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Dear Brian,

I may have more surprises for you. As I traced your family back, it dawned on me that they seemed to be a very old Newcastle family. That being the case it is necessary to give you a quick history lesson.

The walls of Newcastle were built in 1265 and more or less comprised of the parish of St. Nicholas. A census of the occupants within the wall, was taken in 1665 and showed that there were 7 Turnbull households (see overleaf). My ancestor John leads to Turnbull's Nook, a small piece of land in St. Johns parish, which meant that I could trace my particular branch back to 1500. It is probable that all 7 households were related and go back to that period.

I have written a book on the subject ( not yet found a publisher), which is why I had all of the relevant information to hand.

Now back to your branch. You will recall that I had found an Edward, son of Edward, bapt. 21 May 1705 at St. Nicholas non. con. I have since discovered the marriage of the parents; Edward Turnbull married Eliz. Emmerson 13 Nov. 1698 St. Nicholas. More important I found the baptism of their first son, Cuthbert, bapt. 13 Sept. 1699 at St. Nicholas non con.

There was a great tradition in Scotland and north east England that the first son would be named after the fathers father, or grandfather on the male side. This meant that I was looking for an Edward born circa 1670, son of Cuthbert. There it was, made to order Edward, son of Cuthbert and Mary bapt. 27 Jan. 1675 All Saints . Now I need a Cuthbert born circa 1645, none in Newcastle.

Checked Durham county, more in hope, but there he was Cuthbert, son of Mark Turnbull bapt. 8 Feb. 1646 at Gateshead St. Mary's Although in different counties St. Mary's and St. Nicholas are only 200 yards apart, across the river Tyne.

The marriage of Mark was another bonus, he married Mary Barker 1 June 1641 at St. Nicholas . This of course places him within the walls of Newcastle before the 1665 census and is undoubtedly Mark Turnbull , one of the original 7, named overleaf.

The only Mark baptised before this time was at Chester le St. in 1616. Correct age but only guesswork.

Best Wishes

Albert T

## Newcastle Householders in 1665

When the Newcastle walls were built in 1265, the town was divided into 24 wards, with each ward having its own tower. As the walls were 7 feet thick and up to 25 feet high in parts, a great deal of maintenance was required. Every householder had their own specified parts to defend and fortify.

A census or headcount was made in 1665. There were 7 Turnbull householders living within the walls. They were probably all related but John Turnbull of Stank Tower ward was almost certainly the g.g.g.grandson of Henry from Turnbull's Nook as he was known to be a house carpenter in the St. Nicholas area.

The areas of responsibility designated to the Turnbull's were as follows;

*my  
ancestor*

\*John Turnbull; Stank Tower Ward. East end of Gallowgate, Denton Chare, Iron market to St. Nicholas church. John, a direct descendant of Henry, married Elizabeth Henderson in 1660 at St. Nicholas church.

Thomas Turnbull; Gunner Tower Ward. From Side to Dean Street, Milburn House to Dog Leap stairs.

John Turnbull; Westgate Ward. West of Westgate Road to Bath Lane, including St. John's churchyard to Denton square. (This area also covered Turnbull's Nook.)

Cuthbert Turnbull; Morden Tower. St. Nicholas Square and Town Hall.

George Turnbull; Nun's Gate; Newgate St. Lowe Friar St. and Percy St.

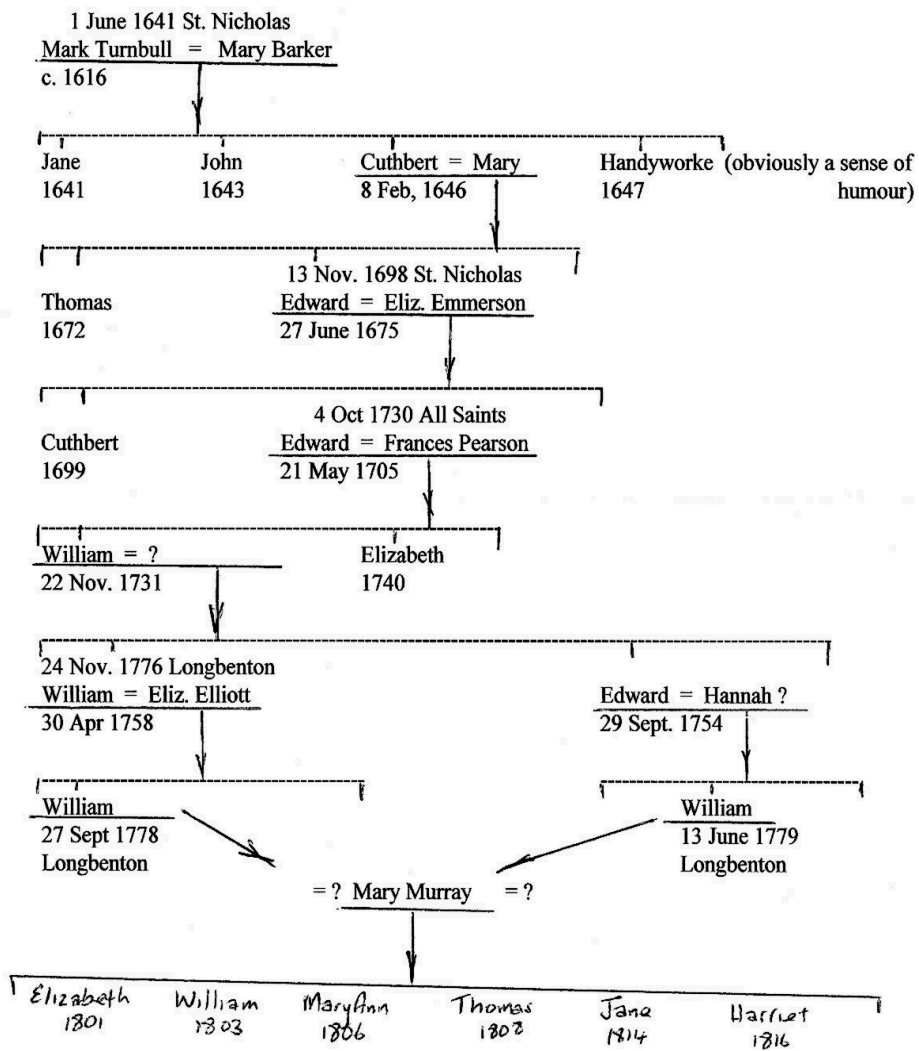
Charles Turnbull; St. Nicholas Square to cloth Market to High Bridge.

\* Mark Turnbull; Northumberland Street and Pilgrim Street to High Friar Lane.

The population within the walls at this time was estimated as 12,000. At least 40 of them were Turnbull's.

Pure speculation of course, but many of the marauding Scots were members of the Turnbull clan from Roxburghshire. For this branch of the Turnbull's to be trusted with the upkeep of the Town walls, suggests that they had lived in the area for some time. Possible descendants of Robert 1412, with property at the Close or Henry circa 1500 from Turnbull's Nook.

*Your Mark would be aged circa 50. He was having children within the walls of Newcastle between 1640/50. Almost certainly the same person.*



TURNBULL of TYNESIDE

HENRY = Janet Andersonne  
owned Turnbuls Nook at Elswick

JOHN = Jane Anderson Ralph George Ann  
1571-1641 1572 1573 1577  
Elswick

Conand John Bartram MICHAEL = Phillis Wallis  
1598 1599 1601 1604-56  
Gateshead

JOHN = Eliz. Henderson Jane Lionel Thomas Mungo William  
1628-97 1631 1634 1641 1652 1654  
Gateshead

Michael William HENRY = Mary Kell Mary Eliz. John  
1661 1663 1665-1753 1668 1669 1672  
Elswick

John Bridgit Henry William Mary Mark GILBERT = Eliz Forster  
1693 1695 1697 1698 1700 1702 1704-88  
Elswick

Henry John Gilbert Thomas Peter George FORSTER = Eleanor Robson  
1731 1733 1735 1739 1740 1741 1745-1811  
Longbenton

Gilbert JOHN = Margaret Hook Jane Eliz Mary William Forster  
1771 1776-1828 1779 1785 1788 1790 1794  
Winlaton m. Henry Clasper

Forster John Margaret WILLIAM = Elizabeth Usher Eleanor  
1797 1800 1803 1805-47 1808  
Gateshead

Eliz JOHN = Hannah Jobson William Ann Isabella Robert Miles  
1824 1830-1912 1833 1835 1836 1839 1841  
Swalwell

John Robert William George THOMAS = Margaret Thirkell  
1853 1858 1859 1862 1863-1936  
Elswick

<sup>(2)</sup> Anna Empson John Thomas ALBERT = Mary Randall George  
1886 1888 1891-1934 1893  
Stockton

George Sidney John Fred Robert Alf Ella  
1901 1907 1906 1909 1912 1913 1919

ALBERT V. = Lillian Couch Ralph Elsie Mary  
1913-36 1915 1917 1923  
(mayor of Gateshead)

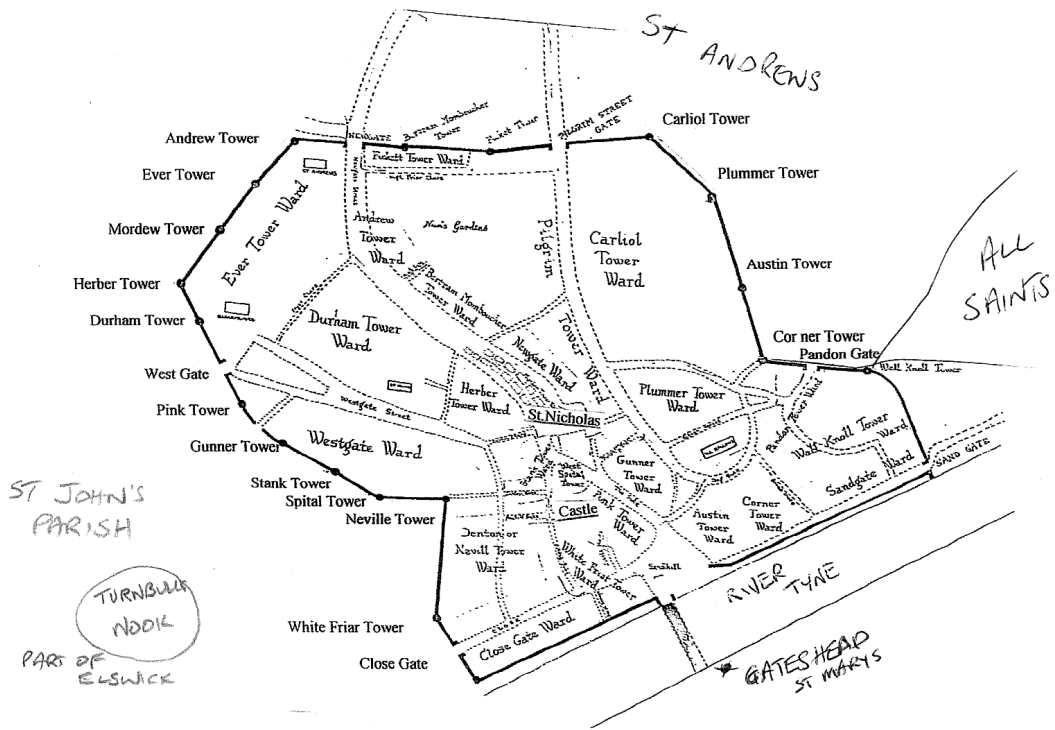
<sup>(2)</sup> Eliz. Hurst  
George Alan Joyce Ronald  
1929 1931 1933 1935

ALBERT J. = M. Rita Pither Judith = Ken Bunn  
1936 1943  
Kingsbury

Hayley R. = Kevin Jackson Ian J. V. = Janice Davison Steven  
1964 1968 1974  
Whickham Whickham

House carpenter  
within St Nicholas  
parish 1660-70+

NEWCASTLE WALLS ENCLOSE THE BOUNDARY OF ST. NICHOLAS PARISH



ORIGINAL PARISHES SURROUNDING NEWCASTLE



Brian

From: albert turnbull [albert360@hotmail.co.uk]  
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Subject: William Turnbull

Marriage cert; 6 April 1801 Newcastle All Saints; William Tuirnbull, a Joiner, native of Longbenton Parish, married Mary Murray, daughter of William Murray, native of Jarrow parish. Family were non conformist (anti C of E) as early as 1700. William could be the son of either of two brothers, but family reads as follows; Edward Turnbull c. 1680

Edward Turnbull = Frances Pearson m. 4 Oct. 1730 All Saints Newcastle

21 May 1705 St. Nicholas non con.

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William = Eliz. Elliott m. 24 Nov. 1776 Longbenton Edward =  
Hannah  
30 April 1758 St. Andrew non con 29  
Sept 1754 St. Andrew non con

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Eleanor 1777

John 1773

Thomas 1781

Ann 1776

William

= Mary Murray or =

William

22 Sept 1778

13 June 1779

St. Andrews

Longbenton

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Elizabeth 23 Aug 1801 St. Andrews non con.

William 28 Nov. 1803 : : : :

Congregetional church

Mary Ann 1806 St. James Independant

Thomas 1808 : :

Jane 1814 : :

Hannah 1816 : :

Best Wishes Albert Turnbull

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Brian

**From:** albert turnbull [albert360@hotmail.co.uk]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2007 4:19 PM  
**To:** brian@turnbullclan.com  
**Subject:** Edward Turnbull

Brian; Some of the lines had slipped into next columns during transfer. I will abbreviate this time. There are no missing generations. All Saints, St. Andrews and St. Nicholas are all Newcastle C of E. churches with their own parishes, so your family were living there before 1700. They also baptised non conformists separately. There were many choices for non cons. such as Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and a few others. They chose to be Independant Congregationalist, which is new to me. Your direct ancestors;

Edward Turnbull born circa 1680, father of;  
Edward Turnbull baptised 21st May 1705 St. Nicholas non.conf. wife Frances Pearson  
William bap. 22nd Nov. 1731, St. Andrews non. conf. son of above;  
William has two sons, each have a son William, either could be yours;

William bap. 30 April 1758 St. Andrews and Edward bap. 29 Sept. 1754 St. Andrews

William 27 Sept 1778 = Mary Murray or = William 13 June 1779 Longbenton

Elizabeth 1801 St. Andrews  
William 1803 : :  
Mary Ann 1806 St. James Independant  
Thomas 1808 : :  
:  
Jane 1814 : :  
:  
Hannah 1816 ; : :

Hope this is clearer. If you can tell me the next generation, I should be able to pick them up on the census, unless you already have this of course.

Best Wishes Albert Turnbull

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**Brian**

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**From:** albert turnbull [albert360@hotmail.co.uk]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2007 1:25 PM  
**To:** brian@turnbullclan.com  
**Subject:** Descendants

Dear Brian, I am more used to working with snail mail, so I shall clarify your direct descendants beneath each other, leaving out any siblings;  
Edward Turnbull, circa 1680, father of;  
Edward Turnbull, born 1705, married Frances Pearson in 1730. Parents of;  
William Turnbull, born 1731, wife unknown, father of ;  
William Turnbull, born 1758, married Eliz. Elliott in 1776. Parents of;  
(also Edward 1754)  
William Turnbull, born 1778, married Mary Murray ?? in 1801.

Why the question marks? There is a possible alternate route through the same family.

If we return to William born 1731, he had a second son Edward born 1754, as follows;

Edward Turnbull born 1754 married Hannah ? They also had a son called William in 1779;

He is also the correct age to marry Mary Murray in 1801

There is no way I can be positive which of the two brothers is your direct ancestor, but we know that from William 1731 and beyond is your direct line. Lonbenton parish is adjacent to Newcastle. It shares a border with All Saints and is less than 1 mile from St. Andrews. Longbenton did not have a non. con baptismal church so residents would have to cross into Newcastle to keep their faith. Best Wishes Albert

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1 June 1641 St. Nicholas  
Mark Turnbull = Mary Barker  
c. 1616

Jane 1641      John 1643      Cuthbert = Mary  
8 Feb, 1646  
Gateshead      Handyworke (obviously a sense of  
1647      humour)

13 Nov. 1698 St. Nicholas  
William 1669      Thomas 1672      Edward = Eliz. Emmerson  
27 June 1675  
All Saints N/c

4 Oct 1730 All Saints  
Cuthbert 1699      John 1701      James 1703      Edward = Frances Pearson  
21 May 1705      Joseph 1707      Catherine 1708      Jane 1710      James 1714  
St. Nicholas N/c

William = Eliz. Alder 22 Nov. 1731 St. Andrews      Isabel 1735      Ann 1737      Elizabeth 1740      Edward 1742      Robert 1742      Anthony 1748

24 Nov. 1776 Longbenton  
William = Eliz. Elliott 30 Apr 1758 St. Andrews N/c      Robert 1753      Edward = Hannah ? 29 Sept. 1754      Mathew 1755

6 Apr. 1801 All Saints  
William 27 Sept 1778 Longbenton = Mary Murray = William 13 June 1779 Longbenton

CHRISTIAN NAMES	BORN	MARRIED	DIED	AGE	SPOUSE
MARK	c 1616 CHESTER LS ST	1 JUNE 1641 ST NICHOLAS NEWCASTLE			MARY BARKER
CUTHBERT	8 FEB 1646 ST MARYS GATESHEAD				MARY
EDWARD	27 JUNE 1675 ALL SAINTS NEWCASTLE	13 NOV 1698 ST NICHOLAS NEWCASTLE			ELIZABETH EMMERSON
EDWARD (Yeoman)	21 MAY 1705 ST NICHOLAS NEWCASTLE	4 OCT 1730 ALL SAINTS NEWCASTLE			FRANCES PEARSON
WILLIAM (butcher)	22 NOV 1731 ST ANDREWS NEWCASTLE	8 OCT 1749 ALL SAINTS NEWCASTLE			ELIZABETH ALDER
WILLIAM	30 APRIL 1758 ST ANDREWS NEWCASTLE	24 NOV 1776 LONGBENTON			ELIZABETH ELLIOTT
WILLIAM	27 SEPT 1778 LONGBENTON	6 APRIL 1801 ALL SAINTS NEWCASTLE			MARY MURRAY