General Sucre at Barranquilla

Mr. Glen, a friend of B(olivar)

1804

John Glen

Mr. Glen of Barranquilla, a friend of the present order of things, gave a dinner to Sucre and his officers, at which everything went well, until the wine began to circulate, when an officer in speaking of the services of his Regiment, said that "they were hard treated being employed in all services, and while another regiment had an idle life in Cartagena. To this reflection an officer of the Regiment reflected upon replied that "his Corps was not to blame, they were anxious to serve in the field." etc.

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Mrs. Catharina V.R. Bonney
J. Munsell Albany 1875

Copy of a Letter to Renss.Van Rensslear
From: J. M. MacPherson
Dated: Carthagenia, Mar. 21, 1831
John Glen, Esq., of Barranquilla, (Colombia) to whom I took letters from Sr. Mier, received me most kindly, and already had a house provided for our use until such time as one of his boats could be got in readiness for conveying us up the river. This house was near the wharf, and our effects were soon disembarked and placed within it. A fine supper of boiled eggs, chocolate, etc., was ordered for the people, while Bishop and I bent our steps, in company with Mr. Glen, to his own fine mansion in the principal street of the town.  p. 30

Mr. Glen owns a number of these boats, as does also another individual from this place......the boats are esteemed the best conveyances from this place, where a sail can no longer be used, and the river becomes shallower and more rapid.

The gentlemanly and unceasing attention of Mr. Glen to strangers will long live in the remembrances of many besides myself. He is a Scotchman by birth, but has long lived in the country, having served as colonel in the patriot army, and been reputed a brave and skilful officer. There were many others also, in the place, whom I met at Mr. Glen's table, both foreigners and natives, all of whom possessed the most frank and pleasing manners.  p. 31.

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FROM:- Bogota in 1836-37
J. Steuart
Harper & Brothers
New York.  1838.

Major Juan Glen was one of the witnesses to Gen. Bolivar's last will dated Santa Marta, Colombia, Dec. 10, 1830
Three Canadians, moreover, deserve mention. These were John Glenn, John Robertson and James Loedel. The first of the three, born in Montreal, was a merchant in Caracas at the time of the revolution in 1810. After the earthquake he removed to Cartagena, where he became a personal friend of Bolívar and contributed funds to the patriot cause. He was rewarded with a commission as lieutenant colonel and placed in command of the militia of Soledad and Barranquilla. In 1831 he retired from the army and politics and died in 1853.2

2 BOLETÍN DE HISTORIA Y ANTIGÜEDADES, año VI, No. 70, pp. 640, 641.
Mr. J. R. Brown, Jr.
27 West Erie Street
Albany, New York

Dear Mr. Brown:

After extensive research, we have been able to find no mention of John Glen, referred to in your letter of February 5, 1954, other than the brief paragraph cited on the accompanying page.

With every assurance that it is always a pleasure for the Pan American Union to be of assistance to you in any way possible,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Marian Forero
Chief Reference Librarian
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FROM:—Bogota in 1836-7
J. Steuart
Harper & Brothers
N. Y. 1838

This book is a narrative of an expedition to the capital of New-Grenada, and a residence there of eleven months.
Glen, John
From: Schenectady, N.Y.
Last residence: Barranquilla, S.A.

Records show one
John Glenn
Pvt. in Capt. Jonathan Delano Jr's Co.
10th Regt. (Prior's) N.Y. Militia

Commencement of service: Aug 24, 1812
Expiration of service: Oct 23, 1812

War of 1812 Record
Berlin, Charlottenburg 5, October 8th, 1954.
Lietzenne-Ufer 4.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of August the 16th, 1954. I wish to beg your pardon for the delay in my reply, but I was detained by urgent business. Besides I have been travelling for several weeks.

I complete your data as follows:
John Glen, the second child of Jacob Glen, was the father of my mother. John Glen, born on 28th September 1786 at Schenectady, was christened bei the Rev. Mr. Dirck Romeyn of same place November 21st, 1786.
John Glen died at Barranquilla, Colombia, on the 11th November, 1855.

John Glen accompanied on December 1830 General Bolivar to Santa Marta and San Pedro Alejandrino, Colombia, and was present at his death. He subscribed as witness the last will of Bolivar and his last allocation (10th December, 1830).

In 1831 he was commander of the half-brigade of artillery at Barranquilla and notary in the same place.

During the years 1841-1847 he organized with others the navigation in ferry-boats, sloops and vessels between Santa Marta and Mompós and between Mompós and Honda (Col.)

I suppose that my grandfather with
the Irishman Mr. James Duncan who served also in the "patriot army" have come to know the General Bolivar at the same time at Jamaica.

I do not know details of my grandfather's military career. I know only that he was colonel.

The wife of John Glen was Maria Barbara de la Rosa. She was born on 4th December, 1798 at Barranquilla, Colombia, and died on 24th May, 1872 at Barranquilla.

John's father was Jacob Glen, Captain "Late King Royal Regiment." He was born on 23rd January, 1761 at Shereehal. In 1795 a resident of Glen's Falls and as early as 1806 removed to Chambly, Canada, where
He died on 27th November 1843.

Jacob Glen was married at Montreal in 15th September, 1784 by the Reverend Mr. John Steven to Frances, the daughter of Judge Edward Southouse, of Montreal, of Frances, his wife, hence before of Maidstone in Kent, England, Great Britain, who was born the 2nd of April 1765 at Maidstone aforesaid. Frances died on 6th July, 1840 at Chambly.

A brother of John Glen, Edward Southouse Glen (1797-1850), was officer in the British Army (Ensign 11th May, 1815, Lieutenant 19th Aug., 1836, Captain 5th June, 1844). See "The New Annual Army List," for 1841, 1843. He was a bachelor.

The second brother of John Glen, Jacob Glen (1807-1837), was physician at Chambly.
He had a son, Charles Wiltshire Edward Glen (1836-1913), also physician at Chambly, who died a bachelor.

John Glen had besides three sisters, of these one, Catherine Frances, was married in 1825 at Chambly to Sir Wiltshire Wilson, who later became a Lieutenant-General, and the other one, Sophia Southouse, to Mr. Hilary Dupuy. She, the third, Jane Anne, was unmarried.

Perhaps may be of interest to you that Glen's Falls originally was called King's Falls, but in 1788 the name was changed to satisfy a debt of honour owed by King to Colonel John Glen of Shenectady (see "The Encyclopaedia Britannica," 14th edition, vol. 15, page 427).

I was a judge at the Provincial Court
in Berlin, Germany, and retired on pension.

Hoping this will be satisfactory, I am

Respectfully yours,

Carlos Strone.
Mr. J. R. Brown, Jr.
27 West Erie St.,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Brother Brown:

Your letter of July 3rd arrived here today.

In relation to Mr. John Glen, one of your alumni, who was prominent here in Colombia at the time of Bolívar, I am making some preliminary inquiries.

I know of some people in Barranquilla who have the last name of Glen. One of them is married to a brother of one of our partners here. He has written to Barranquilla to get some information. I will let you know what comes of it.

There is only one family of that name around this part of the country, and as it obviously it is not a Spanish name, it may lead to your John Glen.

Fraternally yours,

Perge!

J. V. Mogollón Jr.
Mr. J. R. Brown Jr.,
27 West Erie St.,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear brother Brown:

I refer to my letter of July 28th.

I have received the enclosed information from Barranquilla.

The pertinent information is that Mr. John Glen was of Scottish descent. He was in the British army and came to Colombia with his brother Edward Glen. John imported liquors and champagne and he was active with Bolivar during the Independence, as he was a witness and signed his Testament.

John Glen had the following children:

Ana Manuela (mother of Strunz)

Francisco (Grandfather of the Glen and great grandfather of the sons of Jorge Glen)

Juan Glen
Jorge Glen

Sofia Glen (Sister) St. Cesarea Convent, Montreal, Canadá

I am sending you the address of Dr. Carlos Strunz who has a complete history of the Glen family. Dr. Strunz is a historian. You can tell the interested party that his address was given by his sister Laura (in Barranquilla). The address is the following:

Dr. Carlos Strunz
Berlin-Charlottenburg 5
Lietzensee-Ufer 4
Germany

Although I have not made a complete translation of the enclosed letter, you will get enough ideas from it to be of some service to you.

This is a small world. After writing down here you will now get most of your information from Germany!

Fraternally yours,

J. V. Mogollón Jr.
Lacides:

Ayer te escribí por avión espero haya recibido la carta.

Estuve ayer donde las Strunz que son familia de las Glen porque la madre de ellos era Doña Ana Manuela Glen hija de John Glen, y me dio los siguientes datos:

El Sr John Glen era Escocés y estaba en el ejército inglés, pero emigraron y llegaron con un hermano llado Eduardo Glen. El Sr John fue importador de licores y champán y según refieren las viejas Strunz tomó parte activa en la Independencia con Bolívar y este en el acto de defunción estando él presente cuando murió Bolívar, la firma de él.

El Sr John tuvo los siguientes hijos:
Ana Manuela (madre de las Strunz)
Francisco (Abuelo de las Glen y bisabuelo de los hijos de Jorge Glen)
Juan Glen,
Jorge Glen
Sofía Glen (Monja) Sta Cesarea- Montreal Canada.

El Sr Glen estuvo un tiempo en el Canadá con sus hijos y regresó a Barranquilla, quedándose solamente su hija Sofía en un Monasterio.

Te envío la dirección del Sr Carlos Strunz quien tiene una historia completa de la familia Glen. El Sr Strunz es historiador y además tiene el Árbol Genealógico de la familia Glen. Pueden decirle al interesado que le escriba al Sr Strunz diciendo que le debe su dirección a su hermana Laura, y desea los datos que le solicita.

Dirección:
Dr. Carlos Strunz
Berlin-Charlottenburg 5
Lietzensee-Ufer 4.
Alemania.

Si consigo más datos, te los enviaré.

agosto 9/52
Primera Iglesia reformada.
107 Union Schenectady N.Y. 1680
Reverendo Clayton Potter-Ministro.

A quien le interesé esto. En esta Iglesa contiene la siguiente entrada: John Glen hijo de Jacobo Glen y Frances Southouse-nacido Sept 28 de 1786 fue bautizado Nov 21 de 1786.

Firmado
Clayton Potter.

State of New York

Country of Schenectady-
City of Schenec.

Clayton J. Potter, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has examined the records of the First Reformed Church, and the above statement is a true and accurate statement taken from said records of said church.

Sworn to before me this 25th day of June, 1937

Clayton J. Potter.

Juez
Firma: ilegible

Esta es una copia exacta de una Fotoscopia, la cual aparece toda escrita en inglés, pero como el que tradujo no lo hacia bien-resolvi copia la segunda parte en inglés.
On the 25th day of June, 1937, Rev. Clayton J. Potter, Minister of the First Reformed Church at Schenectady gave the following affidavit (which came to me from Barranquilla in Spanish, and I have translated it):

To whom it may concern: There is in this church the following entry: John Glen, son of Jacobo Glen and Frances Southouse—born Sept. 28, 1786 was baptised Nov. 21, 1786.

The letter, from Barranquilla, which Mogollon translated had this note, which he did not mention:

John Glen was in Canada for a time with his children and returned to Barranquilla, his daughter Sofia remained in Canada and entered a Monastery as a nun.