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Hello All,

Well another year is upon us and at this time we have 140 registered members for 2003, with some 35 still pending. Scott and Treena Trimble, James Trumble and John Turnbull have formed a group named Clan Turnbull. We wish them well.

Financial report from Janet; 2002 expenses on newsletters and membership mailing. Was a total of \$1489.97, the projected budget for year 2003 is \$1500.00 plus. A lot will depend on how many members decide to get their newsletters off the web site, which will save money in postage, and how many new members we acquire during the coming year.

Financial report from Webmaster Brian Turnbull: June-December 2002 cost for the web-site; \$228.40. Anticipated cost for 2003, web hosting renewal \$230.00, renewal of domain name registration for 5 years \$115.00 est. cost over the year is \$345.00.

The work done by Wally Turnbull was a major achievement and all the old newsletters are now on the web-site, as are all of the later editions of Bullseye and Clan Prints. They are located in the TCA Member only section. If you need the access codes please contact me. On my agenda for 2003 is to experiment with a new Genealogy page, with data obtained from the old newsletters and what is being collected from the mail ins of the membership, Ideas for new material are always welcome.

As you will note the watermark the Turnbull of Bedrule is not on this issue. On consulting the Court of Lord Lyon in Edinburgh, Scotland, I have been informed that it is not proper for us to use those Arms. We have no Arms, and there has never been a chief of record. One comment I found recently can explain why. "An American is allowed to hang a graphic rendering of an achievement of arms that he or she admires on the wall, as a work of art, but is not allowed to claim any kind of ownership in it. There is no such thing as a family or clan coat of arms. An achievement of Arms belongs to a person, not a group. As such, it is inheritable property and may offer a clue to father/son relationships." The register for the Court of Lord Lyon did say that consideration would be given if Turnbull Clan Association submitted it's designs and constitution for approval of Arms, which all members would be entitled to wear, if, the submission is granted. So this is something we all need to think about and send in ideas. The by laws are being reworked with a constitution to go with it. There also has been a suggestion for a members bill of rights. Again we are looking for input from the members as this is your Association. I will try to find out more on the above subject.

Everyone is going to get a new membership card. The suggestion was made that the membership secretary address be attached to the back of the cards, so everyone would have the address for cases like recently, when I left off part of my address, for which, I send all of you my apology..

We have lost a long time member and friend to the New Hampshire area, Dee Springer was always surprising Mark Turnbull with different little things. Her last Scottish games she brought a cake for all those attending to enjoy. We have the picture of the cake with her Obituary on the next page..She was a dear person and will be greatly missed by all of us..

In Search of Scottish Roots

It was finally time to explore my Turnbull roots. After seven days of soaking up the history and beauty of Scotland in the late spring. After Edinburgh, Sterling, Loch Loman, the Tossachs, Ft. Williams, Mallaig, Skye, Glen Coe, Inverness, Loch Ness, Bueley, Glen Affric, Cullen, Fraserburg, Speyside whiskey, Fraser Castle, Arbroath, Dundee, St. Andrews, Glenferline, Culross and more, it was time to head to the borders. As we drove our rented Focus on the wrong side of the road south toward Hawick (pronounced Hoik), we marveled at the rounded green hills lined with rock fences. Our dream trip to Scotland was almost over. Our senses were satiated. Our hearts were still warmed at locating so many seminal areas of Delores' Fraser clan. But we had little time and few leads.

In my heart, I had held to the hope that the story of the first Turnbull, William of Rule, saving the life of King Robert Bruce, was not just a legend, a myth. Yet doubt had crept in. I had also heard the tale of the border raiders and rustlers who were wont to turn the enemies' cattle into their own pastures and thus acquired the surname Turnbull. Were my forefathers saviors and heroes or rustlers and raiders. I was to find out; a little of each.

Arriving in Hawick mid Sunday afternoon, with a scheduled flight home from Edinburgh Tuesday afternoon, we had little hope of learning much. Since there was still a few hours of daylight, we decided to drive to the tiny village of Bedrule, about halfway between Hawick and Jedburgh, a few miles south of Mintoe and a few miles north of Bonchester Bridge. Located on a narrow paved road just above the rule, we found a small

stone church with surrounding graveyard. In that graveyard there are many headstones bearing the name Turnbull. John, William and David were common first names. Some barely legible headstones showing birth dates back into the late 1700's. If William of Rule had been ceded the bedrule by Robert the Bruce in the early 1300's, it stood to reason that there would be Turnbuls in the Bedrule church graveyard. We explored the graveyard and drove over to Jedburgh to see the remains of the abbey before returning to the Kirklands Hotel in Hawick. After looking through the telephone book and noting the long list of Turnbuls, but being too backward to call any of them, we decided to go for a walk into downtown Hawick for dinner and perhaps a pint or two.

Little did we know when we entered the Queens Head pub and asked for a couple of 7 shilling Ales that we were about to make a connection with our clan roots. We struck up a conversation with the proprietor, Kenny Lynn, who, after learning I was a circuit judge from Tennessee, would not let us pay for our ale. (Scottish judges apparently don't enjoy a drink and conversation in a pub.) Kenny proceeded to tell us there were probably 1,500 Turnbuls among the 15,000 or so people of Hawick, and that he was well acquainted with George Turnbull who had run for Parliament. Kenny proceeded to put his own shillings into the pay phone in his search, on our behalf, for the head of the Turnbull clan in Scotland. The happier we got, the more often he would hand the phone to me to talk to some Turnbull he thought might help us. He finally got the number of the Clan chief, George B. Turnbull, of Martinshouse Design and Marketing Limited. Telephone 01450 37 47 38.

When we finally got through to Mr. Turnbull, he acknowledged himself to be the interim head of the Turnbull clan. He agreed to meet us for lunch on Monday, a bankers holiday. In the meantime, he suggested we explore Fatlips Castle near Mintoe which overlooks the lands of the bedrule. It turned out that we had seen the castle, sitting high on the brow of a hill, as we had driven A698 from Jedburgh to Hawick the previous day. After climbing the little used steep trail to the abandoned and crumbling castle, we were treated to a wonderful view over the bedrule and the borders on south to England.

That afternoon we were treated by George B. Turnbull to a delightful drive over the borders. We were shown where the young men of Hawick had, in a night ambush, routed a British army near Bonchester Bridge, a victory to this day celebrated in the Common Border Ridings. A victory, ever so sweet, since it followed by a year the horrible defeat and massacre at Flodden when eighty percent of the fighting men of Hawick were casualties. After hearing tales of 250 to 300 years of raids and wars conducted across and through the borders, one wonders how any member of the Turnbull clan survived to serve as ancestors of the Turnbells of today. Following A68 we traveled the short distance to the English border near Byrness which sits on a high hill joining Northumberland National Park. Looking north across the borders from the location was a beautiful panorama of the border lands including the seminal bedrule.

Discussions of family, ours and his, took up a good deal of our time together. We learned of his work in graphic design, his fine family, and his efforts to keep the loosely knit

Scottish Turnbull clan going. George seemed equally interested in our family; the fact that my father, Frank J. Turnbull, grandfather, David R. Turnbull, and great-grandfather, Thomas B. Turnbull, were all Presbyterian ministers; the fact that after my grandfather died, my grandmother, Ruth Johnson Turnbull, put her eleven children through college on the family plan; the fact that each of my siblings had also gained a college degree. He was most interested in our Turnbull family reunion, held each year for the last 25 years at Standing Stone State Park in Tennessee where 80 to 100 descendants of David R. Turnbull gather from all across America to spend a week in play, fellowship and conversation.

George B. Turnbull took a good portion of his holiday to show us wonderful hospitality, show us the lands of our forefathers, and make us prouder still of our Turnbull roots. He recommenced that if we wished to get a better understanding, we should read the historical novel *Balefire* by Nigel Tranter. I will be forever grateful for his kindness and hospitality.

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left is George
Turnbull of Hawich,
right is Judge John
A Turnbull of
Tennessee

DOLORES (DEE) ANNA NUTT ALL SPRINGER

formerly of Newark Valley

Dolores (Dee) Nuttall Springer, 54, lost her courageous battle against multiple myeloma (bone cancer) on January 10, 2003. Dee was predeceased by her father, James A. Nuttall, her long-time companion, Richard "Gibby" Givens, grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

Dee is survived by her children: Tina, Andrew (Becky) and DeAnna Springer; grandchildren: Hannah, Drew, Abigail and Amber; her mother, Caroline Spencer Nuttall; sisters: Dianne (Doug) Gorsline, Denise (LeRoy) Sult and Donna (Michael) Sullivan; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Dee will be remembered for her strength and humor in the face of adversity. She will be missed by everyone.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 18, 2003, at 11 AM at the First United Methodist Church, Main St., Newark Valley, NY, with Dee's son, Rev. Andrew Springer, and Rev. James Valentine officiating.

Donations in Dee's name may be sent to the American Cancer Society and expressions of sympathy may be sent to DeAnna Springer, PO Box 808, Chatham College, Woodland Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

Mark Turnbull writes; "You all remember Dee, she made the Turnbull cake for the dinner with our Clan Crest on the frosting at our last AGM at Loon Mountain. Many of us still have pictures of that cake. I remember her 1st time arriving at the Clan Tent at Loon, and her first words were "What can I do to help?" About 5 min. later, she was stamping passports, handling the guestbook, fielding questions from the daytrippers, etc. She was proud of her heritage, and we can certainly be proud of her. Audaci Favet Fortuna, Dee. Yours Aye, Always, Mark in NH"



Bullseye addendum page.

1-27-03

After finishing the main part of Bullseye, I received from Mark Turnbull, TCA East Archivist, a large envelope of General files from Dottie Berks estate boxes. Mark has been so busy that I agreed to give a hand in sorting and cataloging this information. Much to our surprise there is Genealogy data mixed in these folders. So far, a copy of the booklet from Elmira County, Illinois, data from Phyllis Paxton, also on Elmira. There is a letter and data from Gordon W. Turnbull on his Turnbull's from Rossi, NY and at the bottom of this heap, was a section from Sally Dupris on the Barrows, which one of them married Daniel Turnbull, son of John Turnbull the Indian Trader.

It is now the hope of Mark and myself that other General folders of data will yield up some more hidden treasures. Copies of this information are being sent to; Dana Hoyer, West Archivist, Tao Blake, our Genealogy Director, and a set to Dorinda Wolentarski, our Genealogy searcher. Dorinda is going to need some help, anyone interested in doing research should contact Dorinda or me.

1-29-03

WOW, another box from Mark and in the general files of this one, is data from Virginia that goes with information from B. Walton Turnbull; for the growing Elmira file, data from J Michael Turnbull, and a picture. A folder from Jim Turnbull in Australia, along with a booklet, but also a lot of old newspaper clippings and items on travel which are way out of date. For any active member that data is found, a copy of that data will be added to your membership file. So gang all is not lost after all. With what Jim Turnbull has in Australia that he copied from Dottie's files and what is being found in these General file, we're ahead in this Genealogy planning. I have no idea at this writing how much more there could be, Mark will have to tell me what else he is sending.

Thank You Linda Bertorello for sending those files...It is wonderful to find that your Aunts files do have some Genealogy after all.

Now those of you who have an Email address, in your envelope you have a blue sheet of paper with the codes for entering TCA members only section on the web site. Of those who want to get their Bullseye and Clan Prints directly from the web site. I would greatly appreciate it if after you have gone to the site and retrieved a copy of the Bullseye that you send me an e-mail verifying that you can retrieve it. I will then check off your name on the labeling system, and you will no longer be sent your newsletters by regular mail.

Updating on renewed members, we are now at 148 as of 1-29-03.

John G. Turnbull, TCA President; will be mailing you directly, a financial report update and a letter to the Membership.

Archive and Genealogy reports are as noted above, and this cataloging of data in both archives will take time, but at the end there will be inventory lists of data available for the members should you choose to inquire on information.

Everyone stay safe...

Janet