

Nagpur.

27th Oct.



My dear Mrs Whinfield.

I was on an inspecting tour when I wrote to you last week. Now that I have returned to my head-quarters I am able to send you a copy I have had taken of the photo of my aunt Fanny, sister to my father and who married into the Whinfield family. The photo is an old one but possibly your aunt Amelia might be able to recognise it.

As a matter of interest I also send you copy ~~from~~<sup>of</sup> the photo of my grand father ( Fanny Whinfield's father ) the one armed gentleman ( you can't see that in the photo ) who was lost at sea and to whom the sea chest belonged. The lady in the black dress is his wife and an aunt of mine <sup>BK's</sup> out here who is the widow of my father's youngest brother ( Benjamin Frank ) has in her possession an old lace shawl which was given to her husband by my father which I think was also saved ~~from~~ the wreck and which belonged to his mother ( the lady in black ). Possibly if my Aunt Fanny Whinfield is still alive she will be interested in these old photos.

We also had a copy of the Coat of Arms; I have a dim recollection of it having seen it as a child but recently I got a copy from the Lyon Herald in Edinburgh and I send you a photo of that also. Perhaps Aunt Amelia may have seen it or Aunt Fanny may remember it.

I wonder if you would do me a very great kindness if it is no trouble. I have been trying to get a copy of my father's birth certificate but cannot for some reason probably because we don't know in what church he was christened in. I know that my father's youngest brother, Benjamin Frank or Frank Benjamin was born in <sup>1861</sup> ~~1864~~ and christened in the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Newcastle or Jesmond. I want to find out the maiden name of

of my grandmother. I'm pretty sure it was Frances ( Fanny ) Middleton but I think it will be known from the birth certificate. The father's name would be of course David Turnbull Stewart. Possibly the marriage was held in the same cathedral. It would be between David Turnbull Stewart & Frances Middleton ( ? ) and possibly in the year 1848 and Nov or Decemb month. I wonder if you could ask the church authorities. I would willingly pay for copies of the ~~birth~~ <sup>marriage</sup> and ~~marriage~~ <sup>marriage</sup> certificates. *See below.*

I wonder if the old sea-chest contains any old letters or papers with the crest and motto like the <sup>one</sup> ~~en~~ heading my letter or the one on the coat of arms.

How old is your son and what are you thinking of making him when he grows up. India I'm afraid in many ways ~~is~~ played out but Burma offers good openings still in the Civil Service. There's nothing like having a profession and I'd advise his becoming a Civil Engineer. The best way to this is by entering the <sup>Imperial</sup> ~~Royal~~ College of Science. London. If he got into the Burma Service my son could help him along.

To revert to the family, if my aunt Fanny is still alive you might write to her please and ask ~~me~~ her to write to me saying I'm the only son of her brother David. You might also be able to find out from her what her mother's maiden name was and in what church or where ~~is~~ her ( Fanny's parents were married and her brother David christened in.

With kindest regards and the very best wishes.

Believe me

Sincerely yours.

I enclose a letter which I'd be much obliged if you sent to the person addressed. I don't know what the fees would be but probably 5/-shillings per copy. If you would not mind paying and let me know I'll send you the money at once. They would more readily deal with you being on the spot than with me all this distance away but I've given an alternative which might clear the way.

*C. Turnbull-Stewart*

I've written things as they have come into my head... Amelia might know or could find out in what church Fanny Whinfield nee Stewart was married in and what year and if passed over where buried for the burial register which perhaps afford some clues.