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1987 MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND DUES

Those members who have paid their 1987 dues will find their membership cards enclosed. Those who have not yet paid will find a reminder notice.

"BEDRULE" - SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE

Through the combined efforts of members John Turnbull, Charlotte, N. C., Jan Dairiki, Berkeley, CA. and John Butz, Brooklyn, N. Y., we have contacted Mrs. Betty Grant of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Mrs. Grant devised the dance "BEDRULE" 1984, in memory of her great, great grandmother Elizabeth Turnbull Dickson who left her home, Bedrule, near Jedburgh, in 1834 to emigrate to Canada. We would like to share portions of Mrs. Grant's letter of February 22, 1987.

Dear Mrs. Berk:

I was away in Japan when your letter arrived and with Christmas and a family wedding since, I am just now getting to really answer my mail.

I have enclosed a copy of "Bedrule" and also the music for it. The copyright is actually held by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh EH 3 7AF Scotland.

I wrote this particular dance because I had always admired the courage and strength of my great, great grandmother Elizabeth Turnbull Dickson who had come to Canada with nine children to join her husband and eldest son who had come here in 1833 to build a house for the family. The mother and children came in 1834.

In 1983 we celebrated the 150th anniversary of their arrival at Huron County near the present Seaforth, Ontario. John Butz of New York came as did a couple of hundred other descendants of the Dickson's from all over North America!

My husband David and I have been to Bedrule three times and wandered around there and also the Old Ancrum cemetery where more of the earlier Turnbolls are buried.

David and I both have our Teacher's Certificate from The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Edinburgh and have taught the "Ballroom Dancing of Scotland" for many years in the Toronto area. This type of dancing is carried on all over the world by thousands of dancers and is a marvellous recreation for us. There are a thousand members of the R.S.C.D.S. in Toronto.

David and I go nearly every summer for two weeks to the University of St. Andrews in Scotland to take classes in dancing to keep up our expertise in this activity.

You don't even have to be Scottish to enjoy Scottish Country Dancing. David and I

met S.C.D's in Japan.

David and I have lived all our lives in Toronto and have been married for 40 years. We have four children, two are married, and six and a half grandchildren. I am a Home Economist and David is a lawyer.

We do a lot of Volunteer Service and our hobbies besides Scottish Country Dancing are travelling, reading and gardening.

Sincerely,

Betty Grant

BUYERS - BEWARE OR BE WARY

It has been called to our attention that some of the kiltmakers instead of using the conventional turned up hem are instead allowing the selvage edge to serve that purpose. In the one case, the member had supplied the material to a private kiltmaker so it was not a matter of conserving yardage. One other member has corresponded with the vendor's head honcho's without success. The opinion expressed by the members is that a turned up stitched hem hangs better and looks like a quality garment.

If you are in the market for a kilt, it is advisable that if you desire a turned up hem that you be very specific and have it written into the contract. Make sure to have the vendor underscore that specification.

QUERY

I am the librarian for the Dubbo Macquarie Family History Society - Dubbo being a small city in the central west of New South Wales, Australia.

We have just received the I.A.I. fiche and on seeing your World Surname Organization thought I would write. My Turnbull connection is maternal and originates in Co. Durham England.

Joseph Turnbull (mechanical engineer) married Sarah Scott in Jarrow Co. Durham in 1823. Sarah was born in 1803, died December 7, 1874, aged 71 years. Joseph Turnbull died February 10, 1866. Their youngest daughter Mary Turnbull born September 15, 1842 married George Ternent Wilkinson born 1864 at Old Trimolton, Co. Durham.

Mary and George came to Australia with their family in 1885 and I have their history if anyone is interested.

Joseph and Sarah Turnbull had two sons on ships as they visited Australia and I think an elder daughter Sarah, as we have photos of a Sarah and her great grandson Norman Douglas Robinson.

I would be most interested to know if you have any names on your files who may link in with my Turnbolls. Contact: Mrs. Lyn Harrison, 68 Bennett St., Dubbo 2830 N. S. W., Australia.

TENTS AND GAMES

May 23 - 24 - Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa, California - hosts Donna and Norman Turnbull

July 10 - 11 - Grandfather Mtn. Highland Games, Linville, North Carolina - hosts Netta and John Turnbull.

July 10 - 12 - Antigonish Highland Games, Antigonish, Nova Scotia - The International Gathering of the Clans has an ongoing program starting June 27 with the Nova Scotia Tattoo and opening ceremonies, Halifax thru the Festival of the Forts, Annapolis Royal, August 15 - 16. Further details can be obtained from NOVA SCOTIA TOURISM P.O. Box 130, Halifax, N. S., Canada B3J 2M7.

For those members who have expressed a desire to attend the Games in Antigonish and wondered about accommodations, Norman Turnbull of Orillia, Ont. informs us that the C.A.A. Tour Book for the Atlantic Provinces lists 2 motels for Antigonish.

Auberge Wandlyn Inn - 158 Main St. B2G 2B7. Senior discount-34 units. Reserve deposit required. Dining room.

The Oasis Motel - 2.6 km. east on Trans Canada Highway 104 (P.O. Box 1448, B2G 2L7) 13 units. Reserve deposit required. Restaurant opposite.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Our condolences to Clan Elliot on the passing of it's U. S. founder, Austin L. Elliott.

We had the privilege of meeting Austin the first time we had a tent at GMHG. He was the first of the Border Clan tent hosts to come over and greet us. He at that time offered his sympathies in the loss of our late founder John Turnbull, Hawick, Scotland.

Many of our members are not aware that Sir Arthur Elliott was instrumental in persuading John Turnbull to start up the Turnbull Clan in Scotland while Austin was doing his bit to foster relationships between the Border Clans in the U. S.

The tent hosts at GMHG will miss Austin's warm smile and hearty handshake.

WE THE PEOPLE 200

A celebration of the 200th anniversary of the U. S. Constitution, Philadelphia 1987.

The 200 Scot Committee has put together a Calender of Events which will be of interest to all. See the enclosures for details.

BOOKS

For those who missed it the first time around, "THE HISTORY OF THE TURNBULL FAMILY OF DIGBY, N.S." by John F. Turnbull is still available. The price is \$18.00, write to Norman J. Turnbull, Second Group Box, RR 3, Orillia, Ontario, L3V 6H3, Canada.

"VOYAGERS TO THE WEST" by Bernard Bailyn. "It opens with a narrative of the immigration flood, of attempts by British officials to stem that tide and of the establishment of a Register that became a detailed record of nearly everyone who emigrated from England and Scotland between December, 1773, and March, 1776."

"THE FATAL SHORE" by Robert Hughes. "Australian gulag. A stirring portrait of England's penal colony. The author has done Australians and the rest of us a service, providing both scholarly detail and a human touch to a difficult and too often unspoken-about topic."

TRAVEL

Spring comes early to the southlands and the lure of the gardens and antebellum homes will carry many of our members in that direction. In the Audubon country, a 30 mile drive north on U. S. Highway 61 you will find the town of St. Francisville, Louisiana. Stop in at the West Feliciana Historical Society Museum at 364 Ferdinand St.. There you will find five exhibits depicting the lifestyle of the planters in antebellum times. You will also receive a map of the area and the 26 historical sites and homes to visit.

Your first stop should be Rosedown Plantation and Gardens. A mansion and garden built in 1835 by Daniel Turnbull, a wealthy cotton planter and his wife, Martha Turnbull, a member of the Barrow dynasty in West Feliciana Parish.

Next stop - Catalpa. Just north of Rosedown on U. S. 61. A delightful Victorian cottage, lived in and loved by descendants of William Fort, who founded the plantation in the early 1800s. After a tour laced with family tales (the silver was bagged and thrown in the pond to save it from Yankees), you will sip some sherry from an antique glass while admiring the priceless china and glassware in the dining room.

Catalpa is now occupied by Mamie Bowman Fort, descendant of the Turnbulls of Rosedown Plantation. Identify yourself as a member of the Turnbull Clan and she might show you the rare coin-silver coffee service engraved with the Turnbull crest.

If your wanderings take you further abroad, say to Lake Te Anau, New Zealand and a hike to Milford Sound one of the hiking tours offered takes you to Glade House. On the steps of Glade House you will be greeted by Phil and Betty Turnbull who have hosted hikers every season for 16 years. Editor's note: Have never taken the full 34 mile hike, but can assure you the scenery is spectacular.

Whithaugh, New Castleton, Roxburghshire, Scotland. "No small estate in the Scottish Borders is more steeped in history than that of Whithaugh. From the earliest recorded times until the 18th century it was the home of leading Armstrongs, thus holding an unmatched place in the annals of that family, and subsequently it became the farm and residence of Elliots who were reckoned to be the principal sheep farmers of Liddesdale in their day. In this way Whithaugh has the strongest connections with both of the main Liddesdale 'clans', famous for their raiding expeditions across the Border four hundred years ago."

"The many people who wish to discover their family origins in Scotland often find they have too little time and too many places to visit to find records. Now, in addition to a residence, accommodation for family history and local history research is also to be found at Whithaugh."

"Original records, together with photo and microfilm copies and published material will be gathered together under suitable conditions for both storage and study. In the initial stages space will be provided in Whithaugh House itself, but as the collection expands a separate building will come into use, specifically renovated for the purpose. In either case researchers will find that the bulk of the material they need will be concentrated in one place close at hand."

The most important part of the collection will relate to the area of the Borders, and in particular the valley of Liddesdale. Those who have connections with Border family surnames will therefore be able to research their own genealogy in the country to which the families belonged in the distant past. The Border country

has a varied and interesting history and perhaps it is best known as the scene of Anglo-Scottish wars and the raiding of the sixteenth century; in the latter the families of Liddesdale and adjacent districts were pre-eminent."

"Some of the records and an extensive archive of photographs are already available. As this collection grows it will form an important source of information to which the researchers will contribute further. Residents in the beautiful and peaceful setting of Whithaugh estate will be able to use these facilities also as a guide to the area, for days out exploring on both sides of the Border, and there will therefore be a comprehensive range of catalogues, brochures and tourist literature."

This very interesting information was received some time ago. It accompanied a form for either reserving rooms at the Lodge and/or for the purpose of purchasing rooms.

If any one has any further information on either the museum or the Lodge which they might like to share we would be happy to receive it. The concept has great potential.

March, march, Ettrick and Teviotdale!

Why the deil dinna ye march forward in order?

March, march Eskdale and Liddesdale!

All the Blue Bonnets are over the Border!

Many a banner spread

Flutters above your head,

Many a crest that is famous in story.

Mount and make ready, then,

Sons of the mountain glen,

Fight for the Queen and our old Scottish glory!

Come from the hills where your hirsels are grazing;

Come from the glen of the buck and the roe;

Come to the crag where the beacon is blazing;

Come with the buckler, the lance, and the bow.

Trumpets are sounding;

War-steeds are bounding;

Stand to your arms, then, and march in good order,

England shall many a day

Tell of the bloody fray,

When the Blue Bonnets came over the Border.

Sir Walter Scott

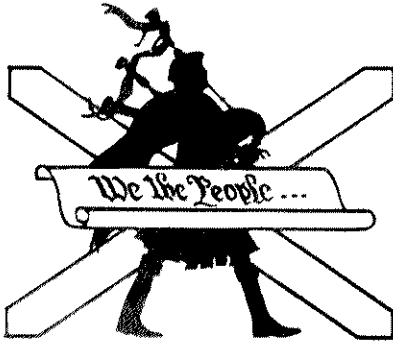
TID BIT - NUTRITION

"In his dictionary, Samuel Johnson defined oats as "a grain, which in England is fed to horses, but in Scotland sustains the people."

James Boswell's response was, "And where but in England can you find such horses, and in Scotland such men!"

Current interest in oatmeal focuses at a far more specific level: its potential ability to lower serum cholesterol. (From an article by Dr. Jean Mayer and Jeanne Goldberg, R.D.)

Now do you believe what your mother told you as a child? "Eat your oatmeal, its good for you." How many of us had this dinned into our ears?



200 SCOT COMMITTEE

January 15, 1987

Mrs. Dorothy Turnbull Berk
Turnbull Clan Assoc
1204 W. Lonnquist Boulevard
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Dear Mrs. Turnbull:

Once again the call is going forth to all the great highland clans and the families of the lowlands and borders. The call is a summons to appear before the good people of this nation. The place: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The purpose: to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Constitution. The celebration, sponsored by WE THE PEOPLE - 200, will be a historical event of international proportions. Fellow Scots, this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to manifest the major role of Scots in the forming of our nation, which now stands as the world leader.

The 200 SCOT COMMITTEE is working with WE THE PEOPLE - 200 to make the period from May 1 through September 20, 1987 a memorable one for Scots and the general public. The attached Calender of Events will give you an idea of the events scheduled by your committee. The centerpiece will be Constitution Day, September 17, 1987, when the largest parade ever held in the United States will be shown on international television. The Royal and Canadian Black Watch pipe bands have been invited to lead the Scottish-American contingent.

Please advise your membership of the WE THE PEOPLE - 200 celebration, and invite their participation. The 200 SCOT COMMITTEE is making every effort to have the visit of Scots to Philadelphia be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. If your organization wishes to join with other "sponsors" of the 200 SCOT COMMITTEE to assist in the further development of scottish events, please review the attached Sponsors Guide and Benefits. To qualify for the benefits listed, all sponsoring organizations must have their contributions in by March 1, 1987 (Individuals by June 1, 1987). Reserved rooms and tent space at games will be allocated during March. All inquiries, and contributions should be addressed to the Communications Center (see Committee listing - page 8).

We need everyone's help to make this Constitutional Gathering one in which visiting Scots will have the most pleasurable experience of their life.

Yours Aye

Ken Diehl
Ken Diehl
Clan Donald, U.S.A.
Highland Convener

Yours Aye

Tina Clark
Tina Clark
Clan Home/Hume Society
Lowland & Borders Convener

Celebrating the Bicentennial of The Constitution



200 SCOT COMMITTEE

CALENDER OF EVENTS



The following represents the 200 SCOT Committee's Calender of Events as of January 15, 1987. These events are those in which the 200 SCOT Committee has authorized its participation in or sponsorship of, in cooperation with the Celebration of the Bicentennial of the Constitution. The Calender of Events has been presented to the Project Coordinator of WE THE PEOPLE 200 for inclusion in the official Listing of Events for the City of Philadelphia and the Federal Government. The general public will be invited to all events, subject only to space limitations.

1. May 1, 1987 LAW DAY: Arrival in Philadelphia of the Magna Charta from the United Kingdom. The 200 SCOT Committee has been requested to provide an Escort To The Colours for the Procession to Old City Hall at the request of the British Committee.
2. June, 1987 FESTIVAL OF NATIONS: Cultural performances, fairs, festivals, and art exhibitions from countries throughout the world will take place during the summer months. The Scottish Historical and Research Society of the Delaware Valley which will participate has requested supplemental participation and support from the 200 SCOT Committee.
3. June 20, 1987 DELCO SCOTTISH GAMES: A Scottish Ceilidh (an evening of music, dancing, and entertainment) will be sponsored by Delco, and co-sponsored by the Alliance of Border Scots and the 200 SCOT Committee for members of clans, families, and the public attending the games. A hospitality tent will be hosted by the 200 SCOT Committee. The Delco Scottish Games are held annually at the Devon Horse Show Grounds in Devon, PA.
4. July 11, 1987 SCHOLARS DAY: A Reception in the Rose Garden, Independence National Historical Park, in cooperation with Springside School's Summer Institute. Reception hosted by the Alliance of Border Scots and the 200 SCOT Committee.

Springside School's Summer Institute for secondary school teachers will be held in Scotland (St. Andrew's University) and The United States (Princeton University). The Institute will review the affects of the Scottish intellectual movement upon the initiation of the Revolution, the formation of the Republic, and the writing of the Constitution.

Celebrating the Bicentennial of The Constitution

5. September
15-20, 1987

CONSTITUTION DAY and WEEK: The 200 SCOT Committee has reserved over 160 hotel rooms for visitors and developed a full week of activities and entertainment.

Tuesday Reception and Visitors Assistance Center: Program opens at the Latham Hotel, the official 200 SCOT Committee center of activities. Hosts are the Council of Scottish Clan Associations and the Alliance of Border Scots.

Wednesday Burberrys Ltd. Reception: A hosted reception for visiting clan, families, and honored guests. Burberrys Ltd. is a major department store located on the "British Block" in Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia.

The Scottish American Military Society (SAMS) will host an evening Tattoo with a reception for the officers and men of the visiting military pipe bands. The event will be held in the First City Troop Armory and Museum.

Thursday Constitution Day: A holiday with the President of the United States, Supreme Court, and Congress invited to be in Philadelphia. Governors of all the states invited to attend. The parade will be America's largest ever. The 200 SCOT Committee will sponsor the marching unit from the Scottish-American community (up to 1000 kilted clansmen expected with "Escort to the Colours"). The Royal and Canadian Black Watch pipe bands have been invited to lead the Scottish-American contingent.

Friday Individual Clan and Society Meetings: Tours and Receptions as planned by individual groups.

Saturday Scottish Country Fair and Gathering of Clans: Sponsored by the First Highland Watch of Pennsylvania, the Pipersville Scottish Country Fair is held annually at Pipersville, PA. A reception tent at the fair will be hosted by the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia.

Sunday Gathering of Society Presidents and Clan Chiefs: The 200 SCOT Committee will participate in the dedication of the Graham Library at Graeme Park. All clans, families, and societies are invited to attend the dedication which is sponsored by the Clan Graham Society. A reception will be hosted by the Alliance of Border Scots.

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