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HIGHLAND GAMES AND REPORTS

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES, Linville, N. C. -Held July 10 -11- Hosts Netta and John Turnbull, Charlotte, N. C. Excerpts from John's report:

Tent, on the back row, but directly opposite the Burns Society of Charlotte tent which helped me in my responsibilities at both tents. My daughter Nina ran the Turnbull Clan Association tent for me, ably assisted by Netta, Sally Dupuis and James Trumble.

Church Service. Flowers of the Forest: Joseph A. Turnbull of Oakville, Canada, and Helen Turnbull Hazeltine's names were called out by the minister during the service.

New members and potential members. William Turnbo signed up as a new member. The others who signed in at the tent were given applications.

Parade of Families. This year James Trumble, Reidsville, N. C. carried our standard in the parade. It was great having his company.

Tartan Ball. This year there was a new format but no improvement.

Netta sent along a note with John's report. Two women stopped at the tent and gave her a copy of a letter from Wallace Turnbull, a missionary in Haiti. Netta thought the members might enjoy reading it, a copy of it will be found on another page.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Don Turnbull, formerly of Brevard, N. C. and recently of Houston, Texas. Don had just attended the Stone Mountain Highland Games and was visiting in Brevard when he was taken ill.

Don had been a very active member and attended many Scottish affairs held in his area. He proudly carried the Turnbull Tartan flag at several Kirkin's, Burn's night and Games. He could be found in attendance at

many of the Games where TCA sponsored a tent, lending a hand where needed. He very actively supported the Odom Genealogy Library of Moultrie, GA., having just recently purchased a chair with the seat covered in the Turnbull tartan for use there.

Don was a loyal and supportive member and he will be deeply missed. Our condolences go out to his family.

GENEALOGY

Julia F. Moore of P. O. Box 158, Warners, New York 13164 is searching for: CORYDON M. TURNBULL, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Howard) Turnbull of Wegatchie, New York, enlisted in the Civil War Company "L" under Capt. C. H. Houghton on Nov. 23, 1863. Corydon mustered out at Washington, D. C. on August 26, 1865. In 1925 Corydon Turnbull was living in Hot Springs, Fall River County, South Dakota. Do you or any of your members have any information on this past family member?

Corydon's brother, DEAN S. TURNBULL, moved from Wegatchie, NY to Ryegate, Vermont. He had a daughter Edith Luella and sons Lawrence, Harry and Earle. Earle lived in South Uniacke, Nova Scotia at one time.

Sometime ago I wrote to you concerning my upstate New York Turnbull family and also I sent you some newspaper clippings. Because you published the news clippings along with my name and address, two "cousins" were able to make contact with me.

The Family Tree, the newsletter published by the Odom Genealogy Library printed an interesting item sent in by the Dutch Family Heritage Society of West Jordan, Utah. It was in turn submitted by one of their members, Dr. Dorothy Branson of Kansas City.

THE FORMULA OF 8870: Useful tips get passed along from newsletter to newsletter. The following extract found in the June 1991 "Newsletter" of the Iowa State Genealogical Society was reprinted in the August 1991 "Newsletter" of the Ostfriessen Genealogical Society.

THE FORMULA OF 8870: When the age is given on a tombstone or in an obituary, use the formula of 8870 to determine the date of birth:

18890506	=	died May 6, 1889
-710709	=	age 71 y 7 m 9 days
<u>18179797</u>		
-8870	=	constant formula
<u>18170927</u>	=	born Sept. 27, 1817

From the same February/March 1993 issue comes another hint. If you have a document with faded writing too dim to read, try a 75 watt black light bulb in any socket that casts light directly on the material. It is reported to do wonders in bringing out the writing so it can be read. With thanks to the Conejo Valley Genealogical Society.

When information is shared, it is like a ripple on the water, it spreads itself all around.

March 28, 1993

Dear Ruth,

Hello from Haiti. I'm trying to catch-up and clear my letter rack of replies long-overdue. It's great to hear from Granny's old friends. Many have passed-on, as have some of ours who have helped over the years. We're both going-on 68, so our generation's numbers are diminishing.

We still hear from an old man who was a Sunday School boy under Granny when she was a single missionary (as was my step-mother) to hillbillies who feuded. Both ladies got enough saved to stop the feuding! Both served under the Christian and Missionary Alliance - Granny in Tennessee, Mom in Georgia's hills.

The name Turnbull comes from Scotland from the peasant exodus of 1829-30. The nobility put all peasants off the land, to put it into sheep, as wool was of premium value. The people fled to the new world. Two Turnbolls had the side of the Sleeping Lady mountain outside Mexico City as their hacienda, so Mexican Turnbolls speak both English & Spanish. Many went to Canada, more to the southern States, where Turnbull cones hold most of the ice cream. We all are descended from Robert, knighted Sir Robert Turnbull by the king of Scotland 500 years ago, for bulldogging a short, hairy wild Scotch steer that the king stuck an arrow in. It apparently was harrying him, and Robert turned it over, so the king gratefully said "I knight you Sir Robert Turnbull!"

It's interesting, the bee angle. They're marvelous little friends. My mother's side's last member of that generation just died a couple of years ago, a radiant Christian. Uncle Reuben Smith kept bees, taking them about seasonally here and there on flatbed trucks. His sons helped. The record year was 16 tons. His honey butter was great. I planted royal palms here, had no seed for 25 years'till I put beehives on the place. Now, the birds scatter seed all-over, and palms are growing in numbers.

We have some very illustrious ancestors, but the greatest is being a child of the King of Kings.

Why don't you drop-in some day when the snow chases folks south? Anyway, it'll be great, meeting here, there, or in the air.

It's cold & rainy up here on the mountain, and I have to travel 20 miles to the airport, to pick-up a young honeymoon couple coming to see if Haiti is where they'll feel led to serve.

It's good to have your bits of family history. We all have a distinct story to tell, and few are really dull!

In Him,

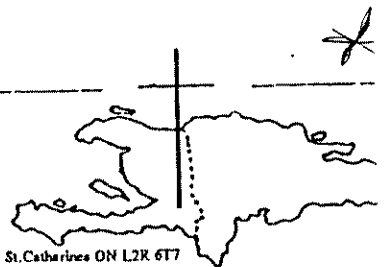
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BOOKS

John Turnbull, Charlotte, N.C., has sent along a postcard he received announcing a book called "TURNBULLS SINCE THE CIVIL WAR", published by the Family News network. Does anyone know anything about this book? There is concern that it might be another one of those rip-off books. Your editor does not receive any of these mailings as they go out to only those households bearing the surname Turnbull. Be cautious.

VISITS

Cliff Turnbull, Woodbury, Minnesota took time from his busy convention schedule in Chicago to spend a couple of hours visiting with your editor.

Bill and I enjoyed hearing about his whirlwind trip to Scotland and the Borders area. Cliff certainly made very minute count during his short stay. We were amazed at how much he was able to accomplish. We all agreed that no visit to the Borders is ever long enough. There is so much to see and do, so many questions to ask. Many times choices have to be made between sightseeing or doing family research.

While visitng relatives in Salt Lake City, your editor had the pleasure of meeting with Gary Turnbull, Bountiful, Utah. Gary and I first met years ago when Turnbull Clan Association was being organized. Gary and Geri were living in a nearby suburb at that time.

Gary and his son Mike gave this computer dummy a fast lesson in doing family research at the Family Search Center. Later Gary and I were able to discuss a host of topics over dinner. Gary's wife Geri, was not able to join us, but sent her regards. Gary mentioned that he was the "cousin that Julia Moore, Warners, N.Y. made contact with thru her query to this newsletter.

Geri and Gary attended the Santa Rosa Games in September and remarked how great they are. He agreed those Games should have wider appeal when they move to their new location. They also attended a Kirkin'o the Tartan ceremony at a local Presbyterian Church. Next year, if their schedules allow, they would like to attend the Games in Utah.

GOOD NEWS

It is nice to know that nice things happen to the nice people you know, that raffles are indeed won by them. Carl Schneck, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, former editor of the Clan Scott Newsletter, won two tickets to Scotland. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

MEMBERS -- Please do not overlook the enclosed flyer. This is a one time only offer.