

Battle Continues at Fort Trumbull

Fort Trumbull has existed since Revolutionary War days protecting the harbor of New London, CT. It sits on a key position in the approach to New London Harbor and the Thames River. From its position it was possible to fire upon any ship entering the Thames River. Construction for the fort was begun before the Revolution in 1775. In response to the outbreak of the revolution, the Connecticut General Assembly ordered that the fort be completed. The fort was named after the governor, Jonathan Trumbull. The only combat in Fort Trumbull's history happened on September 6th, 1781. This was a diversionary raid to distract American and French forces from Yorktown where the British army surrendered the next month.



Fort Trumbull State Park, New London, CT

Since that time, Fort Trumbull has continued to play a role in the country's coastal defense system. It has served as the home of the US Revenue Cutter Service, which merged with the US Lifesaving Service to become the US Coast Guard. This merger made Fort Trumbull home to the first US Coast Guard Academy. By WWII, the fort was home to the Coast Guard, the Maritime Service Officer Candidate School and the Columbia University Division of War Research Underwater Sound Laboratory. In 1970 the Naval Underwater Systems Center called the fort home. In 1991, the NUSC was renamed the Naval Undersea Warfare Center.

As Fort Trumbull developed so did its surrounding areas. This was once a lively immigrant neighborhood of New London, CT. Of the 115 residential homes, all that remains are 15 houses. While Fort Trumbull may have only been in combat once as a fort, another type of battle is now taking place. The owners of the fifteen remaining homes are protesting the city's attempt to use eminent domain law to take their homes and turn the area into a riverfront hotel, convention center, offices and upscale condominiums.

Much of the development is to take place on land once occupied by a US Navy research center. But it also calls for the destruction of the Fort Trumbull residential neighborhood. The New London Development Corporation was authorized to use eminent domain

powers to seize any properties where homeowners refused to leave voluntarily. Under the current plan, once the land is acquired, the city of New London plans to provide a private development company with a one dollar 99 year lease.

The Fifth Amendment states that governments may take private property for "public use." The citizens of Fort Trumbull are questioning how seizing their land for private development constitutes "public use." The city of New London claims that the taxes which will be generated by the development of Fort Trumbull will benefit the public.

Of the residents who refuse to leave, seven families have gone before the Supreme Court, arguing that the city has no right to take their private property for economic development.

Editor's note: On June 23, the Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 that "local governments may seize people's homes and businesses against their will for private development."

TCA Registration and Dues Payments Now Available Online

TCA is pleased to announce that membership registrations, renewals, and dues payments can now be made online.

Turnbull Clan members residing in Australia, Canada, England, New Zealand, Scotland, and the United States can now join or renew their memberships and pay dues online through the TCA website.

A great advantage to using the online registration and payment method is that payment can be made in the currency of the home country with the use of a local credit card. This eliminates expensive bank transfer fees, making enrollment and renewal not only easier but much less costly.

The dues payment site is secure and credit card information is not stored or saved.

To use this online feature go to the TCA website at www.turnbullclan.com and click the yellow Join TCA box at the top of the page and follow the instructions from there. If you know someone who would like to become a member of TCA, please share this information with him or her.

From the President

by Wally Turnbull

Help us Branch Out

Like all good trails, the new Bullseye feature *Turnbull Trails* has many side paths leading from the main road. There are a few more Turnbull destinations to cover in the Borders but many more trails will lead us "Beyond Borders."



The *Turnbull Trails* articles are a sort of who, what, when, where, and how of Turnbull places, firstly on the Scottish borders and then elsewhere.

The trails have begun as articles of interest to *Bullseye* readers. The collection will then serve as a reference on the Turnbullclan.com website and eventually be made into a brochure pamphlet for members to use in their travels.

Once we have covered the remaining destinations in the Borders we would like to write about other Turnbull sites of interest around the world such as Fort Trumbull discussed on the front page of this issue, Rosedown Plantation in South Louisiana, New Smyrna in Florida, and possibly others like the Turnbull Winery in California, Turnbull Primitive Baptist Church in Northern Middle Tennessee, Turnbull House in Wellington, New Zealand, Turnbull House on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation, Turnbull Park in Cleve, South Australia, Turnbull Park in Benicia, California, etc.

Please help us. We need your help in identifying other places of Turnbull interest. As much information as you can provide will be appreciated. Even if you only know the name or location, please pass that along and we will research it further. Please send suggestions for further Turnbull Trails and information to:

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Meet the Member

By Florence Kuntz

Hi everyone! I'm Florence Kunz. My father was Wallace David Turnbull and my mom is Mary (Warren) Turnbull. My father died in 1987. I had five brothers, Wallace, Kenneth, Lee and Lynn (the twins) and Murray. I'm the oldest, born on January 1st, 1940, the New Year baby in the old Galt hospital in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.



My husband, Clarence Kunz, and I were married in 1957. We were both kids when we were married and will be celebrating our 48th wedding anniversary in July. Our Lord blessed us with four daughters, Tiwana, Constance, Clarice and Shannon, and a son, Richard. We have twelve grandchildren and three others by marriage. Our grandchildren have given us four grandbabies. We also helped raised a foster daughter, Penny.

Clarence retired in 1993. We love to travel and have explored Canada and parts of the United States. This year my health has slowed us down a bit because I had to go on kidney dialysis but with practice I'll conquer it we will be able to hit the trails again. You all know nothing can keep a true Scotsman down.

My grandfather, James Turnbull, immigrated to Canada in 1906. He was the oldest of William (1855) and Isabella (Chrisholm) Turnbull (1856). He was born on December 31, 1883, at Whiterick Boog, in the Parish of Merton, in the county of Berwick, Scotland. Granpa Jim married Margaret May Burns on September 9, 1909. They had seven children; Blanche, my father Wallace, Bruce, James, Harold, Douglas, and Joan. As you can see from our photo, their family grew and grew.



Clarence and Florence far left at family reunion

We have family reunions every three years. We all gather in Grassy Lake, Alberta, where our grandparents started their lives together. I'm the family secretary and have been since our second reunion. We have a chief, a council, and committees that help make our gatherings so enjoyable. Our reunion is always on the same long weekend in August. Two of my cousins are pipers and when they can we pipe in the haggis. We have several games that we give medals for, as well.

I'm also the family snoop. I've been compiling a book about our family. One day I may even finish it.



Fatlips Castle

Historical significance to Turnbulls: Fatlips Castle is a 16th century stone rectangular tower house which served as a fourteenth-century Turnbull stronghold. The site commands a wide view of the surrounding country and the castle was used to provide a beacon when danger threatened.

Interesting facts: The castle sits 730 feet high on Minto Crag. It was originally the fortress for the famous Border Reiver Turnbull of Barnhill. Sir Walter Scott wrote of the castle and Turnbull in "Lay of the Last Minstrel:"

*On Minto Crag the moon beams glint,
Where Barnhill hewed his bed of flint;
Where falcons hang their giddy nest.
Mid cliffs, from whence his eagle eye
Full many a league his prey could spy.*



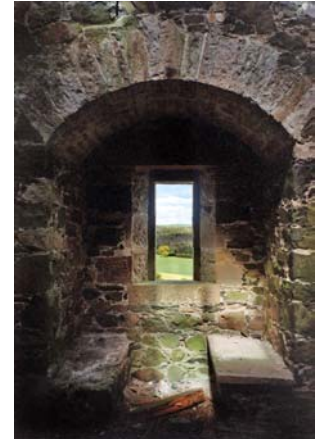
Fatlips Castle today

The origin of the name "Fatlips" has many theories. However, the most likely follows. A Minto woman vowing to never leave home after her lover was killed in battle declared that her house was kept in order and her food and drink provided for by a fairy or spirit named Fatlips. She described him as a little man with heavy iron shoes, with which he trampled the clay floor to dispel the damp. As reported by the October, 1927 issue of the *Border Magazine*, it is believed that the name of the spirit, Fatlips, was transferred to this type of dwelling. There is at least one other structure in Scotland bearing the name Fatlips.

The castle was destroyed by Hertford's Border Raids in 1545. The castle became the property of Sir Gilbert Elliot and was rebuilt in 1857 by the third Gilbert Elliot, brother of Jean Elliot who wrote the great lament "Flowers of the Forest." Fatlips was used as a family museum and shooting box for the Minto Estate until around 1960.



The deteriorating interior of today



View of the valley from a window

Sights to see: While the castle itself is much in ruin, there is still plenty to see outside. The castle entrance way leads to a vaulted basement. There are no remaining floors from the original structure. Spiral stairs lead to a garret with a round caphouse opening onto an impressive parapet, rounded on the corners.

Getting up to Fatlips is a bit of a challenge but it is well worth the effort. If you cannot make the climb, be sure to view the castle from below and along the Ancrum road.

Until it is repaired, you must not venture inside the castle and extreme caution be taken in walking around it as stones do fall from the parapet. The hilltop around the castle provides the most spectacular views to be found of the Teviot Valley, Bedrule area, and Ruberslaw.



View from Fatlips south towards Bedrule.

Getting there: Fatlips Castle is located on Minto Crags, North of the A698 off of the Chesters/Ancrum road which runs between the B6405 and the B6400.

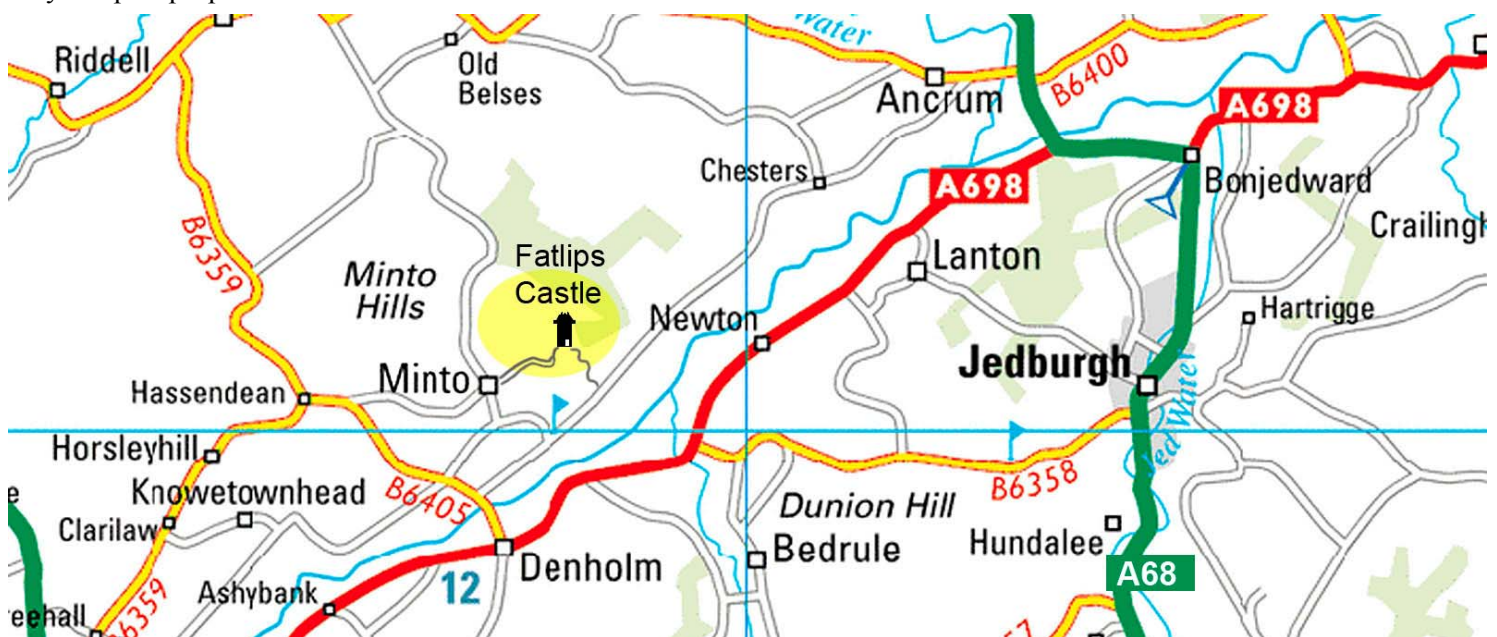
From Jedburgh take the A68 north. After crossing the Teviot River take the next road on the left signposted Ancrum. Do not enter the village but keep left on the minor road.

From Hawick, travel north on the A698 until you reach the town of Denholm. In Denholm turn left onto the B6405. Just after crossing the Teviot take the first right onto the road to Chesters and Ancrum.

Fatlips Castle is visible high up on the northwest side of the road about one mile when headed towards Ancrum or four miles from Ancrum. You can park your car along the side of the road and hike up to the castle. The path is rugged and very steep so proper attire and shoes should be worn.

You can also access Fatlips from Minto Estate east of Minto Village. While this is an easier walk, permission must be obtained from the grounds keeper.

To get to Minto Estate from Hawick, travel north on the A698 until you reach the town of Denholm. In Denholm turn left onto Kirkside and go to the end. Turn right on Leyden Road for one block then turn left onto Minto Road which is the B6405. In a half of mile, turn right and follow the sign into Minto. In Minto, just past the church, turn right into the golf course. Follow the road about half a mile to Minto Manor and a pathway up to meadows above the estate. Walk through the meadows towards the south where there is a gate between the two knolls of Minto Crags. Through the gate bear left a short distance on the path to Fatlips Castle.



Places to stay: The closest towns with lodging are in Denholm, Hawick and Jedburgh.

In Denholm:

The Auld Cross Keys Inn
Denholm, Roxburghshire TD9 8NU - Tel: 01450 870305
Fox and Hounds Inn
Denholm TD8 8NU - Tel: 01450 870247

In Hawick:

Mansfield House Hotel, Weensland Road TD9 8LB
Tel: 01450 373988 & 360400
Wiltonburn Farm - 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 – (0)01835 862504
The Jedforest Hotel, Camptown, TD8 6PJ
Tel: 01835 840222 (more elegant accommodations)

Places to eat: The Minto Golf Club clubhouse

Tel: 01450 870 220, Email: mintogolfclub@freeserve.co

Simply Scottish, 6 High Street, Jedburgh

The Pheasant Inn, High Street, Jedburgh

Auld Cross Keys Inn, Main Street, Denholm

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

Nearby Attractions: Bedrule, Bedrule Parish, Hawick Tower Museum, Ruberslaw, Jedburgh Woolen Mill, Ancrum Village Green and Market Cross, Ancrum Old Parish Church, Leyden Monument in Denholm, Jedforest Deer and Farm Park, Drumlanrig Castle and the Queensberry Estate, Minto Chapel

Related websites: <http://www.a2jlp.co.uk/photos/fatlipsintro.html>

http://www.turnbullclan.com/main/fatlips_castle.htm

http://www.castleuk.net/castle_lists_scotland/74/fatlipscastle.htm

<http://www.discovertheborders.co.uk/places/156.html>

http://www.castleuk.net/castle_lists_scotland/74/barnhilltower.htm

<http://www.golftoday.co.uk/clubhouse/coursedir/scotland/Borders/min.to.html>, <http://www.mintogolf.co.uk/>

UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS



USA Games – Attend one in your area!

July 2 Round Hill Highland Games, Norwalk, CT
July 2-3 Scottish Fest, Lake Orion, MI
July 7-10 Grandfather Mountain Gaelic Song, Language & Harp Week, Banner Elk, NC
July 7-11 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, NC
July 8-9 Payson Scottish Festival, Payson, UT
July 9 Michiana Celtic Festival & Highland Games, Elkhart, IN
Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games, Farmington, MN
High Banks Celtic Gathering, Mt. Morris, NY
July 9-10 Dunsmuir Scottish Highland Games, Oakland, CA
Athena Caledonian Games, Athena, OR
July 10 Skagit Valley Highland Games & Scottish Faire, Mt. Vernon WA
July 12-13 Ft. Vancouver Caledonian Gathering, Ridgefield, WA
July 16 Arizona Highland Celtic Festival, Flagstaff, AZ
Annual Picnic, Stone Throw & Caber Toss, Ray Brook, NY
Celtic Heritage Festival, Horsham, PA
Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival, Westfield, MA
Portland Highland Games, Gresham, OR
Saline Celtic Festival, Saline, MI
Graeme Park Scottish Highland Festival, Horsham, PA
Maine Scottish Military Tattoo, Prospect, ME
Brigadoon Celtic Festival, Burton, OH
July 16-17 Rockford Celtic Festival, Rockford, IL
July 16-18 Philadelphia Scottish-Irish Music Festival, King of Prussia, PA
July 21-24 Virginia Scottish Games, Alexandria, VA
July 23-24 North. Georgia Celtic Festival, Gainesville, GA
Reno Celtic Festival, Reno, NV
July 24 Leetonia Celtic Festival, Leetonia, OH
July 30-31 Pacific NW Scottish Highland Games, Enumclaw, WA

SCOTLAND Games – Attend one in your area!

For a complete list of July games in Scotland visit
http://www.turnbullclan.com/main/coming_events.htm
 (cities given are those closest to game)
July 9 144th Alva Games, Alva, Stirling
July 10 Stirling Highland Games, Stirling, Perth
July 16 Balloch (Loch Lomond) Highland Games, Balloch, Glasgow
July 19 Inveraray Traditional Highland Games, Inveraray, Perth, Creiff
July 20 Luss (Loch Lomond) Highland Gathering, Luss, Balloch, Dunbarton
July 23 135th Airth Highland Games, Falkirk, Stirling
Aviemore Highland Games World Cup, Aviemore
July 30 Halkirk Highland Games, Halkirk, Thurso, Wick

AUSTRALIA Games – Attend one in your area!

July 2-3 Aberdeen Highland Games, Hunter Valley, New South Wales

Dorothy Turnbull Celebrates Special Birthday

A special birthday wish goes out to Dorothy Turnbull of Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, who turned 60 on June 25. Dorothy writes that tradition in her family is that the birthday girl bakes her own cake. Family members and friends gather to help eat the cake and celebrate. She celebrated with special cousins who also live in Alberta. Your TCA family hopes you had a wonderful day and celebration!



Hand Carved Turnbull Crest

Allan Monette carved this Turnbull family crest from pine wood for his wife, Eva Turnbull Monette.

Allan says that the carving took him about 3 months to make and that he can be contacted by email at:

marcuscrain@sbcglobal.net

CANADA Games – Attend one in your area!

July 1 Pugwash Gathering of the Clans, Pugwash, Nova Scotia
July 1-3 Kincardine Ontario Scottish Festival & Games
July 1-9 Nova Scotia Tattoo, Halifax, Nova Scotia
July 2 Manitoba Highland Gathering, Selkirk, Manitoba
Penticton Highland Games, Kelowna, British Columbia
Cobourg Highland Games, Cobourg, Ontario
July 7-11 Canadian National Highland Dance Championships, Winnipeg, Manitoba
July 8-10 Chatham Ontario Sertona Supreme Highland Games
July 9 Halifax Nova Scotia Highland Games & Scottish Festival
Haliburton Ontario Highland Games
July 15-16 Cambridge Highland Games, Cambridge, Ontario
July 15-17 Antigonish Highland Games, Antigonish, NS
July 17 Orillia Scottish Festival, Orillia, Ontario
July 22-24 New Brunswick Highland Games, Fredericton, NB
July 23-24 Highlands of Durham Games & Festival, Uxbridge, Ontario
Kingston Heritage Tattoo, Kingston, Ontario
July 29-30 Glengarry Highland Games, Maxville, Ontario
July 31 Montreal Highland Games, Verdun, Quebec
July 31-Aug. 6 Folkrama at Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Turnbulls of Rossie Schedule Big Reunion

All descendants of the family of Thomas and Sarah Turnbull are invited to attend a reunion in Rossie and Oxbow, NY on Friday and Saturday, August 12 & 13, 2005 to celebrate the arrival of Thomas Turnbull's widow, Sarah Wood Turnbull, who brought her family of nine children from Scotland to "The Scotch Settlement" of Rossie, NY in the year 1820.

Attendees will hear the story of the Turnbull family journey from Scotland to Rossie and also learn about the family lines of Sarah's 9 children that have been traced from their 1820 arrival to the present.

The Turnbull children were: Mary 1792-1870 (m. James Miller); Isabella 1795-1870 (m. John Bryden); Thomas 1797-1882 (m. Elizabeth Howard); William 1802-1872 (m. Mary Ann Dodds); Adam 1803-1872 (m. Isabella Laidlaw); Sarah 1806-1863 (m. Peronious Church); Janet 1809-1886 (m. George Ormiston); Michael 1810-1880 (m. Margaret Laidlaw); Andrew 1813-1885 (m. Ann Dodds).

Reunion activities on Friday [9am to 5pm] and Saturday morning [9am to 12 noon] will be at the Rossie Community Center for attendee arrival and registration, visiting and getting acquainted, viewing displays and seeing local places of interest. On Saturday, the activities move to Oxbow to the Presbyterian Church where the Turnbulls have attended since the beginning of the Church in 1820. The Oxbow Museum, next to the Presbyterian Church, will be open all day Saturday for reunion attendees and will serve a light lunch at noon at attendees' expense. A Turnbull Reunion Memorial Program will be held in the Oxbow Presbyterian Church at 2pm Saturday to celebrate the arrival 185 years ago of Thomas Turnbull's widow, Sarah Wood Turnbull, and family of 9 children that left Scotland and arrived in Rossie's "Scotch Settlement" in 1820.

A buffet dinner will be prepared by the Oxbow Presbyterian Church women's group and served in the Church Hall on Saturday evening at 5:30pm. Dinner reservations are requested: \$9.00 adults/ \$4.00 children under 12. A registration fee of \$4 per adult (16 and over), for both days, will be charged to help offset mail expense and building rental.

As part of the reunion, a bronze plaque will be installed in the Old Oxbow Presbyterian Church Cemetery on the gravesite of Thomas Turnbull's wife, Sarah (1774-1834), to commemorate her life and to restore the inscription on her grave stone which has become illegible over the years.

For further information or to make reservations, contact Julia Moore: 140 Goodrich Ave, Syracuse, NY 13210 phone: (315) 668-8465; E-mail: joker32609@aol.com



Turnbulls of Rossie reunion of 2000

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye

It's not too late to plan to attend the AGM in Enumclaw, WA, July 30-31. Bill Trimble has kindly offered transportation to and from the airport and games. Telephone Betty Turnbull at 919-361-5041 or email Bill Trimble wctrimble@usamedia.tv.

Answers to May's Things to do at the AGM

Parade 5b-5g, chips 2e-6i, avenue 7d-7i, tent 9d-6a, cattle 12j-12e, vendor 1j-1e, kennels 1k-7k, sheaf 6i-2i, caber 1a-1e, lassies 10b-10h, balladeer 1c-9c, drum 5f-8i, dinner 5j-10j, AGM 10c-12c, Trimble 9d-9j

Happy Birthday

Sally Turnbull Dupuis, David Turnbole, Rex Sjostrom, John G. Turnbull, III, William K. Trimble, Wallace Turnbull, Sr., William J. Trimble, Barbara Buckman Williams, Howard C. Hahn, Ronald J. Jennings, Kim Trimble, Karl Bihl Turnbull, George H. Turnbull, Delores Turnbull, Jim R. Simpson, Susan Williamson Turnbull, Sue Turnbull, Hilary Turnbull Preston, Becky E. Turnbull, Helen Turnbull King, Claudia J. Trimble, Cameron L. Turnbull



Crypto Puzzle

Cryptograms are texts that have been coded by substituting each letter by a different letter. For example, if t=a, h=b, and e=c, then the word "the" would appear as "abc" throughout the puzzle. A letter never equals itself.

Solve the following: (Hint V=D) – answer in August issue.

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“E o f j p v b q p A e x k” e o o h w p b q e x k B n t x c n s s o

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