

THE BULL'S EYE BULL-E-TIN



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TENTS AND GAMES AND REPORTS

John Turnbull, Charlotte, N. C., tent host GMHG reports: "The Torchlight Ceremony was held Thursday night. McRae Meadow was packed with spectators. An ad had been placed in the local paper inviting everyone to come to the free affair. The torches remained lit this year, thanks to pieces of firelighters - a key improvement. We entered from opposite ends of the field, then split into the diagonals of the St. Andrews Cross, then announced our Clan, locations and other words as appropriate. One of the honored guests, (either The Earl of Ancram or Baron Carmichael) from Scotland, reported later how with pride he had declared for his Clan, as their Chief at this ceremony. No greater pleasure than I had.

The tent was busy hosting old friends and new faces. Even some international visitors. Friends of Turnbull's who carried back Clan information in hopes of recruiting some new members. There was a good show of Turnbull's for the Parade of the Tartans.

Netta and I attended the Chief's Luncheon. The old subject of women marching in the PARADE OF THE TARTANS was again raised. Charles Gordon explained at length that the parade was meant to represent the men of the Clans going off to war.

Traffic is an ever present problem; silence (or lack thereof) during the Church Service and playing of the National Anthem were raised. Compliments were given to the designers of the new torch. Several Chiefs complimented the President of the Games on the excellent organization. Indeed it is a most difficult job.

The honored guest at the Tartan Fall was Lady Gordon. The distinguished guest, Chief of the Kerr Clan, pleased us by remarking on the importance of the Lowland families at GMEC. He later impressed us by playing the guitar and singing, with accomplishment.

We still need a better dance floor surface. The indoor tennis courts are covered with a vinyl tarp which in turn has a liberal sprinkling of rosin. It takes a while before the rosin takes effect.

The TCA tert is better than it was, but we still have a long way to go. Would welcome "constructive criticism" and any help with banners, display items etc. deemed appropriate. I know there are talented members out there.

We had enough chairs this year to 1) give everyone a seat and 2) prevent cut thru traffic, most of the time.

Next year we will be on the front row with the best view. So make your plans now to join us at GMHG in 1989

This was Sally Turnbull Dupuis' first visit to GMHG. She is a delightful person and was a great help with the setting up of the tent. Sally had just moved to N.C. and contacted John to volunteer her services at GMHG.

My appreciation again for allowing Netta and I to host the TCA tent at GMHG. Indeed a labor of Jove."

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

The Games were held at Brooks Field, Golden, Colorado. Velle and Morris Turnbull hosted the TCA tent. Velle says many people dropped by to chat, but no members. Velle also reports that there is talk of relocating the Games to a new area, more on that as information becomes available.

OTHER GAMES

Bob Foster, Tallahassee, Florida has sent a large packet of programs and pictures from the various other Games he has attended around the country.

Bob has been sending reports with an eye to future locations for a TCA tent. VOLUNTEERS MOST WELCOME.

Bob Foster and John W. Turnbull, Lake Lure, N.C. were all lined up to host a tent at the Stone Mountain Games, Atlanta, but the necessary information was never received.

SCOTIA HERITAGE - GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH & PERSONALIZED TOURS

Several weeks ago, a phone call from a representative of the above organization was received. He was interested in learning about TCA and the desires of those members travelling to Scotland. I passed along a remark made to me by one of the guides in a castle in the Border. He lamented the fact that all of the organized tours stop at Jedburgh or Abbotsford, in the Border area, then race away to Edinburgh.

Being a Border Clan we would like to see more tours in that area, particularly for those folks who do not care to drive.

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FUNDS NEEDED TO REPAIR BELEULE CHURCH

The following letter was received from Rev. Steven W. Trimble, Haskins, Ohio.

"Audrey and I have been back from Scotland for a month now. What a wonderful experience that was for us. The Baptist Youth World Conference was held in Glasgow and this year was our 20th anniversary, so we put it all together for our dream trip. Now we are makings plans for a return trip.

After six days in Glasgow we struck out on our cwn. We "hired a carriage" in Glasgow and drove to see Geoff and Viv Bittingham and their sheepdags at Tweedhopefoote. From there we went to Peebles, Galashiels, Jedburgh

and Hawick. All of this took four days since we had to see everything. Naturally, we did not see all we wanted to see in four days.

While in Hawick we shopped around and mentioned to some people that we were going to see Myra Turnbull. They would respond by saying, "she's our first Lady Provost you know." She certainly is a much loved lady in Hawick.

Myra took time from her busy schedule to visit with us. She mentioned John's store and the Turnbull Whisky, naturally I had to stop for a bottle on the way out.

I told Myra of the need for funds for the repair of Bedrule Church. We stopped there on our way to Hawick, took pictures, saw the offering box and notice by the Vicar that repairs were needed, especially to the entrance and bell tower. Myra suggested that, since there had been mention of doing something in John's memory, we might try to raise some money in the Clan and donate it to the Bedrule Church so that they could make the repairs. I am sure that the Church would appreciate such a memorial. If you think this is worth while could you mention it in the newsletter? I am sure we could get a nice amount for them."

A letter of reply was sent off to Steve to inquire if there was any news of Dr. Michael Robson's book about the Turnbulls. His reply: "As I understand it, when there is a sufficient amount of orders, the book will be published."

TO ADD TO THE ABOVE

BEDRULE has a population of about 34. It is the traditional stamping ground of the Turnbull family who controlled the Rule Valley from source to Teviot from its chief's Bedrule Castle stronghold. There are no remains of the 13th century castle which once overlocked the river from a site near the church. The church is strikingly located above the glen. The church has a colorful heraldic ceiling. While known in the area as the Turnbull's church, it now seems to be predominately used by the Maitland and Usher families.

It is a very small, quaint building. The graveyard is filled with stones of many of the local Turnbull's buried there. As you enter the church, on the wall to your right is a Turnbull crest. On the left side are bronze plaques one of which is dedicated to William Turnbull, Bishop of Glasgow and founder of the University of Glasgow.

During the 1985 Gathering of the Clan in Hawick, Dr. Rory Hamilton proposed that a similar plaque be placed in the church in memory of John Turnbull, our late founder.

It had been hoped that some of Myra's committee in Hawick would have put a plan together and submitted it to Australia and the U.S. Branches. Nothing has been heard.

The repair and preservation of this church is important to our heritage. Comments would be appreciated as to whether a free will offering from the members should be solicited or whether a sum of money should be given from the treasury.

THE TURNBULL BOOK

Vol. VI No. 2, August, 1985 newsletter: 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.

Or. 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 questions which have been eluding us.

The supply of the above mentioned flyer has been long gone. However, a short note to Mrs. Myra Turnbull, Coblestanes, Wilton Park Road, Hawick TD9 7JH, Scotland is all that it takes to get your name on the list. You will be notified of the price at the time of publication.

SMALL WORLD DEPARTMENT

In the last newsletter we published an article "His bagpipe moves Macedonian mountains". The piper was from Yugoslavia and I mentioned that Bill and I would be going to Eastern Europe and hoped to hear some pipers while there.

We attended several folk shows but never saw a piper. However, some of the music did imitate the sounds of the pipes. Many folk murals depicted the pipers and we did see some very lovely porcelain figurines of the rative shepherd pipers.

One night while riding a local bus back to our hotel we met a lady from Australia. She had been living in Poland for the last two years and was in Dubrovnik to attend some of the performances at the festival. During the course of conversation it was learned that her mother-in-law was Mrs. Marj Turnbull Lee of Hackett, A. C. T. Australia. Her address was obtained and sent off to Jim Turnbull who replied that Mrs. Lee has been a long time member. Mrs. Lee also has relatives living in Chicago.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

Jim Turnbull, St. Marys NSW, Australia sends along the following news:

"Again I must apologise for the delay in answering your correspondence. The excuse is the same - too much work to do and no time to do it in. We did take a couple of weeks off early in July to visit Expo in Brisbane. It was quite good but too many people to really enjoy everything. We did not see everything as we only spent 3 days there. The people were qued up for almost 5 hours to see some of the pavillions, especially

Canada and New Zealand.

We are also busy with the organizing of our family/clan gathering on the first weekend in October (1st & 2nd). I think we will have a good roll up as we already have confirmations for some 40 people, some coming from Perth WA, and Melbourne. Most of those coming are our own family so far, however the Melbourne family are 'strangers'.

Thank you for the newspaper articles on Myra and her achievements in Hawick. I can understand why we do not get much correspondence from her.

Enclosed is our latest Newsletter for your files, along with another copy of Vol. 1 which you can pass on to the Library of Congress. I have donated a copy to our National Library in Canberra, who also want all future copies. ALSO enclosed is a printout of the NEW SMYRNA-FLORIDA Turnbull family which you will no doubt find very interesting. I have printed it on paper which will allow you to reproduce it in yournewsletter. We may get some extra info come thru or the family. I have sent a copy to the Lady in Canberra who supplied the Family Tree to me and mentioned I would make copies available to some of the decendents in the UK and Africa, if she thought they might be interested.

Also included in the details on the SMYRNA Turnbulls was a Family Tree for the ELLIOTT family, relating to the Family of a William FIJIOTT who married Anne Skinking, daughter of a Governor of South Carolina. Their g-grandaughter Eliza Catherine Percy married William Duncan Turnbull, son of Andrew Turnbull and Gracia Rubine. This tree was undoubtedly written by the author of the SMYRNA Turnbull tree as it also finishes around 1896. If you have any ELLIOTT contacts in the USA they may be interested in a copy, or you may want a copy for yourself.

In your letter of May 30, you mentioned the book 'THE FATAL SHORE' by Robert Hughes. The ALEXANDER BLIGH TURNBULL would no doubt be the son of MALCOLM BLIGH TURNBULL, the Barrister who defended the Author of the book 'SPYCATCHER' recently against the British Government. This case has made Malcolm Turnbull a millionaire overnight and he is touted as one day a possible contender for Prime Minister of Australia. Malcolm is a descendent of one of the oldest pioneering Turnbull families in Australia, his ancestors having came to Australia in 1802 on the "Coromandel". This family is today known as the "Coromandel" Turnbull family and along with my own family is the higgest Turnbull family in the country. Malcolm Bligh Turnbull married a HUGHES, possibly a sister or niece of Robert Hughes. See enclosed clippings on Malcolm Turnbull, (Malcolm is NO relation to my family).

Do you have any details or copies of the music of the TURNBULL MARCH, or whatever, that was mentioned a few years ago. If so I would like at least a copy of the music which can be played at our Gathering in October. I have not yet copied the Hawick tapes for you will get around to it as soon as possible.

Shirley is still at College doing her Nurses Training. So far she has passed most exams but still has some 2 years study to go. I am still chasing broken down machinery all over NSW so am away from home quite a lot. I have started taking my computer with me on these trips so I can at least get something done while I am away from home.

I have now got some 24 different branches on computer (see enclosed list) The first 12 I am going to bind into one volume and will send a copy when completed (Eranches 1 & 2 will only be a 1 page reference each in this volume. #1 is my own family which runs to some 200 pages, #2 is the Coromandel family which will also run to some 100 plus pages, so thes two families will be separate volumes). We will have some 20 different Trees on display at the gathering in October. These have been done for display purposes and are massive - 2 feet high and up to 40 feet long. When it is over I will send you the NEW SMYRNA/ELLIOTT tree for your records, we will do another one for our own records.

Hope to hear from you in the not too distant future. "

Regards, Jim & Shirley

P.S. Do you know if the book on the "ROSEDOWN PLANTATION" Turnbulls is still available, if so you may like to pass on their address to me so I can endeavour to obtain a copy. If you are in contact with John Butz, I am still interested in a copy of his book. Also, have you heard anything about Mike Robson's book on the TURNBULLS in Scotland.

EUITOR'S NOTE

Copies of the pipe music for the TURNBULLS GATHERING MARCH and the TURNBULLS MARCH were sent off to Jim and thank you note already received.

The reference to "THE FATAL SHCRE" The epic of Australia's founding by Robert Hughes, the book is now out in paperback and the dedication page reads: For my godson, Alexander Bligh Turnbull, B.1982 a seventh-generation Australian and for my son's godparents Alan Moorhead, 1910-1983, Lucy Moorhead, 1908-1979.

A copy of the Printouts of Clan Family Branches will be attached to this rewsletter. Please keep it for future reference.

The prices shown are in Australian dollars so please convert when sending for any of these family trees. The price for packing and postage will be different as the Australian postage for overseas is quite expensive.

Suggest you write to Jim, tell him the Branch Numbers you want, he can take the packet to his postoffice and have it weighed, he can advise you of the total amount due under separate cover.

Write to: S. J. Turnbull, P. O. Box 375, St. Marys NSW 2760, Australia.

We wish our Australian cousins a successful gathering, sunny skies and a great crowd. So sorry we can't be there to swell the crowd.

1989 INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS

The site for the 1989 International Gathering of the C)ans will be Inverness, Scotland - May 6-14. Further information will be published as it is received.

It is not known whether or not there will be a International Gathering of the Turnbulls in Hawick in 1989. Myra Turnbull is swept up in her

duties as Hawick's first Lady Provost. It is hoped that she can delegate some of the Clan work to some of her committee people. There are some who have worked or past Gatherings who might be willing to lend a hand.

BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY

Bob Turnbull, Orange, California was fishing off Catalina Island. He and his friend went ashore for dinner. On the way back to the boat Bob took ill. The para-medics arrived and he was air lifted to Long Beach Memorial Hospital where by-pass surgery was performed.

Bob is high in the praise of all who were responsible for the wonderful care he received. Our thoughts and prayers for a speedy and uneventful recovery.

PILGRIM ANCESTORS

Shall we not pause one moment on our way,
As we make joyous, carefree holiday,
To think of those Novembers long ago?
Of stony ground the Pilgrims toiled to sow;
Of rivers bridged; of tangled forests cleared
To pave the way for cities we have reared;
Of schools and churches built; of brave lives spent,
For liberty and faith and high intent;
Shall we, whose blessings are so richly poured,
Forget to say a simple "Thank you, Lord"?

Anon

The calendar from September to December has a wide array of events from the glad to the sad. As Autumn wraps us in her colorful mantle we observe Labor Day, Columbus Day, Halloween, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day. The Christmas season for some is a year round venture.

This year the calendar bears another significant day, November 8, Election Day - DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!!!!!!!!

PLEASE!!!!!! Send along your news, thoughts, comments, observations. More member input is needed. This is your Clan and your Newsletter please participate and help the editor to fill these pages.

These printed copies contain as much genealogical details of each family that we have on record. Some have only one page of family details, others have up to 20 pages. Each copy also includes eight pages of historical details of the origins and history of the Turnbulls. Each copy is bound in a soft cover. Following is a list of the available family branches.

Branct	h #. Branch Name.	Family names.		‡ Pages.	Price.
001	Macclesfield-Portland	John Turnbull-Helen Anderson	(NSW-Vic)	•	available)
002	Coromandel	John Turnbull-Ann Warr	(NSW)	(Not yet	available)
003	Samuel Plimsoll/Northampton	William Turnbull-Isabella Lamber	-t (NSW)	11	\$20.00
004	***************************************	John Turnbull-Margaret Stevenson		2	\$10.00
005	Almorah-Baring	Robert Turnbull-Eliz. Forrester	(NSW)	20	\$20.00
006	Ashington-Northumberland	Gilbert Turnbull	(NSW)	2	\$10.00
007	Coghills Creek-Victoria	John Turnbull - Mary	(Vic)	3	\$10.00
008	Forfarshire-Scotland	Andrew Turnbull - Mary Smith	(Vic)	5	\$15.00
009	Whithy-Yorkshire	William T Margt.Goldsbrough	(Eng)	7	\$15.00
010	Barossa-Fanama	James Turnbull-Janet Frazer	(Vic-NSW)	16	\$20.00
011	Midlothian-Edinburgh	John Turnbull-Jame Stuart	(Q1d)	1	\$10.00
012	Augusta-Virginia	James Turnbull-Grace	(USA)	14	\$20.00
014	Diana-Fersia-Fairlie	Andrew Turnbull-Margaret Leitch	(NSW)	(Not yet	available)
015	Eyemouth-Scotland	Richard Turnbull-Anne Home	(Vic)		\$10.00
016	Isle-of-Man	Thomas Trumbul-Margaret Smith	(NSM)	(Not yet	available)
017	Airth-Scotland	Robert Turnbull-Grace White	(Vic)	10	\$20.00
018	Parkes NSW	Robert Turnbull Price	(NSW)	(Not yet	available)
019	Edinburgh-Burra	James Turnbull	(S.A)	(Not yet	available)
020	Minto-Bedrule	Sir Thos. Turnbull-Janet	(NSW)	(Not yet	available)
	o 034 (Not yet available)				
035	Charles Kerr	Robert Turnbull-Rachel Harper	(Q1d)	4	\$10.00
036	Phipps Turnbull	John Turnbull-Christ.Acheson	(Vic)	21	\$20.00
	054 (Not yet available)				
055 055	Queen of the Colonies	Walter Turnbull-Agnes Burns	(B1d)	4	\$10.00
	077 (Not yet available)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	·		
030 aa 078	Blonde	William Turnbull-Mary Wilson	(NSN)	21	\$20.00
079 to	091 (Not yet available)				
092	North Shore-Durham	Thomas Turnbull-Ann Robinson	(Tas)	11	\$20.00
093	Hetton-le-Hole Durham	Joseph Turnbull-Sarah Scott	(Q1d)	1	\$10.00
094 to	103 (Not yet available)	•			
104	Broomhouse-Lanarkshire	John Turnbull-Janet Dick	(USA)	2	\$10.00
	132 (Not yet available)				
133	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Ann Turnbull-John Bowes	(5.A)	1	\$10.00
134 to	o 155 (Not yet available)				*** **
156	Staines-Middlesex	John Turnbull	(Tas)	1	\$10.00
157 to	215 (Not yet available)				
216	Raleigh	John Turnbull-Ann Anderson	(Vic-Tas)	10	\$20.00
	o 475 (Not yet available)				
476	Contest-Saldanha	Robert Turnbull-Jean Moody	(Vic-NZ)	2	\$10.00

Further branches will be added to this list as they become available.

All above prices plus \$2.00 for Packing & Postage.

059. NEW SMYRNA. GLORIOA. HUDREW TURNSULL STREEM RUSINE, 45 N. 9 \$15.00

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