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Membership cards are enclosed for those who have paid their 1995 dues. Those who have not yet sent in their checks will find a renewal notice. This is a final notice, no more newsletter after this issue, if you are not paid up. Sorry we have to take such drastic measures, but the costs of everything indicate that this is our only alternative.

HIGHLAND GAMES AND REPORTS

April 21 - 23 - LOCH NORMAN HIGHLAND GAMES, Rural Hill Plantation, Charlotte, N.C. - Hosts Sally Turnbull Dupuis and James E. Trumble, Reidsville, N.C.

June 17 - Illinois St. Andrew Society Games, Chicago, Illinois - Host Dorothy Turnbull Berk - Please note -- NEW LOCATION - AT THE LAKEFRONT - GRANT PARK, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

May 20 - St. Andrew's Society of Central, Illinois will hold it's first ever Highland Games- Further information may be obtained from St. Andrew's Society of Central, Illinois, P.O.Box 5352, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

TRAVEL

Over the years your editor has received numerous requests for a travel program to the Borders area of Scotland, something that would not involve having to drive. The tours which I have found have all been unsatisfactory. None of them spent any quality time in the areas of particular interest to the Turnbull's. The December, 1994 issue of The Highlander magazine had an advertisement which caught my eye. A letter was sent off immediately. A copy of the reply will follow. It may not meet all your needs but the management seems to be anxious to please and up to a point you might be successful in seeing the most interesting places of interest to the Turnbull's. Please address all inquiries to John and Marguerite Gee-Turner, Crailing House, Crailing, Roxburghshire TD8 6TW, Scotland.

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29 th January 1995

Dear Dorothy Turnbull Berk,

We are sorry we overlooked the TURNBULLS in our advertisement in the Highlander, we know of course Myra Turnbull and our lawyer is a Turnbull, Alidsair Turnbull. We ought to have said in the advertisement "some of the Border Families."

Your members I am sure will find the courses we are holding in our home in July and September of great interest to Scots-Americans, and with Dr. Keith Stringer's lectures learn something of the turbulent Border history from whence their forebears came. And what a history! which Keith Stringer will bring alive for our guests.

You will appreciate that in one week it would not be possible to make in depth genealogical research into specific families. Although a start could be made into particular family histories during the course of the week, and continued if you decide stay for a longer period. More in depth tracing of families could be entrusted to a local researcher. We can arrange to introduce experts who could help. We also belong to a local Borders History Group who are very helpful.

I have enclosed details and a programme of our Borders History course with Dr. Keith Stringer from the 10 - 14th July, and 11th - 15th September guests arriving on the day before and leaving the day after the course (9th - 15th July and 10 - 16th September).

Details are enclosed of other courses held here in the house, either before or after the Borders History course which may be of interest. The cost you will see for these other courses is 390ps for one week. If you want to stay in the house before or after the course and sightsee from here, perhaps to do some local research, you are welcome to do so on Bed and Breakfast terms. The cost will be 37ps per day per person and a further 10ps for dinner if required (this can be decided on a daily basis at say breakfast every morning.)

We can meet your transatlantic flights in Glasgow, Edinburgh or Newcastle and return you to any of the airports. We can arrange car hire if required with Hertz or Avis from the airport in this case please deduct \$200 from the holiday cost of \$1100.

We usually have no more than six guests staying in the house and perhaps as many again local friends taking the classes by day. We also have interesting friends to dinner, we could arrange several TURNBULLS one evening, there are certainly plenty in the area. We include our guests in any invitations we may get to musical, theatre or art events held

in the local historic houses in the area such as Mellerstain House the home of the Earl and Countess of Haddington and Bowhill the home of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch.

Prices are totally inclusive and cover transport to and from the airport on arrival and departure, also lunches whilst out on the history course and entrances fees.

Our intention is to create an informal country house atmosphere and to ensure that our guests have a memorable holiday. Please let us know if you want anymore information.

Yours sincerely,

John and Marguerite Gee-Turner

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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Dona Joan Turnbull, nee Thompson, beloved wife of Robert W. Turnbull, Jr., mothner of Gail McKinney and loving grandmother of Amanda. Dear sister-in-law of George Turnbull , Sharon Turnbull Bennett and Dorothy Turnbull Berk.

Memories are not for a day,
Nor as a dream, to fade away,
They live in quiet thoughts and tears,
Forever, through the passing years.

TURNBULL GATHERING

Word has just been received of a Turnbull, (and others). get together, of the camp-out variety, at Sagle, Idaho during one of the first two weeks of July this year. Plans are not complete yet, but we plan to invite everyone, (Turnbull or not) who is interested. Any formal scheduling will be minimal.

Sagle is in the beautiful north Idaho panhandle, six miles south of the city of Sandpoint (which is shown on most road maps). There are many Turnbull's from that area, as several who are related , settled there in the 1800's. Harp Turnbull has lived for more than 80 years on the ranch that his parents homesteaded.

For further information please contact: Glen A. Turnbull, P.O. Box 1416 Medford, Oregon 97501. Be sure to enclose a SELF ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE for reply.

UNUSUAL COLLECTIBLES

Your editor has several friends who love to attend flea markets as they travel around the world. Quite recently I was the recipient of two of their "finds."

From Cumberland, Wisconsin came an oval shaped dish made of the same material as a pickle crock. The center of the dish has a blue picture of two horses drawing a funeral hearse. Above the picture is the caption 'TURNBULL FUNERAL HOME' and beneath the picture the dates 1884 - 1984. The back bears the imprint of a maple leaf and U.S.A. in the center. It would be interesting to learn the origin of this piece. Perhaps there is a story also.

The other friend has been an admirer of my horse brass collection. These are brass medallions which are strung on sturdy leather straps ~~then hung~~ from the horses harness.

These brass pieces come in all shapes and sizes, some bearing a whimsical character, animal, historical figure or military insignia or commemorating a special occasion.

The one I received bore the inscription 'THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS,' along with the insignia in the center. Needless to say I was very thrilled. Someone has carried it from Scotland for whatever memories attached to it. It wound up amid the trash and treasures heap and now has found a new loving home..

My grandfather used to run the 'brakes' (some sort of horse drawn vehicle) from Glasgow to Motherwell. My mother had a small collectgion of horse brass which was the impetus for my collection. Even in Scotland, Ireland and England where I searched for my brass it was found in some of the oddest and most interesting places.

I hit the mother lode at a small gift shop near Tintagel castle. The shop was full of tour bus customers. When the owner learned that I was not with them, he handed me a good size box full of horse brass. He suggested that might be enough to keep me busy until the bus left. What a delightful time Bill and I had going thru that box. We came away with an assortment of coronation and silver jubilee commemoratives, bull's heads, castles, Welsh and Scottish emblems and a few others we just took a fancy to.

The horse brass is getting harder to find, I have also run out of room on the straps I currently have, without the straps they are a bit difficult to display. The ones found here in the US, especially those found at the flea markets must have some great stories attached to them.