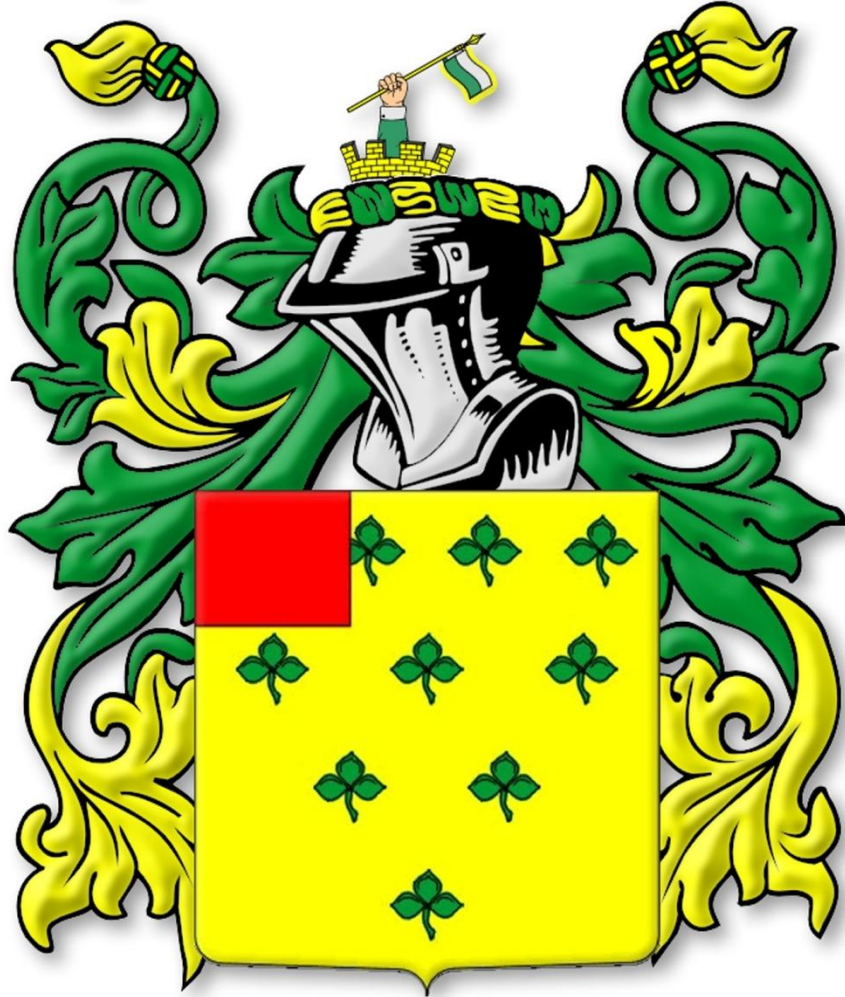


OUR TURTON ROOTS

The Ancient Arms of



Turton

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The Turton History is dedicated to my Mom

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Researching and compiling “*Our Turton Roots*” has given me a great deal of personal pleasure. Much of this came from the hours spent picking my mom’s brain with frequent phone calls and numerous questions to ask her about “so and so.” I could always count on Mom for answers and little stories to give life to our ancestors.

Mom continues to carry on the Turton legacy of caring and assisting the aged, the unhealthy, friends and neighbours with her continued dedication to her church, institute and most of all her family.

Mom takes enormous pride in every member of her family unaware of the contribution that she has made to each one of our lives.

Rev. Isaac Turton would be as proud of her, as her family is.



Mom at her 85th Birthday Party, July 2009

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Too clearly understand our Turton ancestors; I suggest that you read some of the background history that I have researched and compiled. It will help you to understand how each of us has developed from generations of ancestors whose lives were affected by their location, occupation, family members and environment.

For many years, all we knew regarding our Turton ancestors was the information given in the “Turton Family Tree” put together in the 1970s. The writers of this information are unfortunately unknown; however, I believe, they gleaned some of their information from the Turton Family Bible, and the rest through family members.

From the Bible, we learn that Rev. Isaac Turton was born in Rye, England in 1776 and died April 14, 1851. He married Sarah Gibson, who was born in Sussex, England in 1775, who died in Chapel House Jan. 8, 1828. They had a son Isaac Turton, who was born in April 17, 1810 in Rochdale, England. The son Isaac Turton emigrated to Canada c1825 and who the Canadian branch of Turtons has descended from.

After many years of fruitless searching, I posted a message on an internet genealogy site called Rootsweb. I really did not feel too positive about this, however you can imagine my excitement when shortly after I received an answering e-mail from England from Edward K. Turton, known as ‘Ted’, who provided me with some key information.

From that day on many e-mails and snail letters have been exchanged between Ted and myself and he has kindly shared his work on our family that took us back to Rev. Isaac’s grandparents. What a wonderful journey it has been! I am now in contact with Turton relations from New Zealand, South Africa, England, United States and various locations in Canada. The Turton information that I have now gathered has grown from the first Turton Family Tree of 22 pages to fill four, three-inch binders.

In May 2007, I was fortunate enough to take a trip to Yorkshire, England where our Turton ancestors originated. We spent four days driving around the Horbury area, visiting St Peter & St. Leonards Chapel, the Horbury cemetery, and Woodhouse Grove School. The highlight of my trip was a stop at Rugby, England to meet with Ted Turton, his sister Maize and his brother John. What an unforgettable adventure.

I feel so fortunate to have met Maggie, who was Ted’s best friend and partner but who sadly passed away in February 2009.



Maize, John, Kathy, Maggie and Ted