

# TURNBULL CLAN GRANTED ARMS

The Turnbull Clan Association (TCA) has been granted official arms by the Lord Lyon King of Arms, Edinburgh, Scotland! This is a real milestone for TCA. While in the past only a few Turnbull individuals have been granted arms, this is the first time that Turnbull Clan itself has been recognized with its own Arms.

The Lord Lyon is the Scottish official responsible for regulating heraldry and issuing new grants of arms to individuals and organizations. In addition, he oversees state ceremonials in Scotland, confirms claims to existing arms, and serves as the judge of the oldest Heraldic court in the world still in daily operation.

The officers of TCA have made the granting of arms a top priority. After taking office as president, Wally Turnbull began the lengthy application process with the Lord Lyon's office, which included two trips to Scotland. After the exchange of many forms and documents, the file was placed with the Lord Lyon for review. At long last the the following Warrant has been issued.

## *Warrant for Letters Patent*

*from*

*Lord Lyon King of Arms*

*in the application of*

**TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION**

**Edinburgh**, 14 June 2006; The Lord Lyon King of Arms, having considered the foregoing Petition, **AUTHORISES** the Lyon Clerk to prepare Letters Patent granting unto the Petitioners the following Ensigns Armorial, *videlicet*:- Argent, within a double chaplet nowed of eight Celtic knots Gules a bull's head erased Sable. Above the Shield is placed an Helm suitable to an Incorporation (*videlicet*:- a sallet Proper lined Gules) with a Mantling Gules doubled Argent, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a bull's head erased Sable, within a double chaplet nowed of eight Celtic knots Gules. And **GRANTS WARRANT** to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate the same in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland.

The eight celtic knots as the borders of the arms represent the interlinking of all members of TCA by a bond that cannot be broken and which has no beginning or end. To the best of our knowledge this is the first time celtic knots have been used in a clan's arms. A single bull was chosen by the Lord Lyon for the arms because that is what was used on the first documented Turnbull Arms and to represent the clan being a body of one.

It is necessary to note that the official grant of arms is a description of the arms in heraldic terms, not the actual artistic representation of the arms done by the Herald Painter. While one can make suggestions of what would be desirable, the final decision is up to the Lord Lyon. The warrant which describes the Coat of Arms granted will be used by a Heraldic Artist to be put into painting form.

The world renowned Heraldic Artist, Romilly Squire, has been commissioned to do the TCA arms. This should be completed within the next several months. Done well, it is a lengthy process and TCA feels very fortunate to have the services of one of the best Heraldic Artists. A copy of the painted Arms and the text of the Letters Patent are placed on record in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in name of the petitioner, and then the process is complete. Once Arms have been granted and recorded in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland, they are protected by law and by respect for tradition.

The Celtic knots border overprinted on this page is similar to the border of the arms which will be reproduced in the Bullseye once they have been painted by Heraldic Artist Romilly Squire.

There is a widespread misconception that an entire family or clan can have a Coat of Arms. Many heraldic and clan web sites and other media suggest that a person has the right to use the family or clan Arms. This is completely incorrect.

A Coat of Arms belongs only to one individual person and can only be used by that person and no one else. In order for a person to be able to use a Coat of Arms it is necessary for that individual person to apply for a personal Coat of Arms to be granted to him or her. What is permitted is for a member of a clan to use the clan crest (see The Clan Crest Badge – Part 2, by Sandy Turnbull, page 5). The actual Coat of Arms belongs to an individual or in our case the organization. The TCA Coat of Arms crest is for use to the organization and its members only.

*For more information on the Coat of Arms see Bullseye, Volume 5, issue 12, December 2004.*

## From the President

by Wally Turnbull

We are back from Scotland and the full recap of our trip which I just sent to the board is so exciting that I wish I could share it all with you but space is limited so I will touch the highlights now with a promise of more later.



The most significant item, of course, is the granting of arms to the Turnbull Clan Association by the Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland. After reading Sandy's article and the cover story you will better understand how significant and rare this is. This means that for the first time in the history of the Turnbull Clan we now have our own arms. Until now we have improperly used copies of arms granted to individuals or designs simply invented as souvenirs for tourists. TCA now has official arms with crest which our members will be able to use according to guidelines published later with the artistic rendition.

Throughout our trip, contacts and plans came together seemingly miraculously for the 2007 AGM gathering in Scotland. In Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, Loch Lomond, Jedburgh, Denholm, Hawick, Melrose, everywhere doors opened and possibilities became realities with one contact leading to another. When we sat to review the 2007 schedule at the end of our trip with George Turnbull the TCA Scotland leader he remarked that "this is an extremely high-end itinerary which would cost three or four times what we are looking at if done commercially." Do you believe that prayers are answered? I do.

We will talk more about the 2007 trip to Scotland later but now it is time to start getting ready for W. C. Handy and Louis Armstrong's "St. Louis Blues." I have been to a lot of places in this world but no town ever surprised me as much as St. Louis. I had always thought of St. Louis as an old river town "between here and there" – wherever that was. When I visited with our hosts Keith and Thérèse Turnbull on Tartan Day I found with pleasure that St. Louis is so much more. It is a fun city that has a healthy marriage of modern technology with traditional values.

Please join us in St. Louis October 6 and 7 for the TCA 2006 AGM. You're gonna love the Gateway to the West in tartan, the games, and especially the Turnbull clan family reunion. Our arms are a huge step but I am going to make an announcement at that meeting that should be an exciting source of pride for every Turnbull now and henceforth. Come and be the first to hear this amazing revelation. TCA is going places. Don't get left behind.

## Sharing and Caring

Sandy Turnbull would appreciate your thoughts and prayers for his father, who is quite ill.

## Meet the Family

Meet Keith and Thérèse Turnbull, who are gearing up to welcome us to St. Louis in October. Keith was born and raised in St. Louis and is currently living in and remodeling his childhood home. He has been 34 years at the same address!



Keith is self employed (very part-time) as a flooring restoration specialist. However, his full time job is as a stay at home dad to care for son, Iain. Thérèse (Chavaux) is employed at a health promotions company as a counseling psychologist. She is also a professor at Meramec College. Keith says he met Thérèse at a little haunt in the city they both shared, but didn't know they shared it until March 1997 when she walked in and said to him "You're sitting in my chair." They married in August 1998 and just celebrated their 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Their 17 month old son, Iain Tracy is named for his Scottish Heritage. Their hobbies include spelunking, collecting antiques, precious gemstones, and of course rare, limited casting single malt scotch.



Thérèse was born in Kansas City, KS and raised in the St. Louis area. As an adult adoptee who searched out her biological roots she discovered

that her father's family is from the MacKay Clan. Both are passionate about their Scottish Heritage and being a part of the TCA family.

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### Turnbull Clan Association

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**Founders:** John Turnbull, Scotland • Dorothy Berk, USA



*Gracie proudly holds her new baby sister, Skylar Danielle Smith.*

TCA members Walter and Mary Turnbull of Auburn, AL would like you to meet the newest addition to their family. Their daughter Ari and her husband Shane Smith are now the proud parents of three daughters, Chloe, Gracie and Skylar.

## Turnbulls in the News

This fall, for the sixth consecutive year, Powell River (British Columbia) will welcome 18 Canada World Youth (CWY) participants into its fold. The international educational program aims to prepare a new generation of global citizens to participate actively in the development of just, harmonious and sustainable societies while gaining a better understanding of global issues and acquiring useful skills for their futures.

Young people from Canada, Namibia and Mozambique will be paired up to live with host families in Powell River and work together on volunteer projects for three months before heading to Namibia at the end of November for the same length of time where the same experience will be replicated in a Namibian community.

"The whole idea," says project supervisor Heather Turnbull, "is that these are skills for life. We are helping to create active, employable, engaged young adults. We give them that experience, to motivate, then to continue to make a difference in their own communities, to collaborate and create meaning within those communities."

This project is about looking at the community through the lens of the environment, adds Turnbull. "We are interested in all elements of the sustainability of the environment, from recycling to farming."

Turnbull is seeking work placements in community projects that will expose participants to such various themes as environment, biodiversity, agriculture, forestry, community development and education. "We look for strong, committed, enthusiastic families who want to create a welcoming space and a mutual learning environment for everyone involved. There is a great potential to learn from each other and to enrich lives. This is a program which really touches deeply the hearts of the people involved at every level."

The project is largely funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

## Joyful Remembrance Through Celebration, Not Sadness

by Cara Cox, Australia

A bit of Turnbull news from "Down Under" was the centenary of my mother's birth, Lilian Goldring Turnbull, 16 March 1906. I thought we should do something that was typically her, and not be sad and morbid at a cemetery visit. So the girls (my daughters) and I put our heads together and came up with a wonderful few hours together. Unfortunately my eldest daughter, Fiona, lives in Sydney and was unable to be here, but her suggestion was included.

Firstly we gathered at the house that Lil and husband Tom Scaddan (my dad) built in the 1930's and my childhood home. We took a bottle of non-alcoholic bubbly (we were driving) and her favourite champagne glasses and picnic chairs and had a toast to her and reminisced about her. We were joined by my over-the-road childhood friend who still lives in her family home, and her 80 year old aunt, who came from the hairdressers to meet up with us.

We then went into the city (Perth) and had lunch in her favourite coffee shop. Of course the decor has changed along with the proprietors, but it is still a coffee shop, in the same place.



*Cara and her daughters celebrate the life and memories of Cara's mother Lilian. Left to right – Melissa, Belinda, Cara and of course, Lilian.*

Lastly, we took a walk down one of the streets in the city block and set up the camera for one of those 'walk-by' photos that were so popular in the 1940's and 50's. Lil had several of those taken over that time period. Well I can tell you we had a wonderful day and laughed and joked about our mother and grandmother. I recommend it to anyone. Life is joyous and death inevitable, so we took the joy.

**Book Review:**

# SONS OF THE MOUNTAINS

## THE HIGHLAND REGIMENTS IN THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR, 1756-1767

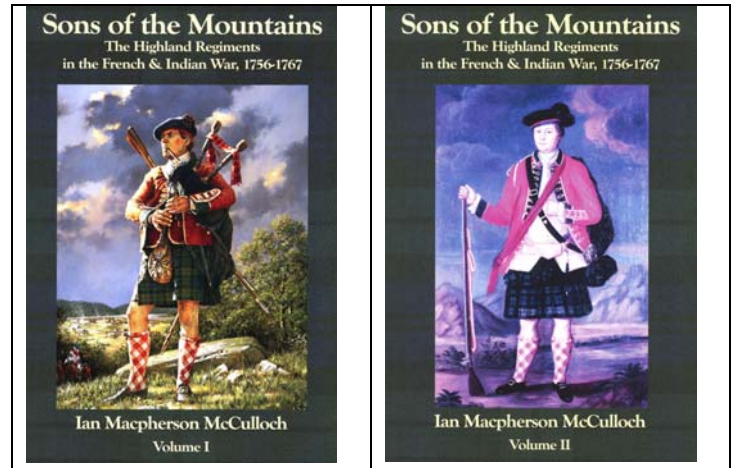
Three proud Highland regiments fought in North America during the Seven Year's War - the 77th Foot (Montgomery's Highlanders), the 78th Foot (Eraser's Highlanders), and the famous Black Watch, more correctly known at the time as the Royal Highland Regiment. Undoubtedly, the exploits of the 42nd, 77th, and 78th Highlanders in some of the most bloody and desperate battles on the North American continent were a critical factor in transforming the overall image of Highlanders from Jacobite rebels to Imperial heroes in the latter half of the 18th century. But the everyday story of these regiments - how they trained, worked, played, fought, and died from their own point of view - has never been seriously told before.

*Sons of the Mountains: The Highland regiments in the French and Indian War, 1756-1767* is a two-volume set co-published by Purple Mountain Press, Fort Ticonderoga Museum, and Robin Brass Studio, Toronto. It chronicles the Highland regiments' fighting performance and experiences from the time they were raised in the Highlands and stepped ashore in North America, to their disbandment in 1763; or, as in the case of the 42nd, reduced in establishment and left on lonely garrison duty in the American wilderness until their recall and return to Ireland in 1767.

Volume One of *Sons of the Mountains* follows all three regiments on their various campaigns in the different theatres of war. As they range from the wilderness of the Ohio Forks to the wind-swept crags of Signal Hill in Newfoundland, and from the waters of the Great Lakes to the torrid swamps and cane fields of the "Sugar Islands," the reader will be exposed to all the major conflicts and actions of the "Great War for Empire" as seen through the eyes of the Highland soldier. Included in this volume is the saga of Lt. Alexander Turnbull and his participation.

Volume Two of *Sons of the Mountains* will appeal especially to all families of Scottish descent and serious genealogists. It features comprehensive biographical histories of every regimental officer from all the major clans who served in North America.

Volume Two also includes regimental muster rolls and land petitions of discharged Highlanders. Marie Fraser, editor of *Canadian Explorer*, newsletter of the Clan Fraser Society of Canada, writes: "Besides being compelling Highland history, *SOTM* is a valuable genealogical resource for all of Scottish heritage. With over 350 officers' biographies, career details and genealogical notes in the annexes, McCulloch has identified the complex ties of kinship, marriage and friendship that bound the most prominent Scottish families of the day together during the Seven Years War between



Britain and France fought in North America, known to some as the French and Indian War."

Lavishly illustrated with artwork by Robert Griffing, Steve Noon, Peter Rindlisbacher, Charles Stotz and John Buxton, as well as with contemporary prints, maps and portraits from the collections of the Black Watch Museums of Scotland and Canada, the Fort Ticonderoga Museum, the Fort Ligonier Museum, the William L. Clements Library, the National Army Museum, Chelsea, the David M. Stewart Museum, Montreal, the National Archives of Canada and the Library of Congress, *Sons of the Mountains* is a visual delight.

Without a doubt, *Sons of the Mountains* is the most complete and informative work on the history of early Highland regiments of the British army in North America to date. As the first print run is limited to 2500 copies, order your copies now of this long-anticipated Highland history, now available from Purple Mountain Press at <http://www.catskill.net/purple/order.htm> or write Purple Mountain Press, Ltd., PO Box 309, Fleischmann's, NY 12430-0309. Phone orders: 1-800-325-2665 (US and Canada), 845-254-4062, 845-254-4476 (fax).



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jean Woodcock, Norma Cumm, Adele Turnbull, Mavis Lockwood, Marilyn Jennings, Angela Vachetta Turnbull, Silvua Turnbull, Betty Turnbull, Yvonne Turnbull, Martin Cohen, J.N. Trimble, Miguel Pinto Turnbull, Ian S. Turnbull, Elizabeth Turnbull, Maxwell Day, Nancy Mykel, John Rule, Edith Turnbull, Bly Schwierking, Theodore Blake, Catharine Turnbull, Margaret Trimble, Keith Turnbull, Turner Turnbull, H. Rutherford Turnbull, Gail Lynn Rule, & Sherron Trimble

## UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS

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

\*\* - Look for the Turnbull tent!

September 1-3, Wisconsin Highland Games, Waukesa, WI

\*\*September 7-10, Long's Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival, Estes Park, CO

September 8-10, Kelso Scottish Festival & Games, Kelso, WA

September 9-10, Columbus Scottish Festival, Columbus, IN

September 15-16, Fresno Scottish Festival, Madera, CA

September 22-24, Alabama Highland Games, Montgomery, AL

\*\*September 22-24, NH Highland Games, Loon Mt, NH

September 23, Dixon Scottish Highland Games, Dixon, CA

September 29-30, Williamsburg Scottish Festival, Williamsburg, VA

### Canada, Australia

September 2, Calgary Highland Games, Calgary, AB

September 3, Canmore Highland Games, Canmore, AB

September 9, Trenton Scottish/Irish Festival, Trenton, ON

September 15-17, Owen Sound Celtic Festival, ON

September 16, 2006, The Beach Celtic Festival, The Beach, ON

September 23-24, Toodyay Highland Games, West Australia

### Scotland

September 2, The Braemar Gathering [Braemar Highland Gathering](#), Braemar, Aberdeen

September 3, Blairgowrie Highland Games, Blairgowrie

September 9, Pitlochry Highland Games, Pitlochry, Perth & Dundee

*For a complete list of games visit [www.turnbullclan.com](http://www.turnbullclan.com)*

# The Clan Crest Badge - Part 2

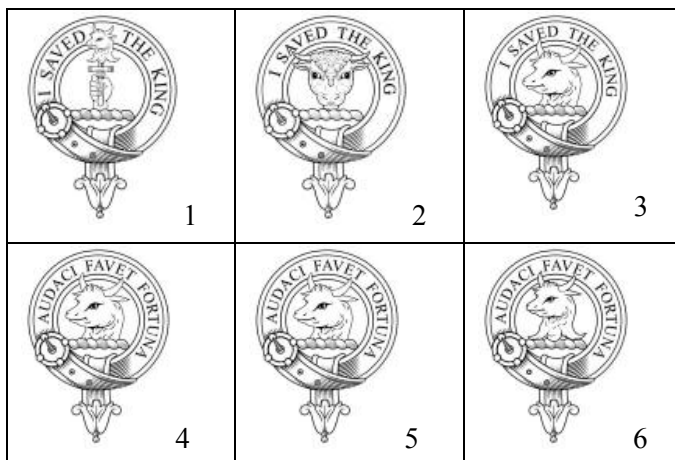
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In my last article I discussed the Clansman's Crest Badge and the general rules for its use. In this final part I will discuss the Clansman's Badge from the Turnbull perspective.

To reiterate from my previous article, the Clansman's Crest Badge is crest of the Clan Chief, surmounted by a belt and buckle and inscribed with his (or her) motto. This puts the Turnbull Clan in a bit of a pickle because our last clan Chief and his line appears to have died out prior to the Statutes of 1592 and 1672 in Scotland, which made it illegal to have armorial bearings without proper registration and authority from the Lord Lyon. Included in these Statutes was the recognition of Clan Chiefs which still applies today.

According to Leaflet #2 issued from the Lyon Office, in cases where a clan is without a Chief (i.e. Turnbull), members may use the crest of the last known Chief until such time that a new one is established. With this in mind, who was our last known Chief?

In the course of my research I have come across at least six crests which claim to originate from the Turnbull



Chief. The first is a hand holding up a sword enfiled with a bull's head erased (fig 1); the second is a bull's head caboshed (fig 2); third and fourth is a bull's head couped and fifth and sixth is a bull's head erased. All of them except #4 and #6 use the motto "I SAVED THE KING". The remaining two have the motto "AUDACI FAVET FORTUNA" (translated as Fortune Favors the Bold/Brave). So which one is correct? Only through heraldry can we come up with an answer, because, without a coat of arms, there can be no crest.

Whenever an individual receives a grant of arms from the Lord Lyon, they will always reflect the Chief's own arms. The key pattern that emerges for Turnbull arms issued from Scotland is that they bear bull's heads erased sable, armed vert. On an unofficial basis, these grants recognize the Turnbells of Bedrule to be the Cheifly line of Clan Turnbull. We have just eliminated #1 and #2 from our list of official crests.

Out of the remaining crests, #6 is the last one ever to have been issued to a Bedrule Turnbull. Because the arms are a matriculation (grant to a family member with a small difference) and not a new grant, the crest will have been passed down as part of the undifferenced arms and thus, belong to the Chief. Should a new Chief be recognized, he or she will have the option of re-matriculating a new crest and arms, which is why we have so many crests to start with.

The Turnbull Clan is not alone when it comes to the dilemma of the correct Crest. When a clan has been without a Chief for so long, a little lee-way is to be expected as to the correct badge. At the end of the day, the main thing that matters is that we wear our Crest Badge with pride and the knowledge that we belong to this universal family we call Clan Turnbull.

*Editor's note: Sandy's specialty is in heraldry and tartans, something he has been studying for the past 10 years.*

## The Canadian Connection

*The following is reprinted with permission from Liphook Community Magazine, Liphook, Hampshire, UK*

Member Norman J. Turnbull shares a part of his family history as it recently appeared in *The Liphook Community Magazine*. The John Turnbull of the article is John F. Turnbull, author of **The History of the Turnbull Family of Digby, Nova Scotia**.

John Turnbull was born in Nova Scotia in 1894. He had one year of university before joining the Canadian army on the outbreak of the war in 1914. After some strenuous training, he was sent to the front in France with the 26<sup>th</sup> battalion where he saw a lot of action, was wounded at Vimy Ridge and awarded the Military Medal for Gallantry.

He was brought back to the Canadian Military Hospital, Bramshott. It was while there recovering from his wounds that he met a young that he met a young Scottish girl, Jean Craik, who was doing volunteer work at the hospital. She and her mother had rented a house near Bramshott not far from the camp. On Sundays, Mrs. Craik used to invite Canadian soldiers including John to the house for lunch. Jean and John fell in love and eventually married.

In 1919 they returned to Canada living for three years in Toronto while John obtained his degree in forestry. A daughter was born to them in 1920 and a son Norman in 1921 and another son in 1923. John was working hard and constantly searching for a property for the family. Eventually, in 1930, he bought a fifty year old farm house in an idyllic lakeside setting on a farm on 385 acres and they decided to call it Bramshott after where they met.

The family lived in the old house while John built a new one. The farm had Percheron dray horses and also thoroughbred race horses, as well as sheep, cattle, and of course, poultry. Norman grew up on the farm, and then studied forestry before enlisting in the Canadian Army in May 1941 at the age of twenty. He was unfortunately struck down with meningitis and whilst in hospital at Orilla he met a nursing sister, Jean Givens. When his health had improved he was shipped by the army to Aldershot, England in 1943. Meanwhile Jean Givens had joined up and was posted coincidentally to Bramshott hospital where she and Norman had the chance to meet again several times.

Serving with the Queens' Own Rifles he landed at Normandy shortly after D-Day in June, 1944 and served throughout Holland and Belgium. After being wounded in September 1944, he was sent to hospital in France to recuperate.

On returning to Hampshire Norman married Jean in Farnborough in 1945 and they both sailed on the same troopship back to Canada. Norman resumed his university studies and obtained a degree in forestry, working at this occupation until he retired.

John Turnbull subdivided the farm and sold lots through the fifties and sixties until only 10 acres remained of the farm. He died in 1963 aged 69 and left a lot to his son Norman who still lives there and is in good health, and to son Jim and daughter Isabella (Tribbie) who have cottages there.

### 2006 St. Louis AGM Important UPDATE

Keith and Thérèse Turnbull are ready to receive us for this year's AGM. They have pre-reserved hotel rooms very near the games with a special rate for TCA at The Holiday Inn Forest Park.

If you are coming and want a hotel room **you must book by September 15** to be guaranteed availability and the special rate. Call the hotel and tell them you are with Clan Turnbull.

Holiday Inn-Forest Park  
5915 Wilson Ave (at Hampton Ave)  
St. Louis, MO 63110  
314-645-0700

There are 15 rooms reserved for CLAN TURNBULL OF NORTH AMERICA

(Smoking and non-smoking rooms are both available)

1 king bed, with fold out couch: \$99.00 + tax

1 Queen: \$89.00 + tax

2 double beds: \$99.00 + tax

After September 15<sup>th</sup>, the rooms return to the regular booking of the hotel and special pricing is lost. Once the hotel puts the rooms back on the market, they will fill up quickly by others attending the games. *(Check out is 12 noon and check in is 3 pm; but they will accommodate early and late as needed and available. They can stow luggage until check in, as needed.)*

Thérèse was also able to negotiate a Hospitality Room included at NO Charge, from Friday Oct 6 at 12 noon through Sun Oct. 8 until 12 noon. This a "living room" open to all Clan Turnbull as they see fit to use.

Also, don't forget the clan banquet on Saturday night. Please let us know if you are coming so we can reserve a space for you. You may phone Betty at 919-361-5041 or email [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com).

On the agenda will be exciting details for the Scotland 2007 AGM! Come hear about this exciting once in a lifetime opportunity.