

BOOK CORNER

The Turnbolls 1100-1700

By Michael Robson

This book, according to all of the information that we have been able to obtain on this matter to date, has not been published. Naturally it would have an instant success in our own Clan, but would it be a commercial success? Apparently that is the problem.

There have been recent reports that the book may now be ready for publication in the U.K., and George Turnbull of Scotland has been following up with the author for ordering information. If you want a copy when they become available, contact John G. Turnbull, 42-26 81st St., #5G, Elmhurst, N.Y. 11373-3117.

Another book of importance is Rulewater and Its People by George Tancred (original publication date unknown). A facsimile reprint was published by the Scottish Borders Library Service in 1992, but all copies have been sold. There is no plan to reprint the book. If anyone knows where a copy can be obtained, please advise.

In securing old books, or reprints we highly recommend Unicorn Ltd. Inc. of Bruceton Mills West Virginia. Their address is Unicorn Ltd. Inc., P.O. Box 397, Bruceton Mills, West Virginia 26525. phone 304-379-8803, fax 304-379-6923.

THE TURNBULL COLONY

(New Smyrna Beach, FL) Jo Anne Sikes of Edgewater, Florida informs us of a colony founded by one Dr. Andrew Turnbull in 1763 at New Smyrna Beach, Florida. She reports that the Southeast Volusia Historical Society has received a small grant to be used in recording local history and there will be a film which will appear on the History Channel in the future. The small local museum has many photos and artifacts about the recent archeological digs and Jo Anne will be in the film discussing the Turnbull Colony and the primitive

conditions that the settlers faced and overcame.

Jo Anne has also indicated that she has many articles which she is willing to share with the Clan Turnbull, if anyone is interested. You bet we are interested Jo Anne, and I have asked her to send me copies, at our expense.

She reports that, as well as a Turnbull Bay and Turnbull Canal, there will soon be built a Turnbull Golf course.

*A Message From Convenor Emeritus
Dorothy Turnbull Berk*

My first trip to Scotland in 1977 changed the next 21 years of my life. It was the first year of the now defunct "INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS", Scotland's contribution to the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebration.

Through a series of rather remarkable coincidences, I was put in touch with John Turnbull of Hawick, our late founder. The late Sir Arthur Elliott had encouraged John to rally the Turnbells and to join with the other Border Clans in the festivities being held in the Borders. Before the day and evening was over I had been thoroughly indoctrinated in all that was to take place and found myself appointed Convenor of the U.S. Trundles. I was stone sober, the day had turned into a party and the Turnbull Whisky flowed and flowed. Unfortunately, due to prior family arrangements I had to be in the south of England that following weekend when the first big Turnbull Gathering was to take place.

A couple of years later, at the next Turnbull Gathering in Hawick, Scotland, I met Jim and Shirley Turnbull of Australia. We learned that we shared similar incidences in starting up the Clan Branches. At this point in time all memberships were in the parent organization in Scotland. We were just doing the missionary work. The U. S. members were calling for a Branch of their own and with John's permission we started out with a dual membership situation. Part of the dues were sent to Scotland. This continued until shortly before John's death. Myra, John's widow, carried on with the parent organization for a few more years until personal obligations made it too much of a burden. We were now on our own with no umbilical cord.

As a Border Clan we had a lot of prejudicial obstacles to surmount. We found ourselves not welcome at some of the Scottish venues; they were for highlanders only. The law of the land and the economics of running some of these venues kicked down the barriers. In some cases we were reminded that didn't mean they had to like us. Some of those organizations when they came hat in hand to call at our tents or via telephone were reminded of the previous cold shoulder we had received. It was like shooting the messenger but I had to have the satisfaction of reminding them that now a Borderer's money was just as green as a highlander's.

We struggled along, taking our lumps and bumps. We started with nothing but, to borrow a phrase: "You have come a long way baby!!"

Before his death, John had put some wonderful projects in motion. Working with Scott Bros. woolen mill in Hawick he developed our Tartans, the Dress and the Hunting. The Ancient Hunting Tartan was developed a few years later.

It is nice to know that a number of very interested members are endeavoring to keep the Clan going. May the Turnbull Clan and all of you grow gracefully old together.

Lift our banner high and loudly proclaim "I SAVED THE KING!"

Dorothy

Turnbull Clan Council



**John G. Turnbull - National Secretary
Bull's Eye Co-Editor**

John was born in New York in 1941, and traces his Scottish ancestry from a William Turnbull who came from Scotland in the 1770's and settled in Philadelphia. His ancestors fought on the American side in the Revolutionary War, and on both sides of the Civil War.

He has been a member of Turnbull Clan Association since July 11, 1978, soon after the Clan was formed. He is also a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore and New York State, since 1965 and 1972, respectively. He is member of the Scottish

Tartans Society, the Scottish Tartans Educational and Cultural Society. Other areas of interest have led him to become a member of the The New York Caledonian Club and the North American Branch of the Celtic League. He is one of the few American members of the Scottish Historical Society. He has an A.B., and M.B.A., and post-graduate certificates.

He plays the Highland Bagpipe, and has competed in Grade 5 Band competition, but recently has given up playing for the time being.

He is married to Silvia Garcia Turnbull, who fled from Communist Cuba in 1961. He has a son by a previous marriage who is also a member of Turnbull Clan.



Mark Alexander Turnbull - Regional Vice-President, NorthEast

Mark is a life Member of the St. Andrew's Society of N.H., a former member of their Board of Directors and held the post of "Chancellor" at one point. He has manned the St. Andrew's tent or booth at a number of Highland Games and Gatherings of the Clans in the New England area over the last decade. He has been a member of Turnbull Clan Association for many years, and has hosted with co-hosts the Clan Turnbull tent at the Loon Mountain Games in Lincoln, New Hampshire for the last three years.

Mark has been a member of the American Legion Post # 79 in Manchester, New Hampshire. He has been a lumber jack in Maine, panned for gold in Alaska, rode horses across north Texas, climbed all over the Bavarian Alps, swum in the Mediterranean, toured Crete, "checked out" Springtime in Paris, and was a longhaired hippie anarchist in the East Village (New York City) in the late 1960's.

Mark served in the Army and then became a civilian Law Enforcement officer with the Air Force and the Department of Defense. He also has been a plainclothes officer, and has done investigations regarding manufacturing, shipping and retail operations, and also has been a personal escort.

Mark is the Archivist for the Turnbull Clan and he has just started cataloging his Scottish books and reference materials. At least one thousand of these books would be of some general Scottish interest and some may be of specific interest to Clan Turnbull members.

For this reason, Mark has formed **The Clan Turnbull Reference Library and Archives**. These materials, including cassette tapes, are being held "In Trust" for Clan Turnbull for the future, so that the library will not go

to any one group or individual. It is hoped that a permanent, safe and secure repository can be found so that these materials can be accessed by any of our extended family in the future.

In this regard, arrangement has been made to share as much of this information that is of direct historical value to Clan Turnbull through Corey Turnbull's website, and also with Bill Turnbull of Santa Cruz, who is planning to establish a parallel archive on the west coast.



Bill Turnbull - Regional Vice-President, Western Region

Bill has been the West coast regional leader of Clan Turnbull for several years, and due to his recent activities, is now the quartermaster to The Turnbull Clan.

Bill has had a very eclectic career in his 50 years and is a true Renaissance man. Currently he is a Kung Fu Arts instructor and is an ordained Reverend from the Evangelist Course of Medford, Oregon. In his younger years he has been everything from salesman, tractor trailer driver, bartender, welder, warehouse manager, security guard (and bouncer) and an equestrian.

He has started learning to play the Highland Pipes, apparently giving up more rigorous hobbies of his youth, such as being a scuba diver, hand glider, motorcyclist, cross country runner and weight trainer. Somehow, he also found time to be a movie extra and magician.

Bill has two sons, and one of them is responsible for designing the Bull on one of the shirts we sell. He also has a daughter who designs websites.



**Corey Turnbull - V.P. Website Administrator
Regional Vice-President, Canada**

Corey is Head of Clan Turnbull, Canada and is administrator of the official Turnbull website, available at

<http://www.turnbulls.org>

a truly enormous website chock full of information and articles of interest. He was born on October 20, 1971 in Kingston, Canada. His initial interest in the Turnbull name came from listening to his Grandfather speak of his Turnbull lineage and also general stories of Scotland.

In 1996 Corey started the Website, and was not able to find much information about the Turnbull Name. He then contacted people all over the world and started the Turnbull e-mail family, which now has over 130 members worldwide, with whom he has been able to exchange information.



**Mike Felmar - Legal Counsel
Bull's Eye Co-Editor**

Mike is our legal counsel and co-editor of The Bull's Eye. Born in London in 1968, he studied art for several years in New York before attending Brandeis University in Massachusetts. After graduating he returned to New York to study law and currently maintains a practice there. His short story The Pigeon is scheduled for publication next month in the online fiction magazine Intertext.



John Turnbull - President

John was born in Aberdour, Fife, Scotland. Aberdour is about 40 miles from St. Andrews, the home of golf.

He graduated from Edinburgh University and King's College, London University, England. This was followed by two years in the Royal Signals, the last year as a second lieutenant.

John, along with his wife Netta, who was born in Dunfermline, Scotland, married in 1962, came to the US in 1962 to work for Allied Chemical as a chemical engineer. John became a US citizen in 1977 and Netta became

a citizen in 1993.

John and Netta first visited Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in 1964 and have been returning every year since. In 1985 John and Netta became the official hosts for the Turnbull Clan Association at GMHG, and have continued in this capacity ever since.

John and Netta live in Charlotte, North Carolina, where Netta is a Deacon at Sardis Presbyterian Church. They have two daughters, one married and living in Oxford, Mississippi; the other lives in Charlotte, North Carolina. John is a past president of The Burns Society of Charlotte, and is a member of the Saint Andrew Society of North Carolina. He is a golfer with a seven handicap and with his wife's encouragement aspires to be a good cook (she says he needs a lot more practice). John retired from Celanese in 1989 after 24 years in the manmade fiber business.



Terry Trimble - Vice President

Terry was born in 1951 in Louisiana, but raised in Texas "long enough to be brainwashed". He has a BS in Aerospace Administration from Middle Tennessee State University and a MBA. He started flying at 16 and after college he was commissioned in the United States Marine Corp and has spent the last 20 years in the Naval Reserve where he has reached the rank of Lt. Commander. He is now a pilot for USAIR flying the B737.

For the last 23 years he has been married to Sherron Virginia Tice ("the best thing that ever happened to me") and they have five children including two male twins. He states that his loves are God, family, Eagle Scout, a Harley Davidson and Genealogy.

He came across Clan Turnbull through our Tent at the Stone Mountain Games, and now hosts the Turnbull tent at the Heart of Tennessee games held at MTSU since its inception.

It is his interest in the genealogy of the name Trimble that has held his interests and he now has a great deal of information on the name Trimble which would be a large sub group of the Turnbull name. He has gotten a copy of a privately published work, TRIMBLE FAMILIES OF AMERICA BY Eugene Earl Trimble, and has other information from his years of research.



James E. Trumble, Jr. - Treasurer

James was born in 1954 in Big Spring, Texas. James served from 1972 to 1975 in the prestigious 101st Airborne Division, Rank Specialist 4th Class, Parachutist Badge. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Valuation Analyst, having worked 20 years counting beans in various public accounting firms. He became interested in his Scottish heritage upon attending the Grandfather Mt. Games in 1989. His involvement steadily increased to the present attendance at four to five games a year. James has have also been invested in The Scottish Order of The Supreme Military order of The Knight's Templar of Jerusalem at Balgonie castle in Fife last year.



Dorothy Turnbull Berk - Convenor Emeritus

The oldest of the six children of Ellen Seenan (Belfast, N. Ireland) and Robert William Turnbull (Glasgow, Scotland), Dorothy had what she terms "the usual British upbringing, a smack on the bottom when I misbehaved."

Her working years were in various secretarial jobs in banks, insurance companies and stock brokerage houses, and at the Marine Corps School in Quantico, Virginia. Among the projects she was involved with while working for the Marines was the development of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

In 1950 Dorothy married William Berk an Environmental Scientist in the field of water and water pollution (see Obituary, below). Dorothy still calls him "the wind beneath my wings."

OBITUARIES

William Berk, environmental scientist.

By Krystyna Slivinsky
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

William Leo Berk, 74, an environmental scientist and Marine Corps veteran, died Wednesday in Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines. Born in Dayton, Mr. Berk received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Notre Dame in 1947. He earned his master's degree in environmental science from the University of Minnesota. He was in the Marines in World War II and the Korean War. Mr. Berk, a resident of Mt. Prospect for 40 years, spent more than 30 years as vice president of

Lakeside Equipment Corp. in Bartlett, where he worked as both an engineer and environmental scientist. He retired in 1991.

As an environmentalist, Mr. Berk loved the outdoors. He and his wife, Dorothy, journeyed twice to Antarctica, where Mr. Berk studied the water to determine pollution levels.

"He was interested in all aspects of nature," his wife said. "He loved animals and flowers and he wanted to see them protected."

GAMES REPORT -ALTAMONT, LOON MOUNTAIN AND STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

Turnbills Well Represented At Major Eastern Highland Games

On the Weekend of September 5 and 6th 1998 The Schenectady Bag Pipe Band, held its annual Highland games at the Altamont Farm fairgrounds. For more than 20 years this band has held Games at Altamont, and as one would expect, the emphasis was on Bagpipes (individual and band) competitions.

For the third year in a row, Fred S. Turnbull of Scotia, NY and his wife, Joanne, and Fred's mother Wendy, hosted the Turnbull Clan Tent. With two young children, very high winds, and high attendance at the games, Fred was certainly kept busy.

From September 18th through the 20th the 23rd annual Loon Mountain Games were held in the White Mountains at Lincoln, New Hampshire. This is one of the biggest Highland events in the United States, with 65 clan tents & societies, 25 pipe bands, sheepdog trials, heavy events athletics, whisky tasting seminars, living history encampments, workshops and demonstrations. By noon Saturday over 20,000 people had passed through the gates.

This year the honored Pipes and Drum regiment was the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, joined by the Bagpipe Band of the Sutherland Schools Pipe Band, and The Governors General's Foot Guard from Canada. Clan Sinclair



Altamont host Fred Turnbull flanked by his mother, Wendy, and wife Joanne on the left, and John Turnbull and Mike Felmar on the right

was this year's honored clan, and their chief, The Rt. Honorable Malcolm Sinclair, present Earl of Caithness was the Honored Chief.

Once again, Mark Turnbull hosted the Clan Turnbull tent, and Lee Turnbull, Sue Gallant, and Norma and George Cumm helped man the tent. Also helping were Lee and Josie Turnbull of Merrimack N.H. along with their son Glenn and his wife, Michelle.

Unfortunately, our Website administrator and Head of Clan Turnbull, Canada, Corey Turnbull, was not able to attend.



Netta and John Turnbull, James Trumble, John W. Turnbull, and hosts Claude and Sara Turnbull Snow at Stone Mountain.

In warmer climes, the Heart of Tennessee Highland Games were held on October 3 and 4th, and the Stone Mountain Highland Games were held from October 16th through the 19th in Georgia. Claude and Sara Turnbull Snow hosted the Georgia tent and we are told they met many interesting kinsmen.



Terry Trimble setting the standard at the Heart of Tennessee Highland Games