



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

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D. T. Berk, Editor

RENEWAL NOTICES

Renewal notices for 1997 membership are enclosed. Those who have already paid will receive their membership card with this issue of the newsletter. Others have received their's with previous correspondence.

HIGHLAND GAMES 1997

June 21 - Illinois St. Andrew Highland and Scottish Festival - Oak Brook Polo Grounds, Oak Brook, Illinois. Host: Dottie T. Berk.

Please note the date IT IS NOT FATHER'S DAY weekend as in the past. Perhaps this will improve attendance both to the Games and to the tent.

July 10 -13 - Grandfather Mountain Highland Games - MacRae Meadows at Grandfather Mountain, Linville, NC. Host: John & Netta Turnbull.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Alexander Taylor Turnbull III, beloved husband of Marlene.

Sandy became a member in 1979 and helped put up and host the tent at some of the Chicago Games. He will be sorely missed.

Sandra E. Olson, beloved wife of James J. Olson, Mendota Hts., Minnesota.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to both of these families.

ROOTS '97

Additional information re Roots '97 has been received, copies of which are attached.

Duncan Paisley has called me twice and was concerned and at a loss to determine why we had not received this data.

George Turnbull has been endeavoring to recruit a group of Turnbull's in Scotland to host the tent. George Turnbull has not replied to your editor's letter so there are no details to report.

It is planned that this event will take place every three years, hosted in rotation by the different regions of south Scotland.

This should give the planners more lead in time and data can be received and distributed in the U. S. in plenty of time for making plans for an overseas trip.

DRAFTING COMMITTEE

The signers of the Round Robin letter, comprised of members of the Southeast region, took it upon themselves to draw up and submit the proposals as printed in the December, 1996 newsletter.

Those members who responded were not receptive to the proposals. There were no volunteers from members representative of other areas of the country. No drafting committee was formed.

QUERY

I was adopted at 5 years old and have found that my father's name was Wayne Turnbull and his father was William H. Turnbull 1898, Iowa. His father C. John Turnbull 1856, Illinois and his father William Henry Turnbull 1822, Ohio.

The only living relative that we know of is an aunt, Yovonn Turnbull. I am trying to learn William's father, brothers and sisters. Do you have any information on this family? Reply to: Dennis W. Turnbull Wimer, 2009 Geneva Drive, Richardson, Texas 75081

BOOK

"THE TURNBULLS 1100 - 1700" by Michael Robson, Isle of Lewis, Scotland. The last letter received from Robson was February 15, 1995. At that time he stated there was still some work to do on the text. He indicated he would be sending it off to an ordinary publisher in Scotland. He said he would keep us informed as to progress, state of readiness when all was accomplished.

In previous correspondence it was indicated that he preferred not to have to do anything with the promoting, printing and handling. A list of Vanity Publishers in the U.S. was sent to him. He replied that it was useful, but not very promising. The only one he knew of was Pentland Press, which, like the rest, put the whole cost of publishing back to the author and whatever support he may have.

The Clan has offered to help in whatever manner it can to bring this valuable book to print and availability. It has been in the works for many years and the members keep asking for a status report.

Another letter will be sent off to learn if the book is close to being printed.

BACKGROUND

A nation such as Scotland with a relatively small population is naturally peopled by family groups who not only claim national origins but close kinship with each other.

In Scotland of old, lands and fortunes were allocated by successive monarchs to the great clans of the north and to the great families of the south. A significant stage in the development of the clans and families took place in the fourteenth century, once Robert the Bruce had established himself as king of a united Scotland. He continued in the feudal fashion by allocating land and power to those who supported him.

The names of those who signed the Ragman Roll in 1296 giving false allegiance to King Edward I of England as overlord, and the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320 which petitioned the Pope to recognise an independent Scotland, clearly indicate the chiefly houses and names of Scotland that existed before and after the War of Independence.

Many other families, however, did not sign these instruments, and even more emerged subsequently and, like their kin, developed into powerful territorial houses. With the passage of time, some of these families and clans have been broken up and many of their descendants scattered around the world.

Historians accept that a distinct division existed between the Highlands and the Lowlands of Scotland, but this fell considerably beyond the so-called "Highland Line." Certainly the majority of "clans" belonged to the Highlands, but the civilised south also had clans, and was dominated by noble houses and families to which were born great men, pioneers and achievers.

Now, geographical and cultural distinctions are of less importance, as for well over a hundred years the identity of the Scot has become one of a national character. Unfortunately there exists still the notion that the real Scotland begins north of the Erskine and Forth Bridges. The visitor who believes in this erroneous view will miss some of the most spectacular scenery, and overlook a very large area upon which a significant part in Scotland's history was played.

It is on the clans and families of south Scotland - for so long eclipsed by the images of the clans of the north - that we focus our attention. Hence *Roots* '97.

THE CLANS AND FAMILIES ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH SCOTLAND

present

Roots '97

APPROACH

In May 1993 a most successful event was held in Dumfries and Galloway, mustering clans and families with their roots in, or an association with, the south-west of Scotland.

Appropriately entitled *Roots '93*, it featured many events in numerous locations over a ten-day period, and included exhibitions of community life, historical tours, pageants and lectures. Several clan and family associations also held their own events during this time with considerable success. The major combined events featured a Clan Reception, an Ecumenical Service, a Grand Clan Ball, and most notable of all, a combined Gathering of the Clans and Families at Drumlanrig Castle. To this gathering came many thousands of clansmen and followers of the numerous families represented in the south-west of Scotland.

The popularity and success of this major event brought about the formation of The Clans and Families Association for *South* Scotland, formally constituted in March 1996 to create a forum to provide advice and assistance for clan and family societies, and a framework upon which to organise major family-related events. This initiative aims to consolidate the values of kinship - the extended family with all its cultural threads - and to ensure that our good traditions and rich heritage continue well beyond the Millennium.

The Association which comprises a team of volunteers from a wide variety of professions, decided to plan an event embracing all clans and families with their origins, or with associations, south of the Clyde and Forth rivers and north of the Scottish-English border. It is planned that this event will take place every three years, hosted in rotation by the different regions of south Scotland.

CONCEPT

The Gathering of the South Scotland Clans and Families, *Roots '97*, will take place at the Crichton Estate, Dumfries, on Friday 30th and Saturday 31st May, and on Sunday 1st June 1997. This will be an historic event when for the first time *all* the clans and families of south Scotland will muster.

Many of the organised clans and families who have societies or associations in the USA and Canada and elsewhere, are making plans to attend. Members of families that do not have an organisation will be hosted by representatives of those names in Scotland.

The Gathering will be based on a clan village theme, with avenues of clan tents and numerous related traditional craft tents within the complex.

The programme includes an Ecumenical Church Service, Receptions, banner parades with a combined march of the clans, musical and dance displays, and many other activities. Some clan organisations have already planned their own gatherings and meetings to coincide with roots '97. There are also numerous local attractions to enjoy in this beautiful and historic part of Scotland.

The following roll of clans and families are supporting and will participate in the Gathering:-

Anderson, Ayton, Baird, Bruce, Carmichael, Copeland, Charteris, Dinwiddie, Douglas, Dunbar, Elliot, Fergus(s)on, Forrester, Forsyth, Hannay, Henderson, Irving, Johnston(e), Kerr, Kirkpatrick, Lockart, Little, MacBlain, McCall, MacDowall, MacKillen, MacMillan, Maitland, Marjoribanks, Maxwell, Moffat, Montgomery, Napier, Nesbit, Newlands, Oliphant, Paisley, Ramsay, Scott, Sempill, Sinclair, Stewart, Turnbull, Wallace, Wishart, and Wilson.

If your family name is not among these, and you wish it to be represented and listed in the Souvenir Booklet that is to be published soon, please contact the Association.

BOOKINGS

Booking forms are enclosed in this information pack which also gives more information about the events themselves.

The main Ticket Office is:-

The Information Shop,
The Midsteeple,
DUMFRIES,
Dumfriesshire
DG1 2BH
Scotland

Telephone: 01387 247 780 (Fax after hours)

ACCOMMODATION

If more information is required about accommodation, there is a tick box on the booking form. Information will be sent by Dumfries and Galloway Tourist Board who are supporting the Gathering.

South of Scotland is truly a surprising part of the country. Lush pastureland, friendly little towns, silver rivers full of salmon and trout, lochs, mountains, forests, a coastline of bays and inlets with wide sandy beaches and everywhere echoes of the past. Pre-historic stone circles and Roman remains, romantic ruined abbeys, sturdy castles and tower houses strewn across the tranquil, rolling countryside all combine to make it Britain's best-kept secret.

WITH OF SCOTLAND CLANS AND FAMILIES INTERNATIONAL GATHERING, DUMFRIES

Roots '97 is an invitation to all whose roots lie in the South of Scotland. If your name is amongst those listed back of this leaflet, your name probably once lived here. Come and share in the history of this lovely, unspoilt historic area and join us in celebration of its ancient heritage and present vitality. If you have a link of friendship or a love of the area, you will be made just as welcome at all events.

The Clans and Families Gathering will take place in Dumfries. A list of the main events in this programme which early booking is advisable is shown on the next page. Roots '97 is organised by the Clans and Families Association for South Scotland, a group of people from varied walks of life who enjoy the needed support of local Government and Tourist Authorities.

events

Friday Ecumenical Service in Crichton Church, Dumfries,
30 May 6.30pm will/will not attend

Friday Roots '97 Reception in Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries,
30 May 8pm, £5

Saturday Gathering of Clans and Families with mass Pipe
31 May Bands, dancing and traditional Scottish Crafts.
The programme commences at 9am and closes
at 5.30pm

Cocktail Party, Music and Dancing, Easterbrook
Hall, Dumfries, 8pm, £25

Sunday BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Easterbrook
1 June Hall, Dumfries, 7.30pm (Dumfries & Galloway
Arts Festival), £10



and £7.50
Commemorative Programme £5 (inc. p&pt)

Tickets will be available
from January 1997 at
The Information Shop,
The Midsteeple, Dumfries,
Dumfriesshire DG1 2BH,
Scotland.

Tel: 01387 247 780 (Fax after hours).

Further details will be published nearer the time.
Numbers are limited and early booking is advised.

Note the
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here

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Donation

Total



Foreign currency is acceptable

Please make cheques or money orders payable to
ROOTS '97

Cut off and return to: Roots '97
The Information Shop, The Midsteeple,
Dumfries, Dumfriesshire DG1 2BH, Scotland.

Tel: 01387 247 780 (Fax after hours).

Name

Address

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Post/Zip Code Date

**Tickets & Commemorative
Programme will be sent
from January 1997**

The Committee of the Clans and Families Association for South Scotland reserves the right to cancel events as they think necessary. Any money paid for such events will be refunded in full. Refunds will not be given for any other reason.

Accommodation

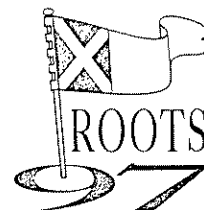
If you want information on hotels, bed and breakfast or caravan sites, please tick ☐

Information will be sent to you.

Among the Clans and Families
of South Scotland are:

Anderson	Hannay	Maxwell
Aytoun	Henderson	Moffat
Baird	Irving	Morgan
Borthwick	Johnstone	Murray
Bruce	Kennedy	Napier
Carmichael	Kerr	Nesbitt
Charteris	Kirkpatrick	Newlands
Crawford	Leask	Oliphant
Cunningham	Lindsay	Paisley
Dinwoodie	Little	Pollock
Dunbar	Lockhart	Scott
Douglas	McCall	Sempill
Dunlop	MacBlain	Turnbull
Elliot	MacDowall	Wallace
Fergus(s)on	MacMillan	Wight
Forrester	McTurk	Wilson
Forsyth	Marjoribanks	Wood
Graham	If your Clan or Family is not listed above we invite you to contact us immediately	

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