

Clan Prints in the Sands

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Hello everyone,

Just a few notes to bring you up to date. We have 159 signed members for this year. Nice job done by all.

Caver Kirkyard, near Hawick, Scotland, and the near by church are in peril. The Douglas family has used this churchyard for hundreds of years. There are many of our Turnbells and varied spelling also laid to rest there. The new property owner wants to turn the church into a private residence. He does say he will allow some archaeological research on site before any work commenced. Many of our Turnbull family have rallied to the cause, in showing the displeasure of the events unfolding.

Unfortunately, this is the trend nowadays everywhere. To my knowledge, there have been several churchyards in England and Scotland that have already been put to the wrecker. Headstones demolished and graves disrupted. Here in America it is no different. Roadways have plowed into cemeteries, cutting there path and leaving the cemeteries divided by a road and some of the grave left under the roadway. Here in our country, right now, there is an Indian holy ground that has been condemned to the moving trend of progress. Like it or not, we are going to see this happen more often than not, as communities grow and the populations spread out over the lands. Our very life goods are coming down, trees demolished for progress, the animals killed for the sake of sport. Mother Nature who has surrounded us for years is being slowly demolished and the world for our children's children is looking more bleak everyday.

Do You Know me???

Does anyone want to claim this dapper fellow? The picture was found in a web page called "Ancient faces". Judging from the wearing apparel, the hair and mustache, I estimate the time frame as 1860-1880. Only thing that might give a clue to this man was the name Hardenbergh, mentioned as a friend. There were no details as to area, or other family.



Fred L. Turnbull

How Trimble's Creek Got Its Name

Trimble's Creek, which heads up near the Russell County line between Castlewood and Dungannon, has an interesting background as to how it came by its name. The surest way to perpetuate the name of an individual is to name a natural landmark after him. His name, if not his memory I will be remembered for ages to come. So is the memory of Robert Trimble, living on since the year 1771, two hundred and fifteen years after he first set foot on the small stream.

The Trimbles were an early family in Augusta County, Virginia. John Moffett was one of the earliest settlers of Augusta County. His wife was Mary Christian and his children were George, Robert, William, John, Mary, Katy, and Hannah Moffett. At some time prior to 1749, perhaps as early as 1742, he left his home for Carolina, and was never heard of afterwards. In the course of time he was presumed dead/ probably killed by the Indians. His widow, Mary Moffett, qualified as Administratrix of his estate on February 28, 1749, with her brothers Robert and William Christian as her securities.

Mrs. Moffett contracted a second marriage with John Trimble, by whom she had one son, James Trimble.

Several of John Moffett's children emigrated to Southwest Virginia as early as 1770-1771, among whom was Captain Robert Moffett who settled in 1771 on the Upper Clinch in present day Tazewell County. While living here two of his little boys, George and John, were captured at a Sugar Camp by the Indians and carried to the Indian town of Piqua, on the Miami River in Ohio, and John was adopted into the family of Tecumseh's mother. They were given up at Wayne's treaty in 1794, but John, who was the older, was unhappy and later returned to Piqua, married an Indian wife and settled down with the Indians. Captain Moffett and his wife, Jane, had migrated to Kentucky in 1783 and were living in Jessamine County when their sons were released.

Captain Robert Moffett's half-brother, Captain James Trimble, lived in Washington County, Virginia, and another brother lived somewhere near Abingdon. His sister, Kitty Moffett, the wife of Benjamin Estill, Sr., and the mother of Judge Benjamin Estill, Jr., after whom Gate City in Scott County was first named, lived on a 1300 acre tract of land at Hansonville. It is of interest to note that Kitty Moffett Estill and her half-brother, Captain James Trimble, had both been captured by the Indians and escaped while they were living in Augusta County as young children.

In October of 1783, a caravan of emigrants started from Staunton in Augusta County for settlement in Kentucky, among whom were the Moffets, Trimbles, Allens and others. As this caravan moved down the Shenandoah Valley and the great Wilderness Road, it was joined by another caravan and by individual people along the way. Many families who had settled at Castlewood and Abingdon earlier also joined this caravan, among whom were the Moffets, Trimbles, Scotts and others. This caravan moved on to Bean's Station in Tennessee and entered Kentucky by that route. They were met at Bean's Station and escorted on into Kentucky by Colonel James Knox of later family in the state of Kentucky.

Robert Trimble for whom the creek was named came to Moccasin Creek in early 1771, along with Benjamin Logan, John Gross and others looking for land and stopped at the home of Thomas McCulloch, the first settler of Scott County. Shortly afterwards he asked for assistance in "raising a cabin" and McCulloch, John Wherry, Alexander Montgomery and others helped him to build one. Trimble returned and brought his family, but about five months later moved them to Abingdon on a tract of land he purchased from Dr. Thomas Walker, Agent for the Loyal

Land Company. Perhaps his reason for moving his family away was fear of the Indians, for all of Moccasin Creek was abandoned in June of 1771 for this reason and remained so for about a year.

John Morgan, the man who supposedly led the first settlers to Castlewood in 1769, had bought this land from Francis Cooper who was the earliest claimant, and Morgan in turn sold it to William Carr, who in turn sold to Francis Fugate who moved his family into Trimble's cabin in November 1772. All these land transactions were made by simply assigning the land warrant from one person to another as there were no legally recorded deeds in Washington County until the first Land Commissioners met in 1781. When the Commission did meet in 1781, Robert Trimble laid a claim to his old cabin site and got a land warrant for it. Francis Fugate, whom one settler referred to as a "rash man" swore he would die before giving up claim to the land, but was killed shortly after the meeting of the Commissioners by being thrown from his horse.

A lawsuit did ensue in the High Court of Chancery in Staunton between Fugate's heirs and Robert Preston, to whom Trimble sold the land on September 2, 1786, three years after his removal to Kentucky.

The last entry in Washington County, Virginia court records pertaining to Robert Trimble was March 22, 1781, when he was made a Captain of Militia, yet his name still lives on in Trimble's Creek after a lapse of more than two centuries.

Moccasin Rangers

The Moccasin Rangers are remembered for several skirmishes in Calhoun County, West Virginia. The first noteworthy incident occurred in November 1861 when Captain James L. Simpson led recruits of Co. C. Virginia Infantry in an expedition against guerrillas in the county. Most of Simpson's men were from Calhoun County. The Union forces had moved up the Little Kanawha River near Grantsville and prepared to cross over to the West Fork area. However, a force of men under Perry Conley attacked the Union men while they rested at Colonel McDonald's home at the forks of the Sycamore Creek and prevented the continuation of the Union expedition. (b)

Another skirmish occurred on May 6, 1862 at Arnoldsburg. The Union forces of four companies are stationed at the old militia camp. Major George C. Trimble commanded these forces. Trimble learned that a large enemy force was moving toward him in Braxton County and he led two companies against them. The Confederates were under the command of George Downs who was then a Captain of the Virginia State Rangers. Trimble failed to stop the enemy and barely escaped being cut off from his camp. However, the Union forces successfully defended their camp on May 6 and repulsed a Confederate attack. (b)

Pro Union partisan bands also existed in this area that were authorized by the Restored Government of Virginia at Wheeling or by Virginia after June 20, 1863. They were known as home guards and were commissioned to protect Union citizens and property especially from guerrilla raids. Thirty-two such companies were organized in Calhoun County. William Ellison received a commission as Captain on October 3, 1863, and organized the Home Guards. This company was discharged June 16, 1864. (c)

(a) of the Early Days" by Phil Conley. 1970

(b)"Calhoun County in the Civil War", McClain Printing Co., 1892

(c)"Comstock's Encyclopaedia of West Virginia History"

Researcher: Gene F. Elmore, Sr.

Mr. Elmore gave this information to the Nancy Hart Chapter, Order of Confederate Rose in 1994

MARSHALL TRIMBLE

Arizona Official State Historian

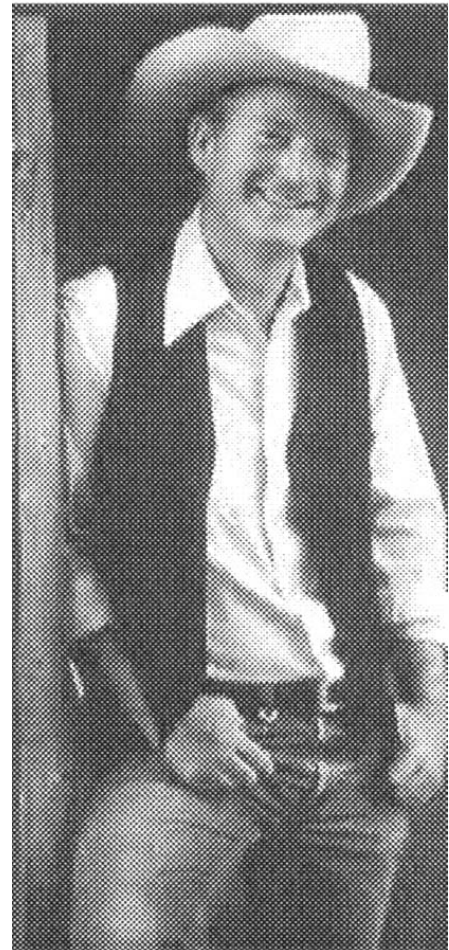
Marshall Trimble is considered the dean of Arizona historians. He's the award-winning author of more than a dozen books, and is the most widely read chronicler of Arizona's heritage. He's taught Arizona and Western history at the college level for over 30 years. His is the kind of history folks love to read: factual and comprehensive, yet laced with delightful legends and yarns about the Arizona of yesteryear. His books include the award-winning *Arizona: A Cavalcade of History*, *A Roadside History of Arizona* and *Arizona: A Panoramic History of A Frontier State*. He was editor of the popular *Arizona Trivia* board game and scriptwriter for the award-winning *Portrait of America* series on Arizona. His stories and cowboy poems have appeared in such magazines as *Arizona highways*, *Western horseman* and the *American Cowboy*. His cassette recording, *Legends in Levis*, is a popular selling collection of old cowboy songs. He has been featured on TNN Nashville Television.

In 1996, he was featured in PBS Television KAET's *Legends and Dreamers*, inspired by *Arizona Highways Magazine*. The show won an Associated Press award and several regional Emmy awards.

The late U.S. Senator Barry M. Goldwater wrote the foreword to the original Doubleday release of *Arizona: A Panoramic History of A Frontier State* by Marshall Trimble.

Ask the average Arizonan to name an Arizona historian and the most likely reply will be "Marshall Trimble." Then ask them to name a cowboy singer, humorist, or a storyteller and the reply will still most likely be "Marshall Trimble." This Arizona native is one of the state's most popular and colorful personalities. He's the state's favorite, native son and is often referred to as the "Will Rogers of Arizona."

Marshall Trimble is also one of the most sought-after banquet and convention speakers in the state. He has appeared on ABC *Good Morning America* and CBS' *This Morning*. He has opened for major acts performing in the Phoenix area, including Waylon Jennings, Jerry Lee Lewis and the Oak Ridge Boys. He's also appeared in Las Vegas, Los Angeles and San Francisco.



TURNBULL HOUSE

27 Bowen Street

Architect: William
Turnbull. Date of
Construction: 1916.

Building Type/Use:
Offices/Cafe. Architectural
Style: Queen Anne/Scottish
Baronial.

Compilation date:
February 1994. Photo
Negative: 16/3/92.

Condition: Good-
excellent District plan: Map
17, reference 37.



Visible material: Brick unreinforced structure, with a cavity to the exterior walls. Timber windows and joinery. A timber-framed roof, sheathed with Welsh slates, and copper gutters and downpipes.

HISTORY

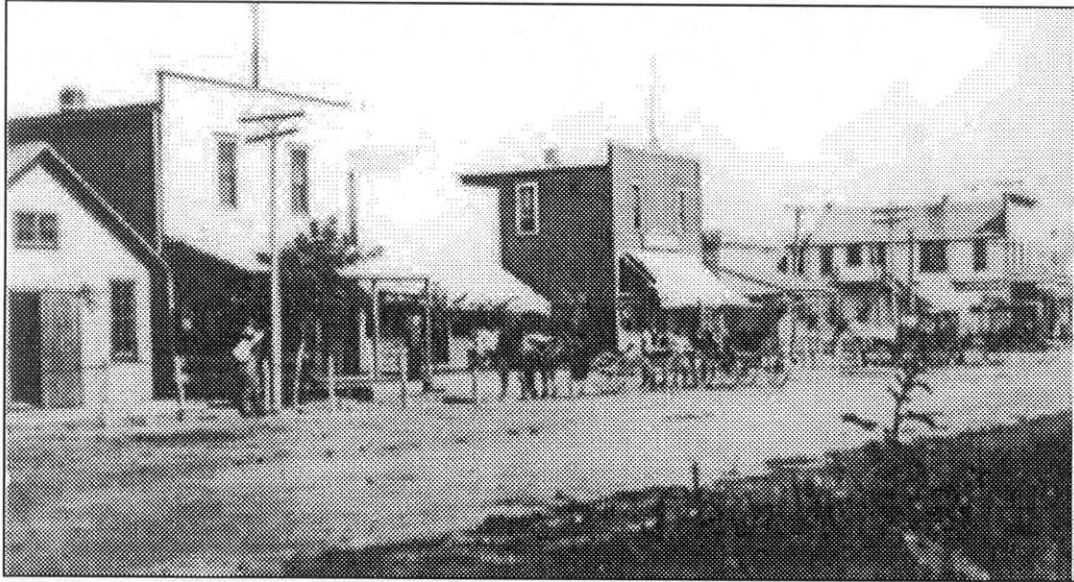
Born in 1868, Alexander Turnbull became a successful merchant, having inherited a considerable fortune from his father and uncle. He remained a bachelor throughout his life, with systematic book- collecting becoming his absorbing passion. By his death in 1918, he had amassed a collection of over 55,000 volumes together with many maps, pictures and documents. On his death, Alexander Turnbull bequeathed this fine collection to His Majesty King George V, for the people of New Zealand.

Turnbull House was designed by William Turnbull as the residence for Alexander Horsburgh Turnbull. It was also designed to accommodate Alexander Turnbull's collection of some 40,000 books, which are still considered one of the finest collections in the South Pacific. A building permit was issued on 10 March 1916. The builders of the Library were Campbell and Burke, well-known in the central city, and the contract sum was 5,200; although this grew to nearly 6,000 with extras. Kupli Brothers of Willis Street installed shelves and bookcases for the sum of 729, and other fittings and furnishings brought the total cost of the house to close to 8,000. Alexander Turnbull was able to move into the house early in 1917; he died the following year in June 1918, in Bowen Hospital.

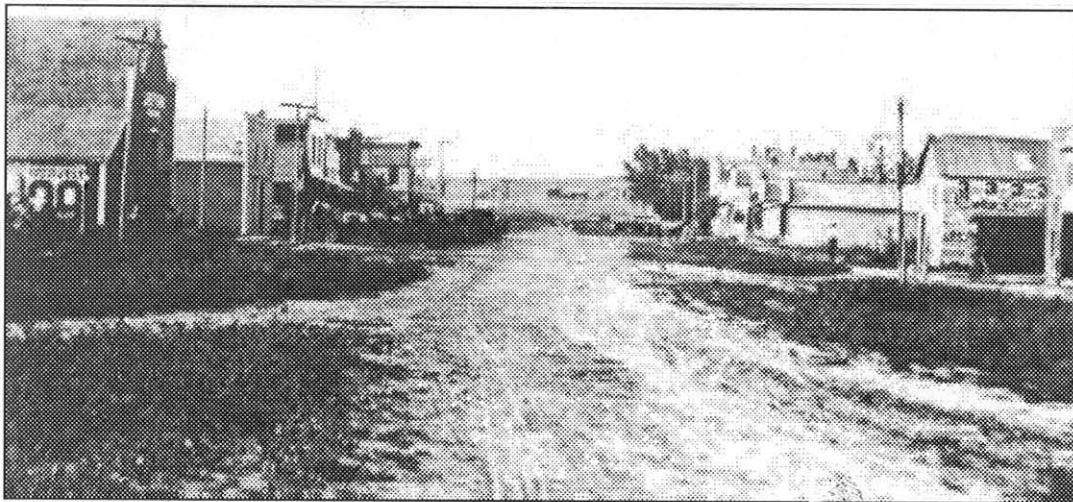
Photos of Hazard's yesteryear taken from the book *Wheels of Time: A Centennial History of Hazard, Nebraska*

- Ola Criffield, editor

Historical images from Hazard's business district...



Hazard Blacksmith shop, Clarence Trumble Hardware, Post Office with Mrs. Lotte Trumble, Butcher Shop - cream, eggs, and feed with Lester Trumble, Myers Peterson's Grocery Store, & Hazard State Bank.



Hazard's business district in the early 1900s.



Clan Prints addendum notes.

Linda Bertorello, still has some estate items for sale, if anyone is interested in what is available, contact her at:

39575 Calle de Suenos
Murrietta, Ca. 92562

Now this is the first time that those who want to collect the newsletters from the web will not be sent the newsletter by regular mailing. You must let me know that you can retrieve the Newsletter at the web site, if any of you regular mailers want to change over let me know your intentions.

If you have not received your new membership cards, send me a message..

No one has sent in any suggestions for the slate of new officers in the upcoming election ...come on gang this is your Association and your suggestions are important...VERY IMPORTANT !

Wally Turnbull has made a suggestion for the membership to make drawings for our new arms and crest. This is a matter that all of us must help in. We do not have Arms or a crest that is appropriate for the Association. Therefore we can submit to the Court Lord Lyon, a draft for Turnbull Clan Association arms and crest, which every member can wear and display as their own. We have to have a sound set of By-Laws and a drawing, then a payment to the Court of approximately \$2000.00 for our submissions, which will be checked and either approved or disapproved.. It would be nice to see the members help in this endeavor as this is your Association.

Anyone interested should contact Wally at:
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Everyone be safe, and hopefully Spring will warm us all soon..
Regards, Janet