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Sir Robert Turnbull

By Joan Sjostrom

"Sir Robert Turnbull was the commander of the H.M.S. Bellerophon. During the Battle of Trafalgar, Admiral Nelson was supposed to have transferred the flag to the Bellerophon when his ship sank according to family oral history. Nelson was supposed to have died in his arms. He is the oldest authentic member of this branch of the Turnbull clan. No mention of this has been recorded in the history of the battle, but there is a Turnbull Lane in Gibraltar."

Descendent line: Robert Turnbull c. 1750> James Turnbull b. abt.1787 > John Aitkin Turnbull b.1839 >

James Turnbull b. 1872 > Martha Watson Turnbull b.1897, who married Rev. George Sevier in 1929, a daughter Joan Turnbull Sevier b.1931, married Rex William Sjostrom in 1955. If anyone wants a connection to this family line, you may contact your editor.

Note: I want to thank Joan Sjostrom for her family history input. Like most things verbally passed along, the real truth will remain unknown. Even the historical authors disagreed or embellish the truth. Looking at what has been written about Trafalgar and Admiral Nelson, is like talking to 10 witnesses of a bank robbery, everyone has their own version of what happened, and somewhere in the middle is truth.

Historical Brief - Battle of Trafalgar

The Battle of Trafalgar took place on October 21, 1805, somewhere near Cape Trafalgar off the Southern coast of Spain. Admiral Nelson had a fleet of 27 ships his flag ship was the H.M.S. Victory. Vice Admiral Pierre Charles de Villeneuve on flag ship L'Orient, was in command of the slightly larger fleet of combined French and Spanish ships. The battle started shortly before noon and was over by mid-late afternoon. It was a terrible bloody battle, no English ships were lost, 1500 sailors killed, and many more injured. Among the dead were, Admiral Horatio Nelson, (mortally wounded some 18 minutes after the battle started) famed Captain John Cooke, and the Captain of the Bellerophon [no name given.]

The combined fleet under Villeneuve, lost 40,000 men and 20 ships, including Villeneuve flagship L'Orient which blew up and sank.



The H.M.S. Bellerophon (1782-1836) was a ship of the line, (single line battle formation) with 74

guns, she was nicknamed the "Billy Ruffin" because the sailors could not pronounce the name correctly. (Bellerophon, is from Greek Mythology, a citizen of Corinth who was exiled for a murder he committed, and was later absolved of the charge, said to have ridden the winged horse Pegasus and killed Chimera, a monster, part lion, part goat, part dragon). In 1815 the H.M.S. Bellerophon was used to transport Napoleon to his exile on St. Helena Island. Later, the Bellerophon became a prison hulk, then in 1836 was dismantled.

Sources: Encarta Encyclopedia; Ruffin at Trafalgar by Ted Goddard; Billy Ruffin: His Majesty's Ship "Bellerophon" and The Downfall of Napoleon, by David Cordingly;

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A Visit to Bedrule

By Ray W. Rule



In May of 2003, my son William and I traveled to Edinburgh in hopes of finding the Rule roots. We knew that we had to get down to the Borders Jedburgh and Hawick area but we had no idea of how to go about it. While we were taking the standard double decked bus tour of Edinburgh we were asked by our tour guide where we were from. We told him that we were a couple of Yanks in search of our roots somewhere in the Hawick area.



It just so happened that the tour guide, named Bill Hill, was born in Hawick and knew the area well. He offered to come to our hotel in a couple of days, on his day off, and drive us to the area we wanted to go to.

He picked us up in his personal car and gave us one of the best tours we could ever have hoped for. We visited Bedrule Parish, including the church grounds and actually we were able to stand on the stone bridge over the

Rulewater stream. We couldn't have asked for a nicer, more knowledgeable, person to help us find the Rule roots in the Borders region of Scotland. I am enclosing several photos we took of Bedrule Church, my son and I standing on the bridge over Rulewater, one of Bill Hill on the same bridge and one of the Rulewater itself. What a great experience and time we had.



Bill Hill shown on right.

Welcome New Members

Howard Hahn, Sandra Turnbull, Sarah Turnbull and Richard Woodcock

Secretary / Editor Report

Our newsletters are growing in regards to quality and appearance, and participation by the membership. These are important in our growth, we need to continue to have this participation. This is a good time for you, as a member, to voice your ideas and suggestion for the coming year. Help us grow!

We thank all of you who have renewed, especially those spouses who are now new members. Those of you who have changed from regular mail to the website source for the newsletters are saving TCA about \$5.00 a year, in just postage. It does not sound like much, but when added together it is a saving of more than \$250.00 a year.

At this time, we have 152 members who have renewed or joined. Some of you are still procrastinating and have not sent in your dues. Remember that your membership longevity is lost when you become delinquent. Dues deadline is extended to February 15th 2004. Please be advised that this will be your last newsletter, until your dues are paid

Ocala Scottish Festival

In the December Bullseye we reported on the Ocala Festival with new tent host Robert Scott Turnbull (Rob), in this issue we have included a picture received after we went to press of all the Turnbull's involved.

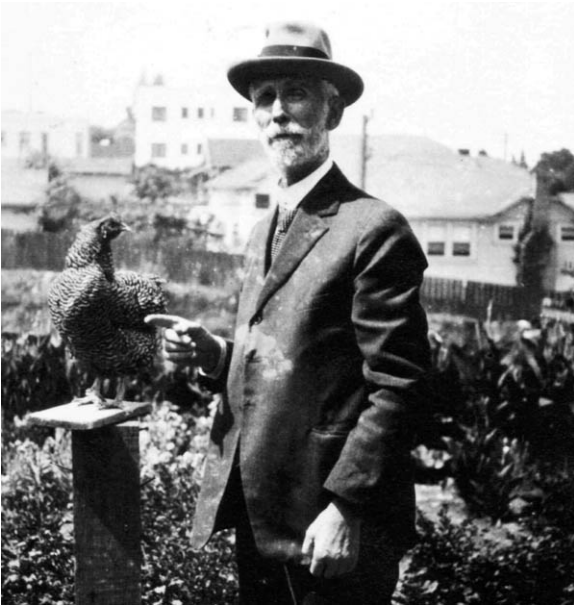


From the left to right, Rob in the Kilt, his son Bobby and daughter Vanessa. Then it is William and his wife Claudia, then John and his wife Barbara.

Clan Prints in the Sands

John Rodney Turnbull 1880 Memoirs Part-1

My father John Colclough Turnbull was born in 1852 down near Rice Lake, 20 miles South of Peterboro in Ontario, Canada. They were a large family – William, John my father, Albert Leonard, Carrie, Myra, Annie and all were tall, hardworking Christians. I visited the old home near Bewdley at South end of Rice Lake



John Colclough Turnbull, father of John Rodney

All the family went west to Manitoba except father. Each man finally owned a square mile in Manitoba near Hartney and Brandon and each woman married a farmer in the same area.

Father stayed at home and gave to his parents every dollar he earned till he was twenty-one. For that I believe he was unusually blessed of God. Certainly he was more successful in business than any of them and outshone them spiritually, too.

And so our father went to nearby Port Hope with his parents' blessing where he worked as a clerk in a grocery store. Then he invaded the county seat Peterboro. In a few years he owned the largest general store in Peterboro on the strategic corner of George, the main street, and Simere. Later, his Turnbull General Store was bought and rebuilt by the Robert Simpson Company of Toronto renown. All of us boys worked in father's store. I went on Saturdays for 10 cents a day and my pay increased to the magnificent sum of 50 cents.

The very large market was only a block away. The folks from around father's birthplace brought their dressed fowl, eggs, butter, etc. to market and after selling their products came to father's store. To induce trade he bought excellent tea in Toronto, blended it himself with other good tea and sold it for 25 cents a pound. The clerks took their sales money to the cashier's office in the center of the store to get their receipts and charge. Later the metal containers shooting along overhead wires were installed.

Father knew how to get a crowd. I laugh yet when I think of the Saturday he filled the big front windows with lovely calico cloth and sold it at 5 cents a yard (his cost). The store filled jam-packed tight with charming ladies intent on getting that cloth. The clerks couldn't get through to the cashier. I was the emergency squad. I would take the money and sales slips from the clerk and then duck down right under the elbows of the surrounding ladies and finally emerge at the cashier's desk! In an hour all the bales of cloth were sold and then father reaped a harvest from those who lingered to buy other wares.

Father could not countenance religious intolerance and when the church where he was a deacon got too pugnacious he bought a lot on George St., paid for most of the lovely little church built on it called Bethany and had a lawyer protect it for all time as a place where all sincere Christians would be welcome. My uncle Harrison was a stern, godly elder there. He was a real Scotch "Sandy" with side burns and loved us children. His dignity was for church!

From the little church 25 went as missionaries to various countries all over the world. Three of them were Turnbuls – Louis, Walter, and myself John.



John Rodney Turnbull as an adult at his childhood home

Happy Birthday



William G. Michael, John G. Turnbull, Jocelyne McCall, Denise Marie Turnbull, Morris Kugler, Carlton James, Kenneth Y. Turnbull, Vella Turnbull, Russell Trimble, Dolores Forgette, Glen Sanner,

and Claude Snow.

Apartment Dwellers

It has been brought to the attention of the TCA officers, that where you live, you might have what is called a "cluster box" (Mailbox) that is maintained in a special section of your apartment building. Any mail that is larger than your mailbox is usually not deliverable, and that you are left a post office card that tells you where to go to pick up your packages, oversized or special delivery mail.

TCA needs to know if you have a separate address for packages, special delivery or oversized mail. There is the possibility in the future that TCA could send you an oversized envelope. We do not want you to have to make any special trips to a post office if it can be avoided, which recently happened to one of our members in New York. Please advise the Membership Secretary if you have such an address, so it can be entered in the database for future reference. Thank you.

In Memoriam



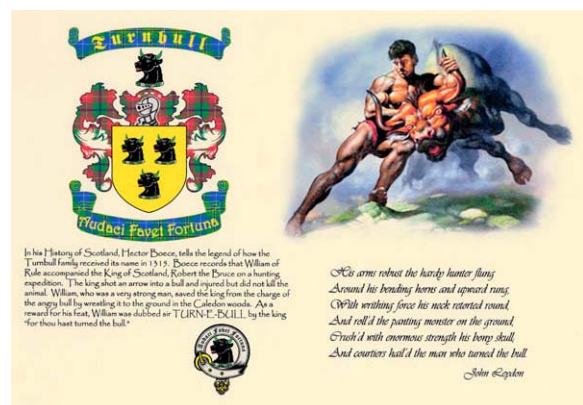
William M. Milligan Jr., March 1, 1925- September 15, 2003. Only son of Wm. M. Milligan Sr. and Margaret I. Turnbull, of San Francisco, California. Bill served his country in WWII in the Navy as a regular seamen. After returning to civilian life he worked for a short time, then retired. His retired life was quiet, traveling several times to Scotland, the homeland of his parents. He lost his battle with cancer and will be greatly missed by his friend Michelle Bressick and his cousins located around the world.

2004 Membership Packets



The 2004 TCA membership packets have been mailed to all members whose dues are current. We have attempted to improve the materials this year. Membership packets include:

- A full-color membership certificate suitable for framing and display complete with embossed gold foil seal bearing the newly designed TCA crest.
- Enhanced membership cards.
- A decorative and practical TCA refrigerator magnet with 2004 calendar.
- A handy reminder card with updated instructions and login password for your TCA website.
- A print suitable for framing including decorative Turnbull arms with tartan mantling and scroll, the history of the Turnbull name, and an illustrated verse of John Leydon's poem about "The man who turned the bull."



Report of the Treasurer to the Membership for the Year ending 12/31/03

Attached you will find the Annual Report of Turnbull Clan Association Inc. as of the year end 12/31/03. There has been a significant improvement in the cash position of TCA. This has occurred from a successful membership renewal drive, and also due to contributions from several members, especially a major contribution by Mark A. Turnbull to be dedicated to genealogical expenses. A list of those contributors is attached to the report.

For the year 2004 we have sufficient funds available to continue operations in similar manner as last year

If there are any questions in regard to the Financial Statements, then please write or send me an e-mail.

John G. Turnbull,
Treasurer.

January 6, 2004

TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION, INC TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 12/31/03

Cash Beginning Balance 1/01/03			<u>\$1,823.78</u>
Renewal Income (Note # 1)			
Dues Collected in 2003 for use in 2003	\$ 1,387.71		
Dues Collected in 2003 for use in 2004	<u>\$ 2,300.00</u>	\$ 3,687.71	
Contributions Received in 2003 (See Note # 2)		<u>\$ 3,140.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME FOR YEAR 2003			\$6,827.71
EXPENSES FOR 2003			
Semi-Fixed Expenses			
Bank Fees	\$ 228.00		
Legal Expenses	\$ 175.00		
Scottish Org. Membership	\$ 25.00		
Website	\$ 89.95		
Advertising	<u>\$ 315.00</u>		
		\$ 832.95	
Game & Tent Expenses			
Banners	\$ 180.00		
Game Fees	\$ 375.00		
Brochures	<u>\$ 552.33</u>	\$ 1,107.33	
Bullseye & Clan Prints Expenses			
Printing	\$ 492.11		
Stationery and Misc.	\$ 165.73		
Postage	<u>\$ 929.41</u>	\$ 1,587.25	
Total Expenses For 2003			<u>\$3,527.53</u>
Cash Ending Balance 12/31/03			<u><u>\$5,123.96</u></u>

Note # 1 - Net of Canadian funds conversion fees.

Note #2 - The 12/31/03 ending balance does not represent a surplus in 2003 funding. These are dues and contributions received in 2003 for fiscal year 2004 operations.

Note # 3 - Contributions sent in with 2004 dues will be applied to funding operations for 2004 unless otherwise specified.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS TO TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION INC FOR THE YEAR 2003

Father William Turnbull ¹, Peter Turnbull, Janet T. Schwierking ^{2,3}, Mark A. Turnbull ³, John Cameron Turnbull, Brian P. Turnbull, Clifford Wood, Wally Turnbull ³, Marilyn Jennings, Laurie Turnbull.

1 = Website, 2 = Games, 3 = Genealogical Research,

Imagination

Where would we be, if not for imagination.

Alexander Graham Bell, a Scot, who changed our world, invented things that most of us now could not manage to be without.



In 1850 as a wee boy, Aleck, as he was called by his father, wandered away from a family picnic at Ferny Ferry in Scotland. The golden wheat field beckoned to him and he wandered deeper in the thick wheat until he was lost, and lay

sobbing until he finally fell asleep. Awaken by the voice of his father yelling for him, young Aleck ran to his father's arms and safety, but he was to never forget this first memory lesson. The impulse and interest to wander, imagine, deep curiosity of sounds and silence as a child would set the pace of great success and sometimes unattainable dreams.

How many times in a day do you see someone with a phone to their ear, or see a child or adult with a head set on listening to their favourite music, sit and watch our world around us on the television? A simple transmission line changed to an electrical impulse and then changed back into the original sound was responsible for what we now enjoy on a daily basis. The new era abounds with Spirit sending us messages from Mars. SETI sits with it's ears trained to the universe listening for sounds from other worlds.

The Wright brothers get most of the credit for flight, but at the same time, Bell's biplane became the first to fly a kilometre. The Wrights plane actually flew two months later in Paris.

At Bells funeral, Thomas Edison said, "he brought the human family closer in touch".

Alexander Graham Bell was born in Scotland, buried in Canada, and wrote his own epitaph, "died a citizen of the United States."

A man of the world.

Missouri Tartan Day Festival

The Missouri Tartan Day Festival will be held on April 2,3,& 4, 2004, everyone is invited to participate.

Turnbull Clan Association had a special invitation to join the activities this year, due to the continued presence of Keith and Therese Turnbull our local tent host. They have impressed the local folks with their participation in local activities and their representing TCA the last couple of year in the Scottish Highland Games. This year TCA was asked to buy a tartan flag which will be hung along with many other Clans flags on the balconies of the parade route.

Anyone wishing to attend and support our local hosts, may contact Keith at 314-647-8384 for additional information.

Missouri Tartan Day Festivities

St. Charles, MO

Event Dates: April 2-4, 2004

Location: Main Street St. Charles

Phone: (636) 946-4174

On April 2, there will be a reception for out-of-town guests at Travelodge in St. Charles. On April 3, enjoy the hanging of the Tartans to convert Main Street in "Rathad Breacan." Watch the parade at noon. There will be Scottish entertainers, pipe bands, school bands, and much more. Afterwards some of the participants will entertain on Main Street. At 7 pm. the Tartan Fest begins with singing, dancing, and storytelling. This evening is fun for the whole family. On April 4, enjoy Kirkin' of the Tartans at St. Charles Presbyterian Church in St. Charles. For more information call Judie Chaboude (636) 946-4174.

Help TCA Grow

In order for TCA to get stronger we need to grow our membership base. You can help by recruiting more Turnbull's. Please talk to your brothers, children, aunts, uncles etc. Our goal is to have 500 members by year end. Can **you** recruit 3 new members?