



## THE BULL'S EYE BULL - E - T I N

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### HIGHLAND GAMES AND REPORTS

October 26 - WAXHAW SCOTTISH GAMES - Waxhaw, North Carolina - Hosted by Sally T. Dupuis, Charlotte, North Carolina.

SAVANNAH GAMES - May 4, Hosted by Earline and Don Turnbull. "Part of the Games lived up to normal -- No new recruits! But, at least there were six of us present in the tent this time - nice crowd. The weather was hot and heavy with humidity, (Games are held on banks of Savannah river at Fort Jackson).

Overall, it was a very nice affair. There were 50 Clans represented along with four Pipe Bands and the Marine Corps Marching Band. Ken Swinton had his Piedmont Band here from Greenville, South Carolina. Alex Beaton was here with his new wife and baby. There was a very good Ceilidh outdoors around the pool with excellent audience participation. The Patron's Reception was really the best I have ever attended and the people were the friendliest I have ever run into.

An interesting aside, two separate young men stopped by the tent and both told us of a Turnbull Marine Inn that used to be located several hundred yards upstream from old Fort Jackson on the Savannah river --- didn't get the time to investigate.

Bob Foster and I had a long talk with a Robert Scott from Atlanta and he is attempting to get the Border Clans together. I sent him your name and address.

When I left the Games, I went to New Smyrna and tried to contact JoAnne Sikes relative to the old Colony -- couldn't find her at library, home, etc. Will try another time.

Didn't have time to turn up all of the rocks in Savannah to see if I could uncover any Turnbolls --- beats me where they all hide."

Report submitted by Don Turnbull, Brevard, North Carolina.

CHICAGO GAMES - June 15, Hosted by Dottie Turnbull Berk. "The weather was sort of a mixed bag, overcast, periods of sun and a brief rain shower. The brightest spot was the lovely breeze which kept the bugs from attacking as they have in previous years, it kept the tent feeling comfortable.

The committee changed the location of the Clan tents this year, due to some construction going on in the area in which we were located last year. We were lined up

along the perimeter of the athletic field and had a grand front row seat for those events. It also brought a share of traffic of interested passer-bys.

Carl Schnecke of Clan Scott wandered down to pay us a visit and we had an exchange of news and comments. He was going to attend the Grandfather Mtn. Games and said he would stop by our tent to say hello to our hosts there.

A young woman stopped to ask why the name Gordon was not listed as a sept family. This very same question has come up at some of the other Turnbull tents at some of the other Games. Does anyone know of a connection? Unfortunately, there was no Gordon tent to direct her to.

I was the only one present to represent us in the Parade of Tartans. As we were lining up, one of the women from the Sutherland group dropped back and offered to carry the other end of our banner and march with me. Seems that at some of the other Games they have attended the Sutherlands usually draw up the rear (Clans are lined up alphabetically) and knowing what it felt like to be last and alone she thought it would be neighborly to help out. She will never know how much her gesture was appreciated.

In spite of the fact that there were only two Turnbull families to visit the tent, we did enjoy a fair amount of visitors interested in Scottish history and they were eager to share experiences of their visits to Scotland.

There was a lot of pre-publicity in the Chicago and local papers and it was also announced on the radio so the Games committee did a nice job of spreading the word. It was a nice crowd and a very nice day."

Don Turnbull, Brevard, North Carolina represented the Clan and led one of the lines in the procession of 30 Clans down the aisle at the recent Kirkin held by the Montreat Scottish Society at the Montreat-Anderson College in Montreat, North Carolina (home of Billy Graham) - everything there is Presbyterian except Billy.

Don also ordered and paid for a Turnbull Tartan flag to be held at the Scottish Highlands Society, Highlands, N. C., to be used and displayed at many of the local area functions (southeast U.S.) such as our local Scots meeting; numerous Kirkin's; and any other civic or church functions in which Scots are involved.

I AM SORRY

Through an oversight, (it appeared on my rough copy and was left off the master copy), credit was not given to John Turnbull of Elmhurst, N.Y. who submitted the copy of the crest of William Turnbull, Bishop of Glasgow and founder of the University of Glasgow, which appeared in the March, 1991 newsletter. We are indebted to John for numerous other articles which have helped us tremendously in putting together the newsletter and we are deeply sorry for this omission.

TRAVEL

For all our Seniors on the go, please be aware when making travel plans to inquire

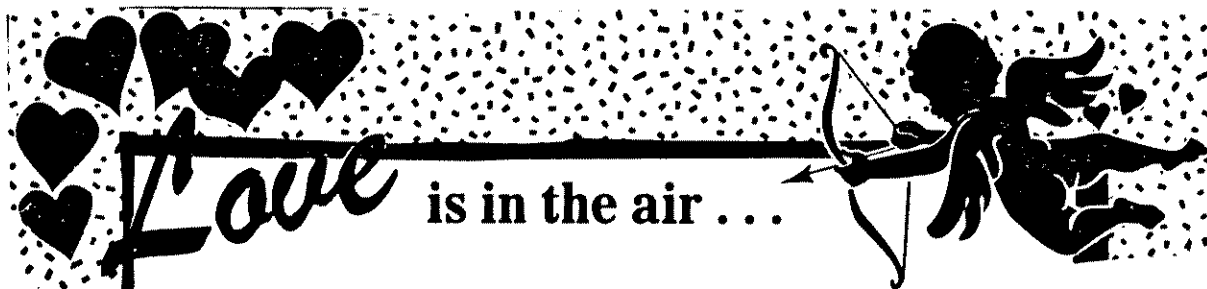
from your travel agent or the ticket reservation desks of the air lines you plan to do business with whether or not they have a senior discount.

United has a "Silver Wings Program" which might be worth looking into, particularly since they now fly to the UK and also have agreements with some of the other overseas carriers. A discount of 10% on your airfare plus other perks can be quite enticing.

For those seniors who have been reluctant to rent an automobile while overseas due to age restrictions an article appearing in the issue of "Modern Maturity" states Avis does not have a restriction on age. Budget in Britain limits to age 65. Other operators had some restrictions starting at age 70. Inquire before you leave to make sure there have been no changes.

Are you interested in a Scottish Ceilidh in the Cariblean? Cutty Sark Scotch Whisky is sponsoring a "Scottish Ceilidh Cruise" aboard the Cunard Countess, departing May 2, 1992. Highlights of the cruise will be performances by folk singer, Alex Beaton, and Scottish fiddler, Alasdair Fraser, a Tartan Ball, country dancing and a whole program of Scottish events.

For a free brochure in the U. S. or Canada, phone Landry & King Cruise Specialists TOLL FREE at (800) 448-9C02.



#### SILVER AND RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

Sharon and Ken Bennett celebrated their Silver Anniversary at a surprise party hosted by the family at the home of Helen Turnbull Hazeltine. The party was great but the icing on the cake was to come a few days later when Ken entered the hospital for his fourth surgery in eleven months to correct some complications as a result of suffering from a brain aneurysm.

Ken now looks and feels great and is looking forward to his next and hopefully, last appointment with the surgeon.

The 14th of July marked the 40th anniversary of Jean (Williamson) and George Turnbull. The celebration was held at the Alta Vista Country Club, Placentia, California.

The guest list looked like a small Scottish Clan gathering. Along with the Turnbells there were those representing Clan Gunn, Mac Gregor, Galbraith, Thomson and Davidson, and a few other Scottish families.

Jean and George's children had put together an interesting and entertaining program. Some of the guests were called upon to participate in a "roast", then there was a

slide show, "A Trip Down Memory Lane". Pictures from the family album had been transferred to slides and a very humorous narration accompanied each picture. Many old family friends could relate to the circumstances of the picture and interjected their remarks. An enjoyable evening with lots of memories.

Congratulations and best wishes to all.

#### MORE DATA ON THE SURNAME RULE

Phyllis Paxton, Sparks, Nevada who has Turnbull-Rule connections writes: "I thought the following article offered quite a plausible explanation as to why so many places in the Roxburgh area have the name Rule.

It was in with other things we brought back from Grinnell."

From a Long Beach California paper dated July 27, 1937: "Dear Miss Rule: I would like your analysis of the name Rule.

'The Rule family originated in Normandy, France. They descended from the famous Viking leader Rollo (also known as Ruel). Rollo and his Norsemen conquered Normandy about 885 A.D. He was created the Duke of Normandy. Rollo means "famous wolf." One of his grandsons, three times removed was William the Conqueror who subjugated England in 1066.

His half brother Richard de Rule who accompanied him to England was the ancestor of the Rule lineage. He was given large grants of land in Roxburghshire in southern Scotland. In 1300 one descendant, was so gifted as a teacher, healer and prophet that modern biography sources give his life in detail with the remark that "Rule was very accurate in his prophetic dates."

Gilbert Rule, a Presbyterian minister and an M.D., who translated the Bible from Hebrew to English, was made head of Edinburgh University in the 1600's. His brother Robert Rule, my immediate ancestor, was the first Presbyterian minister in Northern Ireland (1672 - 1688). My own grandfather Robert Rule, named for him, came to America from Londonderry in 1861. There are Rules still living there.

The Rule coat of arms has three red hearts on a golden shield with a scalloped red border.'

#### BOOKS

"THE STEEL BONNETS" by George Mac Donald Fraser: The story of the Anglo-Scottish reivers, their alliances and their dealings with both English and Scottish crowns. Most of the major border families and their supporters are mentioned in this work. Soft cover. 404 pages \$14.95 plus \$2.00 on first and single orders and .75¢ for additional items. CANADIAN ORDERS add 7% GST. U. S. orders please remit in U.S. funds to compensate for higher postage rates. Please use International Postal coupons. Send orders to: DEMFSEY-RAND, P. O. Box 655, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada, M3C 2T6.

The above book goes in and out of print and is not always easy to locate a vendor. If interested, would advise that you make haste to order before it disappears again.

## GENEALOGY

John Turnbull of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, came to the U. S. in the last quarter of the 1700's and settled in Mobile, Alabama. He established a trading post. He married a Choctaw Indian Princess. Three children were born to this union: George, William and Mary.

The family records state that George and William became senators -at-large in Mississippi when the state first came into the Union and they were also Choctaw leaders.

Hunting for Bears, Inc. in its newsletter, "BEAR TRACKS" #41, published a list of the Members of the Society of Mississippi Choctaws, March 28, 1914. The publication listed among others, James Turnbull married Matilda A. Nevilles, 1880, Topaz, MO.

Seeking name of Choctaw Indian Princess and any other data regarding the children born to the marriage of her and John Turnbull. Is it possible that James Turnbull is an offspring of children born to George or William? Please send replies to the Editor or if you can direct us to other reference sources that would also be appreciated.

THE ELLEN PAYNE ODOM GENEALOGY LIBRARY of Moultrie, Georgia, publishes a very interesting newsletter called "The Family Tree". The following notice was published in the April, 1991 issue: "The Georgia Department of Archives and History has announced that it would no longer "respond to mail inquiries for research from the public". There is a campaign to write legislators and ask that the situation be remedied."

## ALERT, ALERT P.C. OWNERS

The following information was taken from the Prodigy Service-The Homelife Club Bulletin Board/Genealogy Resources: FROM: Cindy Griffin (HBV689A) SUBJECT: UMI Fiche Catalog: "I'm repeating my offer to look up either surnames or local histories (by title or author or locality), in the UMI Microfiche catalog.

For those interested in this source, it is available from University Microfilms International, attn: Barbara Roe, 300 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. The UMI Guide to Family and Local Histories catalog is \$5.00. They also have a program of "Out of Print Books on Demand", with a special Genealogy catalog, which is available free for the asking. I highly recommend both.

Their products are available for purchase only. Fiche are \$5.00 per fiche card, sets only, with a minimum \$25.00 order. The out of print books on demand are also for sale only. They will send either an acid-free Xerox copy of what they have, for the prices listed in the book, or they will send them in your choice of 16 or 35 mm roll film, or microfiche form, for half the catalog price.

It is a very good source. The \$5.00 catalog is about 550 pages, indexed several ways.

The above was submitted by H. Hazeltine who hopes it will be of assistance and interest to our members. Thanks Helen!

# THE MYSTERY OF MY LOOKS

My grandma says I've Daddy's nose.  
Before I came, He'd two I s'pose  
She always add, "and what is more,  
You've your Mother's eyes. "Did  
she have four?

They say I got my mouth and chin  
From Grandpa's Uncle Eenjamin.  
He died before I came, you see. And  
must have willed them both to me.

I understand about my hair  
For uncle's head was kinda bare.  
By why i'd really like to know  
What puzzles me and tries me so

Is - am I just some odds and ends.  
Parts of relatives and friends?  
Or do you think that it can be,  
There's something here that's really  
ME?

Author unknown

The above appeared in the April 1991 issue of the Clan Campbell Society U.S.A. newsletter "ECHO" the newsletter of the Great Lakes Region, James R. Williams, Editor.

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I am sorry this newsletter and the upcoming September issue will be arriving at your home rather late. My personal schedule and Clan obligations are not in sync this year. Please be patient. Thanks.

It would be appreciated if the members would send along articles of interest. If you are sending clippings please enclose name of author, publication and date of issue in order that we may follow up to obtain permission to print.

Please support the Scottish functions in your area. They need your help and support.

Have a great summer and travel safely.