

THE BULL'S EYE BULL-E-TIN



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INTERNATIONAL GATHERING - SCOTLAND - 1985

The Preliminary Programme has been received. "Glasgow joins Edinburgh as a host city for the third International Gathering to be held in Scotland. The key dates are: Glasgow, May 25 to June 1, Edinburgh, June 1 to June 8. During these two weeks the Clan Societies will be holding their own "At Home" functions to welcome their visitors and will also organize visits to Clan and Family territories to precede or follow the period May 25 to June 8."

Myra has not sent word as to dates and plans for our meeting in Hawick. Expect to receive that information shortly.

Talked to our favorite travel agent at Thomas Cook and she informs me that it is not too early to contact your agent and express your needs. For special events, such as this, there is not the general blanketing of information in their offices, consequently it has to be requested specifically and early enough to be able to act on it.

For those wishing a Fly/Drive package there are two we have used. Hudson Holidays and Four Ways. In the past they have used the Trust House Forte Hotels which we have found to be more suitable to American tastes, providing a private bath and in most instances including either a full or continental breakfast. There are other packages using other facilities, but this will get you started.

There are a few Bed and Breakfast (B & B) Agencies. A copy of the brochure issued by Bed and Breakfast (G.B.), P. O. Box 66, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 1XS, Gt. Britain, can be obtained from the British Tourist Authority, 40 W. 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10019 (212-581-4700). If you have a BTA in your area, a call to them, or better yet, a visit to their office will net you all sorts of wonderous brochures.

One B & B agency in this country that can make arrangements for you in Britain is New Age Travel-International Spare Room, 839 Second St., Encinitas, California 92024 (619-436-9977). This handy information from the Chicago Sunday Tribune travel section, October 21, 1984.

Watch all the Scottish publications for advertisements and articles, they often receive notices before we do. After the first of the year there could be some travel articles in your city and local newspapers. Our next Newsletter will be timed for mailing with the most up-to-date information we can garner, in time for you to make your plans.

The purchase of a Touring Map of Scotland would be most helpful in planning your time. These maps may be obtained from most of the book vendors at Highland Games, bookstores and from some BTA agencies. Have also found them at genealogical supply stores.

CHINO GAMES AND SCOTTISH FAIR

The weekend of October 27th found Turnbulls meeting and greeting at the Chino Games in alifornia and the Scottish Fair in Chicago.

Donna and Norman reported good activity at the tent in Chino and a good representation of Turnbulls. Norman is well pleased with the support and interest shown by our

California "cousins".

While strolling around the Scottish Fair held at the Armory in Chicago, the Ken Bennetts, Alexander Turnbulls and friends and the Bill Berks met for a quick chat. There was so much going on and it was so noisy that it was hard to concentrate on conversation. It was a grand affair tho, with a great variety of things to do, see, hear, taste and workshops to attend.

THE SCOTTISH TARTANS MUSEUM

While at the Scottish Fair we had the great pleasure of meeting Dr. Micheil MacDonald, FRAI, FSTS, FSA Scot. of the Scottish Tartans Museum, Comrie, Perthshire, Scotland PH6 2DW. I attempted to get answers regarding some queries about our Tartans, the reply will have to come via the mail as along with the noise, there were also a number of other folks anxious to talk to Dr. MacDonald. He did, however, assure us that our Tartans have been duly registered but had no other information with him other than our listing and weaving code in his book.

STERLING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas, is seeking qualified performers to join the Pipes and Drums of Sterling and the Sterling Highland Dancers. Awards are in the amount of 1/5, 1/4, and 1/3 tuition and are competitive. Students who apply will be invited to audition in person, by tape, or by competition scores and recommendations. For more information, college catalog, and application materials please write: Dean Gordon Kling, Scottish Heritage Program, Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas 67579 (316) 278-2173, Ext. 217. Please pass along this information to anyone you think might be interested.

GENEALOGY

From Ella Leigh, Manassas, VA. who has been pursuing the story of Dr. Andrew Turnbull of New Smyrna comes a note that states that a book, "MARIA" by Eugenia Price might be of interest. It is the story of a woman named Maria who lived in St. Augustine before and after the failure of the New Smyrna colony founded by Dr. Andrew Turnbull.

Those members interested in that saga will also enjoy reading this historical novel. The "Afterword" in the back of the book gives a good account of her research sources.

If you cannot obtain this book from your general bookstore, look under the Religious Book and Gift Shop listing in your yellow pages. If you can't locate it in your area, write to me and I will supply you with the address of my source, the owner said he would be happy to oblige mail order requests.

Those of you searching for a copy of "THE STEEL BONNETS" by George MacDonald Fraser may be happy to learn it is listed in the new catalog just received from the House of Books. No. 351 - \$8.50 per copy plus \$1.00 postage for the first book and 50¢ for each additional book. No. 370 -SCOTLAND TOURING MAP, \$4.25 plus postage is also listed. Send to: House of Books, 1758 Gardenaire Lane, Anaheim, California 92804 (714) 778-6406.

"THE STEEL BONNETS" keeps going in and out of print and it is difficult to keep up with the vendors who have a supply.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL -- "Christmas is goodwill and compassion, firelight and candlelight, a family time, a time for worship. It is a glow or a child's face. Above all, it is a story of love which began centuries ago and spread to all the world. Christmas is a homecoming of the heart. May the blessings of Christmas be yours."

Abbey Press.

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EXCHANGE AND GIFT DIVISION

August 22, 1984 Our Reference: AG

Ms. Dorothy Turnbull Berk Convener Turnbull Clan_Association 1204 West Lonnquist Boulevard Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Dear Ms. Berk:

It is my pleasure to acknowledge, with many thanks, receipt of the material mentioned below. We deeply appreciate your kindness in sending this material to the Library of Congress.

Sincerely,

Peter H. Bridge

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The material received:

The Bull's Eye Bull-e-tin Volume 5, number 3, n.d.

We very much appreciate your offer to provide complimentary copies of back and future issues of this title. We are pleased to accept your offer. A label is enclosed to enable you to send the back issues.

NOTE: All back issues, from first to present, including some Newsletters from Scotland and Australia have been mailed and acknowledged.

REFLECTIONS

May, 1985 marks the 8th anniversary of the founding of the Turnbull Clan Association in Scotland. In August the US Branch celebrates it's 6th anniversary, officially. Our Charter was signed at Golden, Colorado, August, 1979. The US members felt the need of an organization closer to home. With John and Myra's good wishes the US Branch was launched.

As I was sorting and gathering the past issues to send to the Library of Congress, I spent a great deal of time rereading those Newsletters, US, Scotland and Australia. I marvel at how far we have come in such a short space of time. How much we have learned about ourselves as a family clan thru research done and shared by some of the members. It is also amazing to ponder over so many "co-incidental happenings" that makes one feel that we, as Turnbulls, are finally in the right place at the right time.

We all have asked the question, "Why have we been dormant for these past couple of hundred years?" The answer has been lost in time. However, it seems that we are not the only Border family to rise up and regroup and organize in recent years. Many of the other families had the advantage of larger numbers bearing their names or sept family affiliations. We are basically a very small family, but what we lack in numbers we compensate with enthusiasm.

The support and membership participation this past year has been most gratifying to your tent hosts. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN.

DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?

This past week I received a phone call from an author in New York who is searching for a man by the name of Turnbull, first name unknown. Turnbull was a photographer for a magazine during World War II and worked with and or was good friends with a Mr. Smith. Purpose of search is for a biography being written about Mr. Smith, now deceased. Reference material mentions Turnbull many times but does not show a first name or hometown.

The author would be most appreciative of any help our members can lend in helping him to locate this gentleman. Please send any information to me and I will put you in touch with each other.

eventually succeeded in making the farm pay, and each left a good deal of money.1 Mr. Oliver of Langraw in 1870 writes to Sir Walter Elliot as follows :-

· Did I ever mention to you that there was until it was drained away, a well on the lower side of the turnpike road below Hawthornside called St. Mary's Well? Had it not been for the tradition in reference to the Hawk Hass and Queen's Myre, this well lies very much in the way between Jedburgh and Hermitage. Had the party come by this well they ought to have proceeded by the rig at Lurgiscleuch and the Ninestancrig

Adam Turnbull, the last of Denesyde, sold it in 1715.

Thomas Turnbull, probably the son of Adam, was a weaver at Tarsetfoot in Northumberland. He died in his hundredth year and left the following issue:

1. Adam Turnbull, the eldest son, of whom presently.

2. William Turnbull, second son, married Agnes Pott, and when tenant in Broombalks had in 1793 a daughter Mary. (See Southdean Register.) The last farm he occupied was West Fodderlee (until 1831), when he retired and spent the remainder of his days at Bongate, Jedburgh. His wife died there 29th May 1841, aged eighty, and he died the following year at the same place, also aged eighty.

3. Michael died young on Tyneside.

- 4. Thomas at one time farmed Tandlaw, near Hawick. This branch of the family went to America. The name of the woman he married is unknown.
- 5. Isabella married William Walker of East Fodderlee in the year 1821. She died at Jedburgh 26th October 1857, aged seventy-six.
- 6. Mary married Thomas Telfer.

Adam, eldest son of Thomas Turnbull, was a shepherd. While with his brother William at the Grange, Abbotrule, he married his first wife. Her name is not mentioned, but she died, having had issue two daughters, one of whom died in infancy.

Margaret, the survivor, was brought up by her aunt, Mrs. Walker, of East Fodderlee. She married James Stewart, and died at East Fodderlee, May 23, 1837, aged thirty-two years. Issue, one daughter, Isabella, who lives at Denholm.

Adam married secondly, Mary, daughter of John Turnbull, farm servant at Stonedge. His family consisted of :-

Thomas, who farmed Africa with his father and died there unmarried, 20th October 1877, aged sixty-five.

Lam indebted to Miss Beatrice Nichol Turnbull, residing in Selkitk, for information about her family.

THE TURNBULLS OF DENESYDE

John, born at Old Fodderlee, 1818, in his old age resided at Back Row, Selkirk. He married in 1848, at Newlands, Minto, Jane Nichol, daughter of William Nichol, farmer there. She died 1896, and he died in Selkirk in 1905, aged eighty-seven. His family consisted of two sons and three daughters, of whom one is Beatrice Nichol Turnbull.

Michael, also born at Fodderlee, married Beatrice Nichol, a sister to John's wife. She was a particularly nice-looking woman in her young days, and even to old age retained traces of her good looks. Michael died 24th May 1894, aged seventy-three, at the old schoolhouse, Wolfelee, and his widow survived him for but a short time and died in Selkirk.

A collateral branch of this family on the maternal side is that which descends from John Turnbull, an indweller at Stonedge and father to Mary, the second wife of Adam Turnbull, who died at Midburn. I believe them to be an old Rulewater family. married twice. By his first wife he had two sons-William, a forester in Jedforest, who was disabled by an accident and died at Bongate, Jedburgh; and James, for a long time farm-servant at Unthank, who died of cancer at Africa (now Midburn). John Turnbull by his second wife had issue one son and four daughters:-

Robert was a shepherd in various places, his last place being at Philiphaugh home farm, Schirkshire. He died in 1840, leaving a family all of whom are dead except James Turnbull, who farmed Fauldshope, Ettrick, and now resides in

Selkirk, a very old man.

Kate married and went to London.

Mary was the second wife of Adam Turnbull, as already stated. Margaret married George Henderson, weaver, Kilknow, and was the great-grandmother of Euphemia Henderson, lately living with her mother at Weens Lodge.

Jane, well-known to the author when a boy, was the wife of Andrew Turnbull, for many years gardener at Weens.

EXTRACTS FROM DEEDS RELATING TO THE TURNBULLS

1562-3: January 15 .- Action by Janet Turnbull, widow of Philip Bennet of Chesters, and Thomas Trambill of Bedrule, now her spouse, against William Bennet as claiming to be tutor dative to Mungo Bennet, son of the said Philip, in reference to his estate. - (Acts and Decreets, vol. xxv.)

I Jane died at Weens Cottages, 13th August 1858, widow of Andrew Turnbull, and daughter of John Turnbull, agricultural labouter, and Christian Grieve, his wife. Died 14th August 1856, at Weens Cottages, Andrew Turnbull, late gardener, Weens, aged seventy-two, son of Gilbert Turnbull, labouter, and Margaret Hogg.