

9th January.

NAGPUR, C. P.



Dear Effie.

I apologise for not having written earlier wishing you the compliments of the season and also not replying to your last letter ere this. I don't quite know what lie to tell as an excuse for the truth will be unconvincing if not shocking. I have been most busy inspecting various portions of my charge which by the way is larger than England Scotland and Wales put together and after that I have been busy setting and correcting law examination papers...600 papers..it takes some doing and then Col. Burton Stewart arrived and we went to Xmas camp in the jungle and my time was fully taken up (a) discussing family history (b) shooting and fishing (c) flirting with a girl friend (d) flirting some more with the girl friend and so came the dawn and all that sort of thing. A hectic life like this and keeping an eye on the Colonel & aiding him generally towards having a good time, the naughty man, puts letter writing into the background.

I think Aunt Amelia has muddled things a bit. My Aunt Fanny was my father's sister and so a Miss Stewart and not Middleton. Perhaps she means that my grandmother was a Middleton and in this she would be correct.

Right ho. Tell Stewart that he and I will have a good old

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tussle when I lob up to see you some time and that I will be in training to take him on because my son Colin is just his age. If you will permit me, after I have seen Stewart and his school reports I will advise what line he should take. Foster his ambition and tell him that if he ever wants to have a good position he MUST STICK HARD TO HIS LESSONS NOW. The more he studies and learns now the greater will he be able to play & all his life too later on when he's a man. Since he is of a studious nature and good at lessons his future should be C.K. and I agree that a medical degree if it can be afforded will be excellent so long as he at the same time tries to get into the R.A.M.C. or I.M.S. or similiary Govt employ. Failing this he would do well to think of the Indian Police Service. To get into this means that after passing his matric he will have to be specially coached at a University to pass the competitive examination which is more severe than the entrance exam for Woolwich for officers of the Artillery and Royal Engineers. If he passes which he should do at the age of 19 he commences as an officer on £ 450 a year rising to £ 2000 a year. It is one of the best services in India and well worth trying for. After he has been in for 5 years he must then study so as to pass and become a bar-at-law. You can rely on my taking an interest in Stewart and it will be all the easier since my son is exactly his age. Perhaps our discovering each other will lead to better relations with your other relations who may be in a position



to help. What shipping office is Marjori in?

I became a grandfather on Xmas day. The child is a girl and named Janet.

It must be a great comfort to you to have such a good friend in the Sgt of Police. I must make a point of meeting him when I'm at Home. I intend getting an introduction to the Chief Constable of Newcastle through the Home office or India office and maybe I'll be able to repay him for his kindness to you and also the looking up he has done for me. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ I'd be much obliged if he will do me this favour. See the register in St John's Church of the marriage in 1847 between David Turnbull Stewart and Frances Middleton and let me know 1. the name of David Turnbull's father. 2. the professions of David Turnbull and his father as set down and the addresses given. 3. the names of witnesses ~~XX~~ and those present who signed the marriage register. 4. Look up the files of newspapers of that time for an account of notice of the wedding.

Look up the records of St Nichola's for the marriage in 1807 of Isabella Stewart or Stuart and James Turnbull and find out the same information as regards parents profession residences etc as in the above para of BCTH Isabella Stew-

(Wrong lineage there...)

-art and James Turnbull.

There is no doubt that the Isabella Stewart Turnbull who is mentioned on the tombstone at Jesmond as mother of David Stewart, was the daughter of the marriage between Isabella Stewart and James Turnbull. — NO — SHE'S NOT!

The thing to do is to work back from the 1807 marriage tracing the parents of Isabella Stewart particularly her father and her father's father, addresses being most important and also names of those who attended or signed the marriage register as witnesses for such names can give important clues.

I'm afraid I must end now, as I have to get to office, xxx

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Kindest regards and all best wishes

Your cousin.

Charles

P.S.
— If your friend wants not mind, & I'll pay any expenses he may be put to, I'd be obliged if he had a look at the burial registers for detail of parents' names & profession and any other information the registers may have of the David Turnbull Stewart & Isabella Turnbull of the Jesmond Tombstone.