

with age, it was a total wreck. *FAB*

Your father's sister Fanny (Frances), used to correspond regularly with us, and I last heard from her in 1919, and in 1921 she sent Xmas cards. Fanny married a Mr. Whinfield of Newcastle, a man of independent means, she had one son who was christened Stewart Whinfield, and a daughter Ethel Whinfield. We heard from Fanny last in London, I am sorry I do not remember Whinfield's initials. R.A. - Richard Anthony Whinfield
Minnie married an Army Officer, came to India and was divorced, but married again later, I don't know to whom or anything further, except that she died.

Your Uncle Ben came to India in 1884 at the age of 23, your father came out some years before this, I don't know the date.

6) Your grandfather owned property in Newcastle and Northumberland. He also owned property in Ellison Place and either in or near Jesmond Dene, where your father and the family lived as children.

7) Yes, your Uncle Ben spoke about "Craigiehall". It had been in the family for generations apparently, and belonged to your great-great - great grandfather, and he, I believe, was born there. This house as far as I can make out is not very far from Edinburgh in Fife. The Place was sold up and subsequently a new Hall was built. I am not quite certain it was about that time or when, but there seemed to be some trouble in the family, and I think your branch of it came down subsequently to Newcastle. This was a very long time ago, so my memory about these events as related, is not very clear. Your father, however, had some old letters or papers or something about these things, which I am surprised were not handed over to you as the eldest son, when he died, but I gathered from Aunt Winnie that he made them over to her, to be handed over to you when you grew up. I am sorry I never saw them, but I know Aunt Winnie had them up to a few years ago, before her death. Possibly her sons had them - do you know where they are? I heard that John (Jack) is somewhere in England, that David went out to Australia, and Ben was, I think, last in Ireland. It is strange you were not called David, from the tradition of your father and grandfather, but I believe your father insisted that your Aunt Winnie's eldest son should be named David, and then the second John, and the third Ben, to follow in the names of himself, your Uncle Jack and Ben, my husband.

No- she had 8 children, but no Stewarts! She's mixed Frances Ann with Effie, as far as children go

They were stolen

I have a large photo of your grandfather and grandmother Stewart, if you would like to have them copied I could send them to you and also of your Aunt Fanny, your father's eldest sister.

I am afraid I can't remember anything else of interest, you have of course the old ring which is supposed to go on to the wife of the eldest son. Wasn't the ring handed over in those old days after the family broke up?

Then of course there is the curse, which is supposed to be placed on the sons of the third generation (I think), which decreed that all the sons of that generation should die in August and before they reached or completed fifty years of age. Strangely enough this was fulfilled, because your father, your Uncle Jack and Uncle Ben, all died in August, but Ben was just over fifty.

I saw the announcement of your son's wedding in the papers, and we took a cutting of the photo of him and his bride leaving the church.

Zena is working in Calcutta and is a nice, bright, quiet, hard-working girl. Since you have never met me or Zena and Cynthia, who is married now, it would be nice if you could have Zena down to stay with you some time. I had a son who died in infancy, who was christened

"David".

End of the letter as I have it.
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"David".

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(Note from Ian S-K- these next two pages were a footnote Charlo made to Alice's letter which he then addressed to

Notes by me:- Effie Whinfield- "me" referred to on the left, is Charles Edward M-S. This version is relatively new to me (Ian S-K)

As I was about 10 when my father died my memory of course is vague. The name Cragiehall was always familiar but I distrusted my memory. My aunt with whom I spoke about 12 years ago mentioned Cragiehall definitely but again as it conveyed nothing to me I was not prepared to accept this although my wife gave it corroboration. As this came after I knew definitely that there was a Cragiehall and what it implied (my last visit Home) I accepted this with caution. That Aunt is the Aunt Winnie who died ^{referred to in the letter} some years ago.

In my letter to this " unknown aunt " I asked the casual question..." did your husband ever speak of place called Cragiehall ".....her reply on this question makes it positive.....This with the traditions I remembered about David's wanderings to America, his cousin Dundas etc with later John who was lost at sea etc makes it a possibility that one at least of the disinherited sons of John of Newhalls moved down to Northumberland. I know that both my grandfather and great grandfather had connections with the West Indies and as you traced the West Indies connections back to Robert of Aberdeen possibly it existed before that even.

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before

(P.T.O)

What I would be most grateful for is if you could find the registration of my grandfather's marriage....David Turnbull probable date 1848. It would be with a Frances Middleton since the lady who gives the information seems to be pretty positive about it. The registration would be I should say in the records of the R.C. (Roman Catholic) cathedral or the R.C. Bishop would know where to find it. Since Ushaw College is known to be or was a R.C. institution I take it the marriage was solemnised and kept in R.C. records.

Finding this would give the Christian name of my great grandfather from which the genealogist man could set to work to trace his marriage and birth. Possibly the R.C. records would also have the birth registration of my grandfather David Turnbull Stewart.

The dates of the births of my grandfathers children would be:-

David Henry or Henry David (my father) 1849.

Frances?.....Stewart between 1851-53. (Mrs Whinfield)

Finnie " " Stewart " 1853-55.

John .. ? ... Stewart (my Uncle Jack) 1855-1859

Frank Benjamin or Benjamin Frank 1861.

It is a pity the initials of my father's eldest sister married are not known

I suppose there must be many Whinfields in Newcastle but he could perhaps

be traced from the names of his children Stewart Whinfield and Ethel.

If I could only get in touch with this lady, she must be rather old now I

would be happy.