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The silence of a gentle snowfall,

The peace of a dreaming child,

The warm glow of a roaring fire.

May the gentle gifts of the season

Fill your heart with peace and joy.

HAYĖ A HOLĪDAY Fīllėd Wīth HAPPĪŅĖSS!

Turnbull Clan Association

### **Editors Section**

## Happy Birthday for December:

Eugene D. Bowman, David Hunt, Therese Turnbull, Barbara Clough, Dorothy J. Trimble, Anthony P. Turnbull, Jean Newport, Ned Dairiki, Edward Schell., Mary C. Turnbull, Dana Hume Turnbull-Hoyer, Elizabeth Grason Cohen, Frankie James, Kenneth Swinton, and Muriel White.

**Happy Anniversary:** Ian and Olive Turnbull of Wilmslow, Cheshire, England, who celebrated their 50th anniversary in July.

**Welcome new members:** James P. Trimble, and Elizabeth E. Castleman, and to all those beautiful wives out there who have become members alongside their husbands..

Hazelle Birch after a year absent, welcome back.

**Membership date:** If any of you long term members still have one of Dorothy Berk's old membership certificates, please send the date that is on your certificate to the Editor (*Jschwk@aol.com*) so that the TCA records can be properly updated.

**Thank You Note:** I received a very nice note from Lynn McConkey, she liked the article on her GGGrandpa John Turnbull, adding that he married Margaret Allen and fathered 19 children. Anyone else out there connected to this family? Nice for us to make family connections this way. Lets do some more.

## 28th. New Hampshire Highland Games

In the last issue Brian Turnbull talked about his quick visit to the NH Games and meeting the hosts Mark Turnbull and Lee Turnbull. In this issue we are treated to some more photographs of the games taken by Lee Turnbull. This was the first year that the New Hampshire Highland Games were held at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds having moved from Loon Mountain.





Left, Brittany Jennings, Lee's Grand Daughter. She won (2) second place medals. One for the "Sword Dance" and one for the "Sean Triubhas" (Pronounced "shawn trues"). She competed in the Pre-Premiere Novice Division. Right, Mark with Ken Grant, one of the NH Reenactors Group. 1800's Period.





Top Glen, Josee and Lee on their way to the Gathering of the Clans.



The New Hampshire 2003 Gathering of the Clans on Parade. The Clan with the Flag held highest is Clan Turnbull

### **Ocala Scottish Festival**

The Ocala Festival has a new Turnbull tent and tent host. It went over very well and the local Turnbulls and Trimbles were pleased. Robert Scott Turnbull (Rob) has wanted to do a tent for several years but funds being limited his dream was put on hold.

This year (November 8 & 9) he received assistance from a TCA member, who acted as his patron, provided the money for his tent space fee. With the help of John W. Turnbull, the tent went up and everyone had a wonderful time, the weather was beautiful. a typical warm sunny Florida day.



If anyone is interested in helping our regional tent hosts, who bear their own expenses in setting up these Turnbull Tents, please contact Wally Turnbull at 919-824-6111 (*wally@tbull.com*).



### Glasgow Kentucky Games.

At the Glasgow Kentucky Highland Games May 30, 2003, Clan Turnbull International received the Best Clan Tent award over a field of more than 80 clan tents for the most informative, educational and attractive display. A big Turnbull congratulations to Scott and Treena Trimble and James Trumble.

# Clan Turnbull International at Stone Mountain Games in Georgia

"CTI made their annual visit to the Stone Mountain Highland Games. The weather was great, and we had the best of times. We got to see so many people that we have as

friends, members, or just general acquaintances it was a ball of fun. Wally and Betty Turnbull from TCA came to visit with us and we had a lovely time seeing them again. Terry Trimble from Nashville, TN came with his twin sons Michael and Aaron. Which is which?? I don't know but they are both very nice young men and it was a joy to see them again.

Also as a side note, we had an official from the games tell us that we were in a tight running for the

best clan tent, although we didn't win first, second isn't bad for a games so large."

I wanted to make everybody aware the Beth Gay, (Odom Library) editor to the Family Tree newspaper, had a heart attack within the week before the Stone Mountain games, she wrote to us and said she is doing well and she should recover fully, which is an answer to a lot of prayers."

"Thank you to all that showed up and we can't wait to do it all again next year."

Regards, Treena Trimble, Clan Turnbull International, 3083 Petersburg Rd., Burlington, KY 41005



### Flowers Of the Forest

In an earlier issue of Clan Prints, some of you will remember the coverage article on Iain Mac Millan MacAulay. This gentleman won approval of Lord Lyon to be Chief of the Clan MacAulay. In all it took several years of searching to establish that he was the only one entitled to be the Chief.

# lain MacMillan MacAulay, 20<sup>th.</sup> Chief of Clan MacAulay

... Though he endured much, He achieved much ...

lain MacMillan MacAulay, 20<sup>th</sup> Chief of Clan MacAulay passed away quietly after dinner August 9<sup>th.</sup> 2003, and is now in the presence of his King. He was the most gracious and noble of all who bear the name MacAulay.

Friday, August 15<sup>th.</sup> more than 150 of the Clan MacAulay attended their Chief's funeral at the Scotland. Church of and Lochinver later gathered at Stoer, а picturesque cemetery in west Sutherland to bid farewell under a piper's soulful laments.

The coffin was covered with the red and white quartered standard of the chief. On the standard were his chiefly bonnet, his medals, his MBE, and a single white Scottish rose "which smells so sharp and sweet and breaks a heart"

Chief lain 83, made history in August of 2001 when he was elected the first chief of the clan for over 250 years. And the democratic process by which he was elected is now seen as a blueprint for other disbanded clans.

Chief lain was born in Dunoon, Argyll, in 1920. He joined the medical branch of the RAF in 1938 and was posted to Singapore. The Japanese

occupied there shortly alter and he spent three and-a-half years in a POW camp. He endured torture, mal-nourishment and disease. When he was finally



able to return to his family in Dunoon his health was very poor, he weighed less than five stones (70lbs) and was threatened with the possibility of blindness. He received £300 back pay for the time he had spent as a POW, giving half to one of his brothers and the other half to buy a MacAulay kilt and to marry Nina in 1946.

Chief lain completed a physiotherapy teaching degree at King's College London, and later founded the RAF School of Physiotherapy. The former Squadron Leader also led expeditions into the Scottish mountains to teach young service men survival skills. for which he was made an MBE.

He received his commission as Commander from

the Lord Lyon King of Arms on the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1997. From his home at Drumbeg in the Scottish Highlands his constant dream of re-establishing the Clan MacAulay led him to advertise publicly for MacAulays to come together. When he did so 50 turned up. That was, in affect, the rebirth of the clan.

He leaves Nina, his bride of 57 years, two sons and their wives, Diarmid and Fiona; Alasdair and Gisela, four grandchildren, and one great grandson.

As Chief, he leaves a revitalized clan with hundreds of members throughout the world.

"MacAmhaghadh gu Brath"

### **Borders Articles on Hold**

Due to copyright constraints, we will not be able to reproduce the series of articles on the history of the Borders from SCOTS Heritage magazine in the TCA newsletters.

We are exploring the possibility of having the articles written by a TCA reporter. If you would like to volunteer or know someone who might help please contact the Bullseye Editor.

You may subscribe to SCOTS Heritage magazine, which is excellent, if you are interested in Scottish history. You may contact the Bullseye Editor for an order form.

From the Scottish Banner; August 2003

# We Asked You What is Your Favourite Pipe Tune, and Why?



### **Amazing Grace**

This tune has been played at each one of my family's funerals and it will be played at mine.

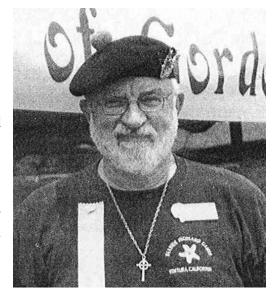
It was played at my mother-in-law's funeral and we took the pages of words and had them framed. It is a beautiful piece and a wonderful pipe tune. When it is played by the lone piper it makes your hair stand on end. I first heard it when I was six and I love it.

Helen Eisenhower Palm Springs. CA.

### **Highland Cathedral**

My Favourite pipe tune is *Highland Cathedral*. I don't know why but I find it such a magnificent piece of music. The pomp and ceremony heard in the music reflects what I think of when I think of the highlands of Scotland.

John Lowery Chatsworth, CA.





### **Going Home**

Definitely! It makes me feel very nostalgic. It was played at my husband's funeral. The tune associates me with going home – and that can mean to Scotland or to a heavenly home. Either way going home is heaven - to me.

Anne Vance Lynchburg, VA (Originally Greenock, Scotland).

### **Scotland the Brave**

I love *Scotland the Brave*. When the pipes strike up with that tune I feel a surge of power and joy. The feelings it arouses in me are quite amazing. I first heard the tune about 20 years ago, and I think it was at Stone Mountain Highland Games.

Sally Byers Atlanta, Georgia



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### Turnbull Medallion Club

A Turnbull walking club in Louisiana, starting in 1966, they tossed aluminium doubloons, no color mention. (I assume this was for Mardi Gras).

In 1967 they tossed four colors of aluminium doubloons, silver, antique bronze, oxidized copper and bright bronze aluminium. Then in 1968 the doubloons were silver, oxidized silver, antique bronze and gold anodized aluminium.

These three years are mentioned in Louisiana Medallions, vol.1 by Ruth O. Berthelot. The book was apparently connected with the Carnival Coins Collectors Club. New Orleans, LA as there is a stamp on the cover. The record shows that they walked in 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, and not listed in 1970. In 1968, 1969, and 1970, there was also a walking group called the Turnbuletts; no indication of a relationship.

A Turnbull walking club is listed as taking part in a St. Patrick Day parade from 1966-1977. The 1980 edition listed only one walking club and that was Pete Fountain's Half-Fast Walking Club. This info from the Official Mardi Gras Medallion Check list 1960-1976., Mary L. Cooper, MS, Lib II, Special Collections, Jefferson Parish Library System, Metairie, LA.

TCA thanks Hillary Preston who investigated this lead.

Important reminder: If there is a smiley face sticker on this newsletter it means we have not yet received your renewal membership dues. We've done very well so far with 122 at this writing which leaves about 80 members not yet renewed. Let's get it done before the christmas rush. Membership cards will be mailed soon as well as a surprise and special gift for all active members. TCA dues are \$20 per year and \$10 for a spouse or student.

## The Smiddy Stane

Ancient tradition in Scotland of lifting stones as a feat of strength is as old as recovered history.

Young clansmen would be required to lift a "manhood" stone as an initiation test and prove their strength.

Recruiting sergeants might choose only the strongest men who could lift a stone or anvil, etc.

One of the top Highland Games in Scotland is held every July in a wee village of Airth, just a mile south of the Kincardine Bridge, and like all villages in the 19<sup>th</sup> century it had a local smiddy or blacksmiths.

Outside Airth smiddy the blacksmith had a large stone, weighing several hundred pounds, with a ring which was used for tethering horses waiting to be shod.

This stone was used by local lads during contests of strength, with only the strongest being able to lift it.

It's recorded that when Donald Dinnie, the renowned Victorian athlete from Aberdeenshire, competed at Airth he was invited to attempt to lift the stone. To prove his exceptional strength Dinnie not only lifted the stone but walked more than 30 feet with it!

So at this year's games, the 132<sup>nd</sup> since its inception, it was decided to re-introduce this event into the games and all were invited to try their strength and lift the stone. In fact, the first man (or woman) to emulate Dinnie's great feat would receive a bottle of whiskey as well as the prize money.

In addition, anyone attempting the event would be given the traditional glass of whisky! (Old country spelling of whiskey).

The first prizewinner (a Glasgow man) received 50 pounds, plus a litre and a half of whisky, the runner-up received 30 pounds and the third place winner pocketed 20 pounds.

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