

TCA History Preserved in Odom Library

Flags of the United States, the state of Georgia and of Scotland can be seen flying together at the entrance to the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library, a private library dedicated to the collection of genealogical records. More than 115 Scottish clans are represented in the library.



Some of the Clan records available in the Odom library



A section of the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library in Moultrie, GA

The library was a bequest from Mrs. Odom upon her death in 1987 and opened in 1990. The sale of Mrs. Odom's estate, which collected more than a million dollars, was used to establish this private wing in the Moultrie Georgia County Library. This is the library where clan genealogist can collaborate on all the years of clan history and data collected.

TCA founder Dorothy Berk had a dream that someday a repository of Turnbull clan records would be available. Janet Schwierking, TCA's genealogist, has been working hard to make this dream a reality. As of November 18, 2005 the Odom library now has a paper copy of every newsletter from the conception of the Bullseye to present day. Each newsletter was placed in a protective plastic sleeve and then organized into binders. These binders are now available for viewing at the library. The binders will be updated as each new issue is sent to the library to be added to the collection.

The next stage is to make the TCA genealogy data available through the library. Turnbills' history will soon be made accessible to those visiting the library. It will be possible to do research from the genealogy records stored in the library. If you are interested in including your family records in this historical setting, contact Janet Schwierking or Wally Turnbull.

The library is open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 AM until 5:30 PM. It is located at 204 5th St., SE, Moultrie, Georgia. Please note that the library will be closed Dec. 18, 2005 – Jan 2, 2006.

A good time to visit Moultrie and the Odom library is in February when you can participate in the annual Scottish Festival which includes the Ceilidh and the Kirkin' O' The Tartan events. For more

information, contact Festival Coordinator and Genealogical librarian Beth Gay at (229) 985-6540.

The Family Tree is an award winning bimonthly newsletter, produced by the Odom Library. It is the largest genealogy publication in the world and additionally is the largest Scottish publication in the world, outside of Scotland. The newsletter is available online at <http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/magazine/index.htm>

ZEST FOR COMPETITIVE COMBAT

For those who did not already know him, the October, 2005 Bullseye *Meet the Member* column introduced you to Aidan Turnbull, perhaps one of TCA's more colorful members. Aidan and several other family members participate in medieval competitions and lifestyle events throughout the year.

Aidan says, "The TERRIBLE thing about being a Turnbull is the recognition that you belong to a rather vicious, troublesome and pugnacious Border Clan who were 'bad-to-the-bone'. With a history of almost 500 years of cross-border feuding, fighting, argument, cattle-stealing and murder, it is not surprising that some Turnbills (like myself) retain a real zest for challenging and competitive combat."



Aidan at Studlands Medieval Festival, England

In 1999, Aidan saw a display by the Medieval Siege Society and knew in his heart that he wanted to be involved. By 2000, his family had obtained their own costumes, medieval tents and a host of other equipment. They put on displays of medieval
(continued on page 5)

From the President

by Wally Turnbull

Life is short. Make it good and make it count.

I am well reminded of this as I continue to recover daily from a quadruple bypass open heart surgery performed two weeks ago.

I enjoyed the story my surgeon told me

about a previous patient who asked if he would be able to play the piano after a similar surgery. The doctor had replied "of course" to which the patient responded – "Excellent, I have always wanted to be able to play the piano."

Make your life good. Enjoy yourself but eat right and get enough exercise. Even the diseases we may carry in our genes will hurt us less if our bodies are strong. Make a list of the things you want to do and the places you want to visit during your lifetime and begin working on that list in 2006. Don't wait for later. It is already later.

Make your life count by doing things outside of yourself. Help make life better for others and do something of lasting consequence.

Remember that today is not only the first day of the rest of your life; it is also part of eternity. Treat yourself well as you may not have another chance but also contemplate on the words of my personal hero, Jesus, who reminded us to "love your neighbor as yourself."



Sharing and Caring

Our condolences and prayers are with George Turnbull, of Greensboro, NC with the loss of his loving wife, Anna Louise.

Your thoughts and prayers for the continued healing of Wally are greatly appreciated.

Please send any requests or messages for Sharing and Caring to editor@turnbullclan.com

BULLSEYE - A Turnbull Clan Publication

The *Bullseye* is a publication of Turnbull Clan Association (TCA). The *Bullseye* is published 12 times a year at: 5216 Tahoe Dr. Durham, NC 27713 U.S.A. www.turnbullclan.com
Betty Turnbull, Editor • Janet Turnbull Schwierking, Associate Editor
Kim Trimble, Contributing Writer
For all inquiries please contact editor@turnbullclan.com.

Turnbull Clan Association

Officers: Wally Turnbull, President • Brian Turnbull, Vice-President
Janet Turnbull Schwierking, Secretary • John G. Turnbull, Treasurer
Trustees: Keith Turnbull, Lee Turnbull, Corey Turnbull, Bill Trimble, Sarah Turnbull Snow, Dana Hume Turnbull Hoyer, George B. Turnbull, Brian P. Turnbull, Mark A. Turnbull, Sandy Turnbull
Founders: John Turnbull, Scotland • Dorothy Berk, USA

Meet the Member

Meet Camden Rutherford Turnbull, one of TCA's newest members, literally. Camden joined the world and TCA on November 1, 2005. Great grandparents, Wallace and Eleanor Turnbull, presented Camden with his own TCA membership Nov. 1.

Camden is the son of members Rhet and Sarah Turnbull and brother to Vivian Turnbull. Dad, Rhet, is a major in the United Air Force. Mom, Sarah is an elementary teacher, who is now enjoying her classroom of two.



Weighing in at 7lbs. 1.5 oz., Camden joins TCA Nov. 1



Proud parents, Rhet and Sarah with Camden.



Big sister, Vivian, almost three, takes her role seriously as she helps Mom with taking care of baby brother.

Rhet was born and raised in the country of Haiti and is the son of Wally and Betty Turnbull. Rhet graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1995 with a degree in Astronautical Engineering. He currently is stationed outside the Washington, DC area. He is the recent recipient of the Director's Circle Award for his contributions to the Air Force. Sarah has an elementary education degree from John Brown University. She is the daughter of Col. (retired) William and Mary Weiford of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Editor's note: If you or someone you know would like to be featured in the Meet the Member column please write to editor@turnbullclan.com or Betty Turnbull, 5216 Tahoe Dr., Durham, NC 27713



Scottish Holiday Celebrations



Christmas day in Scotland is celebrated with families getting together to open presents and have a big Christmas lunch. A fire is built in the fireplace. There is a superstition that it is bad luck for the fire to go out because the elves are out and might drop down the chimney. On Christmas Day, bonfires are sometimes made and people dance around them and play the bagpipes. Bannock cakes (recipe next page) are made and eaten at Christmas.



Glasgow decorates the city for Christmas
(photo compliments of www.aidan.co.uk)

During the middle ages Scotland's Christmas was much more celebrated than it is today. Homes were decorated with mistletoe and juniper. Along with performing special skits, special foods were eaten which included the making of the Yule Log, a tradition still observed. (The Yule log was based on fire rituals of pagan times.) Christmas is still often called "Yule" in Scotland.

However, in the 1500's the Scottish Reformation abolished Christmas for 400 years. Scots continued to celebrate Christmas as a private family celebration, but there was not much attached to public celebration. The Scots transferred much of their Christmas celebrations to New Year's Day.

The big celebration is called Hogmanay and is a two day affair celebrating the New Year. Before the 1600's the New Year in Scotland officially began on March 25, known as Lady Day. James VI, King of Scots, decided to bring Scotland in line with other countries. So in 1599, New Year's Day was changed to January 1st with the adoption of the Gregorian calendar, previously adopted by European states in the 1580's. (England did not change the official date of the New Year to January 1 until 1752.)

James VI and his Privy Council passed the following resolution:

"The King is majestie and Lordis of his Secreit Counsall undirstanding that in all utheris weill governit commouns welthis and cuntreyis the first day of the yeir begynis yeirlie upoun the first day of Januare, commounlie callit new yeiris day, and that this realme onlie is different fra all utheris in the compt and reckning of the yeiris his Majestie with the advise of the Lordis of his Secreit Counsall statutis and ordanis that in all tyme cuming the first day of the yeir sal begin yeirlie upoun the first day of Januare"

from the Register of the Privy Council, 17 December 1599

There are many theories about the origin of the name Hogmanay for these celebrations. "Hoggo-not" is the Scandinavian word for feast. The Anglo-Saxon word, Haleb monath means Holy Month. Normandy, France calls the time at the end of the year when presents are given, "hoguignetes." While the origin of the name is not certain, it is certain that lots of celebrating and festivities take place.

Often New Year's Eve will include a midnight mass or church gathering, followed with two days of parties, bonfires, and fireworks.

The Scots custom called "first footing" is the tradition that the first to cross your threshold in the New Year after the bells ring at midnight (preferably a handsome young man) is a sign of good luck. He comes with a greeting "a guid new year to ane an a." He also comes bearing gifts of a bread known as black bun symbolizing food for the new year, coal for warmth for the new year, and whisky for drink for the new year, the most important contribution to the new year. It is said this is where the custom of BYOB comes from.

Many other traditions date back to original Scottish traditions. Auld Lang Syne is a product of Scottish poet Robert Burns and New Year's Resolutions originated in Scotland.



Hogmanay celebration, Edinburgh



**Dundee
Cake**

Scottish Holiday Recipes



Shortbread

Black Bun



Ingredients:

For The Casing: 8 oz flour; 4 oz butter; 1/2 tsp. baking powder; a little cold water; 1 beaten egg for finishing

For The Filling: 2 lb seedless raisins; 3 lb currants; 1/2 lb chopped blanched almonds; 3/4 lb flour; 1/2 lb sugar; 2 tsp. allspice; 1 tsp. ground ginger; 1 tsp. ground cinnamon; 1/4 tsp. black pepper; 1 tsp. cream of tartar; 1 tsp. baking powder; 1 Tbl brandy; 1/4 pt milk

To make the casing - rub the butter into the flour, add baking powder and mix to a stiff paste with water (about 4 tablespoons). Put onto a floured board, and roll out to a thin sheet. Grease an 8" loaf and line with the pastry, keeping back enough for the lid.

To Prepare The Filling - mix all the filling ingredients together except the milk. Then add just enough milk to moisten the mixture. Put it into the lined pan and put the pastry lid on top, damping the edges well to make it stick. Prick all over with a fork, and with a thin skewer make four holes right down to the bottom of the cake, brush with beaten egg and cook in a warm oven preheated to 225 degrees for about three hours. This will keep in an airtight tin for about a year. It should be made a day or two (or more) before serving.

Skirlie

(traditional Scottish
oatmeal stuffing)



Ingredients:

1 cup of steel cut oats (chopped oats or Irish oats)
1 large onion finely chopped
4 Tbl of canola oil or other oil
1 cup chicken broth
salt and pepper to taste

Sauté the onion in the oil until soft. Stir in the oatmeal, salt and pepper and cook for a few minutes longer, stirring to prevent sticking. Add the broth and cook on low heat until absorbed or bake in oven. This can be used as stuffing for a turkey or chicken or baked in a dish separately. It can be eaten alone or with mashed potatoes (as shown) or parsnips.

Turkey

(with a wee nip of
Scotch)



Ingredients:

8-12 lb turkey
12 large prunes
1/4 cup whisky
2 cups strong black tea
1 medium onion chopped fine
1 lb ground pork
1 egg
1 Tbl powdered mace
12 shelled walnuts
1/2 cup heather (or other) honey

Wash the turkey inside and out with a cloth soaked in whisky. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Place prunes in a glass jar and add the whisky and the hot black tea. Cover and keep overnight at room temperature.

The next day, mix the pork, egg, onion and mace in a bowl. Add salt and pepper and mix well.

Replace each prune pit with a walnut. Dip each prune in honey diluted with a little water and add them to the pork stuffing.

Put stuffing inside turkey. Wrap the turkey with a heavy linen cloth or cheesecloth bathed in Scotch. Place turkey in preheated oven (350 degrees) and bake 1 1/2 hours. Carefully remove cloth and baste with juices. Bake another 30 minutes or until done.

Scottish Bannocks



Ingredients:

2 cups oatmeal
1 cup flour
1 tsp salt
3/4 cup butter
1/2 cup boiling water

Mix dry ingredients together in bowl. Cut into butter using two knives until the mixture is like coarse crumbs. Add water and mix. Roll out the dough until thin and cut into rounds. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake for 10 minutes.

For more recipes including Dundee Cake and Shortbread log onto:
<http://search.allrecipes.com>

AIDAN TURNBULL/MEDIEVAL

(continued from page 1) cooking, arts and crafts, blacksmithing and pilgrim badge casting in pewter. For three days at a time they live in the field as people did between 1450 and 1500.

In the last 5 years Aidan, his family, his brother (John) and his cousins have fought as far afield as Stafford Castle in the north of England and Antwerp in Belgium - in at least 30 battles under the Turnbull Banner (He says, "I sewed this banner myself - it looks like a talented chimp has been let loose with a sewing basket and fabric.").



Aidan and family proudly display the homemade Turnbull banner at Medieval games throughout Europe.

Having assembled almost 60 pounds of armor and chainmail, including a sallet (helmet) which was made to measure, Aidan says the whole project has been quite costly and that it takes a whole day to polish his armor.

He has trained under experts in handling medieval weapons, mostly with swords and daggers. Though his latest weapon is a poleaxe mounted on an Americal oak shaft. This is essentially an ax on one side with a "sort of meat-tenderiser on the other and spikes at either end." Aidan says that this has proved an effective weapon in combat, making it easy to twist an opponent's sword out of his hands and disarm him.

Aidan would like to think that there is something to "racial memory" – though he cannot prove it. He says that the first time he picked up a steel sword its haft fitted into his hand perfectly. Aidan says "it seemed that the thrust-and-parry moves came to me quite naturally even though I had

never fought with swords until my late 30s. I am also good at throwing knives at targets (without practice!). I can only think these are 'genetic traits' passed down from the Turnbull Clan forbearers who needed such skills to survive assassination and the like?"



Estes Park Games Highlight for TCA Member

Isabelle Bannister of Prince Albert, Canada reports that she had the privilege to attend the Estes Park, Colorado Highland games this year. Isabelle's parents were originally from Hawick, Scotland. Her father, Samuel Nivet was born in 1889 and her mother, Mary Turnbull, in 1891. They moved to the Prince Albert area in 1923 and lived their until their deaths in 1979 and 1989. Isabelle and her husband, Floyd Bannister, who passed away in 2003, had three children, Scott, Grant, and Fay.



Helen Turnbull, middle, carrying flag in Parade of Tartans

Their oldest son, Grant, is a Lieutenant Commander in the Canadian Navy Reserve and is presently on a 3 year assignment at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Co. Grant and his wife heard

about and attended the Estes Park Games in 2004. They obtained TCA membership information which they forwarded to Isabelle.

As a result, she joined TCA and has since had the privilege of attending the Estes Park games herself. She says of the games, that it was a much bigger celebration than she had ever seen. It had a special meaning to her as her father served in the Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Their pipe band was a prominent guest at the festival, making it "a breathtaking weekend."



Isabelle with clan host, Fiona Turnbull

UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS

USA Games – Attend one in your area!

Dec 3 Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk, Alexandria, VA
Dec 10-11 Richmond Celtic Christmas Show, Richmond, VA
Dec 17 Pipes of Christmas Concert, Summit, NJ

TCA Mourns Loss of Founding Member

TCA offers its condolences and sympathy to George Turnbull on the loss of his wife, Anna Louise. George and Anna have been long standing members of TCA. They traveled to Scotland in 1981 with Dorothy Berk Turnbull and attended the clan gathering hosted by John and Myra Turnbull of Hawick. Below is the obituary in honor of Anna Louise. Anna will be greatly missed.



Anna Louise "Lou" Goldstein Turnbull, 62, passed away on November 3, 2005 at Wesley Long Hospital after a long and valiant fight with Lymphoma.

A Celebration of Life service was held at Guilford College United Methodist

Church with Rev. Steve Haines, Rev. Carol Gilbert-Williams, and Rev. Tommy Hussey officiating.

A native of Sigel, IL she was born April 9, 1943 to Urban & Florence Finney Goldstein who survive of Sigel, IL. She was preceded in death by her brother Richard Goldstein of Teutopolis, IL. A caring and graceful person, Lou fought her Lymphoma with dignity and grace. She was a graduate of Eastern Illinois University with a Masters Degree in education. She taught elementary school for 24 years in Hinsdale, IL, Davenport, IA, Madison, WI, and Greensboro, NC. For the past 16 years, she worked in administration with CIBA in High Point. Lou loved people, crafts, helping others, and was an avid sports fan.

Along with her parents Lou is survived by her loving husband of 32 years George H. Turnbull of the home; sister and brother-in-law Dorothy and Ted Hanfland of Sigel, IL; sister-in-law Pauline Goldstein of Teutopolis, IL; nieces and nephews Janet and John Goldstein of Teutopolis, IL, Dawn and Tom Goldstein of Chatham, IL, and Lynn and Ryan Leach of Rochester, IL; several great nieces and nephews.

In honor of her life, the family and friends were received in the church fellowship hall following the service and all attendees were cordially invited to join George and the family for a meal of celebration.

George would like to personally thank Dr. Peter Ennever, Judy Beck-Sieg, and the staff of Wesley Long Regional Cancer Center and the Hospital staff for their compassion and support in helping Lou fight her rare Lymphoma.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Guilford College United Methodist Church Building Fund, 1205 Fleming Road, Greensboro, NC, 27410 or to the American Cancer Society, 4A Oak Branch Drive, Greensboro, NC, 27407.



TCA Member Roy Black Takes First

In October, member Roy Black competed in the Clan Challenge at the Stone Mountain Highland Games, Atlanta, GA. The competition consisted of five events; sheaf toss, caber throw, stone put and 28lb and 42lb weights for distance throw. Roy tied for first place in the sheaf toss. Congratulations and thanks for representing the Turnbull Clan!

To date TCA gained 37 new members for 2005. Over half of you have paid your renewal membership fees for 2006. According to Janet, this is a record for this time of year. She would like to thank you for making her job a little easier. For those of you who haven't paid your dues for 2006, now is the time.

Send dues checks to:
Janet Schwierking
2020 Schuettig Rd.
Poteet, TX 78065 USA

To renew online, fill in your name, renewal options (self \$20, spouse \$10, child \$10) and make sure we have your current email address. If your mailing address or other information has changed, please update that as well.
http://www.turnbullclan.com/application/online_application.html

Answers to last month's Cryptogram:

**Ask a Scotsman to define whisky and he will tell you
"Tis the water of life."**



Kenneth Swinton,
Barbara Clough,
Eugene Bowman,
David Hunt,
Dorothy Trimble,

Happy Birthday to Thérèse Turnbull,
Jonathan Trumbull Huntington, Anthony
P. Turnbull, Vivian Eleanor Turnbull, Ned
Tsuneo Dairiki, James Routh Trimble,
Dana Hume Turnbull-Hoyer, Frankie
James, Muriel A. White, Suzanne R.
Alder, Leslie Anne Gatt, Margaret
Turnbull Jones, Elizabeth Grason Cohen,
Walter Sanders Turnbull, Jr., Kenneth W.
Turnbull, Mary C. Turnbull, Anne P.
Turnbull