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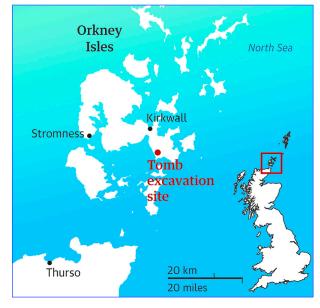
### ANCIENT TOMB DISCOVERED IN ORKNEY

Archaeologists in Scotland have unearthed a grave containing 14 articulated skeletons buried inside a 5,000-year-old stone-walled tomb.

It's incredible to think this once impressive monument was nearly lost without record, but fortunately just enough stonework has survived for us to be able understand the size, form and construction of this tomb."

Prof. Vicki Cummings added: "The preservation of so many human remains in one part of the monument is amazing, especially since the stone has been mostly robbed for building material. It is incredibly rare to find these tomb deposits, even in well-preserved chambered tombs and these remains will enable new insights into all aspects of these peoples' lives."





The three-week excavation at Holm, East Mainland at Orkney, was directed by Dr Hugo Anderson-Whymark, National Museums Scotland, and Professor Vicki Cummings, Cardiff University, that revealed traces of a substantial cairn over 15m in diameter, containing a stone structure accessed through a 7m long passage. The surviving drystone walls revealed a large sub-rectangular stone chamber lay at the centre of the cairn.

#### **HOGMANAY IN SCOTLAND**



The Scottish saying "Hae a guid New Year to ane an' a' and mony may ye see!" is steeped both in ancient customs and traditions. Scotland's culture has a long and rich heritage with this last day of the year event, known around the borders as Hogmanay. Historically, it is believed this tradition was inherited from the Vikings. Moreover, the name itself has several variations and is pronounced and spelt 'Hanginay' around Roxburghshire and in the Shetland Islands, 'Huggeranohni'.

This was surrounded by six smaller side cells that once had corbelled stone roofs. These features allow the tomb to be classed as a 'Maes Howe-type' passage grave.

Only twelve tombs of this type are known in Orkney, including Maes Howe, Cuween and Quoyness. They are considered the pinnacle of Neolithic engineering in northern Britain. Most of these tombs survive as upstanding monuments in Orkney, but the Holm tomb was buried beneath a pasture field as it was largely destroyed Continued on Page 6 . . .

#### HOW DID YOU BE CELEBRATE IN HOGMANAY?



Exciting New Year's Eve stories and images will emerge at the coming celebrations. You could share these in the next edition! If so, please contact the editor at: editor@turnbullclan.com

## Authors Corner

#### Sam Turnbull

Sam Turnbull an award-winning and three-time best selling cookbook author, has just released her next cookbook filled with incredible vegan eats.

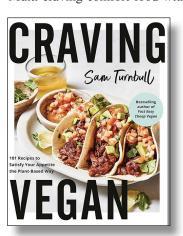
In Craving Vegan, she pulls out all the stops and shares many tricks to create epic vegan meals. We're talking picture-perfect plant-based ver-



sions of Sunday morning eggs and gooey cheese, and even how to prepare the perfect vegan steak. The scrumptious 101 recipes in Craving Vegan are proof that any dish you're craving can be vegan-and satisfying and delicious too! She is known affectionately for her sunny personality, and will brighten your kitchen with delicious plant-based meals that everyone loves (vegan or not)!

Chapters have now been divided into cravings. You'll know where to turn when the need strikes - Eggy, Carby, Cheesy, Creamy, Crunchy, Spicy, Meaty, Chocolatey, and Sugary. Sam's signature style dishes are simple and creative, with flavour turned up to the max!

Multi-craving comfort food with stand-out recipes include



Double-Potato Cheesy Gnocchi, Tofu Tikka Masala, Buttermilk Fried Oyster Mushrooms, and Almost Instant Chocolate Mousse.

The scrumptious recipes in Craving Vegan are proof that any dish you're craving can be vegan-and satisfying and delicious too!

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#### **BULLSEYE**

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Remembering Beverly Jean (Turnbull) Smith

1st January, 1940 ~ 2nd January 2024 Wife, Mother: Army Veteran



Born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, Beverly Jean "Jeannie" served in the United States Army from 1960-1963. She was also a beautician, and for 25 years worked as a waitress & manager for Denny's Restaurant. She enjoyed serving her customers, spending time with her

family, hosting family gatherings and holidays. She was known for making beautiful wedding and birthday cakes. Jeannie loved going thrifting, bike rides, and playing cards. Jeannie spent the last 40 years living in Reno, Nevada, and is survived by her husband of sixty years - Fred Smith, two sons - Dennie and Kevin (daughter-in-law, Honey), two grandchildren - Elizabeth, Johnathan, and her dog - Little Bit.

## Flowers of the Forest

Remembering

Warren Alexander Turnbull

23rd December; 1945 ~ 14th January 2024 Aged 78



One of the original Australian members of the TCA since 1978. His working life spent as a Builder and a dedicated Christian. Younger brother of Kenneth and an older brother of Andrew and Peter. Father of Cherylyn, Linda and Darryl. Grandfather to Caleb and Shaela, Cora and Macey and Lexington and Imogen. Married 56 years, he is survived by his wife Jeanette Turnbull.

#### THRISTMAS IN AUSTRALIA



Australians relate well to the traditions of Christmas in Aussie style to the point of inventing their own variations, with this farm gate version in South-East Queensland, near Beaudesert. Ed.



This month's bragging rights go to 6 year old Clara Turnbull from Charlottsville, Virginia, USA. who has found the little bull.

• Can you find two hidden 'Bullseye Bulls' in this issue?



# A word from the President . . .

Greetings and happy new year TCA family!

A big thank you to Katherine Turnbull, TCA Vice President of Events who continues to promote and support our clan through hosting tents at multiple games as well as educating and equipping others to be able to host their own TCA tents. We already have representation at many games this year and are always looking for more tent hosts!

Another great way to get involved in TCA is to join the executive team. If you are interested in getting involved then you are in luck, for this year is an election year! Keep an eye out in upcoming 'Bullseye' editions for more details.

My family and I are elated to be joining Katherine to host this year's AGM at the Grandest Highland Games in the New World – The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games high in the mountains of Western North Carolina from the 11th - 14th July. There will be a huge contingent of TCA members in attendance, and we would love to see you there!

May the events of this year exceed all your expectations! Slàinte Mhath

Walter Turnbull



#### Turnbull Clan Association to Host 2024 AGM at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, North Carolina

Located 90 minutes east of Asheville and 2 hours north of Charlotte, the small town of Linville, North Carolina lies nestled in the storied Blue Ridge mountains of Appalachia, and it is here each July where thousands of people from around the world ascend the scenic, winding roads to MacRae Meadows for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

The majestic setting is reminiscent of the Scottish highlands, and it's no wonder that Scottish immigrants settled the area in droves in the years after the battle at Culloden. Fans of the Outlander books will recognize the inspiration for Fraser's Ridge, and the games even made an appearance in season four of the television adaptation.

Last year saw a record 103 clans and societies represented at Grandfather Mountain for the 4-day festival, and 2024 will be no exception for the much anticipated 68th edition as the event has continued to grow with each renewal.

Starting with Thursday evening's raising of the clans and torchlight ceremony, the festival continues through the weekend with celtic rock concerts, tartan parades, whiskey tastings, professional highland games competitions, sheep herding demonstrations, highland dancing, bagpipes and drums, Scottish vendors and food - there is something for everyone and the energy and excitement will keep you coming back for years to come.

Turnbull Clan Association Vice President of Events, Katherine Turnbull, will return to the meadow for a fourth year in a row to host the Turnbull clan tent and welcome visitors to learn about the Turnbulls, their history, genealogy, and share her wide knowledge of all things travel-related in Scotland and the United Kingdom.

After hosting the 2023 annual gathering and meeting in the Scottish Borders to conclude a wonderfully successful Turnbull Heritage Tour, Katherine will host this year's gathering at Grandfather Mountain. President, Walter Turnbull, and Vice President, Jeff Trimble, are expected to be in attendance, as well as other board members, and already this is shaping up to be quite a Turnbull Clan reunion!

Details regarding the banquet dinner and meeting will be released in the coming months. Tickets and information for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games can be purchased online at gmhg.org, and it is suggested that reservations for accommodations be made in advance.

#### This is an event not to be missed!

If you need more information or know of any other upcoming Highland Games where TCA can tent host, please contact Katherine Turnbull at the following: katturnbull01@gmail.com - TCA VP for Events.



# News from around the world

by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor

USA – Senior leader promotion The television media Cox Media Group (CMG) has announced a senior leader promotion. Misti Turnbull has been elevated to vice president of news, that supports the company's commitment to local journalism and service to the communities. Turnbull is one of CMG-TV's most experienced leaders, the company said. She was part of the WSB-TV Channel 2 Action News team for 20 years, rising through the ranks to news director.

#### New Zealand - Science Fiction

It all started with the Boggy Burn Bashers, a murder mystery set on a wild and windswept Winton farm,



16 years ago. Edward Turnbull, then 16, press-ganged his siblings into helping him make it. They used a lot of tomato sauce. Now 38, in Wellington, he is embarking on one of the most exciting years in his film career.

#### Australia - W.A. Premier Events



Western Australia's event tour- In today's world, inism Managing Director, Carolyn novation is undergo-Turnbull, commented that the ing some of the most market has seen a surge and is an-significant social and ticipated to reach USD 2.1 trillion economic changes since by 2032. Major upcoming events the Industrial Revoluin Western Australia are expected tion. To name one, Cadestination in 2024.

#### USA - A living legend as a highly successful business leader



A Jamaica Plain resident, developer and business leader, Clayton H. W. Turnbull, was recently recognised as a Living Legend by the Museum of African American History, Boston. Born in Jamaica, he came to the United States with his parents at the age of six. The Living Legends Award pays tribute to outstanding lifetime accomplishments to civil and human rights locally and nationally. Turnbull's long legacy

as a business leader in Boston when he secured the rights to develop an area for Dunkin' Donuts as a franchise then set about his vision to build Dunkin' stores in economically deprived neighborhoods, according to his online biography.



#### UK - Soundabout music is just pure magic for George

Soundabout' is a charity that has helped a young resident in Reading find joy and strength while fighting for his life in hospital earlier in 2023. George Turnbull, 16.



the brother of Amiele Turnbull faced a severe health problem during the year, which saw him spend a month in intensive care and 10 weeks in hospital while he struggled with critical complications. As a teen who lives with disability, George had been a regular member of music charity Soundabout, which uses music and sound to help those with complex support needs thrive and during his hospital stay, he relied on the Soundabout sessions and recordings to help him through.

#### Scotland -Rare portrait goes under the hammer

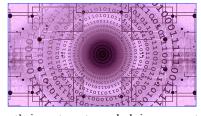


Image: Stewart Atwood, Lyon & Turnbull

One of two rare portraits featuring King George III and his consort Queen Charlotte, whose story was popularised by hit Netflix series 'Bridgerton', went under the hammer in Edinburgh by fine art auctioneers, Lyon & Turnbull on the 7th December. The paintings by celebrated Scots-born artist Allan Ramsay were estimated between £25,000 - £30,000. Queen Charlotte's rise to

power was brought to our screens in 2022 when Netflix released a spin-off series from the television show, 'Bridgerton'.

#### Canada - Worldwide AI innovation & research investment



to bring in thousands of out-of- nadians and the government's investments are helping cement state visitors. The "always on, their position as a world leader in research and innovation. year-round" action-packed calen- Their globally renowned strengths in AI have emerged from a dar of events offers a compelling sustained focus on promising subfields of AI, such as machine time-specific reason for visitors learning, deep learning and neural networks, placing the reto choose Western Australia as a searchers on the vanguard of academic AI, writes Liberal MP Ryan Turnbull. Image: Pixabay

#### Scotland - Pioneer 3D printing

Scottish research linking 3D printing with hip and knee replacements using patients' biological cells has received interna-



tional acclaim. Gareth Turnbull, the primary author and clinical research fellow at NHS Golden Jubilee, said: "The reason we looked into this area is because a lot of patients can develop significant bone loss or destruction due to a number of conditions such as arthritis, cancer, infection or trauma. When patients lose bone it can be a difficult and time-consuming process to regenerate or heal these defects. By using 3D printing technology combined with biological components such as patient stem cells, we'll be able to produce live biological implants

#### Canada - Hat trick pre-season win



To open the first pre-season Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL) game, Toronto's 30-yearold Blayre Turnbull put a puck past Boston goaltender Cami Kronish. Then she did it again, and again. This hat trick was years in the making. Speaking of Turnbull, "In this league, she's going to be expected to score and produce a little bit," Toronto head coach Troy Ryan said.



# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK . . .

CAMPAIGN FOR A SCOTTISH BORDERS NATIONAL PARK

An extensively researched and prepared application for a Scottish Borders National Park has been submitted. Applications are due to close on the 29th February. Following this, we will have to wait until the summer to be advised whether one or more NP's are going to be given consideration. We will then have to be more patient and wait while NatureScot, the Govt. agency, does due diligence, and finally an announced decision will be made in about a year from now. What a dragged-out process! So, we cross our fingers and plod on.

In the meantime as you are likely aware, we are looking for long term appropriate solutions for Bedrule Kirk, which is likely to be deemed surplus to requirements by the Kirk within five years. We are getting some ideas in - one is a 'Pilgrimage Walk' which would go by several small rural churches and possibly link up with the longer St Cuthbert's Way, which is popular.

That would be another possibility of increasing visitors to Bedrule Kirk and providing customers for anything set up there, such as a small cafe, information centre, 'champing' (overnight camping in the church, popular in England) and so on.

Prof. J. Bower

# AMELIE'S ART DESIGNS ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE HILTON HOTEL

The young 9 year old artist Amelie Turnbull who scooped a Pride of Reading award for her hand-painted cards, has seen her success continue from the McDonald's outlet to yet another special commission. The Reading's Hilton



Hotel sponsor commissioned the talented watercolour artist to produce a card based on its OXBO restaurant so they could give to special guests and thank them for their stay.

Amelie's painting is based on the greenery that can be found in the restaurant. John McLaughlin, area general manager for Hilton, is thrilled with the results. "Amelie beautifully captured the 'bound by nature' philosophy of our restaurant and we are proud to support her efforts to raise money for charity."



Amelie Turnbull, who is now nine, started a business selling greeting cards she'd created during the Covid-19 lockdown. Half her profits shared equally with two charities that help her brother George who is disabled and has complex special needs.

The rest of the proceeds from the sales are put away in a trust fund when Amelie is older.

Phil Creighton - RDG.TODAY

Ameile's cards are available online at: www.littleamelieart.com



Have you ever considered hosting a
Turnbull Clan Tent at
a Scottish Highland
Games or Celtic
Festival?

#### Turnbull Clan Association will be represented at the following Scottish Festivals & Games in 2024

6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April - Hawaiian Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Honolulu, Hawaii

6<sup>th</sup> April - Dunedin Highland Games & Festival, Dunedin, Florida 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April - Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, North Carolina

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> May - Great Basin Scottish Highland Games, Sparks, Nevada. 18<sup>th</sup> May - Northern Nevada Celtic Ceilidh, Reno, Nevada 1<sup>st</sup> June - Milwaukee Highland Games, Franklin, Wisconsin 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June - Chicago Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Chicago, Illinois

11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July - Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, North Carolina \***TCA AGM**\*

31st August-1st Sept - Virginia Scottish Games, The Plains, Virginia 31st August-1st Sept - Caledonia Club of San Francisco's Scottish Highland Games, Pleasanton, California

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Sept. - Long's Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival, Estes Park, Colorado

18th-20th Oct. - Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain, Georgia

We can only grow with our presence at these events through our members volunteering to host tents! The festival season is about to begin and TCA would love to help get more people involved in hosting . . . and sharing our rich heritage!

With a little guidance and your own creative ingenuity, you will soon have a place known for your hospitality, knowledge of our heritage and decorating skills!

There is no better place to meet people searching for their roots, as well as family and friends!

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#### ANCIENT ORKNEY TOMBS

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in the late 18th or early 19th century to supply building stone for a nearby farmhouse. Further digging in the ruins by the farmer's son in 1896 revealed traces of walling and located a stone macehead and ball, and eight skeletons.

These discoveries were reported in The Orcadian by the local antiquary James Walls Cursiter, who speculated that the site was a ruined tomb. The rare and unusual nature of the 1896 discoveries prompted the current search for the precise findspot so that the character of the earlier discoveries could be clarified.

The current excavation targeting anomalies revealed on a geophysical survey undertaken in 2021. Despite extensive modern disturbance, fourteen articulated skeletons of men, women and children and further disarticulated remains were located in one stone side cell.



Further human remains and artefacts, including pottery, stone tools and a bone pin, were recovered from the Victorian backfill of the tomb by students from the University of Central Lancashire and local volunteers. Dr Hugo Anderson-Whymark said: "Orkney is exceptionally rich in archaeology, but we never expected to find a tomb of this size in a such a small-scale excavation.

The burial chamber's exact location had long been a mystery, even though the first written documentation of the grave occurred in the 19th century. A 1896 newspaper article dubbed the hidden tomb a "chamber cairn" when a farmer's son discovered it while exploring his family's homestead in the Orkney Islands, an archipelago off Scotland's north-eastern coast.

In 2020, Hugo Anderson-Whymark, a senior curator of early prehistory at National Museums Scotland, was doing archival research when he came across the newspaper clipping published more than a century earlier.

"It was a bit of a detective story," Anderson-Whymark told Live Science. "By chance, there was other paperwork in the archive, including a tiny sketch outlining the [farm's] location."

The researchers deemed the tomb, which was built around 3000 B.C., "a Neolithic feat of engineering."

The above article was published in the December 2023 edition of 'The Scottish Banner' - Permission granted to re-publish.

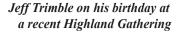
#### TURNBULLS OUT AND ABOUT



Bob Turnbull his daughter Vanessa Turnbull, and Jonathan Wilson at the Florida Highland Games



Vanessa Turnbull feeding the calf at the recent Highland Games







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HISTORIC SCOTLAND AROUND THE BORDERS . . .

#### BARNHILLS TOWER, YET ANOTHER TURNBULL STRONGHOLD

Barnhills Tower situated at the foot of Minto Crags, is recognised as one of the 'Twelve Towers of Rule' research sites. The focus for this research has concentrated on the sites of towers built in the 16th Century with some of the associated happenings and events that occured at these sites.



Amongst the prominent places within the lordship of Rule but located outside the valley on the north side of the Teviot, Barnhills appears as a significant Turnbull-held property in the middle of the sixteenth century, but with no clear reference to a lordly residence located there.

In the absence of reference to any tower or fortalice at Barhills in material relating to the site. Nevertheless, in 1592, the *(unnamed)* occupant of Barnhills was included as one of three Turnbull leading men – along with the possessors of Bedrule and Hallrule – in a roll of significant property owners in Roxburghshire.



The well hidden exterior of the Tower with overgrown vegetation Turnbull possession of Barnhills seems to have been broken shortly after that point, possibly through the outlawry of its last Turnbull owner for involvement in the final rebellion of Francis Stewart, 4th Earl of Bothwell in the course of 1592. Various Borders lairds from Teviotdale supported Bothwell but more families, including the Kerrs, supported the king.

It was probably as a result of this situation that Barnhills appears next as a Kerr-held property. On 12 June 1595, John Kerr, styled 'of Barnhill', brought a complaint before the Privy Council in Edinburgh that Barnhills, which then belonged to him, had been seized from a certain Dandie Davidson (pretended) tenant and a pronounced rebel, had been forcibly reoccupied by Davidson. Davidson, Kerr further complained, was supported in this outrage by various local Turnbull lords, who were harassing him and his ten-



Very little remaining interior of the Tower ruins

ants, pasturing their livestock on the lands and eating or destroying all the grain grown there by his servants.

As a result of this complaint, Thomas Turnbull of Minto was summoned and appeared before the Privy Council in Edinburgh on 12 June, but was denounced rebel after failing to pay his bond and leaving the city without the council's permission.

Barnhills next occurs on 7 December 1602 in a complaint brought before the Privy Council by Alexander Lord Home in respect of an assault on his property at Hallrule. This act gives us some indication that the lordship of Barnhills for a period at least had included Hallrule, reinforcing the idea that the Turnbull possessor of that lordship – named in the complaint as formerly Hector Turnbull – had been one of the chief men of the valley.

Thomas Turnbull of Minto, who had been indicted and put to the horn in 1595 for an assault on the Barnhill lands then held by John Kerr, had succeeded by 1605 in gaining possession of at least a share in those lands and found himself on the receiving end instead of an attack by disaffected Kerrs.

On 2 May 1605, along with Thomas Hamilton of Monkland, Turnbull complained that Andrew Kerr of Ferniehurst had broken a legal agreement that Turnbull and his men would be unharmed when he was given possession of Barnhill to Kerr's loss.

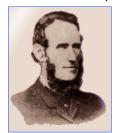
The Kerrs, he claimed, had come in a party of 80 men came to Barnhill and Hallrule, which had been restored apparently to Hector Turnbull, and there committed spulzie, stealing various oxen, horses, crops from the barns of both properties.

Nowhere in these accounts are we given any indication of the nature of the residence that lay at the heart of the Barnhills lordship, but the emphasis on the value of the property, the social prominence of its holders, and the presence there of steadings and barns points to it having been a complex of some significance.

The Twelve Towers of Rule - Historical Evaluation Submitted by Scottish Mediaevalist Professor Richard Oram and Dr. Tom Turpie with acknowledgements to Professor Jane Bower and Roger Curtis - Historical Environment Scotland

#### SCOTTISH INVENTIONS - TREADLE BICYCLE INNOVATION

Researched and compiled by Kenneth Turnbull



Scottish entrepreneurs, geniuses and eccentric inventors and their ability to think outside the square, have helped to change our everyday lives throughout the world for the better. Here is another example of Scottish ingenuity with imaginative foresight that has ultimately influenced the developing world.

The success of Dunlop's re-invention of the pneumatic tyre was propelled by the success of another Scottish innovation, the pedal bicycle. By the late 1800s, the modem bicycle as we

Kirkpatrick Macmillan know it had taken shape and was on its way to conquering the world. The pedalling mechanism was an essential part of its success for that inven- The bicycle invention, was originally powered tion by a blacksmith, Kirkpatrick Macmillan from Thornhill, Dumfriesshire.



by a treadle system to power the rear wheel.

The Scottish blacksmith who is credited with inventing the modern pedal bicycle was a simple and homely man, Macmillan assisted his father at the forge when he chanced upon a hobbyhorse. Marvelled at the device, he set to build one for himself. Hobbyhorse was a two-wheeled bike that had to be propelled by pushing one's foot on the ground. It was while working on the hobbyhorse that the idea for a self-propelled machine first struck Macmillan.

He soon started working towards it and in 1839 came up with the first working model of a pedal bicycle, the first pedal driven bicycle. The completed construction of wood included iron-rimmed wooden wheels, a steerable wheel in the front and a larger wheel in the rear which was connected to pedals via connecting rods.

Using connecting rods and cranks, Macmillan reciprocated the movement of the rider's feet on two pedals to the rear wheel. With the completed treadle bike, he was soon seen learning to ride it along the country roads, often for several miles at a time, which was no mean feat considering the machine was a heavy and unwieldy piece of kit by today's standards.

In the summer of 1842, Macmillan rode no fewer than seventy miles to reach Glasgow. During the journey, which took him two days, he apparently bumped into and slightly injured a girl who had run out in front of him, for which he was fined five shillings. One enthusiast for the new design was Gavin Dalzell from Lesmahagow, which prompted the belief for many years that Dalzell was the inventor. Nevertheless, the cycle impressed a lot of people and soon copies of it were changing hands for a few pounds apiece.

