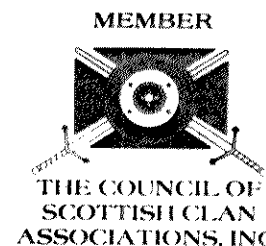




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1984 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Those members who have already paid their 1984 membership dues will find their new membership card enclosed. Members who have not paid as yet, will find a renewal form. Others, with whom we have had recent correspondence will have received their cards already. Trying to cut down the work and the costs of mailing the membership cards. We ask for your indulgence and understanding. Why be Scottish if you can't be Scotch?

GENEALOGY

Jim Turnbull, Sydney, Australia, has sent the following. He has been such a help to us, I do hope some of our members can supply the requested data.

"I am interested to hear from anyone who may be a descendent of/or can give some information on the following Turnbull families:"

JOHN MORIER TURNBULL: Born Glasgow, Scotland, July 20, 1806. Eldest son of Archibald Turnbull, Gunner, 1st Batt Royal Artillery, and Anne Sugar Morier who were married at Glasgow, August 6, 1804. Archibald and Anne Turnbull, along with their six youngest children, emigrated to Australia during the period 1833-1838. The eldest son, John Morier Turnbull is said to have emigrated to the United States, where a descendent is said to have been involved in the American Civil War, at the Battle of Bull Run in Va.

SAMUEL PERRY TURNBULL: Born August 25, 1859, Wyndham NSW, Australia. Said to have emigrated to the United States after 1880.

HELEN CHARLOTTE ROLFE: Born April 1, 1871, Bombala NSW, Australia. Daughter of Heler Anderson Turnbull and William Fletchett. Married Sheridan C. Rolfe in NSW c-1897. One daughter, Marjorie M. Rolfe, and one other child. Said to have emigrated to the San Francisco area of California. Known to be still living in 1938.

Any descendent of any branch of the Turnbull families, bearing the Christian names of PERRY, MORIER, HELEN ANDERSON, or VON BERG.

Send information to: Mr. S. J. Turnbull, Turnbull Clan Association, PO Box 375, St. Marys, NSW 2760 Australia.

Marilyn Bennett of the House of Books has sent the latest report re the search for HISTORY OF THE TURNBULL FAMILY OF DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA by J. F. Turnbull. "From Metropolitan Toronto Library Board, 789 Yonge St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4E 1G5. Telex 06-22232, Phone: 416-92805275, Reply to: Mr. David B. Kotin, Head, Canadian History Department."

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

Thank you for your letter of October 25, 1983.

We do have the book by J. F. Turnbull, HISTORY OF THE TURNBULL FAMILY OF DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA, in our collection.

If a request was made by your customer through his local library, we could supply this book (or photocopies of a few pages) on interlibrary loan. A loan would be for reference use only, for a period of two weeks.

We hope this information is useful to you.

Yours truly,

Susan M. S. Gastle, Librarian, Canadian History Department.

"RULEWATER AND ITS PEOPLE" by George Tancred. No word has yet been received as to the availability of this book. Member, Eileen Gibbs of Ellicott City, MD has been kind enough to inform us that this book is on file at the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

Ella Leigh, Manassas, VA., whose recent query re Dr. Andrew Turnbull and the New Smyrna colony, writes, "the article was very helpful and I am sure he was my ancestor".

Those wishing to read more about this family can check their library for a copy of "NEW SMYRNA" (Gainesville: University of Florida Press, 1966) by E. P. Panagopoulos. Supposed to be the most authoratative account of the ill-fated colony.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

AUSTRALIA - Before the holidays, a packet of goodies arrived from Jim. Some of the items will be forthcoming in future Newsletters.

Jim now has details on some 105 different branches of the clan recorded. The index now includes some 6000 names, including almost 1000 which he extracted from the Old Parish Registers of Glasgow and Jedburgh, while he was in Scotland in '81. Most of these are not included in the Mormon CFI. He also has copies of the NSW birth-death and marriage indexes prior to 1900, and the Qld death-marriages indexes prior to 1900, both on microfiche. The 1828 NSW census, and various other research volumes. From the Genealogical Society of Utah, Microfiche index, he has copies of the Turnbull entries for Scotland, and the counties of Cumberland, Derby and Devon, in England. Also a list of all Turnbull entries in the Probate Office of NSW.

Research requests will attract a fee, photocopies will be priced according to size and quantity and postage.

1984 GATHERING OF THE CLAN

Those members we have had the privilege of meeting and talking with seem to enjoy the format of moving the site of our Gathering to a different spot each year. In keeping with this program, and honing in on those areas where we enjoy a goodly number of members, we have chosen the Tidewater Scottish Festival, Norfolk, Virginia, as this years meeting place.

Mark your calendar for June 23 and 24, 1984. Location: Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Norfolk, Virginia. More details when received.

Lots of motels in the area. So much to see and do, before and after the Gathering.

Plans are going forward to have a tent at Grandfather Mtn. Highland Games which will be hosted by Jane & Charles Trumbull, July 14-15, 1984.

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE ACTIVITIES. Remember, I do not have to be there for it to be a Gathering. You, the members, and the hosts make the Gathering. Your membership dues pay for the sponsoring of these tents and are hosted for the purpose of having the members meet and greet each other. Bring family pictures and histories for "show and tell" and exchanging of data. YOU, THE MEMBERS, MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN.

SCOTTISH LOWLAND CLANS & FAMILIES SOCIETY

December 17, 1983 at St. George's Episcopal Church, Laguna Hills, CA. a memorial service was held for Wallace J. Dye, President. Wally requested that his ashes be scattered off the coast of California. Dr. Fred and Norman Turnbull were called upon to participate in this service at sea which was held simultaneously with the church service.

While in Denver - 1961-1977 - he was instrumental in organizing their 1st Highland Games, implementation of inter-cultural gatherings with other ethnic organizations, Tenor Drummer and Drum Major for the "City of Denver Pipe Band" and later amalgamation with the "Sutherland Highlander's Pipe Band", was the leavening influence and catalyst in the organization of the "Colorado Celtic Society" for all people of Celtic Heritage to support our activities in that region and was instrumental in organizing the "St. Andrew's Society of Colorado". Wally Dye has drifted away from us and joined the "Flowers of the Forest" (From SLCFS special bulletin).

The Turnbull Clan Association mourns the passing of a new and valued friend. The Lowland Clans have lost a voice to their cause and Clan Wallace has lost a beloved Clansman. May God grant him peace and comfort to his loved ones.

BITS AND PIECES

We have had to re-order the Blazer Patches and like all other commodities these days, the price has increased. The new price is \$6.00.

The Turnbull Giant Pear is a cross between an apple and a pear, and can be used in any way apples and pears can be used. Find out more about it from the Henry Field Seed and Nursery Co., 407 Sycamore St., Shenandoah, Iowa 51602. Just in time for Spring.

RULEWATER AND ITS PEOPLE

To assist in the deciphering of some terms as expressed in its pages, refer to Vol. III, No. 3. For new members and those who cannot find the old Newsletter, that page will be repeated and attached along with the next installment.

Webster's Collegiate Dictionary now inserts Scottish Lowland terms and a Glossary of obsolete or uncommon Scots words is listed in the rear pages of Black's "The Surnames of Scotland". Many of the terms you do have to figure out for yourself.

Never be discouraged
When failures come to light -
Just use them for stepping stones
And make a stronger fight.

Loreta Inman

GENEALOGICAL - HINTS TO HELP

Naming Customs (Scotland)

1. The first son after the father's father
2. The second son after the mother's father
3. The third son after the father
4. The first daughter after the mother's mother
5. The second daughter after the father's mother
6. The third daughter after the mother

Nicknames

1. Agnes: Lillias, Nancy, Ann
2. Elizabeth: Betsy, Elspeth, Isabel
3. Grace: Grizzel, Gireal
4. Jane: Jean, Janet, Jessie
5. Alexander: Alisdair, Sandy
6. Donald: Daniel
7. Peter: Patrick
8. William: Rufus

Legal Terminology

scized - verb form of seisin (was sized)

on disp. - on a disposition or a unilateral deed -- deed by which right to land is scized.

life rent - owner for life, but not pass to sons.

in security of - a pledge, mortgage, etc...collateral for.

on bond by - on a contract to pay be.

disp, & assig. - disposing and assigning of rights to rents.

ret. gen. serv. - returned by general service...confirmed to be soul heir.

Rood - land measurement = 40 perches = 1/4 acre.

Fall - 6 ells.

Ell - 4 ft = perch = 1/6 fall.

Ch. resig. P.S. - charter of resignation per the "superior" - he owned the whole thing - top guy. Surrendering to the superior for sale to another superior.

Feu disp. - feudal deed - virtual ownership subject to feudal duty

Disp & con - disposition & conveyance - sale of property.

Gets resig & rem - resignation and removed.

5 merk land - land 5 merk would buy (five just a sample number).

in bond corrob and disp - corroborative bond & disposition - fortifying an obligation already taken.

effeiring - relating or pertaining to.

con. excamb - contractual excambian - a contract under which one piece of land for another (trade).

Perch = 30 1/4 sq. yds.

decr. adjud. - decree of adjudication - a court decreed that they are the heir of their father.

W. A. - lawyer (elect group - Edinburgh).

assig - assigning

OLD GAELIC BLESSING

May love be ever in your heart,
May joy be yours to share,
And wherever your dreams lead you,
May contentment meet you there.

with many of them. Like other people, some were more ambitious than others and roamed the wide world in quest of fortune, whilst others, satisfied with their lot in life, remained among their native hills, and are still to be found in considerable numbers, and more particularly in the valley of the Rule.

The old Rulewater family of the Turnbells who have been tenants of Burnfoot for about a hundred and fifty years, and who are still represented in that farm, deserve a prominent place in this chapter. They have a family tradition that Andrew No. I., born in 1667, was a son of Thomas, last laird (of 'the remnant') of the barony of Bedrule. Another link in the tradition which they value is that their burial-place is the same as that occupied by the old Bedrule family.

It is said that the last laird's eldest son died in India leaving about a quarter of a million, which was long ago annexed by Government. Mr. Craig, the minister of Bedrule, who died at a great age, used to say that Thomas Turnbull (No. IV.) was heir to it. Thomas's reply was—'If you will recover it, I shall be happy to give you half.'

Thomas Turnbull (No. II.) was evidently a man of more than ordinary ability and of sound judgment, and to these was united the gift of management. He was factor to Lord Minto, farmed Minto Cleughhead, and managed the estate of Haining and of North Sinton for Lord Alenmoor. During that time a large number of hedges were planted, together with plantations to shelter the land from the prevailing south-west wind. Archibald Dickson supplied both the thorns and the young trees. Even with all these numerous calls upon his energies, he found time to give help in the prosperity of Hawick. He, together with Mr. Elliott of Borthwickbrae and Mr. Elliot of Ormiston, was instrumental in starting a carpet manufactory in Hawick in 1769. This was the precursor of the tweed trade of that town.

In the middle of the eighteenth century, when money was scarce and banks almost unknown in the rural districts, moneyed men used to do a bit of banking on their own account. Thomas Turnbull seems to have done so. He lent money to William Kerr of Abbotrule, Thomas Scott of Stonedrae, Henry Elliot of Harrôt, Douglas of Cavers, Gideon Scott of Falmash, and Lord Minto. He also bought the farm of Catshawhill for £1100, and after keeping it for a few years sold it to William Smail for £2000. His son Gilbert, who was educated as a surgeon and joined the H.E.I.C.S., was inclined to be extravagant. He was in the habit of sending in his bills to his father for payment for several years, and the old man paid them with nothing more than an occasional grumble. But at last one item for which he sent in a bill for

payment, viz. two pipes of Madeira, was more than even the good-natured father could stand, and his purse-strings were tied up thereafter.

Thomas Turnbull married for his second wife Esther, daughter of James Douglas in the Trows, of which his family were at one time lairds, and I have heard it said that they also owned Earlside. This must have been at an early date, as I saw a deed among the Cavers papers of date 1720, where James Douglas is designed as a tenant in Trows and lends Archibald Douglas of Cavers one thousand merks Scots. Douglas of Trows was an illegitimate son of the Cavers family. By Esther Douglas, Thomas Turnbull had a daughter Esther, who married Thomas Scott of Peel and tenant of Lethem. This old Border family still flourishes, and is now represented by John Robson-Scott of Newton. Thomas Turnbull about 1760 obtained a lease of Burnfoot and Buccleuch, and Miss Turnbull, one of the family, still resides at Burnfoot, near Hawick (1906).

William Turnbull (III.), son and heir to Thomas, succeeded on the death of his father in 1774, and like him he became a leading man in the sphere of life he chose. He married at the age of thirty-seven Eleanor Stephenson of Ketton, in the county of Durham, and by her had a large family. To shorthorn breeding, at that time not so common as it now is, he paid great attention, and he got a name for the high class he produced at the cattle shows and for the satisfactory prices he realised. It is about a hundred and twenty-seven years since he founded the Hawick Farmers' Club, which was the first institution of its kind in Scotland. His portrait at one time adorned the hall in which the Farmers' Club, under another designation, still assembles. It was painted by Sir Henry Raeburn, and was considered a striking likeness. The original club having been dissolved, the picture became the property of the family, and is now in the possession of Miss Turnbull, Edinburgh. William managed the properties of Wilton Lodge and Tofts, and in addition to the farms of Burnfoot and Wester Buccleuch he was joint tenant for some years with Waughope (Mr. W. Scott) in the farm of Mervinslaw. Like his father, he did some money-lending, but banking facilities in his day were greater. All his wool and that of his neighbours was sent direct to Yorkshire, Huddersfield taking a large share of the clip.

William Turnbull, M.D., F.R.C.P. (London), fourth son, was greatly distinguished in his profession. For many years he held the important position of senior physician of Huddersfield Infirmary, and was the chief doctor in the neighbourhood. His portrait hangs in the Infirmary in which he spent so many years of his life. Dr. Turnbull commenced the practice of his profession

at Huddersfield, and the choice of this town had probably been guided by the family connection above referred to. His son is Vicar of Penniston, Yorks., and a Canon of Wakefield Cathedral.

John Turnbull, who comes next in order, was the youngest son, and he succeeded William in Burnfoot and West Buccleuch. He followed very much in the footsteps of his father in his manner of farming. He kept up the reputation of the fine breed of short-horns at Burnfoot on which his father had spent much time and money. Mr. Turnbull was a good judge of hunting stock, and in his early days was a constant follower of the Duke's hounds. For nearly twenty years failing health compelled him to lead a very retired life, and during that long period he was so seldom seen in public that to many his person was altogether unknown. His death came rather suddenly, but he had attained the mature age of seventy-nine years, and he passed away at Burnfoot, 13th February 1875, leaving issue.

Thomas Turnbull (IV.), eldest son of William, farmed East Middle, on the Cavers estate not far from Denholm. He was well known in his day, and lived to a good old age. He married twice, and had a very large family. In politics he was Tory, and during the Reform Bill period and the two general elections that followed, he took a leading part. As a member of the Tory Committee he was (with others) in 1837 besieged in the Tower Hotel, Hawick, for nearly a week. Mrs. Turnbull used to send one of the servants dressed with blue (Whig) ribands to inquire for him. He afterwards went up to London with other witnesses to a Parliamentary inquiry. They performed the journey by sea on board a steamer from Granton. After having proceeded on their journey for a time, a small farmer from Hawick, Robert Paterson by name, was seen sitting silently and gravely apart, while the others were very merry laughing and joking among themselves. At last Robert could stand the merriment no longer, and exclaimed: 'Eh, God, I wonder how ye can gang on that way, and just a twa-inch plank atween you an' eternity!' To show how superstitious the country people were about seventy years ago, Tib MacFarlane, an old bent woman, was reputed a witch. Thomas Turnbull one day caught her stealing oats from the stooks in a field where she was gleaning. He turned her off, and a deputation of Denholm shearers came and remonstrated, telling him he would repent it, as she was a witch and would bewitch him, his family, and farm stock.

THE DESCENDANTS OF ANDREW TURNBULL, TENANT IN MINTO CLEUGHHEAD

I. Andrew, born 1667, married Jean Scott, and had issue:—

1. Agnes, born October 1703.
2. Thomas, of whom afterwards.
3. William, tenant of Ancrum Woodhead, born 8th May 1708, died 16th August 1764; had issue.

Andrew Turnbull married secondly, Agnes Turnbull,¹ and by her had—

4. Jean, born 8th November 1713, died at Burnfoot unmarried 1777.
5. Margaret, born 18th September 1718, died aged sixteen at Jedburgh 1733.
6. Nellie, born 18th August 1720.
7. Stephen, born 3rd December 1722.
8. John, born 19th June 1724.

II. Thomas Turnbull, eldest son of Andrew, born at Minto Cleughhead 14th March 1706, died at Burnfoot, near Hawick, 5th September 1774. He married, 5th June 1735, Nelly Thomson, said to be from Whitelee, Reedwater. Her tocher was 4000 merks. They had issue:—

1. Andrew, born 1st August 1736; died soon afterwards.
2. Agnes, born November 1737; married James Turnbull, tenant of Hassendean Bank. Ancestor of the Turnbulls of Merrylaw.
3. Jean, born 19th June 1739.
4. Andrew (No. 2), born 20th January 1741; died a few months afterwards.
5. Gilbert, born 13th March 1742, surgeon H.E.I.C.S; died unmarried at London.
6. Another son, who scarce outlived his birth.
7. William, of whom presently.
8. Marion, born 17th April 1747, died August same year.

Mrs. Turnbull, mother of the above-mentioned children, died 19th June 1747, aged thirty-four; and on the 5th August 1753 Thomas Turnbull married as his second wife Esther, daughter of James Douglas of the Trows, related to the Cavers family, and

¹ *Inscription on Tombstone in Bedrule Kirkyard:—*'Here lyes Jean Scott, spouse to Andrew Turnbull, late tenant in Minto Cleughhead, who died in the 33rd year of her age, and was buried 15th day of December 1712. Also Agnes Turnbull, spouse to the fore-said Andrew Turnbull, who died in the 40th year of her age, and was buried on the 25th day of December 1732, and also her daughter Margaret, who died the 16th year of her age, and was buried on the 5th March 1733.'