



# The Bull's Eye

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of  
Clan Turnbull

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## WELCOME TO THE TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION OF N.A.

### CLAN TURNBULL AT LOCH NORMAN GAMES

For many of you receiving this issue of *The Bull's Eye*, this is your first introduction to Turnbull Clan Association of N.A., and we hope that you will show an interest in joining the Clan, since you have already shown an interest in The Turnbull name.

The Turnbull Clan Association is an organization of individuals who trace their ancestry back to Scotland, and who are interested in the history and customs of The Turnbull Clan, the Scottish Borders and Scotland in general. For a list of variations of the name Turnbull, see the Genealogy column on page 3.



In addition to information available in *The Bulls Eye* and at Clan tents at major Highland events throughout North America, The Turnbull Clan has two official web sites:

[www.turnbullclan.com](http://www.turnbullclan.com)  
[www.turnbulls.org](http://www.turnbulls.org)

Current clan events and activities  
Genealogical information

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There are several other related web sites that can be accessed through [www.turnbulls.org](http://www.turnbulls.org)

If you wish to find out more about Turnbull Clan Association, and

receive a free copy of the first issue of The BULL'S EYE, please fill in the attached membership form. Dues are only \$20.00 per year, payable each January.

## **BOOK CORNER**

### **THE TURNBULLS OF DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA**

Written by Norman Turnbull this book should be of interest to all of us, and particularly those who can trace their ancestry from settlers in this region of Canada. It contains some general information about the Turnbull clan. The cost is only \$25.00 (USA or CAN ) and can be purchased from:

Norman J. Turnbull  
3055 Brooks Lane  
Orvilla  
Ontario L3V 6H3

### **THE TURNBULLS 1100- 1700**

This is an unpublished work by Michael Robson and has been continuously discussed by the clan for the last 10 years. While it has not been published yet, Corey Turnbull, of Canada is still taking names of those individuals who would want to have a copy of the book. Corey can be contacted at his web site (page 1) or at the address listed at the end of this newsletter.

### **Lt. Turnbull of the Black Watch and the American Revolution**

In the last issue we included an article by Frank Timoney on LT. Turnbull of The Black Watch who fought in the American Revolution. There is another related book, The diary of a Lt. Peoples of the Grenadier Co. of the Black Watch, published by Ira Gruber Co. It should be available from:

Unicorn Ltd Inc,  
P.O. Box # 397  
Bruceton Mills, W Va 26525  
Phone 304-379-8803

# GENEALOGICAL REPORT

Various spellings of the name Turnbull:

Torneboeuf	Tremble	Trubul	Trumme
Tornebule	Trembley	Trumble	Trummel
Tourneboeuf	Trenibley	Trumbul	Turnbo
Tournebul	Trimbill	Trumbull	Turnebull
Tournebull	Trimble	Trumbull	
Trembeley	Trombel	Trumell	

and the sept family name of Rule or Ruhl

Our May 1998 membership survey revealed that the most popular reason for joining the Turnbull Clan is an interest in one's own ancestral genealogy. Since our first issue in January 1999, we have received several letters from individuals regarding this topic.

This prompted the proposal by Clan President John Turnbull of the formation of a committee on genealogical research. While we are exploring the practicability of this proposal and seeking prospective

committee members, we have added this column and plan future genealogy features in this newsletter. We encourage members to send us information that they have so that it may be included in future articles.

Gary Turnbull, a member from Bountiful, Utah, has informed us that the Mormon Church will soon have all of its genealogical information available online at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). Future issues of *The Bull's Eye* will list other sources of genealogical information.

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## THE STATUS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Good news: the membership is growing and we now have 98 members in the USA and 12 members in Canada. We are seeking new members and are doing so with certain limited marketing efforts, which we hope will produce results.

Additionally, we have made contact with a group of Turnbolls in Mexico, who have their own website, (page 1) which is basically concerned

with genealogy of their ancestors. However, we have written to them and asked if they would like to establish a sister organization in Mexico, which like Canada would be linked to the American parent group.

Another member has written to us about contacting a group of Turnbolls, who are native Americans, and we have done so, hoping for some positive results.



# Turnbull Clan Association, N.A.

## A Message from the President

The Turnbull Clan Association (TCA) currently has 110 members, 12 of whom are in Canada. We have had one e-mail enquiry from a Turnbull in the U.K. Our intention is to encourage an international membership. Our management structure is in place and the long term future of TCA assured.

Our finances are good and an accounting is always available from our treasurer. Our finances are good because of the generosity of our members. Members have paid with their own funds for TCA incorporation, newsletter publication and mailing, for tent fees at Games and have given freely of their time. In this regard James Trumble and John G. Turnbull deserve special mention.

Priority will continue to be given to our Newsletter. We have a need to get our Genealogy section more secured. Financial support for the Newsletter and the Games needs to get budgeted on an annual basis.

We now have two official web sites i.e. web sites that TCA recognizes. The longstanding web site based in Canada is now [www.turnbulls.org](http://www.turnbulls.org) and all members are encouraged to use this site for genealogical inquiries. A TCA web site has been established in the U.S. and this is [www.turnbullclan.com](http://www.turnbullclan.com). Both the above web sites have relied on the very significant efforts of Corey and Andy Turnbull. The two web sites hold tremendous potential for TCA and [www.turnbullclan.com](http://www.turnbullclan.com) may be the source of commercial revenue. Security of membership information on the web will have to be considered.

Thanks to our members we have successfully negotiated a difficult time in our TCA history. We are now stronger for the experience. Our Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on October 17 and 18 at The Stone Mountain Games. The site is close to the Atlanta Airport.

I look forward to any ideas you may have that will make us an even stronger organization.

Kind regards,  
*John Turnbull*

John Turnbull  
TCA President



## THE BULL PEN

### REPORT FROM YOUR EDITOR

Both Mike Felmar, our co-editor and I have discussed what type of newsletter the Clan membership would want, both in its content and format. We hope that we have created a product which is satisfactory to the membership.

Upcoming issues of *The Bull's Eye* will include the following articles:

1. Bishop William Turnbull, founder of Glasgow University, by Father William Turnbull.

## REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE CLAN

On April 17 I traveled to Charlotte, NC to attend the Lock Norman games, and more importantly to meet with John Turnbull and James Trumble, your President and Treasurer. I am of the opinion that while the Turnbull Clan Association is still quite small, and while we are in a process of rebuilding we are in a strong position for growth, mainly due to the leadership of the Clan officers and those members who have shown an interest in contributing to the Clan in their various and special ways.

2- Dr William Turnbull and the Turnbolls from New Smyrna, Fla.

3- John Turnbull, the Indian Trader who was responsible for two lines of Turnbolls, one being the Native American Indian line, and the other the European Line, which led to the founding of the Plantation of Rosedown.

4- The Turnbolls of Rossie N.Y. submitted by Gary Turnbull of Bountiful Utah.

5- The Turnbolls of Maryland.

6- The Turnbolls of Mexico, who originally came from the New Smyrna Colony.

We invite you to share your genealogical information with us. Please send a good copy, and we will incorporate it in future issues of *The Bull's Eye*.

We are the only Turnbull Clan Organization in North America. We have pursued contacts with our counterparts in Scotland, Australia and Mexico. TCA is seeking to establish a close relationship with existing Turnbull Clan Organizations in countries that do have an existing organization, and membership in those countries than do not have an existing organization, and if possible help promote the growth of a Clan organization for such countries.

Because we are a small Clan as compared with many others, our area of

weakness is the size of the total membership in the Clan. I suspect that this will always be a continuing situation. To maintain and increase the membership the Clan must be able to meet the needs of the membership. In this regard, the newsletter, various venues of communication such as the Web sites and the newsletter are important. Also the ability to contact vendors who will carry Turnbull Clan accouterments are important components of what the Clan can offer the membership.

The next area of importance is to have regional leaders who will host tents at various games in their locality. While we do have strong regional vice presidents, you will note that more are needed, if for no other reason that the geographical distances are too big for one person to cover more than several hundred miles.

The Treasury report is available from Treasurer James Trumble, C.P.A. Naturally, the Treasurer will issue a financial report at the end of this year.

## MEMBER DIRECTORY

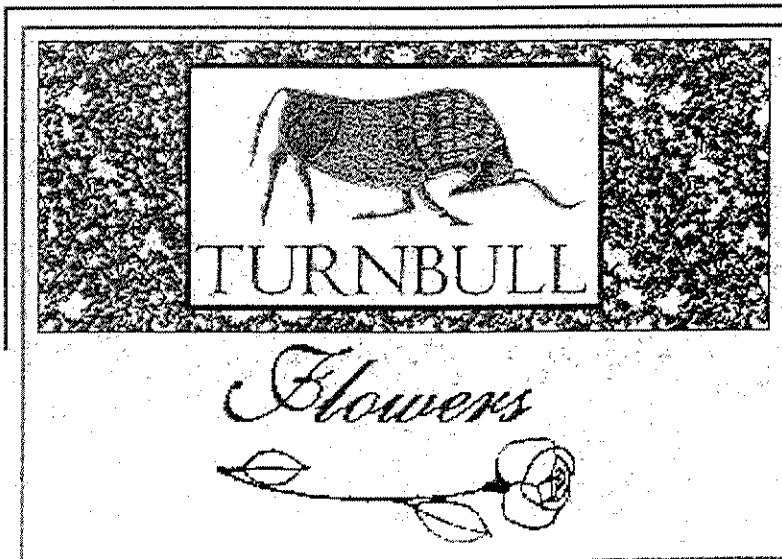
Later this year a Member Directory will be published, listing all members by name and contact information.. If you

do not wish to be listed, please contact John G. Turnbull at 42-26 81st Street #5G, Elmhurst, NY 11373-3117.

## ITEMS FOR SALE

Turnbull T shirts, caps, badges etc. These items are still available. For sizes and prizes Contact

Sally T. Dupris  
8650 Barncliff Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28227-5971



742 Richmond Street  
London, Ontario  
CANADA  
1-800-786-9409

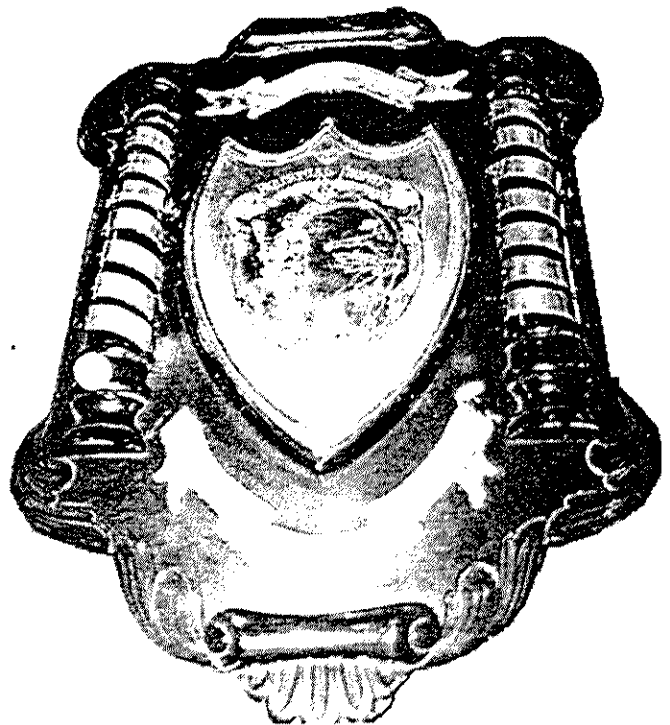
We have been serving Canadians with honesty and integrity since 1956, and we'll be here for many years to come. Our order desk is open 24 hours a day for your convenience, at 1-800-786-9409 (Canada and USA), OR (519) 433-6671, or if you prefer, you can FAX us your completed order form at (519) 433-1438 anytime!

# THE TURNBULL OLYMPIAN AND THE TURNBULL TROPHIES IN THE SPORT OF LACROSSE

There are three trophies which are awarded in the sport of Lacrosse which have the name Turnbull associated with each.

## THE TURNBULL TROPHY – WORLD CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

As you will note from the picture, this is actually a Shield. The Shield was donated by a Mr. Laurie Turnbull of Australia in 1974, when he was the president of the International Lacrosse Federation, and the shield is awarded every four years to the winning team in international competition. The United States has won the Shield in the past two competitions.



Laurie Turnbull was an outstanding Lacrosse player who managed the first Australian Team to tour the United Kingdom. By 1962 he was president of the Australian Lacrosse Council. From 1967 to 1974 he was president of the International Lacrosse Foundation.

Our Chief Editor jokes that the fact Turnbull was able to control a whole Lacrosse team comprised of Australians on a tour of England is a testimony to his leadership. Laurie must have been a strong and commanding individual.

## THE TURNBULL – REYNOLDS TROPHY

This trophy is given to the Johns Hopkins University Lacrosse player who has shown the most sportsmanship during the year. It was created by the

1932 Lacrosse team in memory of two members of the team that were killed during WW II, Peter Reynolds and John (Jack) Inglehart Turnbull.

# THE JACK TURNBULL MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to the Nation's outstanding Lacrosse attack-man that played on a Maryland Team, or against a Maryland team. It is dedicated to the memory of John (Jack) Inglehart Turnbull who was killed during WWII on 18 October, 1944 when he was on a bombing mission.

Jack Turnbull was an outstanding Lacrosse player as was his brother Douglas who excelled also in football.

This article is a little history of the lives of these two athletes.

## Jack Turnbull

Jack Turnbull has been called the "Babe Ruth" of Lacrosse. Born on June 30, 1910, he attended Baltimore Polytechnic High School, and after one year off, he went to Johns Hopkins University (JHU) where he graduated after three years in 1932, earning a Bachelor Degree in Engineering.

Jack was a four time captain of Lacrosse teams, first at "Poly" high school in 1926, and then at JHU in 1932, the U.S. Olympic Team of 1932 (which was actually the JHU team) and the Mt. Washington Lacrosse Club in 1934. His excellence in sports was not confined to Lacrosse, but also included Football and Field Hockey.

In summary his achievements in sports were:



1928  
Mt Washington  
Lacrosse Club (between  
High School College)  
1930, 31, 32  
All Maryland  
Football Team  
1930, 31, 32  
All Maryland  
Lacrosse Team  
1930, 31, 32 All  
American Lacrosse Team  
1931, 32  
Captain of the JHU Lacrosse  
Team  
1932  
Captain of the U.S. Lacrosse  
Team at the Olympic Games in L.A.  
1936  
U. S. Olympic Field  
Hockey Team  
1938  
Assistant Lacrosse  
Coach at Gilman  
School.  
1938  
Member of the US All Star team which  
toured England.





In 1932, the sport of Lacrosse was only a demonstration sport for the Olympics. The US Lacrosse team was scheduled to play against teams from England, Australia, and Canada. As noted above, the US Lacrosse team was actually the JHU Lacrosse team, which was selected to represent the United States because of their overall record. Because of the world wide depression that was occurring at that time, only the Canadian team arrived in Los Angeles to participate in the Olympic competition.

Jack usually played close attack position, however he played all positions when the circumstances demanded it. He played at Midfield so that he could win the face-offs when JHU was having trouble winning them. If the other team was a man up, on a penalty, Jack would be part of the defense and was known to actually steal the ball from the opponents stick. Yet despite his outstanding athletic ability, (or because of it) he was always known to be a team player.

## The Flying Years

In 1932 the Thunderbird Flying Club was formed in Baltimore, and Jack soon became a member. As the storm clouds started to form over Europe, Jack enlisted into the Maryland Army National Guard Air Corps. Soon thereafter, he was federalized into the Army Air Corps. as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.

From September 1941 to May 29, 1944 he rose from the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. to that of Lt. Colonel. For his service to his country, he was awarded The Distinguished Flying Cross.



This was the third highest award for bravery in the Army Air Corps at that time. Other awards included the Air Medal with three (3) Oak Leaf Clusters. He was posthumously awarded The Purple Heart.

Jack served with the 492<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group and later with the 44<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group of the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force. As a Lt. Col., he was the Operations officer, whose duties were to plan the details of the group's bombing missions, and to lead the bomb group as Command Pilot during the bombing mission.

Usually, the operations officer would sit in the co-pilots seat, or secondarily in the jump seat behind the pilot. The first position took into consideration that the plane had the best two pilots at the controls, while the second position ensured that the plane's combat unit integrity was maintained. On his last mission, Jack sat in the jump seat, and if he had taken the co-pilots seat, he may have survived. During a severe thunderstorm, 24,000 miles above the earth, the pilot lost control of the plane, and hit another plane in the formation. The Flying Ginny, as the plane was called, went down crashing about 9 miles from Ghent, Belgium at 1307 hours 18 October 1944.

Jack died two days later, having been treated by a Canadian Medical team and later Roman Catholic Nuns. There were 21 Airmen on both planes, and only two, from The Flying Ginny, who were able to bail out, survived. He was initially buried in the American Cemetery in Belgium, but his body was subsequently returned to the USA and

interred in the Turnbull family plot at All Hollows Episcopal Church in Davidsonville, MD.

In 1945 The USAAF named the airport at Mannheim, Germany, Turnbull Field in memory and to honor Jack Turnbull.

Readers of the first issue of The Bulls Eye will recall the article on another Col. Turnbull, who had an airbase named after him in Texas.



STEVE , JOSH AND TROPHY

In 1965, John Inglehart Turnbull, known to all as Jack, was elected to the Lacrosse Hall of Fame, following his

brother Doug Turnbull who was elected in 1962.

## **Douglas Clayton Turnbull II All American Lacrosse Player**

Doug was born on July 23, 1904 and lived for almost 91 years dying on April 12, 1996. He also graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic High School, and Johns Hopkins University in 1925 with a Bachelor of Engineering degree.

While at Poly he played football, basketball, and of course Lacrosse. He was picked for the All-Scholastic Football Teams in 1920, and in 1921 he was the Captain of the Poly Lacrosse team, which played varsity college teams from U. of Pennsylvania., U. of Maryland. and St. Johns College of Annapolis Maryland.

At Johns Hopkins, Doug played football for the four years that he was there. He was chosen for the All Maryland team for the last three years, and was Captain of the Team for the last two years. He also played Lacrosse with Johns Hopkins at the Attack position.

Doug was the first person to be elected to the All American Lacrosse team four years in a row, 1922, 1923, 1924, and 1925. This record stood unequalled for over 50 years.

After JHU Doug played for the Mt. Washington Club Lacrosse team for 13 years. During this time, Mt. Washington was the open national champion from 1927-1933. In 1934 Doug also coached the Gilman Lacrosse team, where two of his sons attended, as well as other relatives, some of whom are members of TCA.

Doug was also successful in business, working for the Baltimore Gas and Electric Co, and later for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, where he became a Vice President.

However, it is in the various charitable and civic organizations that Doug is remembered especially in the later part of his life.

The father of Doug and Jack founded the Brotherhood of St. Andrew (not to be confused with the various St. Andrew's Societies) in 1883. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is connected with the Episcopal (Anglican Community) and is concerned with various charitable works. Doug was a member for 78 years, and the Maryland Assembly leader for 50 of those years. The Maryland Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is now known as the Douglas C. Turnbull Assembly. During his lifetime, Jack was also a member of the Brotherhood. In 1999 a ceremony was held in Westminster Maryland by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, where a building was named in honor of Douglas Turnbull.



Doug had five children: four sons and a daughter. Two sons Maj. Robert Bruce Turnbull (who is a member of TCA) and Edwin Turnbull also played for the Johns Hopkins Lacrosse teams in the mid 1950's where JHU maintained a

superior record. By this time the sport had grown in popularity and thus the competition was greater. Doug's other two sons, Douglas (III) and John (Jack) Turnbull also played lacrosse for their respective high schools, and colleges.

The Editor would like to thank a few individuals for their help in getting for him the necessary information. To Major Robert Bruce Turnbull USA (Ret.) for his unpublished autobiography of Jack Turnbull. To Josh Christian of the Lacrosse Foundation (located in the general JHU complex), for his assistance in allowing me to secure pictures of the Jack Turnbull Memorial Trophy at a time when the general public would not be around the exhibits.

To Steve Stenerson , who is the Executive Director of the Lacrosse Foundation for his help in securing from the foundation's archives, which have not been fully catalogued, pictures of Jack Turnbull and other articles not available to the public.

Finally to Liz Piper, the executive secretary at the Foundation, who got me in the door before the public arrived. To all three thanks for your hospitality. I look forward to a return visit.

At Johns Hopkins University I wish to thank Ernie LaRossa, Sports Information Director, for allowing me to take pictures of the Turnbull Reynolds Trophy, and giving me a copy of the 1999 Men's Lacrosse Guide, which had valuable information regarding the history of the 1928 and 1932 JHU teams.

Also at Johns Hopkins University, and in a less athletic but just as important setting, I wish to thank James Stimpert of the Milton S. Eisenhower Library (Ferdinand Hamburger Jr. Archives) for finding and photocopying 100 different articles on Jack and Doug Turnbull, as well as some other Turnbolls who went to Johns Hopkins. This was my first experience in seeking out information of a biographical nature, and it seems that I hit a treasure trove on the first try.

## **THE BULLS OF WAR**

### **THREE TURNBULLS AT WEST POINT**

#### **William Turnbull**

Born in the 1800 or 1801 he was the son of William Turnbull and his mother was a member of the Nesbit clan. It is from this line that the Turnbolls of Maryland are descended. William graduated from the USMA on 1 July 1819 and is the 221<sup>st</sup> graduate of the USMA, graduating ninth in a class of 29.

He was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Corps of Artillery, Topographical Engineer, Chief Topographical Engineer of General Scott's Army in the War with

Mexico, (1847-1848) and received several brevet promotions, rising to the rank of full Colonel. He died in Wilmington, NC at the age of 57.

#### **Charles Nesbit Turnbull**

The son of William was born in Washington DC (around 1830's). He graduated USMA on 1 July 1854, the 1636<sup>th</sup> graduate of the USMA graduating 6<sup>th</sup> in a class of 45 students in 1854. Appointed at large to the class of 1854, he was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Topographical

Engineers, in charge of field construction of the Union army of the Potomac. He also served as General Sheridan's Chief Engineer in 1864. Resigned in 1865 as Brevet Colonel and became a Merchant in Boston, Mass. where he died on 2 Dec. 1974 at the age of 42.

## **Robert Bruce Turnbull**

Born in Pennsylvania in 1932 and appointed as a Congressional Nominee from Maryland in 1953 (after spending 3 years at Johns Hopkins) graduated 4th June 1957 as the 2,155<sup>th</sup> graduate of USMA ranking 341 out of 545 graduates.

Commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Infantry, qualifying as an Army Parachutist and Ranger, Bruce served in Europe with the 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division (1958-1961) as a platoon leader, Infantry and Reconnaissance Troop. He was later Company Commander and Battalion Operations Officer, with the 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry of the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Korea (1963-1964).

He was part of the Office of the Director of Admissions of the USMA when he took medical retirement at the rank of Major. He remained at West Point as the Associate Director of Admissions from 1969-1994.