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Dear Madam,

Further to our letter of 7th December 1967, we have now been able to undertake research on your behalf.

The Matriculation Rolls of Glasgow University were first consulted, and the following entry was found:-

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"James Turnbull matriculated 1818 in the class of John Young, Professor of Greek. The 4th son of Robert Turnbull, workman in the parish of Stichel (sic), Roxburghshire. Relief Minister in Edinburgh, (Arthur Street) 1827 to 1842, when deposed. Afterwards Sub-Editor of a London newspaper. Died at East Grimstead, 21st June 1858."

The Rev. James Turnbull also appears in the History of the United Presbyterian Congregations, as minister of Arthur Street, which also quotes the following announcement from the Scotsman newspaper of 26th June 1858:-

"The Rev. James Turnbull, formerly of Brighton Street and Arthur Street and for some time past of East Grimstead, near London, died there on 21st inst., after a severe illness of some months' duration."

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As James Turnbull died in England and as we do not have access to records outwith Scotland, we were unable to consult his death entry. His address was, however, given in the 1840 - 41 Edinburgh and Leith Post Office Directory at Blacket Place. The 1841 Census Schedules for Edinburgh were accordingly consulted, and the following entry was found:-

"Address: Blacket Place.  
 James Turnbull, aged 36 minister of the Gospel, not born  
 in the county of Edinburgh  
 Margaret Turnbull, aged 33, born in the county of Edinburgh  
 Robert " " 8, " " " " " "  
 Agnes " " 7, " " " " " "  
 James " " 5, " " " " " "  
 Margaret " " 2, " " " " " " ."

Prior to 1855 registrations of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Scotland were voluntarily recorded in the old parochial registers (unindexed) of each parish. The old parochial registers of Edinburgh, which at this period comprised the parishes of Edinburgh, St. Cuthberts and Canongate, were accordingly searched for the marriage of James Turnbull, which was found to have been recorded in the old parochial registers of Edinburgh parish, as follows:-

"Edinburgh 30th November 1829 The Revd James Turnbull 13, Roxburgh Street, St. Cuthberts, and Miss Margaret Weddell in 10 Hanover Street, St. George's parish, three proclamations and no objections, married 1st December 1829 by the Rev. William Limont."

The following children were then found to have been recorded to the above couple in the old parochial registers of St. Cuthberts parish:

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Janet Weddell born 16th baptised	31:10:1830	at 11 Montague Street
Robert born 29th August	" 25:10:1832	" Blacket Place
Agnes Fairbairn born 1st	" 8: 5:1834	" " "
James Weddel " 6th Feb."	6: 3:1836	" " "
Margaret Weddell " 22nd Aug."	23: 9:1838	" " "

The old parochial registers of Stichel and Hume were then searched for the birth of James Turnbull circa 1805, but this was not found around that date. The following entry was, however, found in these old parochial registers and was thought to be relevant, as James Turnbull called one of his daughters Agnes Fairbairn, probably after his mother:-

"15th April 1797 Robert Turnbull and Agnes Fairbairn  
a son born named James."

The only other children found to have been recorded to the above couple in the old parochial registers of Stichel and Hume were:-

William	born 19: 7:1789	(presumably died young)
William	" 20: 9:1794	

The marriage of Robert Turnbull and Agnes Fairbairn was next found to have been recorded in the old parochial registers of Stichel and Hume, as follows:-

"7th June 1788 Compeared Robert Turnbull in this parish and Agnes Fairbairn in the parish of Smailholm craved proclamation in order to marriage."

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There are unfortunately no extant death records for the Bridgton district of Glasgow, circa 1837, and no search could therefore be made for the death entry of Robert Turnbull.

The old parochial registers of Kelso were then searched from 1755 to 1765 for the birth of Robert Turnbull, but this was not found to have been recorded there.

The old parochial registers of Stichel and Hume were also searched from 1755 to 1765 for the birth of Robert Turnbull, but unfortunately again without result.

The old parochial registers of the neighbouring parishes of Kelso, which are Smailholm, Roxburgh, Eckford and Sprouston, and of Stichel and Hume, which are Ednam, Nenthorn, Earliston, Gordon, Greenlaw and Eccles, were next searched from 1758 to 1762 for the birth of Robert Turnbull, and the following entry was found in those of Sprouston:

"26th August 1759 Robert Turnbull to William Turnbull and Agnes Walker was baptised."

As Robert Turnbull is believed to have been born on 27th January 1760, the relevance of this entry was thought to have been doubtful and the investigation was accordingly here concluded.

I regret that we have been unable to trace the Turnbull line further back, but I hope that the additional information which we have found will prove to be of interest to you.

The expenses incurred during this investigation, which include fees paid to the Registrar-General for access to the records, have amounted to the sum of Eighteen Dollars and we shall be grateful for your remittance at your early convenience.

Yours truly,

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Director.