

Bedrule Pilgrims– Where the Journey Began



No pilgrimage is complete without a prayer in a hidden church at the end of long, dusty road. And for the members of the 2007 AGM trip this was no exception. Tucked away in Bedrule, the ancient lands given to William Rule when he was knighted Sir Turn-e-bull, lies a stone church. This is the epicenter of the Turnbull sacred lands.

No one knows quite how long there has been a church overlooking the Rule Valley in a little village known as Bedrule. Certainly, this has been a site of worship for many centuries. In 1893, James Robson wrote of the Bedrule Church, "...the earliest notice refers to 1479 when James Newton was parson of Bedrule. ...built in 1803, partly on the foundations of the older building...It is supposed that several of the stones used in the old building were taken from the old (Bedrule) castle." The present, still functioning, Gothic kirk was built in 1804 and rebuilt in 1877. In 1914, the kirk was enlarged due to the generosity of the late Sir Robert Usher, 2nd Baronet of Norton and Wells.



It is impossible for one to stand in the churchyard and not feel a part of the surrounding history.

Left, the 1400 ft. high Ruberslaw stirs memories of the past.

Beautiful Ruberslaw stands majestically across the valley. Like the weather, the view is ever changing. In a matter of minutes, a carpet of rich greens can change into a mysterious cloud with only hints of a peak pushing through. In the 1600's Covenanters were forced to hold secret worship services hidden in the crevices of Ruberslaw. Prayer guards were posted along the ridges to warn of pending danger. The site of Bedrule Castle sits just to the side of the church and kirkyard. Bedrule Castle was a Turnbull stronghold before being destroyed by the English in 1545. The number of Turnbull gravestones, some 30 or more, indicate that this was Turnbull territory.

William Turnbull, son of the laird of Bedrule Castle, born around 1400, became Bishop of Glasgow and founder of Glasgow University. Entering the main body of the church, Turnbull history comes alive. In addition to the Turnbull arms, there is a commemorative plaque on the wall in honor of Bishop Turnbull. The powerful stained glass windows depict sacrifices and achievements. The armorial bearings above the chancel arch were painted by one of the Lord Lyon's heraldic artists. They depict among other things, the holders of the Barony of Bedrule.



Rev. Jones addressing the Turnbull Clan.

While a destination each year for many Turnbull visitors, the AGM group was especially blessed to be part of a special service conducted by the Rev. Anthony Jones. Turnbulls from around the area joined the 46 visitors for a meaningful ceremony that included organ music, singing, and a message from *Pilgrims Progress*. Rev. Jones explained

that life is a pilgrimage, wherein we need each other and we need God. Sometimes we need others and sometimes others need us. We must always keep our priorities focused on what really matters for today and eternity. *(continued on page 4)*

From the Editor

by Betty Turnbull

Don't panic! No, this isn't the usual *From the President* article. There hasn't been a coup d'etat! Wally is still President and will be back next month. I have commandeered his article this month to do two things.



First, I want to thank each of you who has found a way to encourage me along the way as editor of the Bullseye. There are many of you who send along a "nice issue," or "thanks for interesting article." And then there are those who have written articles and sent in contributions. To all of you, I would like to say "Thank You!"

It hardly seems possible that it's been almost three years since I heard myself saying that I would be editor of the Bullseye for a year. Yet, here I am, still at it. And believe it or not, I'm still enjoying putting together the Bullseye. But while I meet deadlines and manage to come up with enough information for each issue, my being editor is not enough.

The second reason for writing this month is to ask you for your help. The Bullseye needs you, not to be only readers, but to step up and be contributors. This isn't as difficult as it sounds. For those of you who enjoy writing, articles of interest to Turnbulls are always welcome. For those of you who don't want to write, ideas and information are always welcome. Anything from current events, a historical glimpse into the past, or simply a special anniversary, reunion or birthday celebrated is appreciated.

I am asking you to help by letting me know about special occasions, births of children/grandchildren, remembering the passing of beloved members, offering to be a "Meet the Member." I receive many comments about how interesting it is to be introduced to fellow members. Yet, you wouldn't believe how difficult it is to pull this information from you! Volunteer! Be a Meet the Member. Help make the Bullseye a community effort. The Bullseye can only be as interesting as you help make it. Thank you to each of you for your contributions and encouragement. You can contact me at editor@turnbullclan.com.

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Meet the Member

By Gordon Turnbull

Carolyn and I have been "flatlanders" here in Libertyville, IL for 50 years, but I'm formerly from New York State, where my Turnbull ancestors emigrated from Scotland in 1820 and where many of my relatives are still located. An ex-Marine reservist, called up for the Korean War, I'm now 18 years into retirement after 35 years of service with Siemens Energy & Automation, Inc., formerly Allis-Chalmers. I joined the TCA in the early 90's after meeting Dorothy (Turnbull) and Bill Berk about 1980.



Gordon - Bedrule, Scotland - 2007

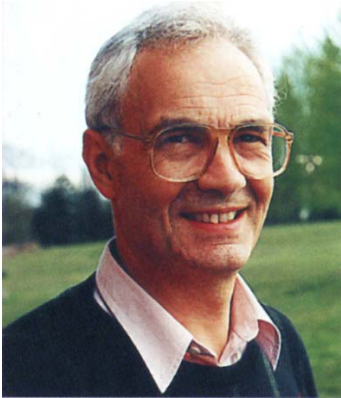
I feel fortunate to have grown up on the south shore of Long Island, NY in the small town of Wantagh; a fun place to grow up in the 30's and 40's. Living close to the ocean, we always had a boat and spent much of our time on the water or at the beaches. Education and great athletic, music and extra curricular programs kept us busy. And nearby NYC was great for taking in professional sports and Times Square movie theaters featuring the big bands of Goodman, Miller, James, the Dorsey's, Sinatra, etc.

By 1947, my world changed; WWII had ended, I graduated from high school, entered Clarkson Tech. and later joined the USMC Reserve and was soon called up for the Korean War. I met my wife Carolyn in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1951 when I was in the USMC stationed at the Marine Barracks, Great Lakes NTC, IL. She was a senior at Milwaukee State Teachers College and was a USO volunteer. After arriving home from the Korean War in 1953, I returned to Milwaukee and went to work for Allis-Chalmers in electrical engineering. Carolyn and I were married in December 1953 and now have four children (Gordon III, Susan, James and Rebecca) and 10 grandchildren. Our oldest granddaughter, Tracy, is a sophomore at North Carolina State studying to be an equine veterinarian.

After moving to Illinois, we got involved with raising and showing Quarter Horses as a family hobby. Our involvement with horses continued for more than 30 years, showing, camping and trail riding, and included the purchase of a small horse ranch in Oklahoma for some 10 years, until long after I retired. Our present hobbies include travel in our motor coach, upkeep of our yard and "this old house", TURNBULL genealogy/research, and enjoying watching our grandchildren grow up.

EXPLODING THE MYTHS – Rosslyn Chapel Revealed

A Book by Michael T.R.B. Turnbull



Rosslyn Chapel Revealed is a new book by Michael T. R. B. Turnbull. Turnbull was born in Istanbul in 1941, the son of a Scottish father and a Brazilian mother. He was educated at the Abbey School, Fort Augustus on Loch Ness, the Universities of Cambridge and London, before studying Drawing and Painting at the Edinburgh

College of Art. For most of his life he has been a teacher and further education lecturer in Communication and in Tourism. Recently he graduated Ph.D. in Ecclesiastical History from the University of Edinburgh. He has twice been awarded a Scottish Arts Council Writers bursary (1993, 1997) and a Glenfiddich Living Scotland Award (1986, 1991), as well as a Sir Winston Churchill Memorial Fellowship (1993). He has published seventeen books, mainly on Scottish History, including *Buildings and Landmarks of Edinburgh* (Edinburgh: W & R Chambers 1989), *Joseph Hislop: gran tenore* and *Mary Garden* (Aldershot: Scolar Press 1997 and 1992), *The Edinburgh Graveyard Guide* (Dalkeith: Scottish Cultural Press, 2006) and *Curious Edinburgh* (Stroud: Sutton Publishing, 2005).

‘Rosslyn Chapel Revealed’ is unique in exploring the landscape of Midlothian in depth — the geology, the flora and fauna, illustrated by fascinating antique maps.

‘Rosslyn Chapel Revealed’ explains in detail the daily life of the priests and choirboys at Rosslyn Chapel.

‘Rosslyn Chapel Revealed’ explores the landscape of Midlothian from Temple village (home of glass artist and clarsach player Alison Kinnaird and folk musician Robin Morton, and once home to painter Sir William Gillies and author George Scott-Moncrieff).

‘Rosslyn Chapel Revealed’ uncovers the role of Sir Walter Scott in increasing the Chapel’s reputation for mystery and the ways in which successive artists celebrated the extraordinary design of the Chapel.

‘Rosslyn Chapel Revealed’ ends with a new mystery, a challenge to its readers to uncover the truth behind an act of sacrilege committed in the Chapel in the 1470s.

Myths laid to rest include:

The Apprentice Pillar (also known as the ‘Prince’s Pillar’) is a story found at a number of other medieval churches in Britain and the Continent. Interviews with 3 working stonemasons and an apprentice mason (at St Mary’s Episcopal Cathedral Workshop, Edinburgh) show that no

apprentice would have the skill to carve such a pillar that would take a year to complete

Knights Templar the Sinclair family were *Crusaders* (fighting to free the Holy Land). Templars had to swear vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The Sinclairs were married, well-to-do and vowed allegiance only to the King.

American Corn two academic botanists with PhDs are quoted as finding no evidence of any specific botanical specimen in the decoration of the Chapel, apart, perhaps, from Hart’s Tongue Fern, an ancient plant that still grows in Roslin Glen.

Freemasons Freemasonic images were added to the Chapel in the 1860s when the Fourth Earl of Rosslyn, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, commissioned the architect David Bryce to ‘restore’ the Chapel. He took out a number of damaged stone ‘bosses’ in the Lady Chapel and replaced them with new, quasi-masonic carvings.

The Red Light-Box photographs by Hill & Adamson show that the medieval tracery of the East Window was entirely different to that in the window today. New stone tracery and stained glass were inserted in the 1860s, including the triangle of red glass said to be a ‘light-box.’

All these facets of Rosslyn Chapel are profusely illustrated with some 30 colour photographs and 200 black and white images, as well as copious footnotes substantiating all the evidence provided in the book, a detailed index and a contact list of useful organizations.

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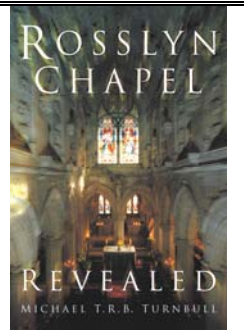
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IMPORTANT! End of Year Contributions

Please remember that donations are still needed for the Turnbull of the Bull Monument.

Tax deductible contributions may be made online at www.turnbullclan.com, or by check to TCA, 2125 Bluejay Lane, West Richland, WA 99353-9122. To maximize tax benefits, donations of stocks may also be given. Contact: president@turnbullclan.com for more information.

Bedrule Pilgrims

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Emotions stirred as worshipers sang *Amazing Grace* with the accompaniment by the church organist. Many of the locals appreciated the occasion to visit the landmark chapel and Rev. Jones message. As one explained, "It is in my own backyard, yet I have never visited."



Carol Kugler, trip member and a choir director, enjoys a moment playing the Bedrule Church organ. (Photo by Gordon Turnbull)

Rev. Jones is heading a campaign to raise funds for the preservation and ongoing services of Bedrule Kirk. He writes that "Anyone who might wish to contribute to the Bedrule Kirk may send an international money order (or GBP cheque) to 'Ruberslaw Parish Church' and any monies will be gratefully received." Mail may be sent to:

The Manse, The Green, Leyden's Road

Denholm, by Hawick, TD9 8NB

Email: revanthonymjones@amserve.com



Side view of handcrafted knight. Each knight is an original work of art.



Handcrafted knight with TCA official crest. The knight stands approximately 11" tall.

Sculptured Crafts is a small Scottish company, located in the United Kingdom. All of their figures are produced to order and are hand crafted and hand painted. James Miller Wilkins, founder, writes, "We have perfected an image transfer process whereby we can exactly reproduce any crest/coat of arms onto the knight's shield. Approximately 11 inches (30cm) tall including the base, each knight is an original work of art. (with the exception of the shield). The retail price of the knight is GB£175.00. Their figures are exported world wide. For more information on ordering contact Mr. Wilkins at 44 1604 589442 or email to sculpturedcraftsuk@yahoo.co.uk.

Turnbull Virtual Museum

In January, 2006, TCA launched the Turnbull Virtual Museum. The purpose of the virtual museum is for the recording and sharing of objects related to Turnbells and Turnbull heritage. The museum has recently received a major face lift. Be sure to visit the updated pages, now with a large number of additions and much more information. Contributions of photos of Turnbull objects are always welcomed. (Please do not send actual item.) If you would like to "contribute" an item to the museum, please contact editor@turnbullclan.com. The virtual museum may be accessed through entering www.turnbullclan.com.



TCA Membership Renewal Time

It's time to renew your membership. Please remember that their has been a small increase in dues this year. The 2008 dues are \$24.00 per primary member and \$12.00 for a spouse or student. Renew online at www.turnbullclan.com or by check to Janet Schwierking, 2020 Schuettig Rd., Poteet, TX, 78065. Please use the enclosed form to update your information.

Happy Birthday

Amy Putney, Henry Parham,
Lesley Gatt, Allan Trimble,
Kenneth G. Turnbull, Julie
Marshall, Brian Trimble, David
Hunt, Thérèse Chaveaux
Turnbull, Jonathan Huntington,
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Turnbull, Elaine
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“The Turnbells of Rossie, NY Since 1820” And Their Genealogical Journey Through Time

To many of us, tracing our ancestry seems like such a grand undertaking, not knowing where to begin. Below, Gordon Turnbull recounts how the Turnbells of Rossie pieced together generations of extended family. A key in their research was a document found by Gordon's father. Even though you might think that you don't go very far back in your knowledge of your ancestral roots, you do know the present. Let this be an encouragement to record what is known. You never know how it might become a key to generations to come.

I am descended from the family of Thomas Turnbull and Sarah Wood, both born 1774 near Hawick, in the Borders area of Scotland. After 13 children were born to his wife Sarah, Thomas, a farmer, died at age 40 in Scotland in 1814. Six years later, his widow, Sarah Wood Turnbull and her family of 9 surviving children, left Scotland for America for a new life, arriving in Rossie, NY in 1820.

Our Turnbull family research was started in 1936 by my father, Gordon W. Turnbull, Sr. He was intrigued by the family story of his widowed g-g grandmother, Sarah Wood Turnbull, who left Scotland in 1820 with her surviving 9 of 13 children and spent 8 weeks at sea aboard the sailing ship (Brig) Margaret destined for Quebec City, Canada; then up the St. Lawrence River by steamboat to Montreal and continuing by Durham boat to a new life for her family in Rossie, NY. My father's plan was to trace to the present, the family lines of all 9 children of his g-g grandparents, Thomas and Sarah.

The one document that he had for guidance to his research was a letter written 10 years earlier in 1926 by then 80 year old John Michael Turnbull (1846-1928), a grandson of Thomas and Sarah Wood Turnbull. John Michael's 1926 letter listed the names of Thomas' and Sarah's 9 children that she brought from Scotland in 1820; the spouses they later married; and their children.

Over the years, much of my father's research was in the form of verifying information obtained from John Michael's letter and family elders, digging for new information in libraries and court houses, and setting it all down on paper; a difficult task in those early years before computers and present day stricter rules of centralized record keeping!

In 1976, he and my mother traveled to the Scottish Borders area of Hawick and Jedburgh doing Turnbull research. In 1980, a year before his death, a Turnbull Reunion was held near Rossie, in Oxbow, NY, on the original 1837 “homestead” farm of Thomas and Sarah's son Michael Turnbull (my g-g grandfather), then owned by my cousin Donald M. Turnbull, a great grandson of Michael. My father proudly presented to the approximately 70 attendees his publication of the Turnbull History as he knew it to be at that time: “A Brief History of Some Turnbells that came to the USA in 1820”. All of Thomas & Sarah's 13 children were included, but family information was provided through the present on only 3 of their children.



“The Turnbells of Rossie, NY since 1820 at a 2005 family reunion.”

After I retired, I continued with my father's research. Together with my cousin Donald, who had also inherited his father's files of family history, we integrated all that he and I both had and wound up with an even larger family history which we decided to call “The Turnbells of Rossie, NY since 1820”. In 1994, two previously unknown Turnbull “cousins” suddenly appeared researching their individual family lines. They somehow found each other and then found Donald and me. We knew little about the each other's family lines. All four of us exchanged information, and suddenly our Turnbull family puzzle of the family lines of the 9 children of Thomas and Sarah was much clearer. Several major documented finds have since verified Sarah's trip from Scotland to America as well as one of her missing children found living in Canada. We have since had several family reunions of “The Turnbells of Rossie, NY since 1820” with most of our research of the 9 family lines, to the present, complete [although it's never done!]. Our records cover more than 200 years [10 generations] of Turnbull history and include over 3600 individuals.

This family research was conducted differently than most in that we started with two individuals [Thomas Turnbull and Sarah Wood] in Scotland in the 18th century and worked forward to the present. Most people start with themselves, in the present, and work backward. Had we done that, we would likely be much further along and know much more about our early Scottish ancestors than we do. However, the way we did it, we have certainly gotten to know a lot more living Turnbells and extended family than had we stayed within our direct family lines.

Our research effort has now turned to our earlier ancestors in Scotland; before Thomas Turnbull c1774-1813 and Sarah Wood Turnbull 1774-1834. Our June 2007 Scotland TCA trip very conveniently fit into those research efforts and was a “dream come true” for me and has begun to produce some interesting new discoveries. I believe that discovering more about our Scottish ancestors will reveal to our TCA members that we are more closely related than we know, bringing our TCA family closer together.



CD!

As we continue to follow the clues left behind as to which paths some of our relatives have chosen to take in life there are some surprises. For example there is a musical group in Cincinnati, which name is the Turnbull AC's (www.theturnbullacs.com), yet there doesn't seem to be a member or founder with our name, one more thing to discover, why did they choose that name? In contrast, there is a couple whose specialty is Christian music:



"Turnbull can be described as a husband and wife duo (John and Julie) with a dynamic modern acoustic worship style. They performed together in the early '90s as members of a Christian band in Central Ohio.

Their music has received airplay on stations across the nation and in eight other countries, with five songs showing up on the WTR-FM Independent Chart... two in the top ten."

On to another trail, there seem to be quite a few scientists in our midst, all distinguished as you can see from this:

David Turnbull (1915-2007) was a towering figure in materials science. The David Turnbull Lectureship of the Materials Research Society is named in his honor. He distinguished himself in many areas of materials research including kinetics to crystal nucleation and growth, diffusion in metals, and glass formation. Among his numerous honors and awards were the MRS von Hippel award in 1979



David Turnbull
(1915 - 2007)

and the Japan Prize in 1986. The MRS Turnbull Lectureship was established in 1992. Turnbull passed away on April 28, 2007, but his legacy lives on in all his published work as well as through his students, associates, and colleagues, and through the tremendous volume of work within materials science.

And talking about reports, to conclude, there is even a financial report with our name! -

"The Turnbull guidance sets out best practice on internal control for UK listed companies, ... The Turnbull guidance was originally published in 1999."

Next month, we'll discover even more fascinating people and places that bear our proud name.

Wishing you a very happy holiday season!

Until the next "how interesting."

A. clan detective

Contributions to this column are solicited and welcomed at detective@turnbullclan.com



Flowers of the Forest

TCA Remembers...

Herbert M. Turnbull Jr.

1919-2007

Herbert M. Turnbull Jr. of Woodstock, CT, leaves behind his wife Margaret Fallon Turnbull. Herbert was a decorated veteran of WWII. He formerly was employed by Union Engravers, Putnam, CT and later treasurer of the Rectory School in Pomfret, CT.

William Ledgerwood

1929-2007

William Ledgerwood was retired military. He was well known as a wildlife artist. He leaves behind his wife, Wilma Turnbull Ledgerwood, Jefferson City, TN.



What does a Scotsman wears under his kilt? Now they know...

Oops! The Bullseye wishes to apologize to Alan Brydon of Scocha (see Volume 8, issue 11, November 2007). Alan's corrected web address is alanbrydon.co.uk - not .com as was published. Please accept our apologies.

Wishing you & your family a Blessed Holiday Season

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