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HIGHLAND GAMES AND REPORTS

July 14 - 15 - GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES, MacRae Meadow, Linville, N.C. Tent hosts Netta and John Turnbull, Charlotte, N. C. Sponsored by Scottish Heritage, U.S.A., Inc. P.O. Box 127, Banner Elk, N.C. 28604.

GATLINBURG SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & GAMES, Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Tent host Don Turnbull Brevard, N. C. has written: "The location was less than desirable. The weather mixed, sunshine and clouds - fortunately no rain. There were some 45 Clans represented with the Armstrong's being the Game's Clan. I was very pleased when a member of my mother's Clan (Young) took top honors as best contestant in the Amateur Field Events, a Sonny Young from Columbia, S. C.

The tent enjoyed some nice activity. Drop-ins and Clan neighbors gave me leads to several potential members. Follow-ups have already been made.

The Skeen's were interested as to where we obtained our Tartan flagpole - have written to Bob Foster and asked him to forward information direct to Skeen. Also, Col. Hall was interested in Bob's upcoming Military Presentation of All Clan Tartans - Asked Bob for forward this information directly to Col. Hall."

UNITED SCOTTISH SOCIETY GATHERING & GAMES, Costa Mesa, CA. Tent hosts Donna and Norman Turnbull, Bullhead City, AZ. "The weather was brisk, cool and windy. The tent enjoyed a steady stream of members. Not all signed in so estimate about 25 stopped by. Donna got sick on Saturday so on Sunday Bob Turnbull of Orange, CA. stepped in to lend a hand. Hosting the tent is always an enjoyable experience."

WANTED: Norman has asked that we find a new tent host for next year's Costa Mesa Games. They have been living in Arizona these past couple of years and it is becoming a bit more than they can handle.

DO WE HAVE ANY VOLUNTEERS? Please get in touch with me for details.

A HEARTY THANK YOU TO DONNA AND NORMAN for all the years they have hosted the tent. The members in southern CA. have been great and your support is greatly appreciated.

TARTAN DAY -

July 1st is designated as Tartan Day. The Scottish Tartans Society of Comrie, Perthshire, Scotland, reminds Scots all over the world that July 1 is Tartan Day, the anniversary of the Repeal of the Act of Proscription in 1782.

Observe the day by wearing the Tartan - preferably a kilt, but at least a necktie, shawl, scarf or just a swatch.

"The Clan Anderson Society newsletter arrived with a reminder asking everyone to wear a yellow ribbon for Terry Anderson (an honorary member of Clan Anderson and American hostage in the Middle East) on your kilt, etc. during any Scottish function you attend." Reprinted from "THE FAMILY TREE" published by the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library, Moultrie, Georgia.

GENEALOGY

"I am looking desperately for my g-g-g-grandmother, Janet Turnbull who married John Ballantyne in Selkirk, Scotland. According to an intention to marry record from the Register House, they presented intentions 13 May 1808 - Church of Selkirk. What denomination? Who were her parents etc.? It stated she was from Lilliesleaf, Scotland. They left Scotland on ship "Tyrair" to port of New Orleans then up the Mississippi River to Nauvoo, Illinois and landed November 1841. Children: Helen (Ellen); Janet (Jessie) married Hay; Andrew, Robert, Margaret (Margot) married Wight; James married Abigail Andrews. Any clues would be hugely appreciated. Contact: Wenda James, 4101 Carpenter Road, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52402.

ELMIRA, ILLINOIS DESCENDANTS - Back in January, 1985 a SPECIAL ISSUE of the newsletter was sent out containing some pages from the Centennial Booklet which was published by the pioneers of Elmira, Illinois. This little town was settled by Turnbulls, Rules, Olivers, Armstrongs, Montooths, Jacksons and McRaes. In 1938 the town came back to life, like the mythical Brigadoon. It was the centennial celebration marking the arrival of the first settlers.

Michael Winn, Toulon, Illinois, has sent along some very interesting information. "The Elmira United Presbyterian Church with Rev. Gordon Page is publishing a 1990 history of the Elmira community to update from 1938 thru 1990. I am sure the 1990 Elmira Community History Book will bring out Turnbull's all over as in 1938."

Several of our members are descendants of the Elmira families, it would be nice if you would send along any new information you have to: Rev. Gordon Page, Elmira United Presbyterian Church, Rt. 2, Box 100, Toulon, Illinois 61483. Phone: Office: 309-896-3481, Home: 309-896-3031.

NEWS FROM DOWN UNDER

A lovely big packet of goodies has arrived from Jim Turnbull, Convener of the Australian Branch. Jim enclosed a copy of his book: "A COLLATERAL OF BLANTYRE" A History of the Turnbull Family, The Macciesfield - Portland Turnbull's, 1784 - 1989. Jim estimates it to be about 50% of our family here in Australia. Jim states that it is already well out of date. Since the book was printed he has received details from other family members of whom he did not know even existed. A conservative estimate of descendants from these newfound families would run to some 500 persons.

Jim wrote of the earthquake which hit Newcastle and of the anxious moments he and Shirley had. Their son Jamie was scheduled to go to Newcastle that morning and they never heard from him till four days after the quake. Fortunately he never went to Newcastle and turned up at home some four days later.

At the time of the quake, Jim was visiting his mother in southern NSW, some 300 miles away. Shirley was home in St. Mary's and she reported that the whole house shook but no damage. He feels, like San Francisco, it will take years to recover from the damages.

Jim reports he receives quite a lot of correspondence from New Zealand and is considering soliciting for members in that area. He likewise felt we should do the same with Canada. He has heard from a number of Canadians and will be sending me a list of them.

Also enclosed was a list of Turnbull Families in his file. This list of some 354 different families, would contain in excess of 100,000 names, most of which are unindexed at present. As well as these are details of some 43 different families of the RULE surname, which is involved with the Turnbull surname. The Rule families are also unindexed at present.

Jim sends along best wishes for 1990, and the hope it is the start of a successful decade in all our ventures.

A NOTE TO OUR CANADIAN MEMBERS

Many have written to say that they had heard about a gentleman in western Canada who was trying to start up a Canadian Branch. I had been in touch with the person in question over the years and was working with him in his efforts.

About a month ago I wrote Tom Turnbull, Sardis, B. C. Canada, a letter inquiring into his progress. The letter has just been returned to me unopened with the words "Deceased" on it. We are sure sorry to receive this news.

BOOKS AND VIDEO

"A BONNIE SCOTTISH COOKBOOK" by Kay Shaw Nelson. Favorite recipes for Scottish fare--from standard scones and Petticoat Tails to more exotic dishes. The author creates an atmosphere for enjoying them by providing colorful background notes on Scottish words, holidays and local customs. Recipes are clear, concise and encouraging even for the novice cook. It also contains 25 recipes for oat dishes.

The publisher is offering a 20% ^{discount} for individual orders: \$8.75 per copy plus \$2.00 shipping for 1 book, \$1.00 each additional. (Retail price is \$10.95) Va. residents add 4.5% tax. Mail to: EPM, Box 490, McLean, VA. 22101.

Fusion Video, 17214 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, Il. 60477-3402 - 1-800-338-7710 has a catalog "THE BEST OF BRITISH HERITAGE" on video. One section "Discovering the United Kingdom" has a listing of places to visit. Other listings include "The Empire at War", "British Royalty", "Best of the Cinema & T.V. from the U.K.", and "Pomp and Ceremony".

TRAVEL

If you know someone 60 or over who would like to become a British Airways Privileged Traveller, contact: British Airways, P.O. Box 7706, Woodside, N.Y. 11377-9888. Details will be mailed to you. There is a small charge for joining.

Benefits include 10% discount on all British Airways European flights, 10% discount on LONDON PLUS and PREFERRED VACATIONS as per brochure you will be sent. Hawaiian land packages in conjunction with United Airlines, 10% off The Venice-Simplon-Orient Express and discounts on certain Cunard cruises and resorts. A 10% discount applies to a group of hotels, bed and breakfast inns, theatre tickets, restaurants, special events and more.

Bill and I can vouch for some of the benefits as we will be flying BA to London then on to Gothenberg, Sweden. When our travel agent mentioned our Privileged Traveller card number they told him the discount would apply. They also volunteered a 10% discount for the airport hotel we will be staying in on our return to London. Our travel agent was very impressed - no hassle.

Dining in London? You need a reservation to dine in London's favorite spot. Rules, 35 Maiden Lane, W.C. 2, is a historic watering hole serving very British dishes. Rules boasts that it is London's oldest restaurant, it opened in 1798. Founded by Thomas Rule. Rules has entertained the high and the mighty, royalty, writers, actors. Rules regular patron are tourists and business people. Americans like to have dinner here.

The decor is pure Victorian, painting, sculpture, dark wood paneling. Open every day except Sunday from noon to midnight. For reservations or other information call: 01-836-5314 or 01-836-2559.

Rule is a sept family of Turnbull Clan. One of our members has a Rule-Turnbull ancestry. She is planning a trip to the U.K. It is hoped she has an opportunity to dine at Rules and give us her report.

THE CITY OF GLASGOW is a big sprawling city, however, of much interest is the University of Glasgow founded by the Bishop of Glasgow, William Turnbull. On the outside western wall of the sacristy wing at Glasgow Cathedral, within a moulding, is carved a shield bearing the crest of Bishop Turnbull.

There is also a very short road called Turnbull Street. The Church of Old Kilpatrick, Erskine, Dumbartonshire, just outside Glasgow, has many Turnbull records. The day we visited, the church was closed. The groundskeeper handed me a book which was very old and falling apart. It contained the records for the graves. Many of these graves are unmarked but names and dates are in the book.

NEW SMYRNA

The very colorful and informative brochure which is enclosed comes to you thru the courtesy of JoAnne Sikes, Librarian, Edgewater, Florida and George Wolsfelt, Secretary of the Southeast Volusia Historical Society, Inc. Our thank you to both for the generous supply.

If your travels take you to New Smyrna, please stop by the Historical Society or the Chamber of Commerce and thank them personally. I know they will appreciate knowing that you enjoyed the information they have collected.

JoAnne Sikes and I have been corresponding for about the last three or four years. She has kept us supplied with many items pertaining to Dr. Andrew Turnbull. Her letters are always so very interesting. I would like to share her most recent one with you.

"If you need any more brochures please let me know. I'll send them to you. They are well written and colorful - I'm sorry to say our area is just beginning to wake up to it's beginnings.

The book, "THE MINORCANS IN FLORIDA: Their History, Language and Culture" by Dr. Phillip D. Rasico, is for sale to the public. 500 copies have been printed. I'm sending you a write up about the book with price and address to write for a copy.

I'm planning A Founder's Day for the City of Edgewater - Nov.17th. I've never done this before but I will have a committee to help. We hope to invite some of the children from the elementary schools and the middle school. I'm showing slides and giving our Edgewater History, May 20th.

It is amazing to some people to learn this was rough frontier in the 1860-70's. Some of the cottages had nothing but sand for their floors - and NOBODY could survive without netting to keep off the mosquitoes. In the early years this was MOSQUITO COUNTY, with the Mosquito Inlet and the Mosquito River - and very well named. Even when I was growing up smudge pots were used nightly.

My mother's ancestors came with Dr. Turnbull and moved on to St. Augustine. An interesting note about the oldest house - was last lived in by Geronimo Alvarez - G. Alvarez was granted land way south of St. Augustine. Dr. John Milton purchased this 500 acre grant in 1865. This is now part of the City of Edgewater where I now live.

Eugenia Price has also written "MARGARET'S STORY", this follows "MARIA" and it is just as well written.

St. Augustine has restored St. George Street. It has been turned into a street of shops. The old Fort Marion is open with tours conducted daily. I enjoy going there as often as I can. You may want to make a note that the Research Library sponsored by the Historical Society is on the property of the oldest house. I really like to go there.

The Indian River Lodge, is an old hotel which has been restored and re-opened. If you ever get to come to our area it would be a nice quiet, yet comfortable place to come. They have opened the dining room to the public now and the local folks (like me) find it a quiet, restful place to eat with reasonable prices and good service.

Hope you have a nice summer."

BOOK REVIEW

A definitive 200 page history, "THE MINORCANS IN FLORIDA: Their History, Language and Culture" by Dr. Phillip D. Rasico has been released.

The historical importance of New Smyrna is Florida's best kept secret. This book is an essential contribution to our knowledge about Florida's settlement as well

as the tremendous influence of the Minorcans. This book was locally funded and published; perhaps New Smyrna Beach has come of age, said Lawrence J. Sweett, Chairman of the Volusia County Historical Commission, who promoted and funded the work which was sponsored by the Commission.

New Smyrna was the largest British attempt at colonization in the New World. Colonists from Greece, Italy and Minorca (an island east of Spain, in the Mediterranean) joined in Dr. Andrew Turnbull's ambitious venture. Nearly 72% of the 1,403 colonists were of Minorcan extraction.

A comprehensive history covers the Minorcan's journey, arrival at New Smyrna, settlement in 1768, and their mass exodus on foot to St. Augustine in 1777. A complete text of their depositions concerning hardships and maltreatment by Turnbull and his overseers is included for the first time.

Genealogists will find the listing of Minorcan colonists by name, occupation, and point of origin particularly valuable.

The author, Phillip Rasico, is currently an Associate Professor of Spanish and Portuguese at Vanderbilt University. He has included a lexicon of the Minorcan Language -- Catalan, a variant of Spanish -- which provides an intriguing glimpse of their values, concerns and conditions.

Illustrated, footnoted, with bibliography and extensive index, this is a vital reference book for any Florida history collection.

The 200 page hardcover edition is limited to 500 numbered copies. Copies are available from: LAWRENCE J. SWEETT, P.O. Box 723, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32170 or at 214 N. Dixie Freeway (904) 423-9207 for \$45.00 plus tax and necessary shipping expense which brings the total to \$50.00.

JoAnne did add a cautionary remark that the book treats Dr. Turnbull rather harshly.

If you are having trouble locating Eugenia Price's book, "MARIA" there is a book store in Mt. Prospect who will order it but he does not handle mail orders. I would be happy to order the book plus postage and handling charges for \$6.50.

I have not read "MARGARET'S STORY" he has ordered it for me and will fill other orders. The total for that book is the same \$6.50.

Please allow six to eight weeks for ordering and shipping.

SAGE ADVICE

Remember to learn from the mistakes of others; You can never live long enough to make them all yourself!!!!

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!! SUPPORT THE SCOTTISH ACTIVITIES IN YOUR AREA!!!
SUPPORT THE HIGHLAND GAMES!!!! VISIT THE CLAN TENTS AND GIVE THE HOSTS YOUR
SUPPORT!!!