

James Turnbull was born in Northumberland England about 1791. He married Isabella Ord there and they later moved to Cromarty on the Black Isle, Scotland. They lived in the district of Eddrachillis Sutherland.

They sailed for Australia from Greenock Scotland on 14 December 1839 on the renowned 'fever' ship the Glen Huntley. James was 49 and Isabella 48. With them they had their two sons Robert (20), William (17) and six daughters, Ann, (19), Elizabeth (15), Isabella (14), Jane (11), Helena (9) and Mary (6).

The family lived in Burnley Street North Richmond and later owned land on the Yarra River there. Isabella died in 1849, only 54 years old and James died in 1860.

Robert went to Kilmore and then to Yea where he acquired land. He died in 1860. His son Robert was the first white child born on the Killingsworth Estate. He had several children and the Turnbull family were pioneers of the Yea - Murrindindi area

On December 13th 1839 the emigrant ship ' Glen Huntly' left Greenock, Scotland and arrived at Hobsons' Bay on 17th April 1840. Many of the passengers suffering from fever were landed at the Red Bluff, St Kilda on 24 April 1840. That being the first Quarantine Station in Victoria. A few days later JOHN CRAIG, JAMES MATHERS, GEORGE ARMSTRONG succumbed to the disease and were interred at the Bluff. Owing to the encroachment of the sea their remains were exhumed and removed to the St Kilda Cemetery on 27th August 1898 by the Board of Public Health

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