

Turnbull Monument Finds a Home

The *Turnbull Turning of the Bull* Monument has found a home in the newly constructed and prestigious Hawick Heritage Hub! The Hawick Heritage Hub is part of a massive and ongoing Heart of Hawick project.



Ongoing construction of the Heritage Hub. The hub is scheduled to open in the Spring of 2007.

The Heart of Hawick (HoH) project involves several major elements, including the building of the Heritage Hub, renovations and refurbishing of Drumlanrig's Tower and the Tower Mill, and development of the town center. The complex will be home to the Scottish Borders Archives and serve as the Local History Center. The hub is being constructed to meet archival document storage standards and will house documents as much as 500 years old. These air conditioned storage rooms will include state of the art electronic shelving insuring faster retrieval times.



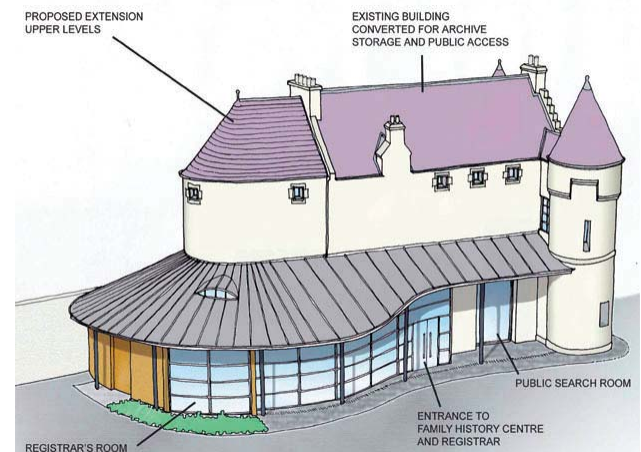
Project director Lindsay Wood shows TCA president, Wally Turnbull the projected monument location

The *Turning of the Bull Monument* will be placed in the courtyard of the hub. This area is open to the public and will be used for many diverse events.

Visitors will enjoy these enhanced facilities which include an airy comfortable search room, new search equip-

ment and a team of experienced staff who will be on hand to assist. There will be public displays and exhibits in a glassed walled foyer area. Entry and use of the archives will be free to the public. It is planned to have one day a week set aside for group and educational tours. In addition to Saturday hours, there will be extended hours one day a week.

The town of Hawick is the largest in the Scottish borders. It dates back to a settlement founded by the Angles in the 600s. As a border town, it suffered significantly in the cross border wars between England and Scotland in the 1300s-1500s. In 1513, the Battle of Flodden was responsible for the deaths of most of the town's fighting age men. The English troops were fought off by the boys or callents, who captured the English flag in the process. An annual Common Riding commemorates this event.



The new Hawick Heritage Hub will be prominent to the city center.

For the last several hundred years Hawick's fame revolved around the textile industry. This industry started with the hand knitting of hosiery and continued to develop with the production of spun wool and linen. By the 1800's Hawick was the center of the production of hosiery, carpets and many woolen goods.

Hawick is only 7 miles from Bedrule, home of the first Turnbulls, and 6 miles from Minto (Fatlips Castle). It was the major town for the area and Turnbulls are documented among its charter land owners. (continued on page 6)

From the President

by Wally Turnbull

We live in Durham, North Carolina, home of Duke University which, though in the South, is not known as a bastion of conservatism. It surprised me when Duke recently sponsored a study concerning God and religion in the United States. The results of the study surprised me even more, finding that 85% of high school aged young people believe in God but three quarters of them could not explain, even in simple terms, what they believe about God. Most declared that they believe in God because their parents do.



On one hand it may be reassuring to know that our children tend to grow up believing what we do. On the other hand it would seem that we are failing to teach them to understand our beliefs. Our faith, religion, civic and social responsibility, integrity, understanding the lessons of history, and our visions for the future define who we are more than what we do for a living or how much stuff we have accumulated. Yet, how often do our children hear us speak of these things, especially directly to them?

Have a conversation that really matters with your children and grandchildren. They are smarter and more capable of understanding things that really matter than you may think.



Charles White, Gail Turnbull, Alice Foy,

Sandy Turnbull, Brian Turnbull, Patricia Trimble, Ann G. Turnbull, Jack Turnbull, Guadalupe Rule, David E. Turnbull, Genevieve Turnbull, T. Stephen Turnbull, Rhet Turnbull, Josephine Turnbull, J. Michael Turnbull, Kenneth D. Turnbull, Walter S. Turnbull, Julie Lloyd, Harold (Fred) Turnbull, Roger Lee, Clarence Kunz, Kara Knepp, and Burleigh Foy

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Meet the Member

Jim Olson has been a member of TCA since 1979. He grew up on a small farm in western Minnesota and graduated from the local high school in Granite Falls, Minnesota. He attended Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota for 2 years and then transferred to the University of Minnesota for his B.S. in geological engineering and a M.S. in Geophysics.

He worked in petroleum exploration in Mississippi for a time with Geophysical Services, Inc and for the University of Minnesota in Alaska and the Antarctic before settling down with the U. S. Bureau of Mines to continue his career in mining research and management.

He met his wife, Sandra, while attending graduate school. She was a nurse and they had 33 wonderful years together before she died of cancer in 1996. They have three children, Melissa, Jon and Christine, and 12 grandchildren, all of whom live around the Twin Cities area where Jim currently lives.

Jim is retired and in his words “enjoying it.” His hobbies include hunting, fishing, canoeing, photography and lots of family history. He is involved with the Minnesota Historical Society, the Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota, and the Dakota County Genealogical and Historical Societies.

Jim is presently touring North and South New Zealand, reliving his return from the Antarctic in 1962.

Jim's great great grandmother was Janet Turnbull 1826-1872. Jim will be a part of the 2007 AGM trip to Scotland and is looking forward to touring Turnbull territory.

From the editor: **Genealogy Searches** - Many of us are interested in our genealogy, in fact, that interest is what may have brought you to the Turnbull Clan Association. While the website has vast information about many lines of Turnbolls, sometimes we come across a dead end, going only so far in our searches for our ancestors.

I would like to propose that we use the Bullseye to further our endeavors. If you are looking for someone or a connection to one of your ancestors, send your request to editor@turnbullclan.com and I will publish it. Who knows, you might just find the next link to your heritage.

With that said, I'll go first. We are looking for more information about a John Turnbull, who immigrated to Canada (Peterborough area - Ontario) from the Borders area of Scotland. It is thought that he, his wife and a young son, John, immigrated in 1924. Shortly after arriving they had another son, William. Anyone who can help fill in some blanks would be greatly appreciated. William's line (wife, Elizabeth Mason), included 9 children.

Stories From the Past...

Elmira – A Silent Remnant of the Past

This article first appeared in 1985, Bullseye, volume 06, number 1
By Jerry Klein (*from the Journal Star, Peoria, IL with his permission*)

A few miles due west of Bradford, Route 93 plunges into a countryside that is suddenly deserted. Advertising signs thin out and presently disappear altogether.

There are few houses or farms to be seen. The road, almost free of traffic, undulates across a gently rolling landscape that looks like Grant Wood country. It is an area hardly changed from the 30's in some way...Creeks and streams wander of into the distance, inviting exploration by anyone who was ever a kid and the woods seem untouched, pristine. The road dips and rises.

And there sits Elmira, the only town on Route 93, standing solemn and ghostlike at the edge of fields still awaiting the bite of the spring plow.

Not much here anymore. A road sign, and a quaint old school, long abandoned, thrusting its ornate belltower against the sky...Not a real ghost town. Not yet. But rather a silent remnant of the past. A few houses with cars parked in their driveways, a steel building that used to be a high school, and not a soul in sight...Most of the Scottish people who founded this little settlement in the middle of the winter nearly 150 years ago are gone now, scattered through the little cemeteries nestled among hills and ravines, or their descendants settled in Kewanee, Toulon, Peoria or gone farther westward.

When the first of them arrived in February, 1838, this was the frontier, so remote and unsettled that 21 members of four families crowded into a 16 by 18 foot room in Elmira Township until spring. Most of these, the Olivers, Turnbulls and Rules, spent six weeks on the ocean voyage from Scotland to Quebec, and another six weeks on the journey to Chicago, Joliet and the wilderness of Stark County.

The town dates from 1843 and it must have grown rapidly. There was coal here, and the rich black soil and these ambitious pioneers made the most of their new land. So progressive and so pious were they that there were at one time five churches in Elmira, one of them known as the Knox Church, where one service a week was in Gaelic. It was supposedly the only such use of the language in the entire country.

The wooden school was built in 1867 at a cost of \$1,428.00. The town boasted its own 600 book library. There was once a store, and an insurance company was formed here in 1876 – The Farmers Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Co. of Elmira. It is still in business, although its headquarters were moved to Toulon in 1920...

What happened to Elmira is a familiar story of the small town bypassed by railroads and progress... Elmira and its



Elmira schoolhouse – photo taken September, 2006

Scotsmen declined little by little. From what must have been hundreds at its peak, it sank to about 76 in 1910 and in 1981, 50 people were still living here.

But there came one summer when the little town came back to life, like the mythical Brigadoon. It was the centennial celebration marking the arrival of the first settlers who camped out in the bitter winter for a week while they staked out their claims. This was a two-day celebration in the long ago pre-war summer of 1938, when a festive pageant was held...

"There was a grocery store there until twelve, fifteen years ago," said Ben Parker of the Stark County Historical Society..."And the schools consolidated. The kids come to Toulon. When you take a school out of a community, it goes...

And there are still a handful of people who are attracted to this serene, quiet life, which was celebrated by a poem written for the 1938 celebration by Luzette Fleming and Eva Turnbull:

I like to live in a little town.
Where trees meet over the street.
You wave your hand and say hello
To everyone you meet.

And there was a heartfelt tribute by the Rev. John Weston who once served here, "Elmira was thousands of miles nearer to heaven than any other place."

Editors note: As of 2007, The Farmers Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Co. of Elmira is still in existence and now called Elmira Mutual Insurance Co. with offices in Toulon, IL.

From Janet's Desk...oh those dues!!!

This will be the last Bullseye for some of you, as of March 1st. you will become inactive. I really feel a loss when family members are no longer with us. So please, if you have a money problem let me know, all of us are here to help out. If you don't like something we have done, tell us about it.. I hope to hear from you. Thank you for your support and should you not renew, we wish you the very best and we will miss you. *Janet*

TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION

2006 Financial Report – by John G. Turnbull (treasurer 2006)

	Jan-Dec 2006	%	Budgeted	Difference
Cash Beginning Balance	8,960.67			
INCOME				
Dues	4,470.00	86.1%	4,500.00	(30.00)
Interest Income	53.30	1.0%	-	53.30
Contributions	450.00	8.7%	-	450.00
Contributions Turnbull Monument	220.67	4.2%	-	220.67
Total Income	5,193.97	100.0%	4,500.00	693.97
EXPENSES				
Semi-fixed Expenses				
Bank Fees	132.52	2.6%	100.00	32.52
Foreign Exchange	-	0.0%	-	-
Legal Expenses	40.00	0.8%	20.00	20.00
Scottish Org. Membership	25.00	0.5%	25.00	-
Website	262.37	5.1%	200.00	62.37
Advertising	325.00	6.3%	250.00	75.00
Genealogy (Arms project)	1,130.82	21.8%	-	1,130.82
Stationery & Misc-General	510.75	9.8%	400.00	110.75
Postage-General	369.17	7.1%	150.00	219.17
	2,795.63	53.8%	1,145.00	1,650.63
Game & Tent Expenses				
Tent Expenses	184.00	3.5%	750.00	(566.00)
Game Expenses	16.00	0.3%	150.00	(134.00)
AGM trip 2007 ¹	(1,272.21)	-24.5%	100.00	
	(1,072.21)	-20.6%	1,000.00	(700.00)
Bullseye Newsletter Expenses				
Printing	1,398.54	26.9%	900.00	498.54
Stationery and Misc.	108.80	2.1%	100.00	8.80
Postage	753.72	14.5%	1,400.00	(646.28)
	2,261.06	43.5%	2,400.00	(138.94)
Total Expenses	3,984.48	76.7%	4,545.00	811.69
Cash Ending Balance	10,170.16			
Change in Net Assets	1,209.49			

Total Assets **10,285.63**

Total Liabilities **0.00**

Fund Balances

Unrestricted fund balance ² \$3,351.96

Restricted fund balance ³ \$6,933.67

Liabilities and Fund Balances **\$10,285.63**

1. These funds will be expensed in 2007

2. The unrestricted fund balance represents 2007 dues receive in 2006 to cover 2007 expenses.

3. The restricted fund balance is money designated for the Coat of Arms project, subsidy to tent hosts, and deposits from those going on 2007 AGM trip to Scotland.

UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS**USA Games – Attend one in your area!****March 2-4**, North Texas Celtic Festival, Dallas, TX**March 17**, Houston Scottish Festival Spectacular, Houston, TX**March 16-18**, Spring Scottish Weekend in the Highlands, Ellenville, NY**March 24**, Sarasota Highland Games, Venice, FL**Canada, Australia and New Zealand****March 5**, Ringwood Highland Games, Victoria, Australia**March 15 - 19**, CeltFest Vancouver, Vancouver, BC, Canada**March 18**, Geelong Highland Gathering, Victoria, Australia**March 26**, The Scots School Bathurst Highland Gathering, Bathurst, NSW, Australia*For a complete list of games visit www.turnbullclan.com***Cousin Aidan Reports In**

Aidan Turnbull is the Siege Commander of a group called PELICAN-IN-HER-PIETY (about 35 in all) who are part of a larger group of 15th century re-enactors called THE MDEIVAL SIEGE SOCIETY (611 in total). They wear armor, camp in authentic medieval tents, use weapons and fight at castles at 21 different locations in the UK and Europe.

His 'high status' red coat denotes his lofty rank in society! He also co-ordinates the TURNBULL ARMY (about 18 of them) who fight at TEWKESBURY every year. Aidan says "You can't fight with us unless you have a Turnbull connection - hence my 3 cousins, my brother and a whole host of second cousins all join in a battle involving 2,000 people."

Aidan didn't start swinging weapons until about 2000 - and says it came quite naturally. He believes he came by it honestly and that something of the Bedrule genes must have been passed down. Aidan takes his battles seriously. He tells a story about parking his car in Yeovil about 4 years ago, "some 'comedian' tried to rob me at knifepoint, what

ATTENTION - CALLING ALL UK TURNBULL CLAN MEMBERS!!!

If you have been reading your Bullseye publications and keeping up on news, you are aware that many of your "cousins" from abroad are invading the Borders in June. There will be members from Canada, Mexico, the United States, and Australia joining together for a tour of the Borders and the 2007 Annual General Meeting to celebrate 30 years of the organized Turnbull Clan Association.

We invite our members in the UK to join us for the AGM banquet to be held in Denholm at the Cross Keys Inn on Wednesday, June 13th at 7:00 pm. This is a banquet not to be missed. Among the highlights are speaker Ian Landles, the renowned historical authority of the borders, Myra Turnbull, wife of founder John F. Turnbull and former provost of Hawick, and performances from the acclaimed band Scocha. Come one, come all. Reservations are required and the cost is £20.00. Please email editor@turnbullclan.com to make your reservations. For a complete itinerary of the trip (June 10-17) visit www.turnbullclan.com, enter the site and click on the green bar "Join the June 2007 Turnbull Clan Trip."

he didn't know was that (a) God loves and watches over me and (b) I am a well-trained Class 1 Combat Certified Re-enactor and teach knife & dagger fighting to my team.

I had a lot of fun with him - and even have his knife mounted on my wall as a 'trophy.' Even now, whenever I drive through Yeovil I look for someone with a permanent limp at both knees and ask myself - is that him? Could that be him?"



The Turnbull Army – Aidan is in the center of the photo.

Turnbull Monument Home



Early planning stages for the monument location. Left to right, Susan Taylor and Lindsay Wood, Heritage project managers, and George Turnbull, TCA Trustee, Scotland.

(continued from page 1) In addition, Hawick is the town where TCA founder John F. Turnbull lived and worked. His widow, Myra, served as the first woman Provost of the town for many years. TCA Scotland Trustee, George Turnbull, has been instrumental in the early planning stages of finding a home for the monument.

The town of Hawick and the Heritage Hub will be the perfect home for the *Turning of the Bull* monument. The Turnbull history is coming alive in the Borders again. TCA directors are very excited about this agreement of placing the monument in such a historical place relevant to all Turnbulls worldwide.



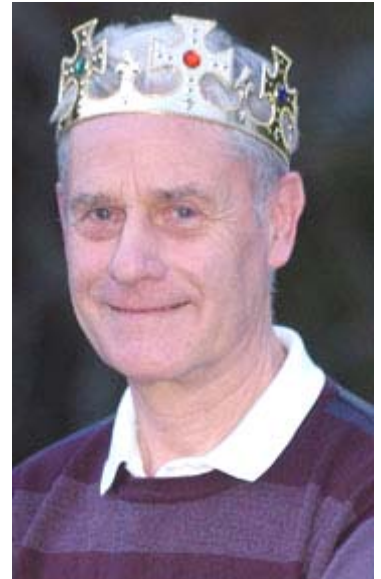
The prominent position of the *Turning of the Bull* monument in the courtyard of the Hawick Heritage Hub will bring our clan history alive to countless visitors.

Turnbulls in the News

By LIZ HULL - Daily Mail - 8th February 2007

For much of his life Albert Turnbull believed he was from typical working class stock. Descended from generations of steel workers, miners and fishermen, his family have traditionally earned their living the hard way.

So the 70-year-old was stunned when he discovered he has blue blood in his veins and is, in fact, descended from royalty. He is one of only two people in the country able to trace his roots back



"King" Albert Turnbull

hundreds of years to the beginnings of the British monarchy following a worldwide search by English Heritage.

The retired lecturer is the cousin of Prince Charles 23 times removed and can track his family history back 53 generations to King Cerdic, the first King of Wessex, who invaded Britain around 500 AD.

On Thursday night Mr. Turnbull, from Newcastle upon Tyne, said he would not be making a play for the English throne. "I was very surprised that we are related to royalty, but I don't take it too seriously," he said. "There would have to be quite a lot of royals wiped out for the throne to come to me."

"Prince Charles is my cousin 23 times removed. But I don't think I will be popping to Buckingham Palace to visit him anytime soon, although he is welcome for a cup of tea at my house any time."

Mr. Turnbull was one of more than 500 people who sent their family histories to English Heritage as part of a quest to track down "commoners" with a potential claim on the throne. Historical experts wanted to locate the ancestors of those who might have succeeded to the monarchy had William the Conqueror not won the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

Of the 150 shortlisted a quarter came from the U.S., while others hailed from Canada, France, Italy, Norway, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Australia. Mr. Turnbull was able to prove his family had links to William the Conqueror and St Margaret - a direct descendant of Alfred the Great, who was also related to Edward the Confessor and Edgar the Aetheling, passed over for the throne in favour of Harold.