



TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION, N. A.

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Association Reorganizes

The Turnbull Clan Association has been in a period of reorganization. We are now duly incorporated. The application for recognition as an organization exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) has been filed with the IRS District Director. An acknowledgement of the filing was received with determination to be made within 120 days. The purpose of the incorporation is to establish an entity that would be able to change and adapt as leadership of the Clan changes (continuity of life). The incorporation will also offer some personal liability protection for the members who host tents at the various games. The recognition as a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service will allow the Association to accumulate operating funds in it's growth period without having to pay income taxes on the unexpended funds at the end of a year. Also, donations to the Association would be deductible for federal income tax purposes.

The next step is to have elections for positions in the TCA and make changes to the by-laws as needed. All dues paying members should have received the by-laws as adopted by committee. You were asked to review this document and send any changes you would like to see placed on the ballot to be voted on by the membership.

Other matters:

Please send any nominations for positions by October 1, 1998 so that it can be placed on a ballot for the November newsletter. A critical need is for members in other parts of the country to assume leadership positions to coordinate membership and other functions. Nominations for Regents or Commissioners would be welcome (**You may nominate yourself**)

This newsletter will publish any background information, statements, visions, promises or positions any candidate may wish to make known.

A general meeting of the Turnbull Clan Association, N. A. will be held at the Stone Mountain Highland Games to discuss the balloting procedures and 1999 operating budget.

There are thousands of Turnbolls out there, and with a positive attitude and hard work we can make this Association grow and prosper.

Games Report

LOCH NORMAN HIGHLAND GAMES

The Loch Norman Highland Games were troubled by intermittent bad weather, however there was an acceptable turnout all things considered. The hosts of the tent were Sally Turnbull Dupuis and James Trumble, Jr. also in attendance were John Turnbull, President and Netta Turnbull, Terry Trimble, Dennis Hagerman, Linda Turnbull and new member George Dyer,

Sr. Sally Turnbull Dupuis represented the Clan at the "Call to the Clans" after the Patrons & Sponsors reception on Friday night. The clan representatives formed a St Andrews cross with their torches after announcing the clan. Saturday morning brought rain with some clearing by midday which allowed for most activities to be held. Sunday was somewhat damp again but with enough breaks in the weather to allow for a good time.

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GAMES REPORT

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GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

Reported by John Turnbull

The TCA had a very successful weekend at Grandfather Mt., near Linville, North Carolina. On Thursday night I announced our clan with "The Turnbells of Bedrule are here!". On Friday night the Turnbells were well represented at the Patrons and Sponsors Reception/Dance in Boone, NC.

On Saturday we had a front row tent and great weather. Members of TCA of NA at our tent were George Dyer, Dennis Hagerman and his son Sebastian, Sharon Prine, Claude and Sarah Snow, Ken Swinton, James Trumble, Jr., Andy and Rachel Turnbull, John and Netta Turnbull, Nina Turnbull and Wally and Betty Turnbull with their daughter Betsey (from Haiti). We were disappointed that Terry Trimble and his family were not there. It is hard to judge attendance, but on Saturday, I think the crowd was the biggest ever and of the order of 20,000. Our tent looked great. Our TCA banner is now so easily installed that it's a pleasure to put up. One banner and two bungee cords and that's all. Our day was great with lots of interest in the TCA. The weather was perfect. In the evening most of the group reassembled at our rented condo and had pizza along with some Turnbull wine.

On Sunday I carried our standard at the Kirking of the Tartans. Among the Flowers of the Forest announced during the service were TCA's Bill Berk and Bob Foster. Sebastian was standard bearer in the parade of Tartans, and we had a crowd of Turnbells in the parade. Rachel Turnbull did us proud by winning two bronze medals for

whizzing around the track. Sharon Prine ran a great race and just missed a third place finish to a girl who seemed much older. Rachel shared one of her medals with Sharon as a consolation.

Sunday was a quieter day and it gave me some time to enjoy the Games and visit with other Clans and Societies. Again the weather was perfect, and I enjoyed my black cherry ice cream. Ernestine Firth, President of the Bruces, and her husband Ollie stopped by to say hi and thank us for William Rule's efforts (in saving the life of King Robert the Bruce). We have a photo in the Clan album of Ollie the Bruce piper flanked by a Wallace and myself, taken eleven years ago, when I used to march in the Parade of Tartans as the sole Turnbull. When I stopped by the Elliot tent, I learned that Fatlips castle (pictured on page 6) now belongs to the National Trust for Scotland, having been part of the settlement of the estate when Lord Elliot died! I will try to follow up on this to ensure the authorities in Scotland know of the interest that the Turnbells have in Fatlips. One lady who stopped at the TCA tent was Kay Rockett from Asheville, NC and said that she was bringing kind regards from Corey Turnbull with whom she had been conversing on the Internet. We asked Kay to return the compliments to Corey.

Upcoming Games

Plan to attend the Heart of Tennessee Highland Games hosted by Terry & Sherron Trimble in Murfreesboro, TN, October 3, 1998, and the Stone Mountain Highland Games hosted by Claude and Sarah Turnbull Snow in Stone Mountain, Ga., October 16-19, 1998.

NEWSLETTER FORUM

This first edition of the newsletter is a work-in-process. Ideas and suggestions are most welcome. The idea is to have a section for a games report, a section for Association news and business and a section dedicated to the history of the Turnbull Clan. The Forum section would be for any letters or announcements (births, accomplishments, opinions, reunions) that members may wish to share with the other members.

I would like to request help from all members for articles for our newsletter. History - Turnbull place names or Turnbells in history. Or anything you feel may be of interest to our Clan.

Our interim President John Turnbull, in the spirit of com-

munication, has authorized the mailing of this newsletter to current dues paying members and former members of the organization. However, due to limited funds, future mailings will be restricted to dues paying members only.

Dues are \$20.00 - Mail to:

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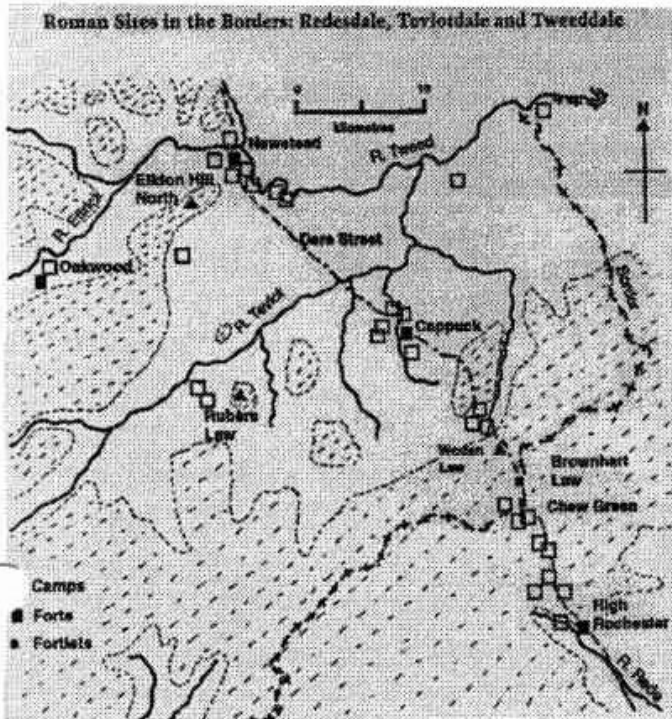
Hermitage, TN 37076

At present we have forty-seven dues paying members representing twenty states. The year-end newsletter will contain a financial report and membership list.

TURNBULL'S THROUGH TIME

The earliest references to the people of the Rule valley are from Roman records. The Roman army arrived in AD 79 and archaeology could be supplemented from historical sources for the first time. In a map prepared by Ptolmy of Alexandria in AD 150, he identifies a Celtic tribe named the Selgovae that occupied the hill-country, in the upper Tweed basin. Their name means "Hunters" and they may represent some degree of persistence of pre-Iron Age natives in the region¹. This area also includes lands later held by the Clans Douglas, Elliot, Scot, Kerr and Pringle among others. The map to the right shows the location of the identified Celtic tribes. Also displayed are Hadrian's Wall (AD 122-28) running east from the Solway Firth, and farther north, Antonine's Wall (AD 142) running from the Firth of Clyde to the Firth of Forth.

From the disposition of Roman garrisons, which are almost entirely absent from the country east of Lauderdale, it is generally surmised that the Votadini were a peaceful tribe, whereas the lands of the warlike Selgovae had to be held in some strength. To what extent this is true is uncertain.² The map below shows Roman camps and forts in the Borders. The Rule valley is to the immediate east of Rubers Law, which was crowned with a Roman fort. The Romans had



difficulty controlling the area, and in AD 165 withdrew behind Hadrian's Wall. Whatever upheaval that followed the wake of the Roman withdrawal at the end of the Antonine period, substantial population remained in the Borders. This population participated in the invasion of the Roman province in the AD 180's and would have belonged to the confederacy identified as the Maeatae. The Maeatae and their neighbors, the Caledonii, caused considerable trouble, which led to the failed campaigns of the Emperor Severus and his sons in the AD 208-11 invasion of Scotland.

Our ancestors may have arrived in the Rule valley at a later date. However, based on the history of trouble the Selgovans caused in the area, I believe this is strong evidence of Turnbull traits.

1. The Borders Book by Donald Omond

2. Celtic Britain by Charles Thomas

Turnbull Women Lead the Way



Pictured are Rachel Turnbull with her two third place medals in the 220 and 440 yard dash and Sharon Prine, age 9, (granddaughter of Sally Turnbull Dupuis) who finished a strong fourth in the 9-10 year olds Kilted race.

Lower left is Rachel getting a strong start in the 220 yard dash (her husband Andrew can be seen on the right side taking a photo).

Lower right is Sharon Prine, in her very first race, wearing Turnbull hunting tartan, (who appears distracted by cheering crowds) leading a majority of the field.





Group picture – left to right are Andrew Turnbull, Claude Snow, Sarah Turnbull Snow, Netta Turnbull, James Trumble, Rachel Turnbull, Wally Turnbull, Betsy Turnbull, Betty Turnbull, Sharon Prine, John Turnbull, Sally Turnbull Dupuis, Dennis Hagerman, George Dyer and Sebastian Hagerman, Not pictured is Nina Turnbull who attended on Saturday. Getting all these people together at one time for this picture was a major accomplishment.



Left are the hosts of the Turnbull tent John & Netta Turnbull. Netta once again brought her excellent homemade shortbread for all to enjoy.

Below are the Turnbolls in the Parade of Tartans.



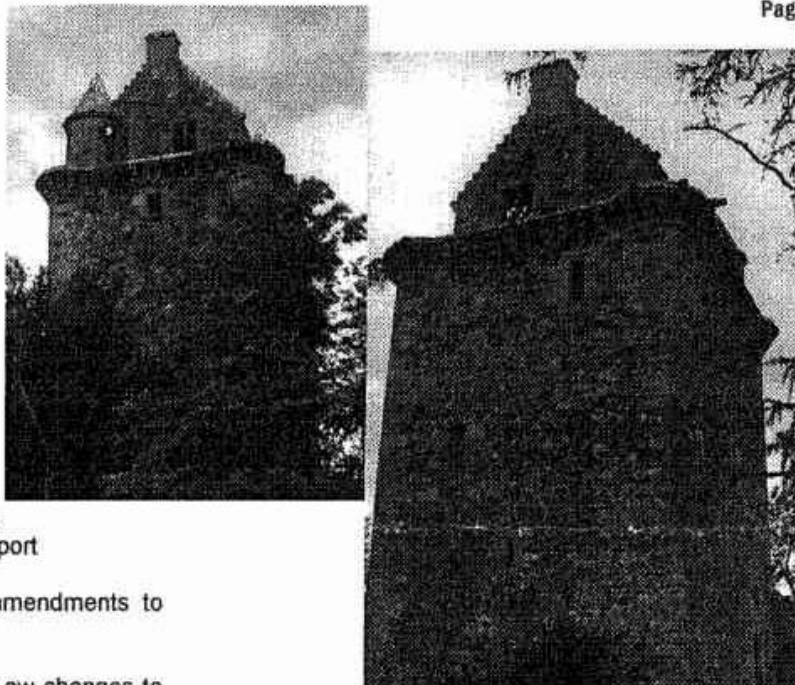
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NEXT ISSUE

Heart of Tennessee Highland Games
and Stone Mountain Highland Games Report

Balloting procedures for Officers and amendments to
the By-Laws

Note: Please send nominations and By-Law changes to
arrive by October 1, 1998 to ensure inclusion in our
electoral process.

Turnbull's in Time – Black Bean Turnbull.

Above left is Fatlips as you approach from the trail to
the top of the cliff. On the right is a view from the oppo-
site side. The wall on the right with the door overlooks
the Teviot River and Denholm.

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