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Aiden Turnbull and his Medieval Battle Group
By Rob Turnbull of the UK

Hi All

Just thought I'd send you a report of Aiden's latest exploits. This year I decided to make the effort to find his house hold at the Tewkesbury medieval festival. (I went last year, but with over 2500 participants, look as I might, he was not to be seen) This year I went prepared with a photo, description of the tent, banner and a mobile phone number that Aiden had kindly sent me.

So armed with this information, my wife, son and daughter and myself set off to look for the Turnbull household. This year we were lucky, after looking through the first camp (Aiden said the tent was white. Half the tents were white!!!) we came across a Turnbull banner positioned outside a tent with an open fire and cooking pot simmering away. We introduced ourselves to a medieval wench (who turned out to be Aiden's wife) who made us welcome.

Aiden at the time, we were told, was being attacked by loads of children in the children's battle. So this is what our hero does, picks on young children, what happened to this battle hardened warrior, we all have heard so much about. After chatting with Aiden's wife and son, our hero appeared in all his medieval finery

At last I had met our hero! The report of his engagement with the children was grim, he and his fellow knights had been attacked by an army of kids bearing rubber swords and they narrowly escaped with their lives.

Aiden then showed us around his camp and displayed his armour and weapons. We then went on to family history and it looks like we may be distantly in the same line. By this time my wife and children were getting a bit hot and bothered (bored) so we made our goodbye and headed off to look around at the rest of the festival and beer tents. We said we'd keep an eye out for Aiden in the main battle reenactment, in which all 2500+ take part.

At 4:30 pm the two armies took to the field. Aiden was on the Yorkist side, including his wife, but two of his cousins were on the other side for the House of Lancaster. We tried to spot Aiden but with so much armour, Knights and men at arms, it was a difficult thing to do. The battle started with a hail of arrows from both sides, then the two armies moved in to fight. The battle swayed this way and that until the Yorkist finally won the day. After the battle I returned to Aiden's camp, to find him flaked out on the grass completely exhausted (but in one piece), 60/80 lbs of armour is a lot to put up with when it is blazing hot and some kind soul is trying to knock your head off, and yet by all accounts of other knights he proved he is OUR warrior. He showed me the new battle scars to his armour. (see Aiden's note)

I have been invited to join Aiden on one of his exploits, but only if I can get a medieval costume. I am very tempted to take up his offer (my wife thinks I am mad) but I will not take on Aiden in a one on one combat. My son is giving me plenty of practice with the plastic sword and shield I bought him. Who knows there may be more Turnbulls taking to the battle field.

If anyone gets the chance, I recommend that you go and see Aiden in Action. It was a great day!

Yours,
Rob

THE TRUTH ABOUT TEWKESBURY

By Aiden Turnbull

[Editors note: I have picked out the most interesting of the comments by Aiden in his three page reply.]

My cousin Rob Turnbull was really to kind when he described my exploits on the field at Tewkesbury. The officials say the Gloucester, UK battle featured 1,400 re-enactors, of which 800 were fighters, there were 600 tents and 30,000 members of the public.. quite a good turn out. There are only three rules to medieval fighting in armour: do it first, do it fast, and do it the dirtiest.

The battle was excellent on both days, quite restrained in some ways, as compared to last years mayhem. It was a blazing sun all the way Tewkesbury weekend, so hot it was killing us under our weight of armour. Thank God my wife Gillian Turnbull turned out with a water bottle, with her shiny new steel helmet and a plastic suck tube to keep us going (there were 10 of us in my contingent gulping down the water like a pack of thirsty puppies) or I swear I would have died of heat exhaustion. I did lie down panting a couple of times.

There were lots of things to see and visit, a few, like a mock trial and beheading, jousting, a medieval market, performing dogs, trampoline for the children, persons making bread in mud beehive ovens, beer tents and hand made knives. I would like to draw your attention to the Ghostwalk at Castle Hadleigh open to any one who wants to visit. I shall be checking this one out myself, as around 20 of the kids in the Medieval Siege Society (ages 5-16) will be armed with water pistols, each containing a fraction of holy water in their water loads. I am not expecting the "Ghost" to actually put in an appearance, so I have arranged for my friend Andy to turn up unexpectedly, dressed as Death in a scream mask and pop out from behind a battlement. He doesn't actually know a tribe of screaming kids will be primed (by me) to find him, soak him and then beat him up! Hey, what can I say? I am a evil person at heart. Chuckle! There is a copy of the rest of the years battles available at Janet's desk, just ask her for one.

In all the 10 Turnbolls at Tewkesbury had a great time and we recommend that if your visiting the UK to check ahead and pay us a visit.. To all my Turnbull family, Your Warrior Aiden

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President John G. Turnbull will attend the Highland games in Pleasanton, California, Labor day weekend and the following weekend he will hold the TCA General Membership meeting at the Highland games and Festival in Estes Park, Colorado. Please try to attend the games and meet your President, the tent hosts and workers.

A very huge Thank You to Wally Turnbull and his staff in Haiti, for the scanning and CD burning of all the old Bull-Eye's dating from 1979 to the present, which will soon appear on the Turnbull Clan Association Website. A leadership apology to Wally's son Andy, who was going to do this for us, and it was such a huge undertaking that he was overloaded and turned to Dad for help...the undertaking of the job took Wally and his staff several weeks to accomplish and it really is greatly appreciated...

There will be NO newsletter in September...I will be in California attending the Games and meeting my first Great Grandson...

CROSSVILLE CHRONICLE

News

John Turnbull Judge of the Year

During the annual Tennessee Judicial Conference recently held in Memphis, Circuit Court Judge John A. Turnbull of Livingston was designated by the Tennessee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), a national trial attorney organization, as its first Judge of the Year honoree. This award was presented at a dinner at The Peabody Hotel, attended by most of the judges and many trial attorneys from across the state.

The 13th Judicial District over which Judge Turnbull presides includes Putnam, Cumberland, White, DeKalb, Overton, Clay and Pickett counties. In addition to his duties within his own circuit, the Supreme Court of Tennessee calls upon him from time to time to try cases outside his own jurisdiction. In that capacity he has served in Sumner, Davidson, Rutherford, Warren, Marion, Rhea, Knox, Union and Sevier counties.

A 1966 graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law, Judge Turnbull practiced law in Livingston for more than 22 years. His practice included both representation of injured plaintiffs and defense of personal injury claims for Tennessee Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. He also served on the Board of Governors of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association for 14 years and as TTLA president in 1983. He is a member of ABOTA and of the Tennessee Bar Foundation.

While practicing law, he was a frequent presenter at seminars on such topics as negotiation and settlement, punitive damages, the trial of a product liability case in a rural area, the use of an economic expert and damages. He also served as a presenter at seminars held by Tennessee Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. for its attorneys.

Since taking office as circuit judge in August 1989, Judge Turnbull has also been an active presence in Tennessee Judicial Conference activities. He has served as chair of the Bench/Bar Relations Committee, been an active participant in the Tennessee Pattern Jury Instructions Committee and, with Judge John Maddux, prepared the first Tennessee jury instructions on comparative fault.

He has made a number of presentations on comparative fault to judges, attorney groups and the combined judiciary committees of the state house and senate. He teaches at the Tennessee Judicial Academy and is a founding member of the Tennessee Supreme Court Historical Society.

Active in church and community affairs, Judge Turnbull has taught a Bible study class at First Christian Church in Livingston for approximately 30 years. He has coached both Little League and Babe Ruth baseball teams. He and his wife of 32 years, Delores, reside in Livingston.

Mrs. Turnbull is school psychologist with the Overton County Board of Education. They have three children: Amy Hollars, an attorney with the firm of Hodges, Doughty and Carson in Knoxville; Karen Wolfram, a registered nurse who lives in Murfreesboro; and John M. Turnbull, who obtained his medical degree at Vanderbilt University and is now in his third year of orthopedic residency in Winston-Salem, N.C. The Turnbulls are also the proud grandparents of four.

FILM AT ELEVEN!

By Bill Trimble

On May 3rd and 4th, 2002 the first ever Tri-Cities Scottish Highland Games were held at the Trade, Recreation and Agricultural Center (TRAC) in Pasco, Washington. The event kicked off Friday evening with a Celidh featuring Irish and Scottish dancing, musical performances, and audience participation folk dancing. The local NBC affiliate was there, and film of the events appeared on the eleven o'clock news that night. By some twist of fate, the only clan tent they featured was the Turnbull Clan tent hosted by my brother Kim and myself, hence the title of this article.



Bill and Kim Trimble setting up clan tent



Clan Badge standard carved by Kim Trimble



Skweeze the Weezy Band at the Celidh



Scottish folk dancing



Clan tents and vendors as viewed from the "nosebleed" seats



Highland dance competition



Bill and Kim Trimble with special friend Terri Szendre

Saturday's events included piping and dance competitions, as well as the usual tossing and throwing seen in Highland games field events. Fifteen clans participated, plus a number of local and out-of-state vendors. Overall, it was been considered a success for a first attempt.

The next Tri-City Scottish Highland Games are being planned for the spring of 2003.

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Genealogy Notes:

Don Hanson of New Jersey has contacted Tao Blake in regards to the name of Turnbull being found in France, the theories are of vise versa version, either the Turnbull went to France to fight under Joan of Arc, or the name came from France to begin with during the invasion and conquest in about 1060.

The scribe spellings of Trumble, Turnbull, Turnebol, and many other versions makes it hard sometimes to find out who is who. Anyone interested in the ongoing research should contact Tao by mail, or e-mail.

During the past several months I have reviewed your paperwork that was with John G., and in the estate boxes, and what has come available with your help. I am slowly learning who belongs to whom. We are trying very hard to establish records for each of you, to show when and how your dues are paid, if you donation, your age, your correct address, phone number and e-mail if you have one, where your family histories are located, and who has copies. One problem that has arisen is the cash for dues at the Games. It has been very hard to credit your account records without a check, or money order number. I would like to suggest to those of you who have paid by cash in the past, that you make the effort to pay the dues by check in the future...I also need to have the yearly application returned as that is your record sheet for the year. Your suggestions for change are always appreciated.

AIDEN'S CAMP



*Left to right
Treena Trimble,
Scott Trimble,
Sarah Snow,
James Trumble,
Mrs. James Trumble,
Netta Turnbull,
John Turnbull,
and Claude Snow.*



*Left to right
James Trumble,
Claude Snow,
John Turnbull,
And Scott Trimble*

