

Bullseye

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Announcements:

Genealogy on our web site:

Brian Turnbull, our webmaster, has been working very hard getting the Genealogy pages started. If you have World Family Tree, or any other Genealogy program that can send Brian your family history in a GEDCOM format, it would be of great help. As it is right now, Dorinda Wolentarski is the only volunteer we have, who is able to assist by taking the hand written family histories and converting them to the format needed by Brian to put the information on the web site

Turnbull Clan Genealogy - we need your help!

Our project to share our genealogy research is finally up and running. We have about 1400 Turnbull names and immediate relatives currently in our database. We have thousands of more family names in our records, which need to be typed into the database. For this, we need your help. Volunteers are required to type this material into genealogy software of their choice, only one or two family histories each month. About 4 to 6 hours of time per month is all we need. If you are willing to help, please contact Brian Turnbull at, brian@turnbullclan.com or Janet Schwierking at, janet@turnbullclan.com. We will then get the family histories to you with complete instructions on how to setup your software and return the material to us.

In the mean time please check in to our web site www.turnbullclan.com and see if any of the material there is of interest. You may discover some errors or omissions in the material. If you find any, please let us know about it so we can effect the corrections. Shortly, we will have a system in place to do lookups for those members not comfortable with the net, or who do not have web access. In the mean time, if you have some Turnbull Family Genealogy you wish to share, please get it to us. If you have your family history on genealogy software, we would like to have your data sent to us using the GEDCOM export capabilities of that software. If you don't know how to do this, send an email to Brian Turnbull and he will take you through the simple process.

Game Information:

The 2003 game information is available.

Bill and Kim Trimble extends an invitation to all of those interested in attending the Scottish Gathering, sponsored by Tri-Cities Scottish Highland Games Association of Pasco, Washington.. The games will be held: Friday May 9th and Saturday May 10th 2003 at Columbia Park, in Kennewick, Washington.

We received two very nice invitations to attend games, one in Hawaii, which we bought table space and sent them items about us for that table, and then we received one to attend

the Rio Grande Games is south Ohio. Keith and Therese Trimble are talking about trying to attend. Anyone who goes to a game, please send us your impressions and thoughts in a short note for the Bullseye.

Dues Helper:

Last year there was a young couple out of work, who wanted to join TCA, and a donor provided those dues. The couple did not renew this year, but the idea of having a donor to help someone in trouble was thought to be a good family idea. This year donor funds have provided dues for 2 of our members who were out of work, and the only thing asked of these two members is that they return the favor by helping somebody in the future. We can all do this by saving our daily pocket change. It would stay with you until needed, all you need to do is let the President or your Membership secretary know that you would like to be a donor if needed. Clan means family, and we are a big family, with a lot of big hearts. As of April 1st 2003 we are 171 family members strong.

Election

Please everyone this is your Association and election of officers is YOUR business. You are the ones who need to choose your leaders. It is not up to the outgoing elected persons to choose for you. I realize that was done in the past, but that is not how it is done now. Step up give us somebody you think might be good in an office, even if it is yourself. Can you fill a spot as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary? We need a Librarian; somebody who loves to read and could give small briefs on books that might be of interest to the other members. We need Genealogists, beginners are sure welcome, we need writers for the newsletters, there are many jobs that someone might be interested in. The business of running this Turnbull Clan Association is not about the money, (that pays the bills for the web site, mailing for the newsletters, helps with expenses of the games,) it is about all of you, your wants and needs.

There are very few of us right now that do one big job for all of you. Several of us wear more than one hat to cover the needed areas. I love doing Genealogy, but I can't help there, because I already have two jobs, your Membership Secretary and the Editor of TCA's two newsletters. Wally Turnbull and Sandy Turnbull are trying to find a suitable design for a Turnbull Clan Association Coat of Arms, plus a logo for us to use in purchased Ad's, suggestions in this area are welcome.

A new set of Bylaws are being drafted that would outline all of the rights and rules we have as an Association. They outline official's duties; explain the different kinds of memberships available, among many other things. These will be presented to all of you at election time to be voted on. The importance of the new Bylaws and the Coat of arm? These two things must be presented to the Court of Lord Lyon to be considered to make them officially ours. This is also a costly project; we are looking at having to raise about \$3000.00 to pay the fees for the Court of Lord Lyon. We need to do this! We can do this if we all pull together. I remember back some years ago, a friend wanted to go visit Italy and finances as they were made it out of the question, but the determination was such that every penny, nickel, and dime went in a jar, then a second jar, then a third and so on. The trip taken was wonderful, she told me later that many times, she wanted to give up, but the dream never changed, and the determination paid off.

It is your time to speak up and tells us what you want, and do not want.

Genealogy

Well, no one claimed our dapper gentlemen from last month. One interesting thing I did not point out was how he signed the picture. He signed it Fred a small k and then the surname Turnbull. This is a form of old tyme writing. The small k was used as the abbreviation for the rest of his given name, which was Frederick. I apologize for the poor copies in the next two pages; I could not get them any clearer. What they are is just a few of the different ways letters were formed in the old tyme writing. Another thing about this writing is it can give you some idea why names were changed over time. I don't think the scribes could read there own handwriting. In addition, they were notorious for misspelling what they heard. So let's take a look at the alphabet from back then and then you will move into some strips of old writing for you to try to decipher. No cheating now, because I have put the answers on the last page. Give it a try, then the next time you see some old document on a family member you just might be able to read it. Takes time and patience.

1.

For my god father's name

2.

Go to the church of Saint Michael

3.

Somebody's name is Leonard

4.

Wafford's name is Alexander

5.

Grant's name is my daughter

6.

Distributed for day below

7.

In the year of 1510 of the year

OLD HANDWRITING STYLES - CAPITALS

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OLD HANDWRITING STYLES – small letters

	1615	1630	1644	1671	1678	1700	1734	1757
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d								
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Answers To The 7 Examples..

1. I bequethe to evry on "*of my God chylldryn apeyste*"
2. My bodye to be buried in "*the churchyard of Saynt Botolfe*" aforesaid
3. Janr Item : "*Homfridus Taylcote fifyus Leonarde*" bap.
4. One greate Skommer, one "*chaffingdysshe, one ffryingpan*" on greate platter
5. itl I do gyve unto "*Grace Taylecote my dawghter*" one bedstedle
6. mony to be "*distributed the day before*" my burial unto the poore
7. my bodye to be buried in the sepulcher "*in the pishe church of Nelston afforesayde*"

Matt Turnbull Wins 5th Place at 2003 Metro Cup in "Light Music"

BY JOHN G. TURNBULL



For the last several years, the Metro Branch of the Eastern United States Bagpipe Association has sponsored a competition in among the best pipers in the United States, Canada. Every year the competition also draws several of the best pipers from Scotland. This is a very prestigious affair, and the judges are come from Scotland, as well as Canada and the United States.

This year Matt Turnbull competed in the Piobaireachd and the Light Music. Among a field of 12 competitors, Matt placed 5th in the light music. Generally, those who win in one field of the music also place in the other field.

Matt originally comes from Detroit, and he told me that his father and mother were members of TCA when Dorothy was heading TCA. He was the former Pipe Major of the Black Raven Pipe Band of Detroit, and the Baillie Mor (Gaelic for Big City) in New York where I first met him. He was a member of the 78th Fraser Pipeband, a band that has consistently competed in Grade 1 at the World Bagpipe Band Championships in Scotland, as well as other leading

pipebands. He has won the Gold Medal of London awarded in Canada, and the North American Championship in Piobaireachd awarded at the Highland games in Maxwell Ont. He has competed at the Cowal games in Scotland where he won the Class B in Marches, the open piobaireach in Birmum and took 4th place in the Silver Medal Oban, and a 2nd in Piobaireachd.

Matt now lives in Seattle, Washington, and is by profession a pharmacist. He is wearing the McNab Tartan Kilt.