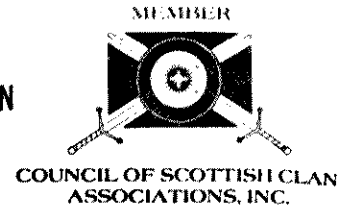




## THE BULL'S EYE BULL-E-TIN



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### GREETINGS OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON - BEST OF EVERYTHING IN 1986

This December issue is being mailed after the holidays to avoid "holiday mixups". Membership renewal notices are enclosed. It is hoped that this tactic will speed up the return of the renewals and save the time and expense of having to send out subsequent reminders. To those members who have made this suggestion, thanks, we hope it works.

GOOD NEWS -- there will be no increase in the 1986 dues even though some operating costs are expected to go up. It is anticipated there will be a per member assessment made to cover participation in the newly forming Border Clans Society. Dues will be used to cover this commitment.

### T-SHIRTS AND KILT PINS

The response to the sale of the T-Shirts was a bit overwhelming. They were offered on a pre-paid subscription basis so that we would know how many to order in each size category and to prevent carrying a large inventory. There are still some shirts available in Adult sizes Small, Med., Large and X-Large, \$8.00 per shirt. Contact me.

On behalf of the Turnbull Clan Association, U.S.A., a gift of a T-Shirt was made to Myra at the Gathering in Hawick. She wore it on the bus trip, it was a huge success. Our Scottish cousins were anxious to have some made in Scotland.

KILT PINS - Our supply of Kilt Pins has been exhausted. There are no immediate plans to reorder this item.

All TCA crested items, both here and abroad, have to be custom made as we are too small a Clan to warrant the inventory. The majority of the membership has been serviced these past few years, it was decided to phase out this item. Custom merchandise demands a large minimum quantity investment, and, inventory, which would curtail efforts in other areas. A large growth of new members and a new demand for a specific article would be basis for reordering.

### GENEALOGY

The Mormon Library, Salt Lake City, Utah has announced numerous strategies now underway to use computer technology to greatly accelerate the ancestral searchings.

To that end, Mormons now circulate a software program for personal computers called the Personal Ancestral File, which allows users of the IBM line to enter their family trees into the computer for future reference.

The next computerization, say officials, is GEDCOM, for Genealogical Data Communications, software that will allow Mormons - and others - to share their genealogical records with one another over telephone lines.

The ultimate computerization announced is Ancestral File, a computerized system that will allow anyone with a computer to call the library and receive a printout of his or her family tree as far back as the most elaborate church search has traced it to date.

#### QUERY

JOHN TURNBULL born c 1835, ?, married SARAH BACON January 18, 1856 at Tempo Episcopal Church, Tempo, N. Ireland, died November 1897, buried Lambhill Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland. John and Sarah had a family of 9 boys and 4 girls. Three of the boys were named Henry Irvine, Anson and Christopher Turnbull. Where was John born, names of his parents, her parents, names of other siblings. Contact: D. T. Berk, 1204 West Lonquist Blvd., Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056.

#### FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Many of us were saddened to learn that Bob Foster's wife, Elizabeth Irving Scott Foster, passed away September 22, 1985. Bob and Betty gave generously of their time to help out at the tent at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Betty was able to make the trip to GMHG this July but her condition soon worsened. Our deepest sympathy to Bob and his family.

#### WHO WERE THE NORMANS?

TURNBULL - Racial Group: Anglo-Norman

"The unreliable Hector Boece was the first to commit to writing the story that a man named Rule adopted the name Turnbull after rescuing King Robert the Bruce from a ferocious animal of that species. This tale is too lacking in originality to merit consideration. A counter claim that the name comes from the Old English "trumbald", meaning 'strongly bold', is much more feasible in that it is supported by the local Teviotdale pronunciation, 'Trummel', but this also is by no means conclusive. When documentation and philology fail, however, in deciding racial origin, there is still the science of ethnology. The view expressed here is that the cast of features predominant in the Turnbull families is undeniable proof of their Norman origin."

"THE SCOTTISH PEOPLE" by James Alan Rennie

"The Normans were a group of Scandinavian Vikings, or Norsemen, who settled in France then spread into England, southern Italy and Sicily. In the 800s, Norman warriors started their conquests by raiding French coasts and river valleys.

Before the early 900s, the Normans had colonized the French territory near the mouth of the Seine River that is now known as Normandy.

In 911, the Norman chief Hrolf, or Rollo, became a duke in the service of the Frankish king, Charles the Simple. The Normans became Christians and adopted French customs.

In 1066, Norman warriors under the leadership of William, the duke of Normandy, conquered England, and Norman influence spread throughout the British Isles. During the same period, Norman groups won great victories in other lands, including southern Italy.

As Robert Guiscard, a son of Tancred of Hauteville conquered southern Italy, Roger, another of Tancred's sons, took the island of Sicily from the Muslims. These two territories later were united in the famous Kingdom of the Two Sicilies by Roger's son, Roger II." From THE DAILY HERALD, Arlington Heights, Ill. 60006

"A huge fleet was assembled on the Normandy coast to launch an invasion that would change the course of history: the Norman invasion of England in 1066.

Normandy took its name from the Norse who invaded the region in the Middle Ages and established a dukedom there. Bayeux, which dates from Roman times, was the cradle of the dukedom, and people there spoke Norse even when some of their neighbors had taken to French.

William the Conqueror is the pivotal figure in the history of Normandy, not only for his conquest of England but also for the reminders of his reign that are scattered about the region.

William, the illegitimate son of Robert I of Normandy, originally was known as William the Bastard. That proved to be a severe handicap when he set out to woo Matilda of Flanders. She rebuffed him because of his parentage.

William responded with a show of the spirit that perhaps carried him to victory later at Hastings. He rode to Lille, forced his way into the palace of the Court of Flanders, seized Matilda by her braids, dragged her around the room, kicked her and rode off at a full gallop.

That, somehow, won her heart, and Matilda agreed to marry William. But Pope Leo IX objected because they were distant cousins, and when they were wed, he excommunicated them.

The Pope was prevailed upon to lift the excommunication in 1059, and in gratitude William and Matilda founded two abbeys - the Abbaye aux Hommes and the Abbaye aux Dames, both at Caen.

Most of Caen was bombed into ruins in June, 1944, by Allied planes, but the two abbey churches survived and are among the glories of Norman architecture. With the now-ruined abbey church at Jumieges in Normandy, these churches with their twin towers and disdain of embellishment became the model for English medieval architecture after William's conquest.

William was buried before the high altar of the St. Etienne Church in the Abbaye aux Hommes, but Huguenots desecrated his sarcophagus when they sacked the church in the 16th century. Two centuries later, during the French Revolution, his remains were thrown into the River Orne. Matilda lies, undisturbed, in front of the high altar at the Abbaye aux Dames.

There is also at Caen a castle built by William in 1060. It was damaged in World War II but has been restored. The ramparts are those built by William, but the castle walls mostly date from the 15th Century.

William's most famous exploit, the conquest of England. The event that precipitated the conquest was the death of King Edward the Confessor of England. He had lived much of his life in Normandy and had chosen Duke William of Normandy as his successor.

But on his deathbed in January, 1066, Edward named Harold, one of the most powerful earls in his realm, as his heir. The Pope excommunicated Harold and commanded William to chastise the English.

At Easter that year, Halley's Comet appeared and sowed terror in England, where it was taken as a bad omen. But William's astrologer interpreted it as a good augury for the Normans.

William spent months in preparation for the invasion of England and finally assembled his main fleet at Dives (although Barfleur, near Cherbourg, also claims credit as the launching pad of the invasion). On September 12, 12,000 knights, their horses and foot soldiers embarked for England in about 3,000 craft.

William landed September 28 at Pevensey for the last successful invasion of English soil. Napoleon and Hitler couldn't manage it later, but William turned the trick by persuading Norway to open a second front against England. Harold was busy fighting those invaders in Yorkshire while the Normans came ashore unopposed.

Harold rushed south, and the two armies clashed October 14 on a hill six miles northwest of Hastings. The Norman archers made the difference. Harold himself was killed by an arrow that pierced one of his eyes, and by nightfall the English had been defeated." Ray Moseley, Chicago Tribune, May 12, 1985 - Travel Section

"The knitwear town of Hawick features a Common Riding with a long history - its roll of past Cornets goes back, unbroken save for the war years, to 1703. The celebrations have a Druidical flavour, and also mark the rout of English raiders by the young men of the town at Hornshall, two miles away, in 1514. At all the ceremonies the Border folk join with enthusiasm in the ancient Hawick Common Riding song "TERIBUS YE TERI ODIN" (thought to be based on a Norse invocation to the gods Thor and Odin). Gordon Irving, The Highlander magazine.

#### NEW YEAR - RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW - HAPPY HOGMANAY

As the old year sinks down in Time's ocean,  
Stand ready to launch with the new,  
And waste no regrets, no emotion,  
As the spars and the masts pass from view.  
Weep not if some treasures go under,  
And sink in the other ship's hold -  
That New Year that's sailing just yonder  
May bring you more good than the old.

For the world is forever improving -  
All the past is not worth one today -  
And whatever deserves our true loving,  
Is stronger than death or decay.  
Old love - was it wasted devotion?  
Old friends were they weak or untrue?  
Well, let them sink there in mid-ocean,  
And sail gaily on to the new.

Throw overboard useless regretting,  
Or deeds which you cannot undo,  
And learn the great art of forgetting  
Old things which embitter the new.  
Sing who will of dead years departed,  
I shroud them and bid them adieu;  
And the song that I sing, happy-hearted,  
Is a song of the glorious new.  
Ella Wheeler Wilcox

"NO DAY IS OVER IF IT MAKES A MEMORY." Johnathan Roberts