

## Out of Print *Rulewater and Its People* Now Available

TCA is pleased to announce that the out of print book, *Rulewater and Its People*, by George Tancred of Weens, is now available to TCA members at [www.turnbullclan.com](http://www.turnbullclan.com). The copyright of the book, originally published in Edinburgh at The University Press by T. and A. Constable, Printers to His Majesty in 1907, has expired. Previously, only excerpts could be found. A copy of the book was obtained by TCA and is now available to our members. Following is an excerpt from chapter nine about the Turnbells of Rulewater.

### RULEWATER

#### AND ITS PEOPLE

An Account of the Valley of the Rule  
and its Inhabitants

BY

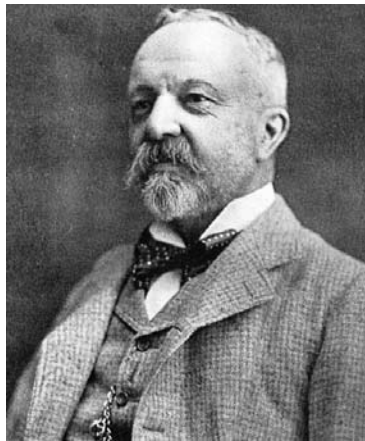
GEORGE TANCRED OF WEENS

LATE 17th LANCERS AND ROYAL SCOTS GREYS

AUTHOR OF

"THE ANNALS OF A BORDER CLAN"

WITH ILLUSTRATIONS



"...The name of Turnbull, spelt in various ways, first became known in the fourteenth century. In the following century they increased in numbers, and in the sixteenth century they became so numerous and powerful, especially in the Rulewater district, that the Wardens of the Marches and other border barons were only too glad to obtain their military services by giving them every encouragement as vassals and 'kyndlie' tenants. It is a pity that so little is recorded of their good service, and so much mentioned in Pitcairn's *Criminal Trials* of their misdeeds..."

From the source of the Rule to its confluence with the Teviot, almost the whole lands were occupied by the Turnbells... With all their faults, they were deadly enemies to the English, and wherever a raid took place on the middle marches, the Turnbells were always to be found."

Much more can be found about the early Turnbells and other border families. The book can be found at [http://www.turnbullclan.com/publications/rulewater\\_and\\_its\\_people\\_index.htm](http://www.turnbullclan.com/publications/rulewater_and_its_people_index.htm)

## The Clan Tent

(or *How to Keep Your Sanity at the Highland Games*)

By Kim Trimble

It was a bright sunny day in June 1995. My eldest daughter went to the library and came home with a brochure about the Highland Games to be held in July. Since we'd always been interested in Celtic music and our family heritage we decided to go. Who knew such things are addictive. For many hours after we had left the games the bagpipes rang in our ears. It was wonderful. Evangelynn and I had such a marvelous time that we told the rest of the family about it.

The next year my wife Sue and younger daughter Amy came with us. After that, my parents and brothers and sister came, my aunts and uncles and cousins. Then the friends of the family began to come. Eventually it got kind of confusing keeping track of everyone. I recalled that as children we always attended the Western Washington State fair. My grandfather was instrumental in setting up the first aid station there and we would use that as a kind of family headquarters. That way each of us could take off and have fun always knowing where to find a family member. This was when it was still relatively safe for kids to be unsupervised at all times. You know those horrible fifties.



*The first tent we hosted was kind of primitive with mostly homemade items.*

This seemed like a good plan so I suggested to my daughter that we sponsor a clan tent so we would have a gathering place. Our first year was rather primitive; we had a makeshift tent and few things to display. But it was fun. After that it just grew, we officially joined Turnbull Clan Association, started to get better things for our tent and learned how to host the tent. We also started to attend other games around the state. (continued on page 5)

## From the President

by Wally Turnbull

Our clan is a big extended family. We enjoy learning about our ancestors including those who were heroes and those who were villains. We also enjoy learning about each other when we meet at clan events and here in the pages of the Bullseye.



Besides getting to know each other we must also care about each other. That is part of being in the same family. Our earliest ancestors formed the clan system to support each other. The clans sometimes feuded with each other but within the clan unity and support have been traditional.

We have all heard it said "*laugh, and the world laughs with you; weep, and you weep alone.*" This may sometimes be true but it should not be so, especially not among clan family members. When times are difficult and when we are suffering is when we need each other the most.

Of course those who are the closest to us are usually there for us but how nice it is when we receive an unexpected but welcome surprise word of encouragement from a more distant friend.

We want to encourage more **Sharing and Caring** among TCA members. Share your joys and your sorrows with us, your clan family members. We may not be able to solve your problems but we can and do care. Those of us who pray can include you in our prayers. Everyone can wish a good thought and some may want to send a word of encouragement. We will not publish addresses and phone numbers but they are available to members on request from [secretary@turnbullclan.com](mailto:secretary@turnbullclan.com).

Please share your joys of births, marriages, anniversaries, and reunions as well as your sorrows of deaths, illness, and other sufferings with us. We do care. Whether you are smiling or weeping we do care and we want to share and care with you. Write to [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com).

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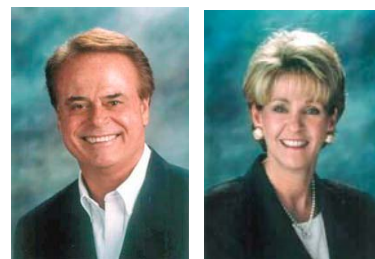
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## Meet the Members

Bob and Yvonne Turnbull live in the Washington, DC area. They moved there after living 15 years in Orange County, California. They have a married son, Bob Turnbull V.



Between the two of them, they have authored nine books. Yvonne has a degree on Counseling Psychology and graduate work in Business and Administration and Nutrition. Bob has a Masters in Journalism and a Ph.D. in Social Psychology.

Bob worked for 13 years as a high school and college football and track coach. In the 70's, Bob served as "*The Chaplain of Waikiki Beach*", a title given to him by Hawaii Governor John Burns.



Bob with Jack Lord in Hawaii Five-0

Bob also served nine years with the Honolulu Police Department. He was once a professional actor with a credit of 9 motion pictures and 41 TV shows, the more recent ones being "Highway to Heaven," "L.A. Law," "Cagney and Lacey" and "Family Ties."

Yvonne was the on-air nutritionist for "The 700 Club" television show. The two have worked together ministering to the professional athletes and the wives of the Dodgers, Angels, Rams and Raiders.

Currently, they are involved in a speaking ministry and travel together across the US and Canada. For more information about their ministries, visit [www.turnbullministries.org](http://www.turnbullministries.org)

### Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Update

TCA is happy to report that we have been able to contact all but one of the members in the regions affected by Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. A few power outages, lost trees and some minor roof damage is all that was reported. We are thankful for the good report and that everyone is safe.

### Sharing and Caring

George Turnbull of Greensboro, NC has asked for our thoughts and prayers for his wife, Anna Marie who is fighting a rare form of lymphoma. George and Anna Marie have been TCA members since 1980.

Yvonne Turnbull has been diagnosed with macular degeneration in her left eye. In addition, her brother passed away unexpectedly. Bob and Yvonne would appreciate your prayers for her and her family during this difficult time..





## Jedburgh

**Historical significance to Turnbills:** A Border town, Jedburgh, located in Roxburghshire, is the seat of the circuit court. It was the most important town to Bedrule and the sheriff court there determined the fate of many a Turnbull.

The grammar school of Jedburgh was founded by Bishop Turnbull of Glasgow in the middle of the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

The poet Thomas Turnbull (1797-1882) was born in Jedburgh. He later came to America with his mother Sarah Wood and settled in the Scottish settlement of Rossie in New York State.



*High Street, Jedburgh, looking down from the castle.*

**Interesting facts:** The original settlement is thought to have been a post Roman capital of the Geddewrd. It became one of the most powerful religious centers in the Borders in the 1100's due to the development of an abbey by David I.



*A side view of Jedburgh Abbey*

Jedburgh was frequently invaded by and more than once occupied by the English. The local men defended themselves against these raids with the famous "Jeddart staff", a long pole with a metal hook at the tip.



*View from inside the remains of Jedburgh Abbey*

The abbey was destroyed by the English in 1544. In 1548, the French army occupied the town briefly in an effort to help the Scots defend themselves against the English.

The Jedburgh Callants Festival reaffirms the border boundaries. It takes place in July and lasts two weeks with ceremonial rides to places of historic interest. The Callant, or young man leading the proceedings, takes the Jethart Flag. He leads the mounted procession on Festival Day, going to Ferniehurst Castle, where they halt for a ceremony at the Capon Tree, survivor of the ancient Jed Forest, and then return to the town for the final ceremony at the War Memorial.

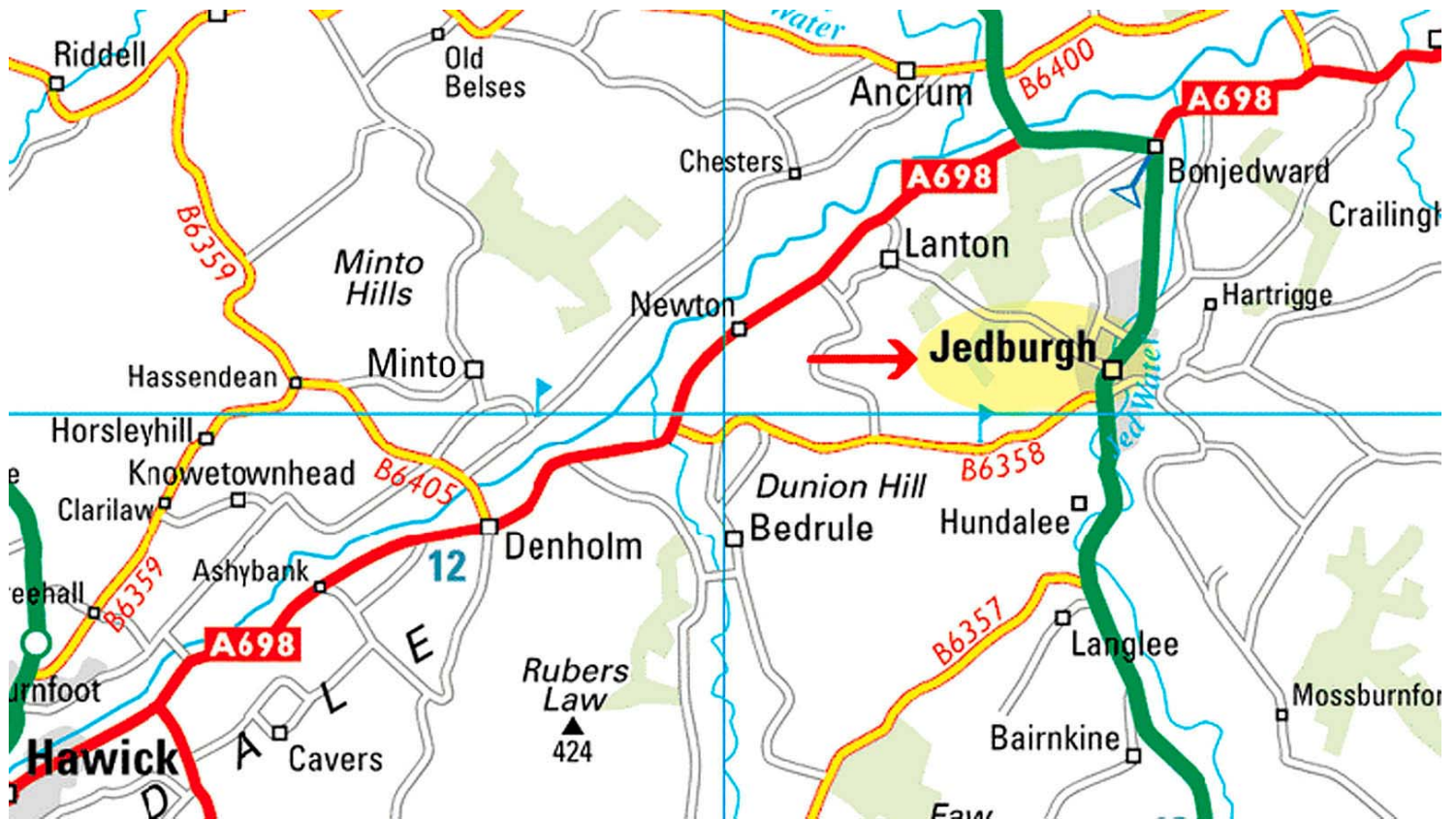


**Sights to see:** Places to see include the Jedburgh Abbey, Jedburgh Castle and Jail with museum, Mary Queen of Scots house, and the Montieviot House Gardens. The Jedburgh Woolen Mill Outlet is a good place to find fine woolen and sewn items as well as other souvenirs. Take a riverside walk passing by the Piper's House in Duck Row and the 16th Century Canongate Bridge. And a visit to Jedburgh is not complete without a stop at the Pheasant Lounge Bar on High Street for a little sticky toffee pudding!



**Getting there:** The nearest train station is in Berwick Upon Tweed, 32 miles to the Northeast. Local bus and taxi service is available from Berwick Upon Tweed. Edinburgh is 50 miles to the north/northwest. London is 338 miles to the south.

Approaching *from the north*, take the A68 into Jedburgh. *From the south (Newcastle)* take the A1 north to A68 North. *From the southwest (Hawick)*, take the A698 and then follow signs to Jedburgh, turning right onto the B6358, to the north onto the A68.



### Places to stay:

#### In Jedburgh:

Spread Eagle Hotel, 20 High St., Tel: 01835862870  
 Royal Hotel, Canongate, Tel: 01835 863152  
 Glen Bank House Hotel, Castlegate, Tel: 01835 862258  
 Jedforest Hotel, near Jedburgh, Tel: 01835 840222  
 Windy Ridge, a 4\* B&B, 39 Dounehill, Tel: 01835 864404  
 The Spinney, a 4\* B&B Langlee, by Jedburgh  
 Tel: 01835 863525  
 Willow Court, the Friars, Tel: 01835 563702  
 The School House, Edgerston, Tel: 01835 840627

#### In Hawick:

Mansfield House Hotel, Weensland Road, Tel: 01450 373988  
 The Coppice Borthwickbrae, Tel: 01450 880332  
 Ellistrin Bed & Breakfast, 6 Fenwick Park, Tel: 01450 374216  
 Elm House Hotel, 17 North Bridge Street, Tel: 01450 372866  
 Wiltonburn Farm, 0845 644 8315

**Nearby Attractions:** Jedburgh Woolen Mill, Jedforest Deer and Farm Park, The Capon Tree, Hudson's Unconformity, Harmony Garden, Mertoun Gardens, Bowhill House & Country Park, Mellerstain House, Ruberslaw, Bedrule

### Places to eat:

The Pheasant Lounge Bar, 61 High St, Jedburgh  
 The Night Jar, 1 Abbey Close Jedburgh  
 Brown Sugar Coffee Shop, 12 Canongate, Jedburgh  
 Cookie Jar, 35 High Street, Jedburgh  
 Belter's Bar, 23 Castlegate, Jedburgh  
 The Castlegate, 26 Castlegate, Jedburgh  
 Simply Scottish, 8 High Street, Jedburgh  
 The Chefs Grill, 31 High Street, Jedburgh  
 The Wayfarer, High Street, Jedburgh

**Nearby Historical Sights:** Hawick Museum and Scott Gallery, Melrose Abbey, Kelso Abbey, Dryburgh Abbey, Abbotsford House, Smailholm Tower, Kelso Hermitage Castle, Fulton Tower

**Related websites:** <http://www.jedburgh-online.org.uk>  
<http://www.scot-borders.co.uk/>, <http://www.electricscotland.com>  
<http://www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/jedburgh/jedburgh/>  
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<http://www.aboutscotland.com/tour/langjed.html>  
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## UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS

For a complete list of games in your area log onto  
[http://www.turnbullclan.com/main/coming\\_events.htm](http://www.turnbullclan.com/main/coming_events.htm)

### USA Games – Attend one in your area!

#### \*\*\*\* Look for a Turnbull Tent!

**Oct. 1** Loch Lomond Highland Games, Ben Lomond, CA

**Oct. 1-2** Chesapeake Celtic Festival, Snow Hill, MD

**Oct. 2** New Jersey Scottish Heritage Festival

\*\*\*\***Oct. 7-8** St. Louis Scottish Games, St. Louis, MO

**Oct. 7-9** Seaside Highland Games, Ventura, CA

**Oct. 9** Scotland Highland Festival, Scotland, CT

Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain, GA

### CANADIAN Games – Attend one in your area!

**Oct. 2** Downsview Park Highland Games, Toronto

**Oct 7-15** Celtic Colours International Festival, Cape Breton, NS

### AUSTRALIAN Games – Attend one in your area!

**Oct. 15** Dapto Highland Games, Dapto

**Oct. 14-15** The Australian Federation Tattoo, NSW

**Oct. 23** Glenbarr Highland Games Strathalbyn, South Australia

A wee bit of humor: *Sandy was digging peat at his croft when a passing American tourist asks, "How much land do you have here?" "About two acres" Sandy replies. "You know back home it takes me a day to drive around my ranch!" the American boasts. "Aye", says Sandy "I once had a car like that."*

### Clan Tent (continued from page 1)

After a couple of years my brother Bill and his wife Pat took over management of the tent and were heavily involved in organizing the Highland games in the Tri-City area in Eastern Washington.

It's nice to have the tent as a meeting place for the family but it's gone beyond that now to being an annual event where we come to express our Scottish Heritage, make new friend and meet folks who don't know the fulfill-



Back row left to right: Bruce Trimble, Mary Trimble, George Shilipetar, Kathie Trimble Shilipetar, Merle Trimble Newby Second row down: Doug Newby, George Shilipetar, Jr. Nicky Shilipetar, Dale Newby, Johanna Shore Trimble, Dale Trimble, Third row down: Juliana Shilipetar, Melissa Shilipetar, Dave Newby, Tracy Delawie, Jan Lewis-Newby, Mithya Lewis-Newby, Jan Berney, Jill Berney, Tim Berney, Jamieson Berney, Front row: Clara Newby, Peter Berney, Marybeth Berney, Evan Trimble, Katharine Richards.

Member Janine Lewis-Newby shares a family photo from their recent reunion held in Shelton, WA. There were 3 generations of Trimbles present. The family is descended from David Trimble who came to America with his four brothers from County Armagh, Ireland around 1732. They settled in Virginia and then Kentucky. Janine's great grandfather was John Ellis Trimble who went to Garfield, WA from Kentucky around 1894.

ment that comes with the knowledge of who you are and where you came from.

There is something for everyone at the games, whether you like the music or are into sports. Both men and women can really get into throwing heavy stuff. There are dogs to ooh an ahh over. The bagpipe and dance competitions are great. So many talented people in one place is something to see. Not to forget the beer gardens or the booths full of great Celtic things to purchase. Oh yes and men in kilts! It is one of the few truly family friendly summertime outdoor activities. My 85 year old mother enjoys it as does my 3 year old granddaughter.

Our first tent in 1999 was kind of primitive. Using mostly home made items for display, we had a lot of fun getting organized. Check out the flower pots. For most of the day we sat sweltering in the tent with the back and sides closed. It wasn't until late in the afternoon that we opened the back and let the air move through. Live and learn.

That first location was next to a fish and chips stand. Hey it's Puget Sound; we gotta have fish 'n' chips. But it was rather smelly there so we moved farther up the line. The new location was better except that many of the pipers practiced and warmed up behind us. Now I love bagpipe music but a dozen plus pipers playing a dozen plus different songs simultaneously is a tad bit deafening. So we moved again, this time to the opposite end of the fairgrounds to where we are now. Under the shade of trees we currently enjoy listening to featured artist like *The Wicked Tinkers* and *Tempest*. We're also closer to the beer garden, but I won't talk about that here.

This year we hosted the Turnbull Clan's Annual General Meeting so had a double tent to make room for everyone. It was great fun meeting Turnbolls from other parts of the country. And indeed it was a pleasure to meet Wally and Betty Turnbull, our President and the editor of the Bullseye.

◆ *Note: If this article has inspired you to consider hosting a Turnbull tent at a game near you, and we hope it has, now is the time to start planning. TCA can assist in helping you get started. Please contact Wally at [president@turnbullclan.com](mailto:president@turnbullclan.com) or 5216 Tahoe Dr., Durham, NC 27713*



