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### HIGHLAND GAMES AND REPORTS

July 9 - 12 - GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES - Linville, N.C.  
Hosts: Netta and John Turnbull, Charlotte, N. C. John reports that

TENT LOCATION - was just perfect, opposite the Grandstand and on the front row.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS OF GMHG - Prior to my going to GMHG, John W. Turnbull asked me to try to give a Southern welcome to Jim MacArthur (and his wife Pat), who had been invited to GMHG as Distinguished Guests. Jim is a friend of Bob Murdoch, with whom John W. stayed, in North Berwick. On Saturday morning prior to the start of the Games I was just walking around the tents when who should I see in front of me, all by his lonesome, none other than Jim MacArthur. So I went up to him, confirmed who he was, introduced myself, welcomed him to the Games and talked of course about our John W. and Bob Murdoch. Jim was surprised that I had recognized him but I told him his photograph was in the program and that he was just like his photograph. In his official remarks at the opening of the Games, Jim did make reference to how he had just been walking around and the grand welcome he had received from the folks at the Games. Later in the day Jim and his wife Pat stopped at the Turnbull tent and chatted to Netta and myself.

HONORED GUESTS - On Saturday while I was fussing away at our tent a lady came up behind me tapped me on the shoulder and said "His Lordship would like to talk to you." There across the way was Lord Gordon, and shortly he and his talented wife came over to the Turnbull tent and we chatted for a short time.

The Piedmont Highlanders with Bob MacCallum as their Pipe-major and our own Ken Swinton, stopped at our tent to play us a tune.

CHURCH SERVICE - Flowers of the Forest. Augustus B. Turnbull and Donna Davis Turnbull's names were both in the Service program and their names were called out during the service. As a mark of respect for the late Nestor MacDonald, all the Clan standards were rested on

the ground during the reading of the Flowers of the Forest names. The Moffat standard was next to our and had crepe attached, in honor of their Chief who died this year.

CLAN CHIEF - Jim MacArthur, referred to above is "Commander of the Clan". He indicated that their Clan had not had a Chief in centuries and he had contacted the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh who had agreed to the above title, "to take it from there and see what develops". I wonder if the late John Turnbull of Hawick, had the title of Commander of the Clan?

PARADE OF FAMILIES - Dottie, please put something in your Newsletter about the Turnbulls living anywhere near Grandfather and that I suppose means within 150 miles, I badly need their help in putting up the TCA banner, flags, marching in the Parade, carrying the Standard, representing TCA at the church service etc., I would so love some company. I do not enjoy being in the parade all by my lonesome.

(Editor's Note: I would like to echo that plea for the Chicago Games. It is hard to staff the various tents with hosts and it is not fair to leave them on their own. How about volunteering your help the next time you visit a Clan tent? It would be very much appreciated.)

FATLIPS CASTLE CLIMBERS ASSOCIATION - Members in the U. S. are: Sally Turnbull Dupuis, Hugh Robertson, Scott Huffmon, John Turnbull.

Having climbed up to Fatlips at Minto, is the only requirement for membership in FCCA.

The weather was just great, with no rain and a nice breeze. Netta and I thoroughly enjoyed representing TCA at Grandfather.

#### FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Frederick Myles Turnbull, Clinical Professor of Otolaryngology, University of California, Irvine, and Chief of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Long Beach, California, passed away on July 14, 1992, at the Landmark Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Scotland (his ancestral home), while vacationing with his family in Europe.

He was 73 years of age.

Born on May 3, 1919, in Duluth, Minnesota, Dr. Turnbull followed in the distinguished medical footsteps of his father, Dr. Frederick M. Turnbull Sr. Both Turnbulls, father and son, became internationally known for their work in the field of otolaryngology.

In 1925, the family moved to Los Angeles and Mr. Turnbull attended Stanford University where he graduated with a degree in Biology and a Medical Doctorate from the Stanford University School of Medicine in 1945.

He was a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corp at Camp Stoneman Station Hospital. where he was Chief of Otolaryngology. He completed his residency at the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, New York City, where he received a Fellowship in Head and Neck Tumor Surgery and was certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology, Loma Linda University, 1964-1977.

In 1969, then-Governor, Ronald Reagan appointed him a member of the Review Committee for the Fourth District Board of Medical Examiners, State of California, and was a Commissioner of the California Board of Medical Quality Assurance.

He was a member of many medical societies, also a past-President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Southern California International College of Surgeons. An avid sportsman, he loved to ski, golf, play tennis, ride horseback, and sail, to name but a few of the many sports which he enjoyed.

His love of Scotland was reflected in his wearing of his kilt on special occasions and his participation in The Scottish Lowland Clans and Families Society as well as the Turnbull Clan Association.

For many years he was in private practice in Newport Beach.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Dorothy; son, John F.; two daughters, Susan Davis and Cynthia Brault; and five grandchildren.

Dr. Fred, as he was affectionately known to our members in southern California, was a staunch supporter of the Costa Mesa Games. Many of our members had the privilege of meeting him at Costa Mesa.

Dr Fred was a descendant of one of the families listed in "HISTORY OF THE TURNBULL FAMILY OF DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA" by John F. Turnbull. Sheet No. 2 in the book shows Dr. Fred to be a descendant of Capt. Robert Turnbull and Anne Thompson

#### BOOKS

"THE STEEL BONNETS" by George MacDonald Fraser is once again available.

This is the story of the Anglo-Scottish Border Reivers. The Armstrongs, Elliots, Kerr, Scotts and Turnbells among 36 other Border families are mentioned. Send order to: Thistle & Shamrock Books, Box 42, Alexandria, VA. 22313, phone: (703) 54802207. The book consists of 404 pages, paperback, catalog No. 53-241, price \$21.95 shipping and handling charges are included in the price of the book.

This book goes in and out of print and if you want to secure a copy you must order right away. A great book for Scottish-Border history buffs.

## GENEALOGY

Julia F. Moore, P.O. Box 158, Warners, NY 13164 states: "According to the "History of St. Lawrence County, New York", Sarah (Wood) Turnbull widow of Thomas Turnbull who died in Scotland, came to Rossie, N.Y. with her nine children in 1820. I have learned the names of five of the children, Thomas, Michael, Adam, Andrew and William.

Also, I have copies of several newspaper clippings of other Turnbolls. I am enclosing two which may be of value to your association. If I may be of further service, please do not hesitate to write or give my name and address to other folks interested in the Turnbull name.

TCA MEMBERS: If any of the families mentioned below belong to you will you kindly advise us so that we may mark our records.

1930 - LINCOLN, Nebraska

### Turnbull Family Holds Annual Picnic Reunion

Over fifty members of the Turnbull family gathered Sunday afternoon at Antelope park for their annual picnic dinner reunion. Those present were from Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska. Plans were made for another reunion next year.

The list of those attending: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Turnbull and sons, Willard, Gordon, Wade and Harold of Lincoln; and daughters, Mrs. Lloyd Lantz, her husband and children, Hallie, Bobbie and Billie of Burchard, Neb., and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Preston of Lyons, Neb.; D. E. Turnbull of Douglas; Mrs. Darl Turnbull and children, Mary, Darlene and Coral Jean of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turnbull and son Bobbie of York; Nettie and Arch Turnbull of Bradshaw; Mrs. Anna Yates of Bradshaw; Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Yates and daughters Teddy, Billie and Jean of Hampton; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Myers and family Naomi, Burdeau, Billie, Joe, Jack and Dickie of Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Turnbull and daughter Barbara of Clarinda, Ia.; Tom Turnbull of Blanchard, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Whigam and daughter Hazel of Blanchard, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dunkle and daughter Fawn of Douglas; Burr Dunkle and family of Lincoln; Miss Mary F. Turnbull of Lincoln; Matthew Turnbull, Will Carnor, both of Lincoln and Miss Eleanor Carter of Tarkio, Mo., were guests.

### Gordon Turnbull Dies at Age 75

GOVERNEUR — Gordon Turnbull, 75, West Townshend, Vt., formerly of Gouverneur, died Monday in Grace Cottage Hospital, Townshend, after an illness of several months.

The funeral will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the White Funeral Home in Townshend. Burial will be in Vermont.

Surviving are his wife, Florence; a son, Gordon, Jr., Libertyville, Ill., a daughter, Mrs. Marion Mangels, Richfield, Conn. and six grandchildren.

He was born in Rochester, July 6, 1906, son of Michael L. and Marion Wells Turnbull. After his mother died when he was three, he went to live with Owen and Candace Turnbull Davies on the Gouverneur-Richville Road.

He was graduated from Gouverneur High School and Bliss Electrical School, Washington, D. C. in 1927. He married Florence Wilkes.