



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



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### REPORTS FROM THE TENTS AND INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

Donna and Norman Turnbull hosted the Games tent at Costa Mesa, the weekend of May 25-26. The Southern California "ccusins" turned out with other relatives and friends in tow. At times the tent was so busy that it was difficult to remind guests to sign the guest book. Many prospective members stopped to chat and took away membership applications.

On June 22nd a group of Turnbolls accepted an invitation to join the Clan MacLeod Society at their dinner dance held on the R. M. S. Queen Mary in Long Beach. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

### INTERNATIONAL GATHERING, HAWICK, SCOTLAND --- May 31st - June 2nd

From Myra and the cousins from around the world I bring greetings. The third International Gathering of the Turnbull Clan was a huge success. Even the weather cooperated.

On the Friday nite we gathered at the Crown Hotel for a cheese and wine reception with Scottish entertainment. George Turnbull, Master of Ceremonies set the stage when he announced there would be a short intermission after which the grand surprise of the evening would occur. The first public debut of the music of "THE TURNBULL MARCH" by Donald Varella and "THE CLAN TURNBULL'S GATHERING MARCH" by John Scott, sent to us with their kind permission to use and best wishes for a successful Gathering. The piper started to play and it was a thrilling moment for all of us.

The bus tour on Saturday, conducted by Dr. Michael Robson, thru the Turnbull country, along with other places of interest, was a trip we didn't want to end. Jedburgh Abbey is undergoing a great deal of exploration. Many wanted to view and take pictures of the Turnbull crest which happened to be in one of the areas of excavation. The guide promised that as soon as his relief came on duty he would see to it that we could get close enough to view and snap.

That night as we assembled for the Grand Dinner, Myra lined up the speakers for the head tables and announced that we were to be pipe in to "our own music". You can be assured we all walked a little taller, prouder and happier. Our sincere thanks to Donald and John for adding another highlight for the pleasure of all.

The Church Service at our Church at Bedrule is a spiritual and emotional experience. It is located on the former site of the castle. Across the glen, in all its majesty sits Ruberslaw. It was such a beautiful day the views from the churchyard were picture postcard perfect.

After lunch at the Horse & Hounds Inn, Bonchester, hugs, kisses and farewells were hastily said.

BBC, Radio Tweed interviewed some of the overseas guests, myself among them. On Tuesday morning as we were preparing to leave Dryburgh Abbey Inn, Myra called to say she had heard the broadcast and hoped she was fortunate to get the interviews on tape.

Dr. Rory Hamilton in his address at Saturdays dinner stated that he thought a memorial plaque to John Turnbull, our late founder, was in order. He suggested it be placed

in the Church at Bedrule alongside the plaques honoring "The Ancient Baronial Family Turnbull of Bedrule" and "WILLIAM TURNBULL, BISHOP OF GLASGOW AND FOUNDER OF GLASGOW UNIVERSITY IN 1451".

Your comments and suggestions will be appreciated. The US Branch most certainly wants to participate in this project.

#### GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES July 11-14

John and Netta Turnbull of Charlotte, N. C. hosted the tent at GMHG. John's report was great, scrry it can't be printed verbatim.

"The GMHG have come and gone. Both Netta and I have many happy memories of this past weeken because of the active part we took in the Games and Turnbull Clan responsibilities. We arrived at Banner Elk on Thursday, July 11th. At 8pm the Clan Chiefs assembled behind the review stand and received their instructions for "Lighting of the torches to raise the Clans of Scotland". In the old days it was the fiery cross that was used to raise the Clans. This has been replaced by a wooden handle with a metal cup in which one lump of barbeque charcoal, fuels five pieces of splinter kindling, with a large boost in energy from a propane torch. Basically we lined up at the corner of an imaginary St. Andrews flag and at the appropriate nod from our organiser stepped forward to the microphone to say our piece such as "The Turnbull Clan from Bedrule is present". I was terribly proud to be standing there, speaking for the Turnbolls.

On Friday afternoon I attended the Council of Scottish Clans Assn. meeting. To my surprise I enjoyed the meeting. The Turnbull pink card vote was cast as needed.

In the evening we went to the reception (sponsors) at G. M. Country Club. Then it was back to Banner Elk for the Ceilidh. This we thoroughly enjoyed.

So onto the big day, Saturday. At the meadow just after eight. In through Gate 3 (sponsors), how grand for folks who usually have to walk a half mile back up the mountain. Our tent (2-56) was close to our car (we later learned that this is a feature of the organizational effort that goes into G.M. Games.) The tent was on the second row with the Irvin Clan on our right and the Foss Clan to our left. Of course I was wearing my Ross kilt and that led to a few pleasant exchanges with the Ross's. Saturday nite Netta and I attended the Tartan Ball at G. M. Country Club and enjoyed it.

Sunday morning, back to Macrae Meadow for the Parade of Tartans. The only family after Turnbull was Wallace and since we were singles we joined forces and brought up the rear with a Bruce piper between us. After this we attended the Chief's luncheon and I was pleasantly surprised by the very active part that the Chiefs took in giving "constructive criticism". After the luncheon I made sure to be included in the photograph of the Chiefs (and representatives). After the photograph was taken I was surprised to see the other honored guest, The Earl of Aboyne, approach me and ask me where I had obtained a small enamelled American flag I had in my shirt collar. "As a gift from one Scotsman to another", I gave him my little flag. I've had lots of pleasure telling the story. Now I'll have to find another for next year to remind myself and others that among all these things Scottish we are still very much part of these United States of America.

The weekend was a series of one exciting highlight after another and I am indebted to you and Charles (and Jane) Trumbull for giving me the opportunity of representing the Turnbolls at GMHG."

#### CHICAGO HIGHLAND GAMES AND PIPEFEST - July 27th

Marlene, Sandy and Mike Turnbull met Bill and I early that morning to put up the tent and get set up for the early arrivers.

This is the fourth year for the Chicago Games and judging from the crowd and activity at the tent the word is spreading and a good growth is being enjoyed.

The Chicago Games have been chosen to host the INTERNATIONAL GATHERINGS OF THE CLANS 1992. Even tho the Worlds Fair which was to have been held at that time is no longer a part of the Chicago scheme, Bill Currie and his committee have other plans to make 1992 a memorable occasion.

#### COMING UP - TENTS AT

SAN DIEGO GAMES, Sept. 29, 1985, San Diego State University, 55th & Montezuma Rd. S. D.  
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA HIGHLAND GAMES, Coombs Ranch, Fresno, CA. September 14th.  
CHINO GAMES, Chino, CA. Oct. 6-7

Sorry we could not go to press in time to advertise tent at Santa Rosa Games hosted by Dr. Byron Turnbull. By was sharing the tent with Alstair Buchan, Director, PETER ANDERSON OF SCOTLAND, Galashiels, Scotland. Alstair was here on business and fortunate to be scheduled for the Santa Rosa area at the time of the Games.

To all of our tent hosts and spouses a hearty thank you.

#### ANNOUNCING DEVELOPMENT OF ANCIENT TURNBULL TARTAN

PETER ANDERSON OF SCOTLAND will now be handling all orders for Turnbull Tartan, see price list attached. Please address all inquiries and requests for swatches to them. Note there are now 3 qualities each in a different width and price.

The ANCIENT HUNTING TURNBULL is of muted shades of green and blue. Several of the Scottish members had kilts and kilted skirts, short and long, which they were sporting at the Gathering, the Ancient Hunting makes up even prettier than it looks in the yard goods. Any item on the price list, except where otherwise stated, may be had in the Ancient Hunting Tartan.

Made to measure items can also be ordered, request brochure showing how to measure. All items are shipped via Air Mail. All prices are in British Pound Sterling but ordering is easy if you use your charge cards.

Pegretfully, I cannot enclose samples 1 to 5, as stated in paragraph 2 of the mills letter. An air mail request from you stating your needs will bring you the answers.

#### WANTED A MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION TO ATTEND AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF BORDER CLANS AND FAMILIES

The Turnbull Clan Association has been invited to send a member(s) to represent us at a meeting to be held October 5, 1985 at 2p.m. at the home of Robert Bruce Klein 1916 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19103. Is there anyone in close proximity who could attend?

Purpose of the meeting is to organize and serve the needs of Border Scots both here and

in Scotland. To provide a "newsletter" that will inform and support the various activities and projects of the Border Scot's Clans and Families. To coordinate Genealogy Research. To engage in those activities and purposes that will enhance and protect so rich a heritage.

Many of us are aware that an "umbrella organization" of this nature is much needed and desired. There are so many areas where such an organization would be advantageous. Just in the genealogical research alone, where we have marriages which have intertwined the families. The exchange of that data could be priceless. Not all of us receive information from the same sources and an exchange of other pertinent data could help to disperse it sooner.

If anyone is interested, please contact Bruce and let him know you will attend. His phone number is (215) 735-0657. Or if you prefer you can reach me at (312) 255-7209.

#### GENEALOGY

The book we have all been waiting for is ready for the printer. "THE TURNBULLS 1100-1700" written by Dr. Michael Robson. See enclosed flyer, fill out the order form and mail post haste to Scotland. As with everything else which has to be special ordered a count is needed to go into production. The more orders placed over the minimum the better the production price will be. Air mail to Scotland is 44¢/½ oz.

Dr. Michael Robson is a renowned local historian. He was formerly curator of the Hawick Museum, Wilton Lodge and recently of Thirlestane Castle. He has taken a personal interest in the Turnbulls and I know his book will not disappoint you. His knowledge of the Borders and the many families who have lived, fought and died there is tremendous

His commentary on the bus tours, seeing and hearing the story as you ride along transports you back in time. His comments are not all complimentary, he merely states that which his research has brought forth. The book should answer a lot of the questions which have been eluding us.

#### QUERIES

Researching MICHAEL TURNBULL bc 1824 England?, Lived Westmoreland Co., PA 1850 and Daviess Co., MO 1870. Children: Elizabeth bc 1843, Josiah bc 1845, Daniel bc 1848, George bc 1851, Lydia Ann Carey b 1855, Harry or Fanny bc 1857, Michael bc 1860, and Susan Spenser bc 1863. Contact: Carole Peskin, 500 State Rd., Princeton, N.J. 08540

Seek information on James TRUMBULL (TRIMBLE, TURNBULL) born 1760 Scotland died 1824-26, Highland Co., VA (Straight Creek) married 1784 Susanna SHENNEBERGER (SHINNEBERGER) married 1818 Elizabeth COLAW. Contact: Grace Flenthrope, 2670 N. 41st Ave., Apt. 5, Phoenix, Arizona 85009.

Searching desperately for JANET TURNBULL b May 1784, Scotland, Co. Roxburgh, d 26 Apr 1870 Bancera Co. TX. Married JOHN BALLANTYNE b c 1784 Co. Roxburgh, Scotland. d 1846 Mountain Valley, TX. Married about 1807 in Scotland. Came to America via New Orleans on the ship "Tyraim". Were converts to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and was the reason for their departure. Who were her parents? Birthplace? Siblings? The following children remained in Co. Roxburgh and did not come to America with them: Thomas Ballantyne, William Ballantyne, Ellen Ballantyne, Jesse Ballantyne. All born in Co. Roxburgh. The following children did accompany them to America: Andrew Ballantyne b 13 Sep 1815 River Tweed, Co. Roxburgh, Selkirkshire, m Rebecca Jane Connyers in America. Robert Ballantyne. Margot Ballantyne b 1819 Co. Roxburgh m Lyman Wight.

\*James Ballantyne b 26 Oct 1826 Co. Roxburgh, Scotland d 22 Feb 1895 Manona Co., IA  
m Abigail Andrews in Mt. Valley, TX 13 Sep 1855.

There were 11 children. \*My gg-grandfather. Any help with this line will be ecstatically appreciated. Contact: Wenda Romey James, 2259 Meadowbrook Drive SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403.

Seeking family information - George Sutherland Turnbull born June 6, 1873, Radcliffe Terrace, Hauxley, Warbworth, Northumberland, England. One of three sons, George, James, John of George and Mary Sutherland Turnbull. Emigrated America 1906. Lived in Rochester, N.Y. area until death in 1938. Contact: Rhoda Turnbull Stevens, 5532 W. Diamond K, Tucson, Arizona 85713.

While in Scotland I visited a number of bookstores dealing in antique books. Our name has now been added to their lists for a copy or copies of "RULEWATER AND ITS PEOPLE" by George Tancred.

Many of the families in Scotland have a copy of this book which has become very precious to them. Some of our members in Scotland will watch for any copies which might become available, I have already been made aware of how expensive this book will be when and if it does become available.

In a very interesting conversation with Tom Turnbull he disclosed that he had known George Tancred but that his family is not mentioned in the book as the book had already been printed by the time his family had moved to the area. The book was originally written as a sort of keepsake issue for all of the Border families and histories mentioned in it.

The Sunday afternoon, after the farewell luncheon, George and Morna Turnbull, Bill and I returned to Myra's for a little chat and the exchange of some Clan data. As each of us was thumbing thru the assortment Myra started to comment on the material I had handed her. At the same time I was reading the same thing in the booklet she had handed me. Both of us were reading the story of the settlement of Elmira, Illinois, (Special Issue, January, 1985). Sometime during the Gathering Tom Turnbull of Jedburgh had given it to Myra to make a copy for the archives. Needless to say, we were all overwhelmed by the coincidence.

While driving thru the Highlands in the area of Glencoe in a glen near Buachaille Etive Mor, we came upon a crowd, cars pulling in and out and a general mob scene. Discovered that a movie was being filmed. The first issue of "Scotia Newsletter" arrived and it contained the story and some pictures of the movie. It stars Sean Connery and Christopher Lambert and a cast of 600 extras, watch for "HIGHLANDER" it was truly filmed on location.

#### BITS AND PIECES

A very interesting article has been submitted by Robert Turnbull, Liverpool, N.Y. From book: "Surnames of the United Kingdom" by Harry Harrison, printed by "Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore 1969, Library of Congress Cat. #68-54686

TURNBULL (Eng.) a nickname of courage and strength, TURN-THE-BULL (f. O.E. turnian, to turn + bul-) The well-known incident of King Robert Bruce being saved from the fury of one of the white bulls in Stirling Park is recounted in Bellenden's (16th cent.) translation of Boece's Scotorum Hist.'-

It is said, King Robert Bruce, eftir his coronatioun, went to ane hurting in this wod,

havand bot ane quiet cumpanie with him, and eschapit narowlie of his leif; for ane of the bullis, eftir that he wes sair woundit be the huntaris, ruschit feirslie on the king, howbeit he had na wapinnis in his hand to debait himself fra the dint thairof. Incontinent, ane man of gret spreit, quhilk wes standing neir by, lap afore the king; and nocht allanerlie (only) kest the bull be manifest force to the erd, bot held him, quhill the remanent huntaris slew him with thair wappinis. This man that rescoursit the king wes callit TURNBULL, and wes rewardit with riche landis be the king.

Ian Landles was one of the guest speakers at the Gathering in Hawick. His father composed the following acrostic for him to read.

Think, when that warrior bold turned the bull overR  
Up threw the name borne so proudly by yoU  
Royalty owned it, as faithful and loyalL  
Never besmirch it, it's honour keep truE  
Bishop and soldier, freeman and outlaW  
Upheld its fame across mountain and leA;  
Live then each Clansman, Councillor, CorneT,  
Live for your heritage boundless and freE,  
Strong still you are, both in peace and in waR.

#### FROM THE LAND DOWN UNDER - NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

Just prior to our departure for Scotland we received a quick note from Shirley and Jim stating that they would not be able to make the trip but wishing us a memorable one.

He also stated that some news had just arrived that gave him hope that he could obtain the I.C.I microfiche index from the Mormon Library.

Jim further states: "Our records now contain details of some 214 different branches of the Turnbull Clan around the world. While we are receiving details of different branches constantly, many are beginning to fit together as part of another family on our records, so the number of different branches is now fairly stable and starting to decrease as we find they belong to another branch."

#### BOOKS

"THE SCOTCH-IRISH" by Charles A. Hanna

"THE SCOTCH-IRISH OF COLONIAL PENNSYLVANIA: by Wayland F. Dunaway

"DIRECTORY OF SCOTTISH SETTLERS IN NORTH AMERICA 1625-1825" by David Dobson

"DIRECTORY OF SCOTS BANISHED TO THE AMERICAN PLANTATION 1650 - 1775" David Dobson

Check with your favorite bookseller or library.

"When the day passes, it is no longer there. What remains of it? Nothing more than a story. If stories weren't told or books weren't written, man would live like the beasts, only for the day. The whole world, all human life, is one long story.....  
Issac Bashevis Singer

"Struggles endured by their ancestors are regularly ignored because they are too uncomfortable to recall - or because they're regarded as nothing more than ancient history. Yet we should all remember the warning of philosopher George Santayana, who in early 1900 wrote: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."  
Arthur Ashe