

New Smyrna Museum Celebrates Turnbull

A new \$250,000 state-of-the-art Turnbull Colony exhibit opened on November 10, 2006, as the centerpiece of the New Smyrna Museum of History. The opening of the exhibit was a long awaited affair. Wally and Betty Turnbull represented TCA at the grand opening.



Along with original artifacts and descriptive graphics, the exhibit includes historical replicas. Among them is this cross view of one of the earliest homes.

The Turnbull Colony dates back to 1768 when Andrew Turnbull, a Scottish physician gathered over 1200 laborers from the Mediterranean to establish a colony named Smyrnea in Florida. The colony was named in honor of Dr. Turnbull's wife, Maria Dura Bin, who was born in Smyrna, Asia Minor (now in modern day Turkey). Smyrnea ran along the area now known as New Smyrna Beach, located near Daytona Beach. Turnbull thought that the settlers would adapt well to the new area and warm Florida climate. He hoped to motivate them to produce indigo, corn and cotton for the British economy by promising them their own piece of land after a few years.

Remembering Derek Turnbull

The fastest old man in the world, Derek Turnbull of Southland, New Zealand has died. Turnbull died in his sleep on Thursday, November 2, 2006, just short of his 80th birthday, leaving a wife Pat and a grown-up family of six (including triplets), 14 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Derek, a third generation New Zealander, was born in Waikaka in 1926 and attended Southland Boys High School. He attained a Diploma of Agriculture with honors at Massey University, scooping New Zealand University Blues in athletics and cross country. Turnbull then left for his OE (overseas experience). He went first to Australia on a motorbike. He then worked on an experimental farm in England. After that he toured Europe and the United States on a bicycle. He pedaled across America from one coast to the other. Then it was back to Southland and farming, eventually at Tussock
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The Turnbull Colony lasted only nine years. Almost half of the original settlers died of diseases and other causes. The dissatisfaction with conditions of the remaining settlers coupled with drought and debt resulted in total failure of the colony. Most of the colonists resettled in nearby St. Augustine. Turnbull went to Charleston, S.C. where he practiced as a doctor.



Wally Turnbull with Deborah Guglielmo, designer of the Turnbull exhibit

Since the colony lasted only a short time, its historical significance has often been questioned. Tampa area exhibit designer Deborah Guglielmo begs to differ, noting that the face of Florida was most definitely changed forever. Guglielmo's services were acquired by the museum to produce a period correct setting. While researching the Turnbull Colony for her displays, she discovered that much of St. Augustine and neighboring areas are still today greatly influenced by the original Minorcan and Greek colonists from the naming of streets to having a bearing on modern day cultural activities. "I feel very privileged to work on this," said designer Deborah Guglielmo, adding New Smyrna's past, though overlooked, is quite unique. "This is only 20 short years of Florida's history, but (it left) a very significant imprint of the people and the times that remains with us today."

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From the President

by Wally Turnbull

I am honored to publicly thank John G. Turnbull retiring TCA Treasurer for his long and faithful service to our Turnbull Clan Association.

Some of you have the privilege of knowing John in person, others only by reputation. He is a classic Turnbull with strong personal opinions and a big heart. John has given far above and beyond the call of duty of himself, his time, and his means to TCA. In the early days, John and Silvia spent days putting together some of the best issues of the Bullseye including the famous Spring 2000 issue. When funds were lacking, John carried TCA out of his own pocket.

As President, John represented TCA across the USA establishing it as a truly national organization. With John's good stewardship, we are now able to meet all of our expenses. As a non-profit organization TCA will never be wealthy but John has put us on the road to financial stability.

I also want to thank John's lovely wife Silvia not only for supporting John and sharing him with us but also for her personal faithful service to TCA. With John and Silvia TCA truly has had a two for one special. At every step Silvia has been there to help TCA through John in her quiet gentle way not easily visible to the outside world.

Thank you, John and Silvia. We will miss your official service to TCA but fortunately not your friendship and continued involvement as we remember the past and move forward step by step into the future.



Sharing and Caring

The TCA family extends its deepest sympathies to Pat Turnbull and family.

TCA Election results are in:

President – Wally Turnbull
Vice President – Brian Turnbull
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Treasurer – Bill Trimble

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Meet the Family

by Kim Trimble

Bill Cosby put it best; "I started out as a child", which indeed I did.



Kim Trimble at daughter Evangelynn's wedding.

I was born sometime during the last century in Tacoma Washington. I spent the first tens years of my life in Parkland just south of Tacoma. My family then moved to Des Moines, Washington where we lived until I graduated from high school. My older brother Bill is also an active member of Clan Turnbull and our younger sister and brother attend the Games each year with us as does our mother Virginia Trimble.

My wife, Sue and I met in our sophomore year of high school and were married two years after graduation. We've been together for thirty four years now and still going strong.

Our older daughter Evangelynn was born in 1975 and ten years later almost to the day Amy came along. Both have been the stars in my eyes. Five years ago Evangelynn and her husband Brian presented us with our perfect grand daughter Emmaline Ivy.

After thirty years in the printing industry I went back to school to learn a new trade. From there I spent a year as an Americorps volunteer at Washington State's Emergency Management Division. After I completed my service I was hired on at the same place where I am currently working as the Infrastructure Data Steward. I plan to make emergency management my permanent career.

It was my grandfather C.G. Trimble that first got me interested in the genealogy of our family with stories of the turning of the bull and King Robert the Bruce. I only wish that he had known about the Highland Games, I have no doubt that he would have been an eager participant.

As far as hobbies go I feel that the whole Turnbull Clan/Highland Games thing is more of a calling than a hobby. I do however enjoy wood working, from carving birds to building furniture. I also paint once in a while and have been known to write some stuff.

My main goal right now is looking forward to retirement, which I can't afford. *Editor's note: In addition to being a contributing Bullseye writer, Kim has joined the TCA Board of Trustees and is the TCA Representative to the NW (USA) region.*



New Smyrna Beach, FL

Historical significance to Turnbolls: The site of a colony established by Dr. Andrew Turnbull in 1768. Though short lived, the colony impacted the history of Florida and influence of this colony is still seen today.

Interesting Facts: Encouraged by the British government's desire to colonize the new world, Dr. Andrew Turnbull hoped to be able to convince 500 laborers to travel with him to the coast of Florida. He recruited more than 1200 from Minorca, Greece and Italy. While the Turnbull Colony eventually failed, Dr. Turnbull is credited with innovated thinking and planning far beyond the times.



The New Smyrna Museum of History houses the Turnbull Colony exhibit and is located at 120 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, FL.

Sights to see: The New Smyrna Museum of History is located in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. The museum is home of ***The New Smyrna Settlement – The Turnbull Colony*** exhibit.

Remnants of the original Turnbull canals, a system established for bringing water to the farming area, can still be seen between Myrtle and Milford Streets. Most of the canals were covered in pavement, now Canal Street, home to many dining and shopping establishments.

The Turnbull Ruins is a coquina block foundation overlooking the Intracoastal. A foundation of sea coquina block was set, but work was never completed. The ruins are located at a main intersection on the river downtown near Old Fort and Riverside Park.



Portrait of Dr. Andrew Turnbull



Ruins of what is believed to be the beginning of a palace for Andrew Turnbull

Built during the uprisings of the Native Americans in the early 19th century, a 17 acre historic site contains the ruins of a once highly functional sugar mill, as well as other buildings, which were destroyed during the war between the Seminole Indians and the United States. Nature trails and camping areas are also on site. The sugar mill is located at 1050 Old Mission Road, New Smyrna Beach, FL



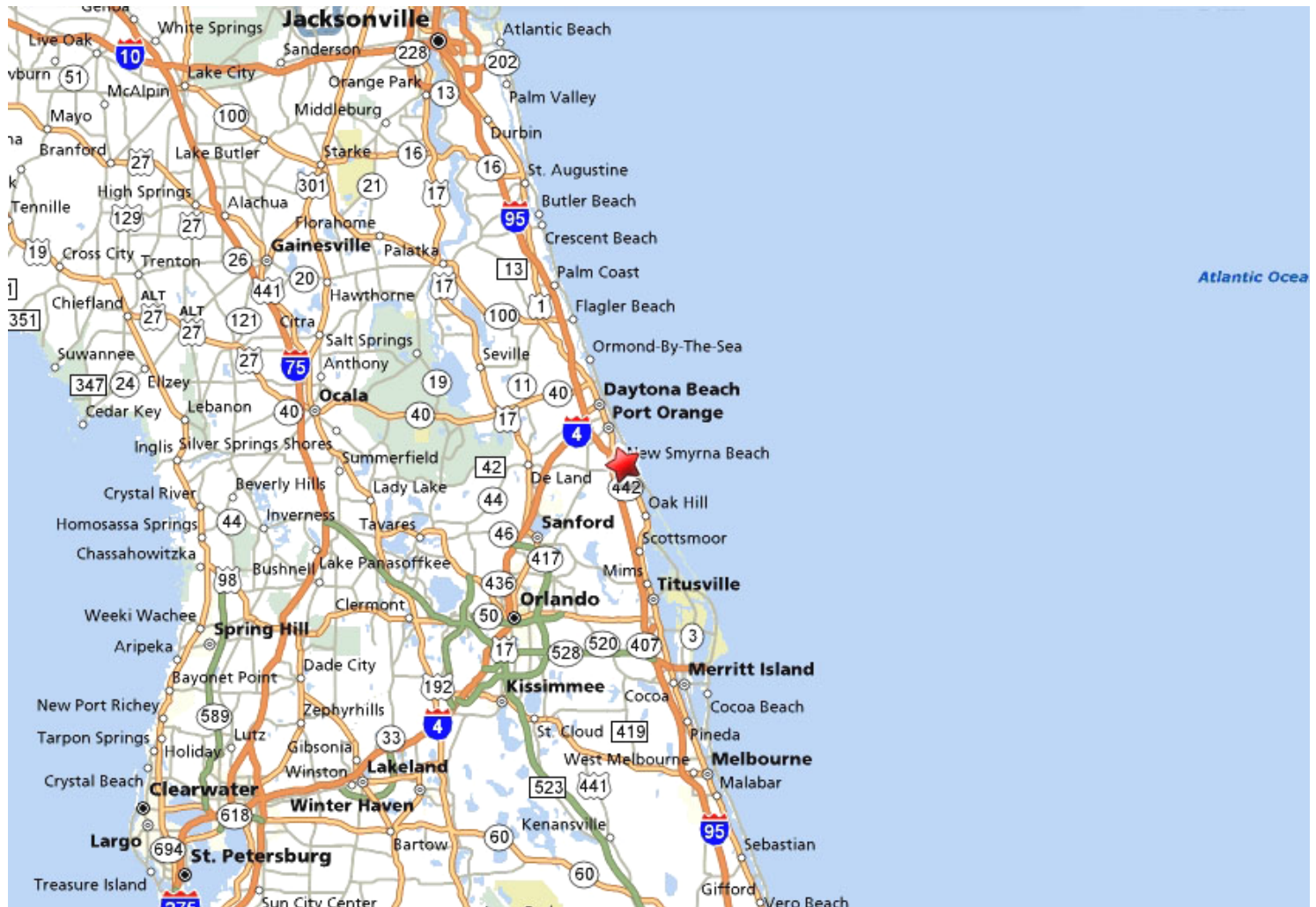
One of the many structures that can be seen at the site of the old Sugar Mill in New Smyrna Beach, FL.



Florida's tallest lighthouse was completed in 1887. The Ponce de Leon Inlet Light Station was built when the area was known as Mosquito Inlet. After decades of restoration by the Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association, it stands today as one of the best preserved, most complete Light Stations in the nation. The lighthouse tower and museum are located 12 miles south of Daytona Beach and are open to the public year round.

Getting there: New Smyrna Beach, Florida is 253 miles north of Miami, 56 miles NE of Orlando, 14 miles south of Daytona Beach and 107 miles south of Jacksonville.

By vehicle, take exit 249 from I95. The Amtrack Car Train stops in Sanford, 25 miles away. The nearest airports are Daytona Beach (DAB) and Orlando (MCO).



Places to stay:

Days Inn Daytona Oceanfront, 3357 S. Atlantic Ave.
tel: 386-767-8737
Oceania Beach Club, 421 S. Atlantic Ave.
Tel: 386-423-8400, 800-874-1931
Ocean Trillium Suites, 3405 S. Atlantic Ave.
Tel: 386-428-9106, 800-321-7882
Night Swan Intracoastal Bed & Breakfast, 512 S. Riverside Dr. Tel: 386-423-4940, 800-465-4261
Riverview Hotel & Spa, 103 Flagler Ave.
Tel: 386-428-5858, 800-945-7416
Coquina Wharf Bed & Breakfast, 704 S. Riverside Dr.
Tel: 386-428-9458, 866-428-9452
Longboard Inn Bed & Breakfast, 312 Washington St.
Tel: 386-428-3499, 888-655-2025

Nearby Attractions: New Smyrna Speedway, Daytona Speedway, New Smyrna Beach, Indian River Cruises, Orlando attractions, Atlantic Center for the Arts, New Smyrna Museum of History, Canaveral National Seashore Park

Places to eat:

Beacon Restaurant, 416 Flager Ave.
Canal Street Grill, 523 Canal Street
Chase's on the Beach, 3401 S. Atlantic Ave.
Harbour Lights Restaurant and Lounge, 65 Dunlawton Ave.
Mainstreet Grill, 1610 S. Dixie Freeway
Pappas Family Restaurant, 1103 N. Dixie Freeway
Ruthy's Cozy Kitchen, 618 W. Canal Street
The Grille at Riverview, 101 Flagler Avenue
The Old Flagler House, 414 Flagler Avenue
J B's Fish Camp & Seafood Restaurant, 859 Pompano

Nearby Historical Sights: Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, Sugar Mill Gardens, Turnbull Ruins, Turtle Mound, Eldora House

Related websites:

www.nsbfla.com, www.nsbhistory.org, www.volusia.com,
<http://www.florida-secrets.com/nsmuseum.htm>,
www.volusia.org, www.cityofnsb.com

UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS**USA Games – Attend one in your area!****December 9-10**, Celtic Christmas Show, Richmond, VA**December 15-16**, The Pipes of Christmas, Summit, NJ**Australia – Attend one in your area!****December 1-2**, Daylesford Highland Gathering, Victoria, Australia**TURNBULL CLAN REPRESENTED
AT AFSPA MEETING**

By Bill Trimble

On September 14th, 2006, Pat and I flew to Washington, DC, for the Air Force Security Police Association (AFSPA) Annual meeting. After doing tourist stuff and attending meetings, we attended the banquet on Saturday night (Sept. 16th). In pictures from last year's meeting I saw that AFSPA President John Brokaw had worn his Black Stewart kilt at the banquet, so I decided that I would



Bill with Brigadier General Mary Kay Hertog

wear my Turnbull kilt this year. Besides, I needed to wear my kilt to show off the new buckle on my kilt belt. The buckle, which has the Air Force Security Police Shield on it, was purchased by Pat at the Seattle Scottish Highland Games last July.



Bill Trimble's buckle shows the US Air Force Security Police Shield. Brigadier General Mary Kay Hertog, Director of the Air Force Security Forces, was very impressed with my ensemble, especially the belt buckle. She'd never seen one before. When Pat started taking pictures of the General and me, we were suddenly surrounded by several other "shutterbugs." When John Brokaw found out that I had brought my kilt, he had only one thing to say, "Damn! I left mine at home this year". John and I plan to wear our kilts to the 2007 AFSPA meeting in San Antonio, TX next fall.

News from Down Under

by Dawn Day

On November 19 our church held a "Touch of the Tartan" celebration. The sermon was about the "fiery furnace" experience of the Highland Clearances. As part of the service the RSL Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band performed *O flower of Scotland* and *Highland Cathedral*. Morning tea of Scottish food was served after the service. This was followed by a program of community singing and Scottish performances, including more from the Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band.

2007 AGM Trip Update

Many of you have reserved your places for the exceptional trip to Scotland in June, 2007. There are a few places left so if you are thinking of going, let us know soon. You may contact Betty Turnbull by email at editor@turnbullclan.com or 5216 Tahoe Dr., Durham, NC 27713. For details go to www.turnbullclan.com and **Join the June 2007 Turnbull Clan Trip to Scotland**. We are going to have an awesome time! If you are interested in Turnbull history, don't miss it.



Camden gets his first taste of chocolate cake.

Happy 1st Birthday

Member Camden Rutherford Turnbull celebrated his first birthday in Colorado Springs, Colorado with Mom and Dad Rhet and Sarah Turnbull, grandparents and friends. Congratulations Camden!

Happy Birthday to

Amy Marie Putney, Lesley Anne Gatt, Eugene Bowman, David E. Turnbull, David Hunt, Therese Turnbull, Barbara Clough, Dorothy Trimble, John Turnbull, Anthony Turnbull, Ned Dairiki, Vivian Turnbull, James R. Trimble, Nicholas Gant, Mary C. Turnbull, Dana Hume Turnbull-Hoyer, Kenneth W. Turnbull, Elizabeth G. Cohen, Anne P. Turnbull, Margaret Turnbull Jones, Frankie James,



Kenneth Swinton, Timothy Nelson, Muriel White, Thomas S. Turnbull, Walter Turnbull Jr., Suzanne Alder

Remembering Derek Turnbull

(continued from page 1) Creek. His wife, Pat, describes Tussock Creek as "a tiny farming community at the bottom of the world."

Turnbull was best known for his athletics and as "the fastest old man in the world." He was thought by many to be the greatest veteran runner of all time. At 65 years of age he ran the London Marathon in 2:41:57, an age group record still held to this day. That same year, 1992, he set six 65-69 age group records, including a below 5 minute (4:56:04) mile.

He set 25 world records at distances including 800m, 1500m, 1 mile, 5000m and 10.000m and set best times for cross-country as well as the marathon. He won 28 gold medals at the World Masters Championships on the track – these included six gold medals at the championships in Durban in 1997 (at age 71). He ran 5:04 for 1500 meters at age 70. In spite of his fame, Turnbull regarded his 58-year running career as just a hobby, and a way to relax and unwind from his "day job" as a sheep farmer.



Turnbull had no set training program. He had no coach and didn't use a stop watch. He ran for enjoyment. His philosophy was "find enjoyment in it and never give up." A book, The Fastest Old Man in the World – the Derek Turnbull Story, was recently released.

The biography explores Turnbull's remarkable running career, one that made him a role model for many New Zealand and overseas runners of all ages. The book contains an introduction by Masters running Guru Roger Robinson, one of Turnbull's many admirers.

A great runner, an admired family man, and an exceptional clansman has been laid to rest. He will be missed.

Remember to renew your membership for 2007. Online at www.turnbullclan.com or mail to Janet Schwierking, 2020 Schuettig Rd, Poteet, TX 78065-4120. Primary membership is \$20.00 and spouse or child is \$10.00



*Wishing all of
you a*

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Turnbull Colony Museum Opening

(continued from page 1) Irene Beckham, the Volusia Historical Society president, has spent countless hours researching the names of the original settlers.



Irene Beckham poses at the entrance to the long awaited Turnbull Colony exhibit with Wally Turnbull.

She has collected about 700 names, including 200 names of the children. A priest kept records of the settlers and these records offer a personal look into who these colonists really were. "It's been a real heart-wrenching task, because you know a lot of these people didn't make it," she said. "You become part of it, it's like you were back in time with these settlers."

"The exhibit brings the whole immigrant experience to life," said museum director Judy Burrows. "You'll be able to see the trials of the ocean passage and the hardships they experienced once they got here -- the hard work, the lack of supplies, the cultural diversity."

The New Smyrna Museum of History is located at 120 Sams Ave., New Smyrna Beach, FL. Admission is free and it is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

A DVD movie entitled *Smyrnea, Lost and Found* and produced by George Sibley is available through the museum bookstore.

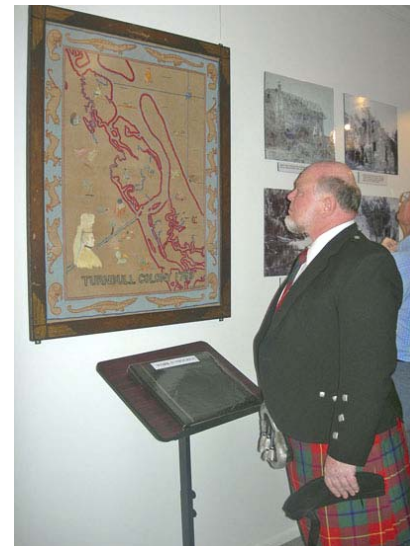
The following web sites provide more information about the Turnbull Colony and the Volusia Historical Society:

www.floridahistoryonline.com

<http://www.nsbhistory.org/>

<http://volusiahistory.com/>

<http://www.sha.org/news/archive/2006%20Spring.pdf>



Wally Turnbull studies a map depicting the original site of the Turnbull Colony established in 1768. The map is the beginning of many display items illustrating and describing the short lived but important community that developed.