

William Turner - A Troubled Union. Always looking out for images of Enrolled Pensioner Guards (EPGs) we have found one for London born William Turner 1824-1907. Serving in the 28th and 78th Regiments, Bill spent 13 of his 18 army years in India and received the India General Service Medal for his commitment receiving a bullet wound to the neck for his troubles!

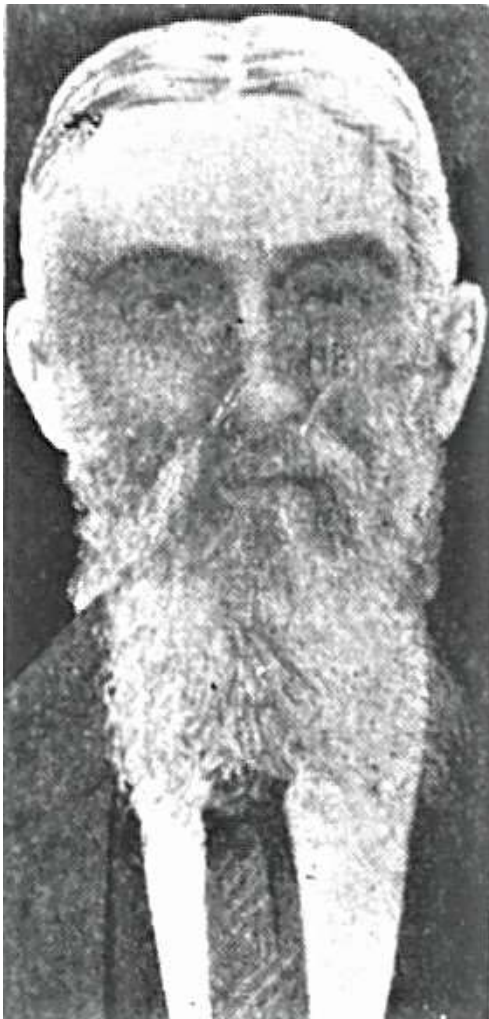
When based at Aberdeen 1859 he met and married Scottish born Isabella 15 years his junior, they have 6 children, 1 born on the 1866 convict ship Belgravia and four here in WA.

He receives a land grant in 1883 of more than an acre in North Fremantle for his service as an EPG and serves with the Enrolled Force till its disbandment in 1887. Following this he works as a sexton at the old Fremantle Cemetery until its closure in 1899 – responsible for the maintenance of the graveyard. His residence at the time of death was Harbour Road now Lime Street in North Fremantle.

Isabella is a troubled soul ... an inquest finds her 1898 death is caused by alcoholic poisoning and a severe fall. In the 20 years before this she is in and out of the court system and prisons for drinking and disorderly conduct offences. Described as a notorious character and on the “prohibited list” – not to be sol alcohol. In 1879 Bill advertises he will not be responsible for Isabella’s debts she having left home without just cause. There must have been a reconciliation as son David is born late 1880.

Check William out at:

<https://enrolledpensionerforcewa.org.au/epf-profiles/t/turner-william-28th-and-78th-regiment/>



OTHERS OF THE OLD BRIGADE.

In addition to the names mentioned above there was another old soldier who was besieged in Lucknow resident in Fremantle until death claimed him last week, on the eve of the jubilee of the relief. His name was William Turner, of Harbor-road, South Fremantle. The late Mr. Turner joined the 28th Regiment of Foot in London on August 28, 1843, at the age of 18 years, and went out to India with his regiment on October 15, 1844, remaining there till the war with Persia in 1856-1857. He transferred to the 78th Highlanders and served through that campaign under Sir James Outram, being present at Kooshet and Mohumera. Returning to India, he accompanied the force under Havelock, which fought its way from Allahabad to Cawnpore. He was amongst the besieged in Lucknow from September 25 to November 25, receiving a bullet-wound in the neck, and was discharged in April, 1862. Afterwards he came to Western Australia in the convict ship Belgravia in 1866 as a guard. He served with the Civil Guard until its disbandment, and after that he was sexton of the old Fremantle Cemetery until it was disused.

NOTICE.

I HEREBY give notice, that I will not be answerable for any **debts** my wife ISABELLA TURNER may contract, she having left her home without any just cause whatever.

WILLIAM TURNER,

Pensioner.

Fremantle, March 14th, 1879.