



THE BULL'S EYE BULLETIN

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

1995 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

Membership renewal notice for the year 1995 is enclosed.

Despite rising costs in all areas in which the Clan is involved, it is our earnest endeavor to keep the membership dues at \$15.00. Therefore, membership cards will be mailed with the next newsletter following receipt of your check. This will help to cut back on postage and the cost of envelopes and manpower. You are also asked to remit promptly, this saves the time and expense of mailing out reminder notices.

HIGHLAND GAMES AND REPORTS

March 17 - 19 - CULLODEN SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES, Culloden, Georgia. Mr. W. E. Cummings called to invite the Turnbull Clan to sponsor a tent. We do not have anyone in the area to host a tent but it was promised that a notice for the event would appear in the newsletter. At that time of the year some of the members may be in the area or passing thru on a winter holiday.

April 21 - 23 - LOCH NORMAN HIGHLAND GAMES, Rural Hill Plantation, Charlotte, N.C. - Hosts Sally Turnbull Dupuis and James E. Trumble, Reidsville, N.C. Sally reports that these Games were so successful last year that they have been enlarged to include a number of different activities. This is also a new location.

Further information may be had by contacting: Loch Norman Highland Games, Inc., 100-B Old Statesville Road, P.O. Box 1009, Huntersville, N.C. 28078-1009. Phone: 1-704-875-3113. Request list of accommodations offering Games group rates. The rooms are filling up fast so make your arrangements as soon as possible.

Sally Turnbull Dupuis hosted the STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES, held in October. She reports that the Games went well. It was tough for one person to handle. It rained for a week but on Saturday and Sunday the sky cleared and was real cool but not frosty cold. Perfect,

(except for a lot of mud). One of the 48th Highlanders from Toronto commented they should have worn combat not dress uniforms.

The Tattoo was wonderful as always! The Bill Sharp Accordion Orchestra (all kids from 13 - 17 years old) played - they are all from the Borders. They were super.

We had great tent location and could listen to Alex Beaton all day.

Two weeks later, Sally also hosted the WAXHAW GAMES. It was rumored that these Games would have to cancel this year due to 2 - 3 bad weather years prior. They were held in a new place and it was great! Weather though a bit windy and cold to start was super. Crowd was real good. We were featured in the program and Netta Turnbull, Charlotte, N.C. had her picture in it.

As Sally has remarked, 'it is tough to host a tent by yourself.' The tent host needs to get around to see what the other Clans are doing, needs someone to watch the tent while lining up for and during the parade, sometimes to visit the vendors or to get a bite to eat.

It would be nice, while visiting one of the Turnbull tents if you could volunteer an hour or so to relieve the host when you observe that they have no other help. It can be a very enjoyable experience.

GORDON HIGHLANDERS MUSEUM CAMPAIGN

Lieutenant General Sir Peter Graham has sent several pages of information concerning the GODRON HIGHLANDERS MUSEUM CAMPAIGN. A personal, hand-written note at the end of the form letter stated, "We have had Turnbulls serving in the Gordon Highlanders." Yours sincerely, Peter Graham.

This project may be of personal interest to some of our members. If you desire copies of the information, please send a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope. Donations may be sent to: Friends of the Gordon Highlanders c/o Bydand Corporation, PO Box 3827 CRS, Johnson City, TN 37602. Note: All donations will be tax deductible.

"THE TURNBULLS 1100-1700"

Several years ago, it was announced that Michael Robson, Scotland was in the process of writing a book: "THE TURNBULLS 1100-1700". During the intervening years, many things have happened. Our late founder, John Turnbull, Hawick, Scotland who had commissioned the book died. Mr. Robson's work kept him moving about. About two or more years ago, John Turnbull, Charlotte, NC made contact with Mr. Robson, both John and your editor replied. In September, John received another letter from Mr. Robson which he forwarded to your editor for a reply. My letter of November 4th contained some gleanings of ideas, suggestions, genealogical publishers in the US and an offer of any assistance within our power to help get this book to the members.

Copy of Michael Robson's letter on page 3.

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19th September 1994

Dear Mr Turnbull,

Almost exactly a year ago you kindly wrote to me in connection with my forthcoming book on the earlier Turnbull clan. I must apologise for not writing back sooner - the reason for the delay being my move to the Western Isles and temporary accommodation while the house was being renovated.

As a result of my house activities the complete work is not yet ready! However I hope it wont take too long now. When I have a finished text I will approach publishers here and see if they are interested. I will let you know the outcome and at the same time give you the details [number of pages etc.] which you asked for. I am glad you feel there is a potential market for the book in the US/Canada and Australia.

Fortunately I completed nearly all the research for the book before I moved so far from the record sources in Edinburgh, and I therefore have just the writing and illustrations to put in order.

Meantime I wish you and the Turnbull clan good health and success.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Robson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Yours sincerely," line.

Michael Robson

GENEALOGY HELPS

THE NORTHERN IRELAND TOURIST BOARD, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10176-0799: 800-326-0036, is offering "AN INFORMATION GUIDE TO ANCESTRAL HERITAGE."

The packet you will receive will contain a pamphlet explaining The Irish Genealogical Project in Ulster, a brochure containing a map with touring and accommodation and a list of historical and interesting places to visit. The last brochure - An Information Guide to Ancestral Heritage - Tracing your Ulster roots, describes fifty centres of interest, county by county, along with addresses of the Irish Genealogy Centres. The map is numbered to correspond with the 50 areas.

The Irish Genealogical Project (I.G.P.) was established to create a comprehensive genealogical database for all Ireland. Each area will have a specific I.G.P. centre, in which all the relevant civil and church records for that area will be computerised.

A special software program was written to accommodate the needs of the project, and state of the art equipment is being used to process and store the data. Each centre is using a "Digital Microvax" computer system and implementing an agreed common methodology for inputting and verifying procedures. All this ensures that the work is done to the highest possible standards of accuracy and means that, in the future, anyone researching their family history is assured of reliable data regardless of which centre is approached.

Many people with Irish antecedents wish to visit their ancestral country, to see the landscapes and experience something of the history and culture that have shaped it. All I.G.P. centres welcome enquiries from anywhere in the world, and all offer something of interest and value to anyone seeking more information about any aspect of their heritage. The three paragraphs above are taken from the I.G.P. pamphlet. The gentleman with whom your editor spoke was most helpful and said that in the interest of spreading the word about the project a notice in the newsletter could be of help to all.

"THE CLANSMAN" issue June/July 1994 had an interesting article; "ANCESTORS IN MARITIME PROVINCES 'UNCOVERED'" The Genealogical Research Library in Toronto has been collecting and indexing ancestors who lived in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland between the years 1600 and 1900, entitled "The Atlantic Canadians 1600-1900."

The directory lists half a million residents living in all four provinces during the three century period. It also provides coverage of the Acadians before the 1755 expulsion and returned Acadians.

For further information or a free copy of the booklet "TRACING YOUR FAMILY TREE" call (416) 360-3929.

The Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau invites you to call 1-800-825-2822 if you are planning a trip to the Family History Library and the Family Search Center. They will be happy to help you find lodging.