



## THE BULL'S EYE BULL-E-TIN

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE U. S. BRANCH. August, 1980 we became one year old. To borrow a phrase, "You've come a long way baby."

Our efforts to-date: Founding Gathering, August 11, 1979, Golden, Colorado.  
September, represented by Rev. William Turnbull at Games, Altamont, N. Y.  
1980: Gathering at Games, Orlando, Florida  
March, represented by Jack & Phyllis Turnbull at Games, Dunedin, Florida  
August, represented by Velle Turnbull at Games, Golden, Colorado  
August, represented by Rev. William Turnbull at Games, Altamont, N. Y.  
Worked with manufacturers to produce the Crest Blazer Badges and the Crest Pin.

In June, Dr. Fred Turnbull of Newport Beach, California carried our good name forth at the Bannockburn Ball held in the Grand Salon of the Queen Mary. Dr. Fred is one of the founders of the Scottish Lowland Clans & Families of North America, Inc.

Thru a happy set of coincidences via a letter sent out by Velle to the Games at Golden we were put in touch with Perry Turnbull of Russellville, Arkansas. Perry was in the midst of planning a Turnbull Gathering not knowing that the TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION had been organized. Perry reports "It was a beautiful, hot, Oklahoma day (reunion was held at John and Benson Turnbull's near Elgin, Oklahoma) which blessed us with a moderately cool evening that allowed us to have a delightful, humorous program. All of those attending completed pedigree charts and family group sheets. It was attended by 90 plus people."

Perry enclosed some snaps and also sent along the list he used in recruiting. We are in the process of contacting those names and hope to garner a few stalwart members. Would you believe that Ward & Jean Turnbull of Seattle, Wa., were the only familiar names on Perry's list?

Velle reports that she "Sent out 20 letter of invitation to Turnbull's listed in the Colorado phone book. Letters went out to 29 Turnbull's listed in the directories at the library, in smaller towns in Utah, So. Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming & Kansas. The day of the Games it was hot and humid, guest book shows 15 attended."

Rev. Bill reports that the Games in Altamont "Were a "washout", the weather was awful, severe thunderstorm. There were only 4 Clan Societies represented this year."

A hearty thanks from all of us to all of the above for their efforts on our behalf. All of their work was on a voluntary basis. We all want to keep the Association as alive and active as we can, we have been dormant for much too long.

### A N N O U N C E M E N T

An invitation has been received from Orlando to sponsor a tent on Jan. 17, 1981. According to the list of Games we received from the Scottish Clans Association this past year, these are the only Games being held at that time of year and in a decent climate. Most Games seem to be scheduled from March onward. This year we have to work around the Gathering in Scotland, more on that later.

Last year in Orlando they had 42 Clans and Scottish Societies represented which offered a wonderful exposure even tho our Clan did not make a big appearance. The 1981 Games will be held at the Central Florida Fairgrounds on W. Hwy. 50, which is closer to the host hotel, the Court of Flags. In case of inclement weather they have reserved a building at the new site which will enable them to move most of the activities inside. All social events will take place at the Court of Flags Hotel. An entire building has been set aside for those attending the Games.

We have accepted Orlando's invitation and the U. S. Branch is planning a TURNBULL GATHERING at the Games in Orlando, Florida on January 17, 1981. The Court of Flags Hotel is located at 5715 Major Blvd., Orlando, Fla. 32805. U. S. Watts: 800-327-0721 Florida Watts: 800-432-1171. Room reservations are \$36.00 per nite, Single, Double, Triple or Quad. Rates will be honored 3 days prior to and 3 days following the dates of January 17-19, 1981. When making reservations for rooms you must mention the Scottish-American Society Highland Games. Further information about the Games may be obtained from: Scottish American Society of Central Florida, Inc. P. O. Box 2948, Orlando, Florida 32802, phones 305-377-5744 or 305-339-2787.

If a trip to Scotland is not in your plans, how about meeting us in Orlando. Come join us, meet old friends, make new friends and reaffirm your Scottish heritage.

It is most desireable to hold Gatherings in different locations at different times of the year but we have a logistics problem. Our Newsletter comes out 3-4 times a year (depending on finances) and news or invitations to the Games do not always arrive in time to plan for them and to send out notices. It costs the sponsors of the Games a great deal of money to promote them, some Committees are more aggressive than others in sending out publicity. Plans are to contact some of the sponsors for an early alert or to at least get on their mailing list. Some only send out to local organizations. If there are Games or other Scottish activities in your area which you think merit our consideration as a site for a Gathering, please advise, we will follow up for future consideration.

#### THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS, 1981 - THE YEAR OF THE SCOT

Word has just been received from John Turnbull (Our Organizer) and his Council that they have chosen the date of May 23, 1981 for the INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE TURNBULL CLAN. They have not finalized the program as yet but will keep us posted as plans progress. This date brings us in line with the opening ceremonies in Edinburgh. It also enables a great many of us to take advantage of some of the Charter Flights being offered at special prices.

I have just been in touch with Mr. Steve Hudson, INTERNATIONAL CLAN GATHERING, P. O. Box 156, River Grove, Illinois 60171. His company is offering a Charter Flight via Northwest Orient, the official airline for the Gathering, out of Boston on May 21st, arriving Prestwick, Scotland on May 22nd. In conjunction with the air fare he is offering a series of tours, and also a "Go As You Please" program. He has offered to send mailings to all of our members, I will provide him with our directory. He has also suggested that you call his office toll-free: 800-621-3337 and any of his people will be happy to pass along any information you desire. It is his earnest desire to obtain hotels in a couple of different price brackets to better serve the pocketbooks of all desiring to attend.

Another source to check for possible package deals is your local St. Andrew Society or other Scottish Organizations.

## GENEALOGY

The Scots Ancestry Research Society of 3 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3PY Scotland informs us: "That all those of Scottish descent overseas know that they are most welcome to contact these offices. Scottish Societies and their members who are interested may contribute in whatever way they wish towards the growth of our Scottish Historical Sources Reference Library. Guidance and consultation are given freely to all those who are interested in our Scottish heritage and traditions."

"The Scots Ancestry Research Society is a non-profit-making organization. It was established by the late Rt. Hon. Thomas Johnston, C.H., in the spring of 1945 when he was Secretary of State for Scotland, to assist persons of Scottish blood to trace facts about their ancestors in Scotland. During the years of its existence the Society has investigated more than 50,000 enquiries from people of Scottish descent both at home and overseas."

"Anyone who desires help in tracing Scottish ancestry should contact the above address. The fee for Registration is \$25.00 U. S. and the fee for the actual research work and report, which is additional does not normally exceed the sum of \$200.00 U. S. approx. In actual fact, the average fee charged is generally less than the maximum, but it should be noted that the above charges cover the cost of investigating one ancestral line only, i.e. the paternal, unless otherwise instructed, and each additional line to be traced involves payment of separate Search Fees. Please enclose International Reply Coupon."

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As has been proposed by a great many of our members we are now offering DUAL MEMBERSHIP, U.S.A. AND SCOTLAND. The new dues structure is \$15.00 per year, payable to TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION, U.S., as per enclosed Membership Application. This should cut down on trips to bank for Cashier's Checks (which most banks now charge for issuing) trip to postoffice to have letter weighed for overseas, less confusion and more convenience and control for all concerned. John has written that the Australian Branch has been using this approach and had a good response from their members. Members names and addresses and Scotland's share of the dues will be remitted to them as they accumulate.

Many of you folks on John's lists are receiving the U. S. Newsletter for the first time. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you. You will receive a copy of our current Membership Directory upon receipt of your check.

To our current members I would like to advise that in order to try to keep costs down we will not reissue a completely new Directory, instead we will issue a new list containing the names of our new members which should be added to the two sections you now have. If our financial fortunes improve, we hope to be able to issue a membership card.

## FINANCES

Starting up costs, search for new members, printing, postage and expenses involved with representing the Clan at some of the Games, plus purchase of Clan items have kept us in the red for this first year. The generosity of some of our members has kept us from going deeper in debt. With first costs now out of the way, it is hoped our second year can edge up into the black. We expect postage and printing plus sponsoring tents at the Games to be our big expenses for 1981.

You can all help with the purchase of our U. S. Branch Clan items, Order form is enclosed, and by paying your renewal dues as promptly as possible.

We have been asked by our Parent Organization to purchase more of their items for selling at the Games and Gatherings. Due to the cost of the duty placed on woolen and jewelry items, we can only order in small quantities. The cost of the U. S. postage makes rehandling a financial impossibility. An effort will be made to have some ties, the "I Saved the King" booklet and the Scotland of Old Map available at the U. S. Gatherings along with our own U. S. items. It would be less expensive and quicker to order direct from Scotland any of those items which will be appearing on John's new Order Form which will be in the mail soon, to all who are currently members of the Parent Organization. Until we get our lists integrated, U.S. only members will have to contact me for a copy of the Scotland Order Form.

Still on the subject of merchandise, I should like to inform our members that Robert F. Turnbull, 285 Kingsman Drive, Newport News, Virginia 23602, has made arrangements with a company who will supply him with Turnbull Crest items bearing the motto "Audaci Favet Fortuna". Contact Bob at above address for information.

Mike, Bellwood, Ill., honored us by wearing his new Turnbull Hunting Tartan Kilt to a meeting in our home, a very handsome combination. Mike is one of the mainstays in the Association and has been invaluable to me in many situations as well as, fortunately, living close enough for meetings and phone conversations.

Mike and I both received letters from a K. Anthony Turnbull of Jamaica who heard about our Clan on a BBC broadcast last Oct. called "Outlook". He wrote to Hawick and was given our addresses, we have both replied and look forward to hearing from him again.

#### DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

Dues renewal, payable to U. S. Branch - \$15.00 for Dual Membership.  
GATHERING, U.S. BRANCH, January 17, 1981, Orlando, Florida.  
GATHERING, SCOTLAND, May 23, 1981.

It is also important that you submit whatever you have on your own particular family tree, our files could use a little fattening. In helping others we may also be able to help you find some of your missing pieces.

Please remember, we welcome all your thoughts and suggestions, input from our members is very important. This is your Newsletter and you are the News, please submit anything you care to see published, we want to hear from you and about you and your ideas for the Association.

We have received some very favorable comments on the article describing "The Kirking O' The Tartan" ceremony. We have been asked to include from time to time more articles having to do with our general heritage and any other items of general interest. If you have an article in that category that you would like to share, please send it along to us, we will publish it as space permits.

Have glorious fall season, may all your chosen teams be winners. Don't forget to vote on Nov. 4th. Stay well and keep in touch.