	David White Dudley Turnbull	Frances Whitfield Turnbull formerly Middleton	Planter	Frances Whitfield Turnbull Mother Wallsend	September 1849	Boydell Foster Registrar	

This (David Turnbull, death) is from the Sub-district of South Shields 1864

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	
476	Whitfield November 1864 at Mr. East Street Sarron	David Turnbull	Male	63 Years	Shipwright	Debrium 10 days	Barthomee Dickinson Mrs out at the death Second Arronde Saint Mearns Jarrow	Second 1864	Registrar	

The birth certificate of Mary Isabella, second child of David White Ridley Turnbull & Frances Middleton, with annotations: (David is listed as a wholesale chemist...anything is possible.)
 Mary apparently married in India, divorced, and remarried, but remained childless, and apparently died there.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH



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Application Number...COL711054

REGISTRATION DISTRICT	Newcastle upon Tyne
1851 BIRTH in the Sub-district of All Saints	in the County of Newcastle on Tyne

Columns:- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 No. When and where born Name, if any Sex Name and surname of father Name, surname and maiden surname of mother Occupation of father Signature, description and residence of informant When registered Signature of registrar Name entered after registration

197	5 th June 1851 5 Wesley Terrace	Mary Isabella	girl	David White Ridley Turnbull	Frances Turnbull formerly Middleton	Wholesale Chemist	D. W. P. Turnbull of fish 5 th Floor 5 Wesley Terrace Newcastle upon Tyne 1851	July	Matthew Pennington Key Street	
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5 June 1851
 5 Wesley Terrace
 Mary Isabella (named after both grandmothers)
 David White Ridley Turnbull
 Frances Turnbull formerly Middleton
 Wholesale Chemist (? ! ?)

(Frances Anne Turnbull, their third child was born in Cuba, and no birth certificate has been able to be found.)

Below is the birth certificate of John William Stuart (surname Turnbull), the fourth child of David White Ridley Turnbull & Frances Middleton. This is the first official time we have seen Stewart associated with their names, other than as Isabella, David's mother's maiden name. It is also the first time we have not seen 'White Ridley' in between David and Turnbull on a birth certificate.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH



GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number COL780923

REGISTRATION DISTRICT	Newcastle upon Tyne
1855 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Byker	in the County of Newcastle upon Tyne

Columns:- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 No. When and where born Name, if any Sex Name and surname of father Name, surname and maiden surname of mother Occupation of father Signature, description and residence of informant When registered Signature of registrar Name entered after registration

25	Thirtieth May 1855 Brambling Place Jarrow	John William Stuart	Boy	David Turnbull	Frances Turnbull formerly Middleton	Shipping Agent	Frances Turnbull clothes 1 Brambling Place Jarrow	Twenty first June 1855	John Sinder Registrar	
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With annotations, this is the death certificate of Margaret Jessie Stewart (due to a tooth abscess, poor girl). The Willmer family is mentioned, and they feature a bit at times in the 1860s in connection with the Stewarts. Note her father David, the inventor, now has Stewart as his surname, and Turnbull as a second name.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH



GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER

Application Number COL 711054

REGISTRATION DISTRICT	Newcastle upon Tyne
1863 DEATH in the Sub-district of Saint Andrew	in the County of Newcastle upon Tyne

Columns:- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 No. When and where died Name and surname Sex Age Occupation Cause of death Signature, description and residence of informant When registered Signature of registrar

1211	4th March 1863 6 Ellison Place	Margaret Jessie Stewart	Female	1 year	Daughter of David Turnbull Stewart a ship owner	Painful Dentition convulsions 7 weeks certified	Edward Willmer present at death 6 Ellison Place Newcastle	4th March 1863	Edith Hodgson Registrar
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4th March 1863
6 Ellison Place
Margaret Jessie Stewart
1 year
Daughter of David Turnbull Stewart a ship owner
Painful Dentition convulsions 7 weeks certified
Edward Willmer present at death 6 Ellison Place Newcastle
(Note the Willmers feature a bit in the family at this time)

Below, the death certificate of Isabella Turnbull, (1801-1860) nee Isabella Stewart, listed as Isabella Stewart Turnbull on the tombstone at Old Jesmond Cemetery. It was common for the scots families to let women retain their maiden name as a second name after they married, hence Isabella Stewart becomes Isabella Stewart Turnbull, wife of David Turnbull the shipwright or ships carpenter.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH



GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER

Application Number COL 710578

REGISTRATION DISTRICT	South Shields
1860 DEATH in the Sub-district of South Shields	in the County of Durham

Columns:- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 No. When and where died Name and surname Sex Age Occupation Cause of death Signature, description and residence of informant When registered Signature of registrar

415	5th October 1860 Todds Buildings Jarrow	Isabella Turnbull	Female	60 years	Wife of David Turnbull Shipwright	Ascites some months certified	David Turnbull present at death Todds Buildings Jarrow	5th October 1860	J.B. Ridley Registrar
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The (our) Turnbull graves in the Old Jesmond Cemetery, Newcastle, UK as located and photographed in late 2008 by Jean Reed, a distant relative/cousin on the Middleton side of the family. It is the tall one in the middle foreground, and includes David, the inventor (1826 - November 1864), his mother Isabella, and various children of this David and his wife Frances nee Middleton.



The other grave, of David Turnbull, his father, (1801 - June 1864) the ship's carpenter, apparently does not exist anymore- it had been moved, along with many others near a fence, to accommodate a new freeway in the last 20 years.

The inscription is/was as follows, though parts have since broken or weathered off:



THE FAMILY BURYING PLACE
(arched)
OF

DAVID T STEWART

HIS BELOVED MOTHER
ISABELLA STEWART TURNBULL
DIED OCTOBER 12 1860
AGED 59 YEARS

FRANCIS JAMES STEWART
HIS BELOVED SON
DIED IN THE RED SEA NEAR ADEN
2ND SEPTEMBER 1859
AGED 20 MONTHS


MARGARET JESSIE STEWART
HIS BELOVED DAUGHTER
DIED 4TH MARCH 1863
AGED 1 YEAR

There appears to be no further inscription, nor a date for David's death on the tombstone, though there is room underneath for it or something else to have been put there.

Below, the 1876 marriage certificate of Frances Ann Turnbull Stewart, nee Frances Ann Turnbull born in Cuba in 1853, the third child of David White Ridley Turnbull and Frances Turnbull nee Middleton. Frances married the widower Richard Anthony Whinfield, and later had eight children with him.

I have no idea how they figure that Frances' father, David Turnbull-Stewart is a wine merchant, when in fact he'd died about twelve years earlier, and was an inventor, shipping agent, ship owner, planter, and various other things. I believe the wine merchant part is a transcription error from the day.

Note that one of the witnesses was John William Turnbull-Stewart - this is her oldest younger brother, who was born John William Stuart, with surname Turnbull, in May 1855 in Newcastle.



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE


Application Number COL801299

1876. Marriage solemnized at the <u>British Church</u> in the <u>Parish</u> of <u>Jesmond</u> in the County of <u>Northumberland</u>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
	June 28 1876	Richard Anthony Whinfield	full	Widower	Wine merchant	Jesmond	George Henry Whinfield	Sea Merchant
		Frances Ann Turnbull-Stewart	full	Spinster	—	Jesmond	David Turnbull-Stewart	Wine Merchant

Married in the British Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by License or after — by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Richard Anthony Whinfield in the Presence of us, John William Turnbull-Stewart Berkeley Addison
Frances Ann Turnbull-Stewart Lucie Eve Phillips


The 1932 death certificate of the above of Charlo's 'Aunt Fanny' - Frances Ann Whinfield- nee Frances Ann Turnbull (with or without any Stewarts), born in Cuba circa 1853.



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number COL130426

REGISTRATION DISTRICT					Kingston			
1932 DEATH in the Sub-district of <u>Kingston</u>					in the <u>County of Surrey</u>			

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
2	Thirtieth March 1932 39, Montem Road New Malden	Frances Ann Whinfield	Female	78 Years	Widow of Richard Anthony Whinfield Clerk Commercial	In Cerebral Embolism to Rheumatic Carditis 10 P.M. Certified by J. W. Morgan M.D.	E. Pebody Daughter Present at the Death 88, Station Road Harrow	Thirtieth April 1932	

Below, we have three certificates relating to George Turnbull (1839-1895), youngest son of David Turnbull, shipwright.

(George was the youngest brother of our David Turnbull (1826-1864) the inventor, and husband of Frances Middleton)

George lived with his father David, the shipwright, and his youngest sister Isabella in the early 1860s after the death of Isabella their mother in 1860. George then married Amelia Douglas nee Smith, a widow, and together they had a daughter Lilly, but I have not been able to trace her past being a child.

Amelia died, and George married Eliza Lester Curtis. They had no children. After George died, Eliza married the fellow who had been a lodger with them for a fair time.

Note that in the certificate below, George lists his father with the second name or partial surname of Stuart, and in the second marriage, George's sister Isabella is a witness, and Stewart has an 'ew' in it.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number COL051141

note- George lists his father, David, the shipwright as having Stuart as his second name- we have not seen this before

1863. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of St. Thomas, Bishopscote in the County of Durban

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
27	Sept 4 13 th 1863.	George Stuart Turnbull	25	Bachelor	Engineer	34 Sans Street	David Stuart Turnbull	Shipwright
		Amelia Douglas	28	Widow		34 Sans Street	James Smith (deceased)	Master Mariner

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Reverend Richd. Shipley, Incumbent by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, George Stuart Turnbull and Amelia Douglas in the Presence of us, George Watson Driver and Charlotte Driver

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number COL538798

Note- Widower George spells the Stewart second name with an 'ew' now. George's youngest sister Isabella is a witness, but it's unclear if it's a 'u' or an 'ew' in her Stuart second name

1872. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church in the Parish of Charlton in the County of Kent

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
274	March 29 1872	George Stewart Turnbull	full	Bachelor	Engineer	Charlton	David Turnbull	Shipwright
		Eliza Lester Curtis	full	Spinster		Charlton	Edward Curtis	Blacksmith

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Reverend Charles Swainson, Rector by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, George Stewart Turnbull and Eliza Lester Curtis in the Presence of us, Edward Curtis and Isabella Stuart Turnbull

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Woolwich

1895 DEATH in the Sub-district of East Plumstead in the County of London

No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
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Note, the informant is Isabella Punter, nee Isabella Stuart Turnbull, George's sister. It is not Eliza, George's wife.

101	Strickland's April 1895 53 Earl Street	George Stewart Turnbull	Male	54 years	Fireman Engineer in Gun factory	Bronchitis 21 days cardiac dilatation and syncope certified by John Skarster M.B.	Isabelle Punter sister present at death 5 Waverley Road Plumstead	First May 1895	H. J. Vincent Registrar.
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The marriage, and death certificates of George Stewart Turnbull's widow Eliza, to William Hammond. I bought them only to try to see who the witnesses were, and to check dates and see if there were children to either of them who might be able to be traced down to today- but they were a childless couple.



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number COL051141

(Note, William Hammond had formerly been a lodger with the family of Eliza and George Stuart Turnbull)

1897.. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of St. Michael & All Angels in the County of Kent								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
336	Dec. 18th 1897	William Hammond	32	Bachelor	Coach-Builders	2 Church St.	William Hammond	Gardner
		Eliza Lester Turnbull (Curtis)	40	Widow	---	2 Church St.	Edmund Curtis	Blacksmith

MARRIED in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by William Hammond or after bands by Hugh R. Baker Vicar

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Eliza Turnbull in the Presence of us, Elizabeth Hammond George T. Luskow



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number COL 051141

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Woolwich

1913 DEATH in the Sub-district of Plumstead, East in the County of London

No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
471	Thirty first March 1913 44 Bonway Road	Eliza Lester Hammond	Female	62 years	Wife of William Hammond Wheelwright	Sclerosis of Spinal cord Paralysis exhaustion certified by G. H. Baird M.D.	E. M. Smith Cousin 2 Church Street Woolwich	First April 1913.	M. Taylor Registrar.

It may be out of sequence, but it took a lot of finding!

This is the (unexpected) death certificate of Charles Edward Middleton-Stewart in December 1935.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH



GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFF

Application Number COL 801299

REGISTRATION DISTRICT	St Pancras
1935 DEATH in the Sub-district of South West St Pancras	in the Metropolitan Borough of St Pancras

Columns:- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 No. When and where died Name and surname Sex Age Occupation Cause of death Signature, description and residence of informant When registered Signature of registrar

399	January 1935 Hospital Tropical Diseases	Charles Middleton - Stewart	Male	54 years	of Major General (India Police)	1. a. Cardiac failure & Lobes pneumonia Certified by John William Pickers	John W. Pickers Present at the death Hospital for Tropical Diseases No. 1.	January 1935	A. E. Cox Deputy Registrar
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I have had a very difficult time trying to track down a death certificate, date or place for Charles' mother in any of her various names. She was born Elizabeth Jane O'Grady, she became Elizabeth Jane Middleton-Stewart upon marrying David Henry Turnbull who was calling himself David Henry Middleton-Stewart by then, and apparently she remarried not long after DH's death, to Vaughan Sheehan, who apparently died soon afterwards in the Boer War. I cannot verify the marriage or the death. I had completely lost track of her from 1905 to 1934- with a suspicion she may have spent time in Australia, and Ireland.. She was calling herself Lela Sheehan by then, and she seems to vanish around late January 1935. I am still searching...

Below is the baptismal certificate of Gertrude Edith Mary Allsopp (known as Diana), Charles M-S's wife.

CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM.

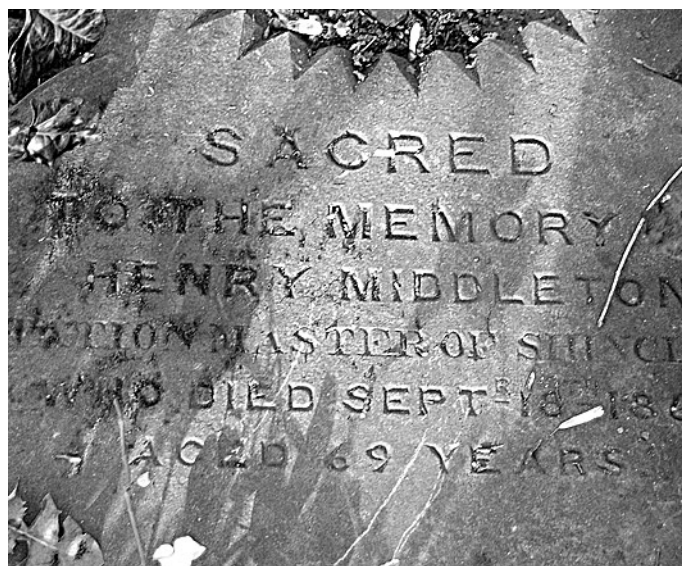
No.	Place of Baptism.	Date of Baptism.	Child's Name: Son or Daughter.	Parents' Names.		Abode.	Date of Child's Birth.	Name of the Officiating Minister.
				Christi.	Surname.			
90	Wesleyan Church Lady Smith	Decr 16 th 1888	Gertrude Edith Mary	Leonard Melville John & Elizabeth Cathra	Allsopp.	Ladysmith	Decr 7 th 1888	John Allsopp

I certify that the above is a true copy of an entry in the Register-book for Baptisms, administered in the Wesleyan-Methodist Circuit of Ladysmith in the District of Natal &c.

John Allsopp
Wesleyan Methodist Minister,
and
Grandfather

This fallen gravestone is in the Shincliffe cemetery, Co Durham. The writing says "Sacred to the memory of Henry Middleton, stationmaster of Shincliffe, who died 18th Sept 1866, aged 69 years". It was located for us by Jean Reed in 2008.

I have not yet worked out when or where his wife, Mary, nee Clegg, died or was buried. One would think it should be nearby, but then I also have not located the place or date of their daughter Frances Middleton's death. Perhaps they joined up and moved somewhere...?



Below, Henry Middleton's death certificate from 19th September 1866, even though the inscription on the grave says 18th September- the day before...

(I bought the certificate from the General Records Office, London, in 2007, once I'd decided that this was 'our' Henry, and I was fortunately correct, this time!)

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH



GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number COL028418

REGISTRATION DISTRICT	Durham
1866 DEATH in the Sub-district of, Saint Nicholas	in the County of Durham

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar

333	Nineteenth September 1866, Shincliffe Town Station	Henry Middleton	Male	69 years	Station Master	Natural Causes to wit Disease of the Heart	Information received from Crofton, Maryward Coroner for Haslington Ward. Inquest held 20th September 1866.	Twentieth September 1866.	John Gregson Registrar
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CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 7th day of December 2005



Below, the death certificates from 1991 and 2000 of Cynthia, and Zena, Frank Ben Stewart's daughters, (and Charles Edward M-S's first cousins). Their mother was Alice Florence nee Nicholls. Frank Ben Stewart was born in February 1860 and never had Turnbull attached to his name, nor did he ever 'adopt' Middleton as part of his surname, though his daughter Zena did, out of respect for the family.

I am still trying to trace Emma June Porteous, Cynthia's daughter, and the informant in both deaths, **and I need help in this search.** I am dearly hoping she is still alive. She was a costume designer for many James Bond and Star Wars movies. She was married to Peter Porteous, an actor, in 1963. Peter died in 2005.

I wish I'd known of Cynthia and Zena's whereabouts when I was in UK in 1983-4.

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CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY

DEATH		Entry No.
Registration district	Sutton	206
Sub-district	Sutton and Cream	Administrative area London Borough of Sutton.
1. Date and place of death	Twenty-sixth March 1991 41 Eaton Road Sutton	
2. Name and surname	Cynthia Eva Violet Blanche BARLOW	3. Sex Female
5. Date and place of birth	31st July 1906 India	4. Maiden surname of woman who has married STEWART (13)
6. Occupation and usual address	Widow of Arthur Reginald Rudley BARLOW Accountant 41 Eaton Road Sutton	
7.(a) Name and surname of informant	Emma June PORTEOUS.	(b) Qualification Daughter Present at the death
(c) Usual address	Greenot Parkside Cream	
8. Cause of death	In Sanility It Cerebrovascular Accident Certified by R. Sejan M.B.	
9. I certify that the particulars given by me above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief		
10. Date of registration	Twenty-seventh March 1991	11. Signature of registrar T. H. H. G.R.

Number COL780984

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY

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DEATH		Entry No.
Registration District	Sutton	11
Sub-district	Sutton	Administrative area London Borough of Sutton
1. Date and place of death	Twelfth October 2000 St Helier Hospital Carshalton	
2. Name and surname	Zena Marguerite Middleton NOBLE	3. Sex Female
5. Date and place of birth	18th July 1912 India	4. Maiden surname of woman who has married STEWART
6. Occupation and usual address	Widow of Frank NOBLE Army Officer (retired) 33 Packham Court Lavender Avenue Worcester Park Surrey	
7.(a) Name and surname of informant	Emma PORTEOUS	(b) Qualification Niece Present at the death
(c) Usual address	1 Masons Court, High Street Ewell Village Surrey KT17 1RJ.	
8. Cause of death	1 (a) Intracerebral Haemorrhage	
Certified by Paul B Rose Coroner for Southern District Of Greater London after post mortem without inquest		
9. I certify that the particulars entered above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief		
10. Date of registration	Sixteenth October 2000	11. Signature of registrar Jean R Hoere Registrar

Charles Edward Middleton-Stewart's letter to Mrs Effie Whinfield in late 1935, shortly before his death.

Nagpur.

14th October.

My dear Mrs Whinfield.

I was delighted and most interested in your letter. Burton Stewart wrote to me and sent me copy of the Jesmond tombstone and this will help me a lot in tracing back. There is not the slightest possible doubt about our relationship and I'm glad to hear that you are ales Scots. There is always a bond of sympathy and understanding between Scots all the world over.

My Aunt Fanny used to correspond regularly with the wife of my father's youngest brother, and she last heard from her in 1921. Possibly because she mentioned Stewart and Ethel most in her letters the conclusion was arrived at that she had these two only. It is indeed most kind of you to try and get information about her through Aunt Amelia. Fortunately I have never been involved in family rows for the very good reason that my uncles Jack and Ben, my father's brothers, had the good sense to marry wives with the most equitable of natures and we very seldom met. I can quite understand your feelings. Some people are very small minded and lack a proper sense of balance and you are wise indeed to keep yourself adrift from them. Your reference about the old sea chest and shawl interests me very much because they belonged to my grandfather and- the watches and trifling articles belonged to my father. The Jesmond tombstone gives the date of burial of David Turnbull Stewart. He was my great grandfather. He owned vast estates in the West Indies but with the abolition of slavery the family fortunes came down a lot. His eldest son was also David Turnbull Stewart and he carried on the business of his father and had much trade with the West Indies and India.

Old Ellen Miller certainly was not wandering in her mind because the David Turnbull Stewart mentioned above (my grandfather) did have one hand only, and he was a very clever inventor, for up to very recently we had, until they were lost, two certificates of patents granted to him for inventions in connection with cotton machinery and stone crushing. It was in connection with his patent for cotton machinery that he sent my father, and his wife (my father's mother) to India to await his arrival from the West Indies. His boat which I believe was his own property was wrecked off the coast of Madras [Bombay?] and the last that was seen of 'him was swimming up to one of the rescue boats with a bag of diamonds in his teeth but handicapped a he was with only one hand he went down just before the rescue boat could get to him. These patents of his are on record in the Patent Office I believe in London. The sea chest belonged to him, and the watches represent a hobby of my father who was his eldest son. Up to the date of my father's death nothing pleased him more than to get hold of the watches of his friends and any old watch he could pick up and he would try and repair these. It really makes me meloncholy to think of my peer old dad even in his early youth meddling about with watches and the insides of toys and things After the death of my grandfather my father returned to Northumberland with his mother and the old lady I believed died at Home. My father then brought out his brother John and was later followed by the youngest brother Ben and all lived out here and died here. I was born out here and was of course sent Home to be educated and in time returned to India in the Civil Service, Police Department and have had the good fortune to become the Deputy Inspector General of this Province.

The old sea chest was I think kept with Aunt Fanny my father's eldest sister), together with a lot of other things of interest which my father felt he could not or did not want to take out to India. If any of these relations of yours bother you again about the shawl and sea chest you-can tell then plainly that the rightful legal possession of these things is vested in me, and that I as the eldest son of my father, who was the eldest son of David Turnbull Stewart and his heir, and was heir of all his father's possessions agree to your being in possession of the Chest etc and that if they attempt to interfere with your possession of, then that I will step in with a legal injunction against them. So my dear lady there's a nice hefty club you can swing against them if they worry you ever. The old sea chest, broken watches, coins and stamps are of course of great sentimental interest to me, particularly the old broken watches because as a kid it used to fascinate me to see Dad with a magnifying glass in his eve fiddling with the insides of the things and I would go up and stand by and watch him and of course would bump the table which would result in a roar from him which would send me flying from the room. As he used to travel with his father at sea I suppose he kept the old watches in the chest to pass away the time trying to mend them. To the best of my belief I don't think he ever succeeded in mending one but he got a lot of pleasure trying to. So my dear lady keep the things carefully for I would love to see them.

The only thing in my possession is the family ring which has to go to the wife of the eldest son. It dates right back I believe to Craigiehall days and is about 250 years old. The one armed David Stewart got it from the David mentioned on the Jesmond tombstone and my father got it in his turn and now I have it or rather to be strictly accurate my wife has it.

Your old granny when she talked about her brother David was referring to the one armed David the owner of the sea chest, my grandfather. I wish I had known about you years ago for I would have loved to meet the old lady too 'and 'hear about Craigiehall, Dalmeny and Rosyth for I am sure it was Rosyth and not Rossyln because we are of Craigiehall and Rosyth.

I am glad you have written at-length for it has interested me very much. I must say something about myself. I was named Charles Edward because my father used to say that so long as the eldest was called David we would never have luck, and as I would be the senior of the branch male of the Craigiehalls and had the Royal blood of Scoland I should be Charles Edward for I might succeed in regaining the family fortunes just as the other Charles Edward failed. He insisted however that his brother John's eldest son should be David. If David is in unlucky name it certainly has been so in the case of my cousin for he is an out and out neer-do-well. He is away in Australia some where probably winning beer drinking competitions the only thing he ever was good at.

Anyhow to revert to myself, I was 16 when my father died in 1897 and was taken Home and educated in London. When the Boer War broke Out I -got a commission in a regiment and was probably one of the youngest officers in the Boer War. I married in 1906 in Africa at the age of 25 (I am 53 now) a Miss Allsopp one of the family of Allsopp beer but no money of theirs unfortunately comes our way. In 1907 my wife presented me with twin sons who an named Ivor Charles and Donald Jesmond, I came to India and was appointed an officer in the Indian Police and in due course my twin sons went to London University and Ivor took law and got into the Army through the 'varsity. He is just about to get his captaincy and next year when he goes Home on leave will be called to the Bar as a Barrister-at-Law. Donald took to engineering and got the degrees of A..C.G.I. nd B.Sc --and I hope shortly will be A.M. I.C.E. also. He is in Burma and very probably my wife will accompany him Home next year about April when he goes on leave. Ivor the blighter recently married and asks me to be prepared to be a grandfather I have another son only 13 years of age , Colin, who is in school in South Africa under the care of my wife's people. I am the only son of my father, and (touch wood) am hale and hearty enough to have won two open tennis competitions recently as well as in golf despite the fact that I an about to become a grandfather. As Ivor is about 6 feet in height I regret to say that I might have some difficulty in laying him over my knee and spanking him, for turning me into a grandfather.

I have definitely made up my mind to retire for good next year about Oct and will in all probability take to law as a barrister in time I hope settle down to a good criminal practice , (perhaps), either that or running a pub in a good thirsty locality. I believe pubs are paying things ,and that and keeping a pawn shop provided one calls ones self Moses or other Hebraic name is the shortest cut to the peerage these days.

My wife and I will certainly call and see you when we come Home next year and will be delighted to meet you. If it would not be too much trouble- -I wonder if you could enquire from the burial register at Jesmond the names of the father and mother of the David Stewart who is buried there. He would be' my great grandfather. Do you know any family of Middleton ? I think my grandfather's wife was a Miss Middleton, hey are I think a well known North country family and that is why I got the surname of Middleton - Stewart. It would be better I think if you got hold of any more family news to let me have it direct and I can then let Col Burton Stewart know when he comes nut to me for we have to discuss and sort things out for his book on the family. I'm afraid I have inflicted you with a long letter which for the most part may, not interest -you, - at all..

With very many thanks for your letter and the very best of wishes,
Believe me

Yours Sincerely.

P.S Should you lose my address it will be quite enough if you simply address your letters to me C.Middleton Stewart
I.P. Nagpur

Charlo writes another very forward and suggestive letter to Effie, after receipt of a reply to this one, which I will add to a future file.

If anyone can help me, we NEED to track down Emma June Porteous in the UK (born 1936)as soon as possible- she may know of family legend we want to know more about, or have photos of Frank etc.

Please contact me if you can spend some time looking, and I'll tell you where I've already tried.

Thanks!

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