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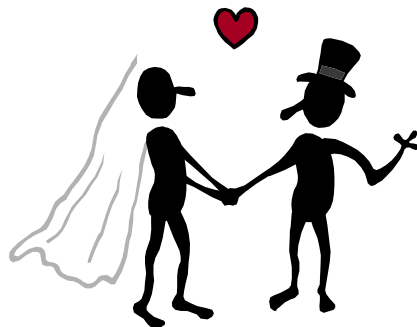
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Hello Everyone,

Well, it appears that our little experiment in old tyme writing did not go well. I expected that! I was showing you how hard it is to read old records. Should you at some time decide to go to Scotland to the parish of your ancestor, and asked to see the old documents, this little experiment was to give you a sample of what you might find there. I am going to enclose TIME CAPSULE in this issue, it is a copy of an old Turnbull Document. This document was sent to Dorothy Berk by our Scottish founder John F. Turnbull. The translation of the document is on the back side. It was made in 1759, you will note the damage done by age and that at some time it had been folded, it was written by an educated man with a fairly descent handwriting and it was most likely originally on parchment. The shield has damage in the middle, should have three bulls heads, the helmet has a bulls head on the top. Remember that the older the records, the more damage you are going to find, from aging paper or parchment, improper handling and care, water, mold, poor writing and splotches of ink from the drips off the quill pens, and the spelling of some words was different then.

Terry Trimble of Tennessee has volunteered to head up a DNA project. This is the coming of age in Genealogy. It takes a look at not only our DNA strings, and how we are all similar in some manner but the diseases that follow family lines. Hereditary genetics for example in my family, I have allergies to pollens and grasses, three of my children have then also. From my mother I inherited migraine headaches, two of my children have them. Diabetes runs in families, as does heart disease, and many other diseases. I think Terry is taking on a big project for TCA, and we need to give him our support. There will be more on this as it takes shape, any one interested in helping Terry can contact me and I will forward it to Terry until he is ready to put his address in the newsletter.



Congratulations to **Sandy Turnbull** and his future bride, who will be married this month, all our love to them on their special day. *Many years of happiness.*

Our President **John G. Turnbull** and his wife **Silvia** remarried in the Roman Catholic Church recently, this in celebration of their 20th anniversary. It was attended by Johns son Kenneth and his wife Leslie, and other family members. Happy Anniversary!

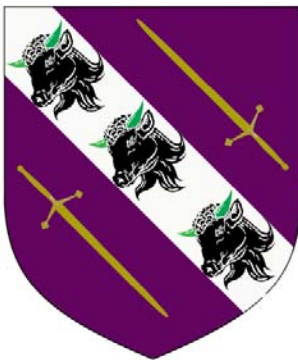
Membership now stands at 178 active members...Remember we need your family histories. Velle Turnbull, Ann Weller, and Dorinda Wolentarski are your Genealogy workers. Jim Turnbull in Australia who has some copies of TCA data from Dottie in 1980's is going to send copies of that data. So the Genealogy is off and running.

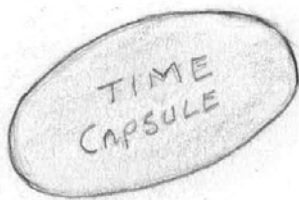
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Attention Attention Attention

We have not received anyone's input on the upcoming election of officers for **YOUR** association. Some of you older members should have some ideas. Come on lets make some suggestions.....Are any of you interested in serving a term.?.....Speak up...

I have included a couple of the draft drawings for the TCA coat of arms. Sandy Turnbull of Australia and Wally Turnbull of North Carolina have been working on the drawings together. Anyone with an idea, this is your chance to help.





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D. T. Berk, Editor

A TRUE ACCOUNT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE ORIGINAL OF THE NAME AND ARMS OF TURNBULL

During our visit to Hawick, Scotland in 1981, John Turnbull, our late founder gave me a copy of the document which appears on page 4. It is very old and hard to read but a great keepsake. A faint outline of the arms can be seen.

With the aid of a magnifying glass and some patience I was able to decipher that which appears on page 5. There are a few missing pieces undoubtedly some errors and emissions and anything you members can add would be appreciated. It would be an addition to our files to have this document as complete as possible.

The question is often asked, "With three crests, why did the Turnbull Clan Association pick the Turnbull of Bedrule crest and motto?" The charter members did the choosing. They felt that the crest and motto which appears on the Scotland of Old map was more widely known. Also, since we are all supposedly descended from William (Roull) Turnbull of Bedrule, and most are not that sure which of the other lines they are related to, one had to be chosen to represent all.

On a personal basis, many of the members have mementos passed down thru the families which identify the line to which they specifically belong. When John Turnbull our late founder was consulted he thought the choice should be up to the members. The main purpose at the time was to get organized and get the basics attended to. To this date, no one has really voiced a word of total disagreement. There is no Clan chief from whom to get direction, perhaps that will change one day.

I SAVED THE KING

A True Account and description of the Original of the Name and Arms of Turnbull.

The following true Account
Original of the Name
was taken from the Standard
the British Herald Office at
the 9th day of May 1759
in my presence; and from
principal Linen in said
Arms properly coloured,
on a Copper plate, by one of the
impression of which is here
Exposition of the James Turnbull
of Warriston Esq. His Majesty's
of parliament for the Shire of Edinburgh &c

and description of the
and Arms of Turnbull
book of Scots Heraldry in
Doctor's Common in London
by the proper Clerk in that office
the following description, the
office made a drawing of the
which I caused to be engraved
best Engravers in London, and
exhibited still at the desire and
then Clerk to Robert Dundas
Advocate for Scotland and member

The Head of Bulls are frequent in Arms and at all other Heads of which before
Represents the whole Creature.

The Name of Turnbull carried Argent a Bull's head crested Sable, of
lat. three of them disposed 2 and 1.

The first of the Name with us was a Strong Blunt of the Name of Aitell
Who signed a Bull by the hand which violently run against King
Robert Bruce in Stirling park for which he got from that King the Lands
of Badyrnil in Teviotdale and the Name of Turnbull.

Edward Hower in his history of England page 231 mentions this man
in the minority of King David Bruce at the Battle of Holydown hill his words are
"A certain stout Champion of great stature who for a fact done by him was
called Turnbull, advanced before the Scots Army and a great massive dog
with him, and challenged any of the English army to fight with him, a
Combat: one Sir Robert Vernal a Norfolk man by the King of England leave,
took him up, and killed him and his dog too.

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of Sable, This of that Name multiply the Heads to three.

John Turnbull of Stichelthron descended off the Family of Badyrnil,
carries Argent three Bull's heads crested, Motto (audaci Facit Fortuna
New Register.

John Turnbull of Know descended off the Family of Minto carries
Argent one Ear of Rye Vert between three Bull's heads crested Sable armal of
the second Crest a Bull's head crested, Sable Vert Motto. "Courage"

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(If you look closely you can make out part of the motto Favet and an indented border. The rest is not very clear.)

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Welcome to a Gathering of Scots



Mason Benjamin Epperly

My name is Mason and, with grandpa's help, I wish to take you to the Tri-Cities Gathering of Scots which was held along the banks of the Columbia River in Kennewick, Washington on May 9th and 10th, 2003. But first, I should give you a little background of yours truly. I was born on March 24th, 2003 to Stacy and Jim Epperly and currently reside with them in Kennewick, Washington. My grandparents are Pat and Bill Trimble of West Richland, Washington and Larry and Sandy Epperly of Mesa, Arizona.

Columbia Park in Kennewick, Washington was filled with a sea of plaid on Saturday, May 10th, 2003 and Mid-Columbian enjoyed all things Scottish during the second annual Scotland Highland Gathering.



Grandpa Bill and Uncle Kim

We had a good crowd Friday night during the Ceilidh when guests were treated to a variety of Celtic music dancing and good food.



Highland Dancing

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On Saturday, 15 clans showed off their coats of arms, family histories and tartan kilts. Prior to the opening ceremonies, where each clan marched behind the Desert Thistle Pipe Band, dancers performing traditional Scottish dances entertained the crowd.



Clan tents



Desert Thistle Pipe Band



Parade of Clans



Kim Trimble, Kathy Chase and Bill Trimble

This year there were no competitions, only demonstrations of the caber toss, hammer throw, and sheave toss. In addition, participants held a sheep dog demonstration and there was a display of Highland Cattle.



Sheep Dog Demonstration



Highland Cattle

I hope to see you next year when the Tri-Cities Scottish Highland Games Association holds their third annual Highland Games.



Turnbull Clan Web Site



The Clan Web Site www.turnbullclan.com has undergone several changes in the month of May, some of you may have noticed the site for the last several months has been experiencing slowdowns and outages. This was because our provider, FeaturePrice, out of Florida has gone out of business. We have now moved to a new provider, HostedToday with servers located in New Jersey and service and support in Nova Scotia. Our experience with the new

provider has been excellent to date.

Moving to the new site has been a lot of work, but for the most part we have maintained the site up and running. Moving has also provided us with an opportunity to add some new features like the Clan Forums. Here you can exchange ideas and seek information from visitors to our site. Initially I have established two forums, one GENERAL for all things Turnbull, and a second for GENEALOGY, where we can leave messages in search of our roots.

Recently we added a Genealogy section for our members only. It currently contains about 1300 names, however we are expecting a major input of new information from Jim Turnbull in Australia and volunteers are currently keying in more data from Clan records. So please check back often to see if some of the new family trees are of interest to you.

The season for Highland Games has started, the first with a Hosted Turnbull Clan Tent is The Tri-Cities Games in Kennewick, Washington. Bill Trimble, host, sent us an interesting article on the "Gathering of Scots" available in this issue and in colour on the web site.

To those of you who have visited our Clan Web site, first started by Corey Turnbull, then later supported by Andy Turnbull, your comments and support are gratefully acknowledged. The site as we know it today could not be possible without the pioneering efforts of Corey and the major contribution of Wally Turnbull in preparing the old issues of BULLSEYE for the net. I took over in 2002 and with the help of my friend and technical guru Claude Préfontaine feel we have moved forward. I see myself as a facilitator and for the web site to continue to grow we need content. So please send us your ideas or better yet send us articles of interest to Turnbolls worldwide.

Brian Turnbull