

Record Growth In Turnbull Family Tree

The genealogy area of the TCA website has undergone major changes and improvements. Thanks to TCA vice-president, Brian Turnbull, and Genealogist Janet Schwierking there are now over 50,000 names accessible through the website.

The purpose of making the genealogy information available is to promote research and sharing among Turnbolls everywhere. TCA's information is, of course, focused on Turnbolls and their families. It is believed that this will become the largest collection of Turnbull and related names available anywhere.



Turnbull Genealogy Collection

The current compilation of names found on the TCA website began with material collected by Dorothy Burk many years ago and transferred to computer by Jim Turnbull in Australia. Jim added to this his own collection. In addition, there are thousands of names that have been added more recently from new submissions.

Taking advantage of this information is quite simple. Log onto www.turnbullclan.com and click on the Genealogy line. You will be taken to the above page. You can search for your information in one of three ways, Index, Surnames and Charts. The Charts page is limited as these are the family trees of those families whose information has been sent in for publication on the website.

Sorting by Index takes you to alphabetical listings of names represented. Choosing one of these will take you to all the names within the selected range that are represented.

Searching by Surnames, allows you to pick one of the hundreds of surnames included in the collection. Brian suggests that you begin your search by going to the Surname index and looking for known ancestors by name. When located, follow the chain to see if new or additional information is contained in the database. He says that a generic search capability is also provided, but he has found the lookup indexes offered are faster and more efficient.

Janet will be arranging with her team of volunteers to have other paper records typed into genealogy software so it can be added to the collection online. In addition, she will be forwarding a

Descendent Narrative to each member who has submitted data as their personal record of their families.

Anyone is welcome to send in material for the collection. Records may be sent in all forms on paper, via email to secretary@turnbullclan.com or to Brian if using the international exchange protocol GEDCOM for the exchange of genealogy information between genealogy programs. As Brian points out, TCA is dependent on its members sending information about their families so the collection can continue to grow.

Brian and the users of the TCA database take great pleasure in hearing from someone who discovers that a fellow member is related or has located family members through the website.

TURNBULL SILVER SADDLE FINDS HOME IN CALIFORNIA MUSEUM

In the mid-1930's Judge Rupert Turnbull had a special silver parade saddle made for his wife, Mary Irene. He engaged a man named Eddie Bohlin, who had gained quite a reputation as a master silver craftsman to make the saddle.



Mary Irene is seen here with the Turnbull silver saddle at the Monrovia Day Parade, California, circa 1937.

Mr. Bohlin, a Swedish immigrant, who

once performed rope tricks in vaudeville acts, met Hollywood silent film star Tom Mix. Mix admired Bohlin's handcrafted leather boots and coats and convinced him to resign from vaudeville to make specialty saddles. His crafts soon included beautifully made ornate silver saddles, used by Mix and other stars.

Mary Irene Archibald and Rupert Beach Turnbull were married August 11, 1911, after a slow start.

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From the President

by Wally Turnbull

Every year thousands of people of Scottish descent visit Scotland. Like emigrants from all nations, we want to see where we came from. We don't usually expect to find relatives but we do hope to at least bump into someone with the same name.



As Turnbolls, we are fortunate to know when and where we came from. Our origins are old enough to be deeply rooted in history yet recent enough to be quite clearly traceable.

Many good publications and web sites provide visitors to Scotland with wonderful descriptions and background of places to visit and things to see. The problem is that it is often too much, especially for a first-time visitor or a short visit.

In order to help our members know and be able to visit the places of greatest Turnbull-specific significance we are beginning a series of articles called *Turnbull Trails* to be published in the *Bullseye*, on the TCA website, and then as a booklet. These articles will first cover Turnbull trails in Scotland and then include sites of historical significance to Turnbolls around the world. We solicit your contributions and additions to this ongoing project.

Each *Turnbull Trails* article will describe a place of historical significance to Turnbolls and will discuss why it is historically significant, the Turnbull connection, what is there today, how to get there, what else to see and do in the area, where to stay and where to eat nearby.

We start, naturally, at the beginning, with Bedrule.

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Letters to the Editor

While this is usually the place for your letters *to* the editor, this month's *Bullseye* is taking a new twist. This is a letter *from* your editor. Many of you know Janet Turnbull Schwierking is our TCA secretary and until this month has been the editor of the *Bullseye*. Janet has worked unselfishly to bring you a *Bullseye* with interesting articles about TCA members, Turnbolls from around the world, and interesting stories about Scotland and our heritage.

Don't worry, this is in no way a farewell to Janet! While I will be editing the *Bullseye*, Janet will stay on as Associate Editor. I don't think that there would be a *Bullseye* without her! But Janet has other passions, as well. And one of those is with the importance of the genealogy records collected by TCA and made available to our members. In addition to helping with the *Bullseye*, Janet will not only continue as TCA Secretary, but she is also now the TCA Genealogist.

I hope to get to know you as Janet has. In keeping with her tradition of the *Meet the Members* column, I would like to invite you to contribute to the newsletter. We would like to include stories about family reunions, weddings, births, deaths and any other special event you may be involved with. If it is special to you, it is important to us.

Parents, grandparents, this is a perfect opportunity for you to send in those adorable baby photos. Include TCA in your list of those to receive birth and wedding announcements.

Tell us about special awards, the 30th birthday party, or maybe it's the big 50th. If writing is not your thing, send us just the facts and we will turn it into a story. Let's work together to include more about the extended TCA family in the *Bullseye*.

Betty Turnbull - Editor

Articles and photo attachments may be sent by email to editor@turnbullclan.com or by post with either digital photo disks or printed photographs (returned upon request) to Betty Turnbull, 5216 Tahoe Dr., Durham, NC 27713 U.S.A.

Meet the Members: John David Turnbull

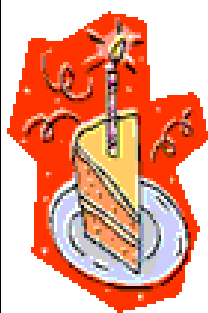
John is 55 years old and is a founding member of TCA. He and his wife, Denise live in Monmouth, Illinois. Denise is a local girl from Monmouth. They have two children, a son, Zachary and daughter, Natalie. In addition to two children, John says that they have two English setters, a 1971 MGB and a set of Pipes that are needing to be used. To quote John, the dogs and the MGB run a lot, but the Pipes reside on a wall in his office and are rather dry. John runs a funeral home which was established by his Great Grandfather, David Turnbull in 1884.



John's Great Great Grandfather was William Turnbull of Roxboroughshire, near Kelso, Scotland. He was the son of Isabella and Alexander. He immigrated to the United States in 1784 through Ellis Island, NY. He then traveled south through South Carolina and on to Nashville, TN where he married Elizabeth Marshall from Nashville. They had nine children: Alexander, Gilbert, John, Elizabeth, Isabelle, William Hume, Thomas, James and David.

William and several of his sons eventually settled in Monmouth, IL, in order to have more freedom in their religion and move away from slavery. William is buried in a country cemetery near Monmouth. John and several of his cousins have discovered that his actual gravesite is difficult to find.

William's third son John, is this John's Great Great Grandfather. His son, David, moved from Xenia, Ohio to Monmouth, Illinois after marrying Ada Stevenson. He then established Turnbull Funeral Home in Monmouth in 1884. Their son, John Maxwell, continued in the family business as did his son, David, who is John's father. John says that at this point neither of his children appear to be interested in running the family business.



Happy Birthday

David E. Turnbull, J. Michael Turnbull, Jack Turnbull, Kenneth Donald Turnbull, Barbara L. Stoughton, Kara Knepp, T. Stephen Turnbull, Walter S. Turnbull, Julie Isabelle Lloyd, Alice Turnbull, Gail E. Turnbull, Sandra E. Turnbull,

Wallace R. Turnbull, III, and Glenn D. Turnbull

Best wishes for a great day!

TURNBULL SADDLE (continued from page 1)

Mary Irene and Rupert met due to an accident that Mary Irene's cousin was in, resulting in litigation. The plaintiff's attorney was Rupert Turnbull (later to become a Judge). Mary Irene immediately disliked Turnbull. Turnbull, on the other hand, fell in love at first site.

Judge Rupert purchased Turnbull Ranch (as named by him) in 1922 where they resided 27 years. The ranch included 25 acres of orange groves and made a wonderful place for Mary Irene to enjoy her interest in horses and in riding. The ranch was eventually sold to Leonard and Thelma White, who renamed it Chateau Bradbury, the name it bears today.

Mary Irene is TCA member, Dana Hume's grandmother. Her family recently donated Mary Irene's parade saddle to George Pitman, who has a private museum in Rancho Santa Fe, California. Mr. Pitman has had people from all over the world visit his collection.



Left to right; Mary Irene, Byron(Dana's father), and Rupert Turnbull

In restoring the saddle, the name Mary Irene, which appeared on a silver plate on the back of the saddle had a



gold plate inserted above it with the name Turnbull. Mr. Pitman thought it important to recognize the family name.



Left: The restored saddle; Above: The gold Turnbull nameplate

More information about Mr. George Pitman and silver saddles can be found at www.silvermag.com/b.saddles.htm.



John Vitsur, Vanessa Turnbull, Bob Turnbull at the January 2005 Orlando Highland Games

28th Annual Orlando, Florida Games

Bob Turnbull hosted the Clan Turnbull tent at the Orlando, Florida games this year. Bob an active member of TCA is the son of Robert F. Turnbull, one of the founding fathers of the organization.

Bob lives in Florida and has a son, Robert Scott II and daughter, Vanessa (seen in the above photo). Bob was born and raised in Norfolk, Va. He attended the University of Maryland. He is an engineer working as a Manager of Technical Operations with Lockheed Martin. He began working for LM in Baltimore and later transferred to Florida where he continued working for the company for 10 years.

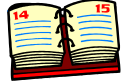
In 2003, Bob volunteered to be a Florida representative for TCA. This includes setting up Turnbull Clan tents at local games. He has done this at the Ocala and Orlando games.

Scotland???

Bob reports that this year at the Orlando games, it was easy to imagine being in Scotland and not Florida. It was quite cool and a little rainy, not the typical weather they usually have for the games. He is always happy when given a chance to meet other Turnbull clansmen. He reported that as he entered the gate, the lady who took his ticket smiled and said that she was a descendent of the Rules. Several Turnbells passed by the tent and were happy to see that the Turnbull Clan was so nicely represented.

Check out the games near you. And if you would like to volunteer to set up a Turnbull Clan tent, please let us know. And thanks, Bob, for doing such a great job!

UPCOMING GAMES



Mark your calendar with the upcoming games and plan to attend one in your area.

- March 5** Southeast Florida Scottish Festival and Games, Coral Springs, Florida
- March 5-6** Scottish Festival of Panama City, Panama City, Florida
- March 5-6** Wheeling Celtic Celebration, Wheeling, West Virginia
- March 12-13** Calaveras Celtic Faire, Angels Camp, California
- March 18-20** Scottish Country Fair, Sumter, SC
- March 19-20** Gulf Coast Celtic Highland Games, Palmetto, Florida
- March 19 -20** United Scot Clans Oklahoma Scottish Heritage Festival, Edmund, Oklahoma
- March 26** Celtic Heritage Festival and Gathering of the Clans, Midland, Texas

Many of the above organizations have websites with more details. If you have never been to a Highland Games event, go! These are wonderful family activities and a great way to introduce yourselves and your kids to your Scottish heritage.

Editor's note: If you know of any games not listed, or of games where there is a Turnbull Clan tent, please let me know. Also, if you currently set up a tent for TCA, please let me know who you are and when you do so. We want to include monthly articles on the games and TCA participation. You are very much appreciated and we would like to acknowledge your hard work, as well.

March Photo Contest



John G. Turnbull, October, 2004

Identify the castle in the photo (hint: it's in Scotland). Send your entry to secretary@turnbullclan.com. First correct winner's name will be published in the next *Bullseye*. For more photos of John's trip log onto www.turnbullclan.com and click on pictures.



BEDRULE

Bedrule is a farming community named after the waters of the Rule, a tributary of the Teviot river. It is thought by some to mean "the village by the roaring stream."

Historical significance to Turnbulls: Bedrule is considered by historians to be the home of the first Turnbulls and the beginning of the Turnbull Trails.

William of Rule, the man dubbed Sir Turn-e-Bull for saving King Robert the Bruce from a raging bull was from Bedrule. The lands around Bedrule subsequently belonged to the Turnbulls.

Interesting Facts: The founder of Glasgow University, William Turnbull, was born in Bedrule.

One of the beautiful views from Bedrule is that of Ruberslaw, a large 1400 foot high hill. This rise which dominates the Rule valley and can be seen from many angles played a significant role during the time of the Covenanters. Despite great efforts from the Episcopalian Church and the government, conventicle or clandestine prayer meetings were held at fairly regular intervals in Bedrule and the surrounding area. Lookouts perched on Ruberslaw would watch for government spies seeking illegal meetings and warn of danger so preachers and worshippers could disband before being caught.



Sights to see: Today the village of Bedrule consists of little more than a narrow road lined on one side with a row of small connecting houses behind which lies a large working sheep and dairy farm. At the end of the street sits the Bedrule Kirk (church). The church is full of Turnbull history and a visit is a must! The guest book has been signed by Turnbull visitors from around the world. Inside

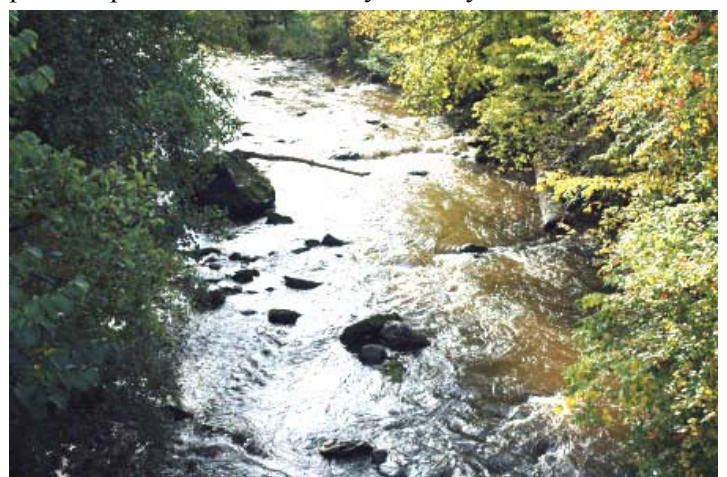
the Kirk there are Turnbull related items and the churchyard contains many Turnbull graves.



The mound where Bedrule Castle once stood.

Nearby, about 150 yards to the north of the kirk, is a small hill where Bedrule Castle, home of the Turnbulls once stood. Except for small mounds of soil covering the remnants of the foundation walls there are no visible remains of the castle, but the site provides a lovely view. If you walk to the castle site take care not to damage any crop planted in the field between the church and the castle hill.

Don't miss a stroll down to the Rule River about 200 yards to the southwest of the kirk. Depending upon the season, the Rule water changes from a quiet little stream to a great roaring river. The view from the bridge over the Rule is a picturesque and wonderful way to end your visit to Bedrule.



Rule River from the Bedrule bridge

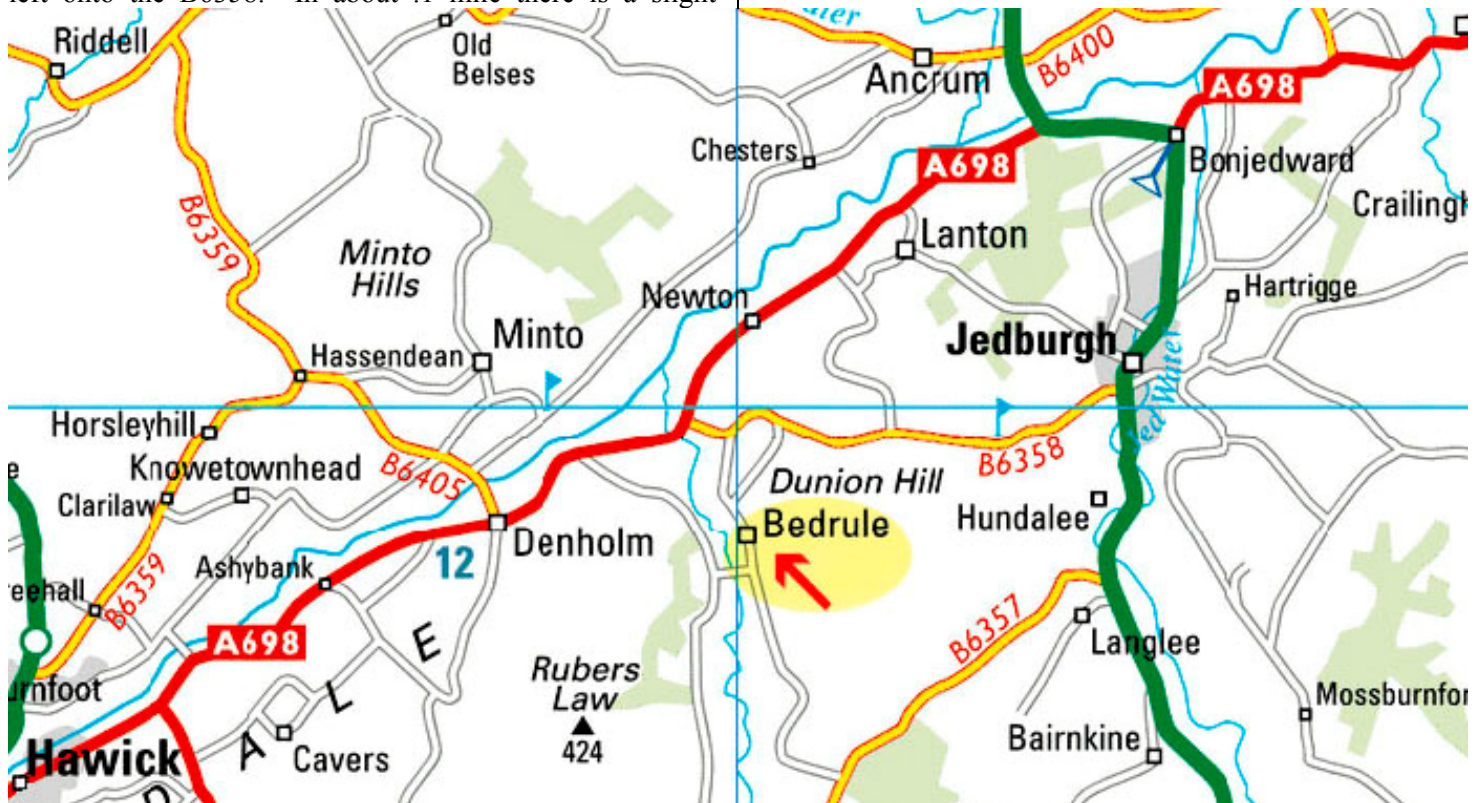
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Getting there: There is no public transportation to Bedrule, so one must either drive or hire a car. The nearest train station is in Berwick-Upon-Tweed, 33 miles to the NE. Edinburgh airport is 44 miles NW of Bedrule. London is 292 miles south.

Approaching *from the north*, take the A68 toward Jedburgh and turn right onto the A698. Travel about 4 miles and turn left onto the B6358. In about .1 mile there is a slight

right onto a small side road (marked Bedrule). Follow this road into Bedrule.

From the south take the A698 4 miles from Hawick to Denholm. Continue on the A698 for 3 miles and turn right onto the B6358. In about .1 mile there is a slight right onto a small side road (marked Bedrule). Follow this road into Bedrule.



Places to stay: There is nowhere to stay in Bedrule itself. The Auld Cross Keys Inn is in Denholm but Hawick, and Jedburgh provide the most options.

In Hawick:

Mansfield House Hotel, Weensland Road TD9 8LB
Tel: 01450 373988 & 360400 (Tell Ian, the proprietor, that you are a Turnbull Clan member for royal treatment.)

Wiltonburn Farm, Hawick Borders TD9 7LL
Tel: 0845 644 8315

Elm House Hotel, 14 North Bridge Street TD9 9BD
Tel: 01450 372866

In Jedburgh:

The Glenbank House Hotel, Castlegate TD8 6BD
Tel: 01835 862258

Meadhon House 48 Castlegate TD86BB
Tel: 01835 862504

The Jedforest Hotel, Camptown, TD8 6PJ
Tel: 01835 840222 (a bit more elegant accommodations)

Places to eat: There is nowhere to eat in Bedrule itself. Nearby restaurants and pubs include:

Simply Scottish, 6 High Street, Jedburgh
The Pheasant Inn, High Street, Jedburgh
Auld Cross Keys Inn, Main Street, Denholm
The Jedburgh Hotel and Restaurant, for finer dining

Nearby Historical Sights: Fulton Tower, Jedburgh Abbey, Jedburgh Castle Jail and Museum, Mary Queen of Scots house, Melrose Abbey, Kelso Abbey, Fatlips Castle, Hermitage Castle

Nearby Attractions: Hawick Tower Museum, Ruberslaw, Jedburgh Woolen Mill, Minto Parish Church, Minto Golf Club, Ancrum Village Green and Market Cross, Ancrum Old Parish Church, Leyden Monument in Denholm, Jedforest Deer and Farm Park

Related websites: www.bedruleparish.byinternet.co.uk

www.genuki.org.uk/big/sct/ROX/Bedrule

www.discovertheborders.co.uk www.meadhon.com

www.mansfield-house.com www.jedforesthotel.com

www.wiltonburnfarm.co.uk www.elmhouse-hawick.fsnet.co.uk

www.glenbankhotel.co.uk

2005 AGM To Be Held At Pacific NW Games

Mark your calendars! Bill and Pat Trimble are rolling out the red carpet for the 2005 Annual General Meeting of TCA. This year's meeting will take place at the 59th Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games in Enumclaw, Washington, July 29-31.



Bill and Pat Trimble, right, seen here at the 2004 AGM in New Hampshire.

TCA will help lead off the Parade of Clans, so help us make this an unforgettable time. Pat and Bill will have a beautiful Turnbull Clan tent and are ready to welcome everyone to this beautiful area of the country.

The games will prove to be full of fun. The competitive activities will include Highland Dancing, Piping and Drumming, Pipe Bands, and other Scottish athletic events. You'll enjoy watching those who toss the caber or put the stone.

Celtic folk singer, Colin Grant-Adams, originally from Edinburgh, Scotland will perform. He has performed on concert stages throughout the world, including Carnegie Hall. The Seattle Knights will be present and have won awards in almost every parade they have entered. Other performers include Tempest, Men of Worth, and The Browne Sisters and George Cavanaugh.



Colin Grant-Adams

There will be plenty of opportunities to sample a wide variety of traditional foods. The Hall of Vendors will be present with their Scottish wares and tartan clothing. And you won't want to miss the Scottish Farm with the Shaggy Scotch Highland, Ayrshire and Galloway cattle, Clydesdale

horses, and black faced sheep. Celtic dog breeds may be seen in play and work.

Plan now to come join in on all the activities and fun. Pat and Bill suggest you come and stay a few extra days so you can visit nearby attractions. There is much to be seen including, Mt. Rainier National Park, Mt. St. Helens, Blake Island (Puget Sound, west of Seattle), and don't forget Seattle, itself with the Space Needle and world famous Pike's Place Market where you can see "flying fish!" Tacoma is home to the Gilhooley Glass Museum and the Tacoma Narrows Bridge (also known as Galloping Gerdie). Northwest Trek Game Preserve is only 15 miles from Puyallup and is home to an abundance of North American animals in a natural habitat.

Pat and Bill have reserved rooms at very special rates for TCA members at two of the area hotels in Puyallup.

Remember, when you call to make your reservations, ask for the Turnbull Clan special rate. We will also be hosting the annual TCA AGM dinner at the Park Plaza on Saturday night, right after the meeting.

The Best Western Park Plaza
620 South Hill Park Drive
Puyallup, Washington, 98373
253-848-1500



The Holiday Inn Express
812 South Hill Drive
Puyallup, WA 98373
253-8484900



For more information about the 59th Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games in Enumclaw, visit www.sshga.org.

A wee bit of humor— Sandy was drinking at a pub all night. When he got up to leave, he fell flat on his face. He tried to stand again, but to no avail, falling flat on his face. He decided to crawl outside and get some fresh air to see whether that would sober him up. Once outside, he stood up and, sure enough, fell flat on his face. So, being a practical fellow, he crawled all the way home.

When he got to the door, he stood up yet again, but fell flat on his face. He crawled through the door into his bedroom. When he reached his bed, he tried once more to stand upright. This time he managed to pull himself to his feet but fell into bed. He was sound asleep as soon as his head hit the pillow.

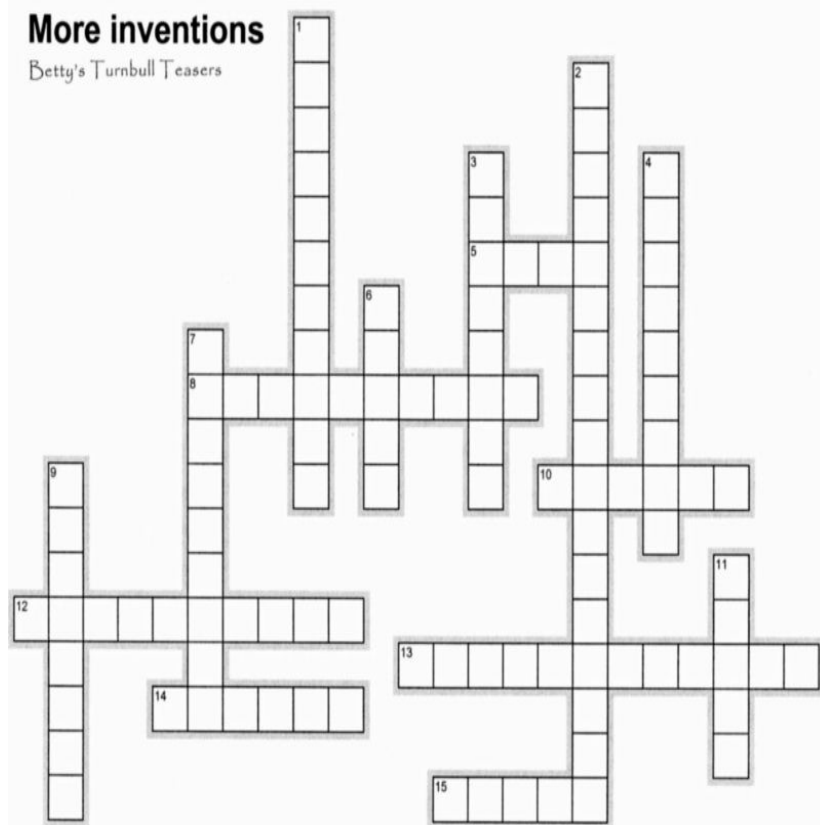
He woke the next morning to his wife shaking him and shouting, "So, you've been out drinking again!" "Why would ye say that?" he complained innocently. "Because the pub called and you left your wheelchair there again!"

For those of you who solved last month's crossword puzzle about Scottish innovations and inventions, here's another with some lesser known though certainly no less important

inventions. Look for an article in next month's *Bullseye* about Scottish Inventions and how the Scots changed the world.

More inventions

Betty's Turnbull Teasers



Down

1. First used by James Simpson, an Edinburgh physician, to help alleviate the pain of childbirth
2. Scottish physician, Alexander Wood, with Charles Pravay, a French physician are credited with this invention making Sir Alexander Fleming's penicillin injectable (two words)
3. Hand husking grain was replaced with this mechanical _____ machine, invented by Andrew Meikle in 1784.
4. Joseph Black was regarded as the "Father of Quantitative _____."
6. Scotsman William Symington was the first man to propel a boat using this.
7. A Dundee importer found himself with a shipload of oranges too bitter to sell so turned them into this popular orange preserve.
9. James Young, a chemist, was the first to market this as a lighting and heating oil.
11. This automobile line is named after David _____, a Scot who is credited with discovering a method to bond enamel to cast iron and with patenting a carburetor.

Across

5. John Roebuck invented the lead chamber process for the distillation of sulfuric _____.
8. Joseph Lister found carbolic acid to be this, thus changing forever the way operating rooms functioned.
10. An Edinburgh man was the first to publish the idea that consuming fruit would cure or prevent this disease, a plague found particularly on board sailing ships.
12. Mackintosh's raincoat would be harder to store without a Scottish company's production of this invention.
13. William Nicol used two Nicol prisms to discover the _____ of light, finding that when rotated 90 degrees, one ray of light would cut off the other.
14. This scale of temperature was named after Lord _____, a professor at Glasgow University and a specialist in the field of thermodynamics.
15. The first breech-loading one of these was invented by Patrick Ferguson.

Answers to last month's crossword:

Scottish Innovations and Inventions



Update on the Bull Pen:

If you have been reading your newsletters, you already know about the newly organized Bull Pen. This is an exciting way to meet and know more about TCA members from all around the world. You will soon be receiving a registration card to become a founding member of the Bull Pen. Don't miss this opportunity. Watch for your registration card and be sure to fill it out and return it.