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A LOOK BACK AT THE BEGINNINGS



The year was 1977 and the man was John F. Turnbull of Hawick, Scotland. John founded Turnbull Clan Association (TCA) to reestablish a link with Turnbulls worldwide and their rich heri-

tage. Working endlessly with his wife Myra as his personal assistant, the two wrote letters and addressed envelopes by hand, mailing to any Turnbull worldwide that they could find. They would sit in their living room and plan Turnbull events with fellow members and write to members. Then Myra would address envelope after envelope. Myra tells how she gave up her golf afternoon to work with John and promote the Clan.

In 1979, Dorothy Turnbull Berk, chartered a US branch of Turnbull Clan Association and began contacting Turnbulls in the US to become a part. Soon, there were branches in Australia and New Zealand.

Little could John and Myra have envisioned the impact their small beginnings could have on the worldwide clan and family.

Today, with improved communications and Internet support, TCA operates as one large international clan association uniting members from Canada, Cuba, Mexico, New Zealand, Portugal, the Scotland, England, Ireland, South Africa, France, the United States, and is still growing. Through a Facebook page and group, almost 1700 Turnbulls throughout the world share news, genealogy records, family photos and more.

And now Turnbull Clan Associations has close to 800 registered members thanks to the early combined efforts of John, Myra and Dorothy.

Turnbull Clan Association milestones include having official Lord Lyon, King of Arms, recognized and registered Tartan. When John discovered that the clan had no official tartan, he decided to use his background in the design of plaids, to design the Turnbull Tartan. John chose the main features of the Bruce and Douglas tartans to incorporate into the Turnbull tartan, both

clans having an important part in the history of the Turnbulls. Because of John's efforts, there are now Turnbull tartans widely recognized and officially registered with the Lord Lyon, King of Arms.

Another milestone came many years later when through the efforts of TCA Honorary Chief and President, Wally Turnbull, Turnbull Clan Association was granted Official Coat of Arms through the Lord Lyon, King of Arms.

In 2009, history was once again made when *The Turning of the Bull* monument was unveiled at the Hawick Heritage Center, in Hawick, Scotland. The monument serves as a reminder to all Border Clans of our rich heritage and ancestry.



A clan lay dormant for hundreds of years, but because of the dream of one man, thousands have become aware of and interested in their heritage and beginnings. Countless friends have been made. TCA not only has beautiful modern registered tartans, but now can boast an official

Coat of Arms. In addition, with a permanent monument in the Borders, the Turnbull name will always be recognized as a strong and vital part of the Borders and beyond.

To become a member of Turnbull Clan Association, register for free at www.turnbullclan.com. To keep up with the Turnbull Clan worldwide family through facebook, Like the Turnbull Clan page at <https://www.facebook.com/TurnbullClan> and join the Turnbull Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2214563717/>

Join us in Scotland July 18-22 for a worldwide gathering of Turnbulls! See http://turnbullclan.com/newsletters/2013/be_2013_v14_n06.pdf for details. Don't miss this chance to reconnect to your heritage and get to know other Turnbulls!

Viking and Turnbull Connections?



The Viking Rollo (Richard I) also known as Rollo the Walker due to his large size and inability to find a large enough horse to ride.

Scots and the Modern World...

So just where did we get the expression "blazing a trail." As the Scots made trails in the Eastern mountain ranges of the US, they would peel off a bit of bark from the trees to mark their way. Because of the way they handled the knife, this would often be in the shape of a small diamond. When trying to give this mark a name, they decided that it resembled the white markings on their homeland horses faces, known as blazes. So this way of making a new route, soon became known as "blazing a trail."

La Breith Sona!



Wishing a muckle
celebration to
all our Birthday
members!

*from the writings of Norman Turnbull
Turnbull Clan High Schenachie*

Some believe that William Rule (Roule), who became the first Turnbull, descended from the Viking ruler Rollo. Rollo, sometimes referred to as Robert I, was founder and first ruler of Normandy. He was a Norse nobleman known for his large size. In fact, he was sometimes referred to as Rollo the Walker, as it was very difficult to find a horse strong enough and large enough for him to ride.

One of his descendants, Richard De Rollo, also called Richard De Rule, came from Norway to the British Isles during the reign of David I. He was given large grants of land in Scotland and England.

The first record of the name Roule or Rule appears around 1128 when Adam Rule, Richard Rule, Hugo Rule, John Rule and William Rule are noted as being in the Scottish border county of Roxburgh.

In 1313, a William Rule from the Border area of Bedrule, Roxburghshire, Scotland, was with Robert the Bruce's hunting party in Stirling Forest. The story is that King Robert the Bruce injured a bull while hunting but did not kill it. As the bull was charging the king, William Rule stepped forward and grabbed the bull by the horns and turned it to the ground, breaking its neck and thus saving the life of Robert the Bruce.

It is said that this William was of extraordinary size and strength, perhaps a result of being a descendent Rollo the Walker. Robert the Bruce named him Turn-e-bull and thus the name Turnbull for generations to come.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

TCA needs to raise \$5000 to finish the Cairn Project for the July 20 unveiling. Please help preserve Turnbull History for generations to come. Donate online at www.turnbullclan.com

Learn more at http://turnbullclan.com/newsletters/2013/be_2013_v14_n05.pdf

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Bitty Bulls



Hello Friends! Bitty Bull is back from vacation and excited to share more fascinating details related to Scotland. Join Bitty Bull on a journey from Viking times and learn some interesting things along the way.

VIKINGS

The Vikings or Norsemen, were expert sailors, farmers, and warriors who came by longships to Scotland from Norway, Sweden, and Denmark to raid, settle, and trade in Scotland in the late 8th century. Many were searching for new places to farm and others obtained wealth by pillaging villages and monasteries for treasure.

One such raid happened around AD 795 in Iona, home of the Iona Abbey, founded by the monk Columba. This monastery was an important center of learning and played a huge role in the conversion of Scotland to Christianity. The brutal attack left 86 monks butchered on the beach and priceless manuscripts destroyed. Many monks fled to Ireland and carried with them the Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript of the four Gospels in the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) which now permanently resides at Trinity College in Dublin. Another attack on the monastery came in AD 802.

The Viking Age lasted over 300 years from the 8th to the 11th century. Although feared as ruthless pirates and warriors, they were also great poets, artists, explorers, and lawmakers. Some of their explorations took them as far away as England, Ireland, France, Spain, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Iceland, Greenland, and Russia. They had a well ordered society based on laws and democracy. Problems between people were heard by an assembly of men who used laws to determine the settlement. This is considered the beginning of the modern jury system.

Vikings loved stories and poems and passed them down orally to their descendants. They used their skill with metal and wood to craft beautiful jewelry, ships, and weapons. As the Vikings settled in Scotland, many married into the local people. Over time they converted to Christianity from a belief in many gods. The main gods in Viking culture were Odin (one-eyed god of war), Thor (god of thunder symbolized by a hammer), and brother and sister Frey and Freyja (god and goddess of fertility).

Vikings have left many contributions to our life today. The days of the week are rooted in the names of their gods (Wednesday=Odin's (Wotan's) Day, Thursday=Thor's Day). Parliamentary government is modeled after theirs and some English words have Norse influence, particularly words beginning with sk- or ending with -by.



Book Nook~

Leif the Lucky by Ingri Daulaire (57 pages, ages 8+)

Beautifully illustrated biography of Leif Erickson including many adventures, his conversion to Christianity, and his colonization of North America.

The Vikings in Scotland by Richard Dargie (32 pages)

An examination of Norse life in Scotland which begins with the attack on the holy island of Iona and the murder and enslavement of the monks who lived there. Illustrated with color and black and white artwork.

The Vikings by Elizabeth Janeway (160 pages, ages 7+)

Stories of Leif the Lucky and Eric the Red. Also includes stories of Norse Mythology.

Each culture creates proverbs or wise sayings about life. Below are some from ***The Havamal***, a poem collection from the Viking age. Can you figure out what they mean? The first one is done for you.

GO YOU MUST.
NO GUEST SHALL STAY IN ONE PLACE
FOR EVER.
LOVE WILL BE LOST IF YOU SIT TOO
LONG AT A FRIEND'S FIRE.

(Don't wear out your welcome.)

IT IS FORTUNATE TO BE FAVORED
WITH PRAISE AND POPULARITY.
IT IS DIRE LUCK TO BE DEPENDENT ON
THE FEELINGS OF YOUR FELLOW MAN.

ALWAYS RISE TO AN EARLY MEAL,
BUT EAT YOUR FILL BEFORE A FEAST.
IF YOU'RE HUNGRY YOU HAVE NO
TIME TO TALK AT THE TABLE.

BE NOT A BRAGGART FOR IF ANY
WORK DONE BE PRAISE-WORTHY,
OTHERS WILL SING YOUR PRAISES
FOR YOU.

Q: How did the Vikings send secret messages?

A: By norse code!

Cut out and share some valentines with friends. You can even write them a message in Norse to decode!



I'VE TAKEN A VIKING
TO YOU!



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



YOU REALLY FLOAT
MY BOAT,
VALENTINE!

The Viking alphabet or **runes** were carved into stone to record everyday events such as deaths or trading or to mark belongings. The stories or **sagas** of the Vikings were passed down orally instead of written. Runes were also used to mark weapons to show ownership and to give them magical powers for battle.



The [Rök Runestone](#) in [Östergötland](#), Sweden, is the longest surviving source of early Old East Norse. It is inscribed on both sides.

VIKING LONGSHIP

by Leslie Frederick
also found at www.craftsforkids.com



- brown craft paper for boat
- grey or white craft paper for sail
- unsharpened pencil or thin dowel approximately 6" in length
- hole punch
- scissors
- brown yarn
- gold and silver craft paper

1. Trace and cut boat pattern from the brown paper. Using marker, draw wood grain lines on the paper, if wanted.
2. Fold boat together and punch holes along the open outside edge every 1/2" as shown in picture. Using brown yarn or string, lace boat together and tie ends to secure.
3. Trace and cut out sail pattern from grey or white paper. Using markers or crayons, draw a Viking symbol or design on sail. You can also color stripes on the sail. Punch holes in top and bottom center of sail.
4. Fit unsharpened pencil or cut dowel through two holes of sail as shown in picture.
5. Using double sided tape securely fasten the pencil or dowel to the inside of the boat and close the boat over the tape.
6. Using the shield pattern, cut out 2 silver and 2 gold circles and attach to sides of ship with the double sided tape. Decorate with pattern or design of choice using marker.

* Bitty Bull editor has modified original supply list and craft instructions for ease of use in this publication.

Viking ships were built beside a river or sea inlet in order to easily slide the vessel into the water upon completion. Vikings used oak trees to make the bottom or keel of the ship and then long pieces of wood for the sides. Wooden pegs and iron rivets fastened the wood together. Animal wool and tar from pine trees were used to waterproof the vessel by filling in cracks. The front of the ship curved up ending in a carved figure head. The sail was made from one large square of woven wool which could be folded down when there was no wind. Wooden oars were used to help propel the ship and an oar on the back or stern of the ship was used for steering.

The longships were able to easily sail in shallow water up a river as well as on the ocean. The shallowness of the boat allowed the Vikings to jump out and fight quickly and then board and make a hasty departure.

To navigate, the Vikings used landmarks close to the coast or the sun and stars when further out on the ocean. Watching birds and the color of the ocean also helped them know when land was near.

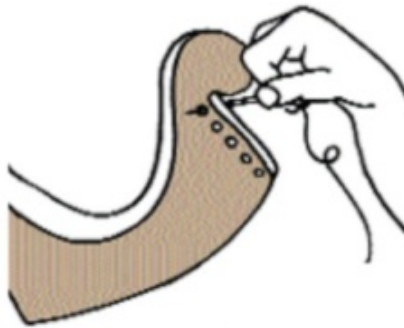


Wake early if you want another man's life or land. No lamb for the lazy wolf. No battle's won in bed. --The Havamal

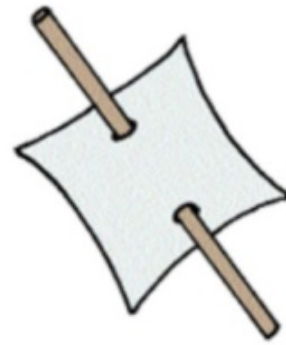




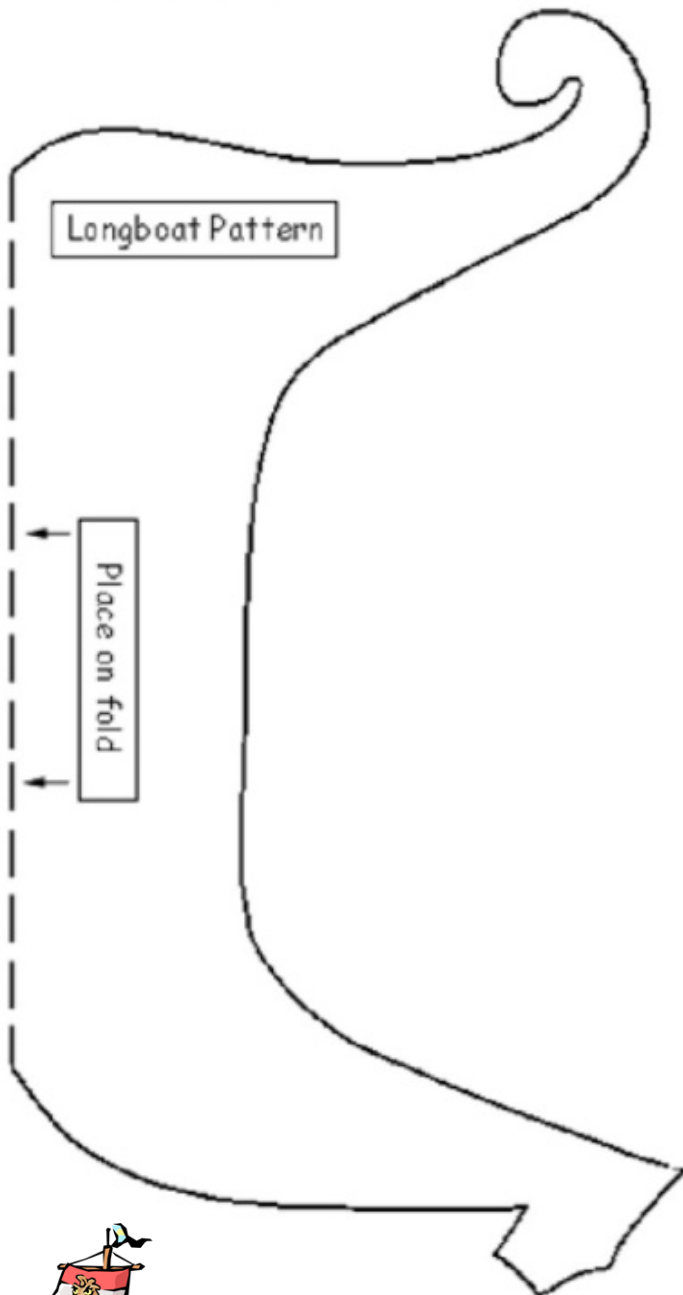
Punch holes along edge of boat.



Lace together with yarn.



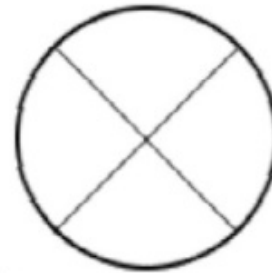
Insert dowel through the holes in sail.



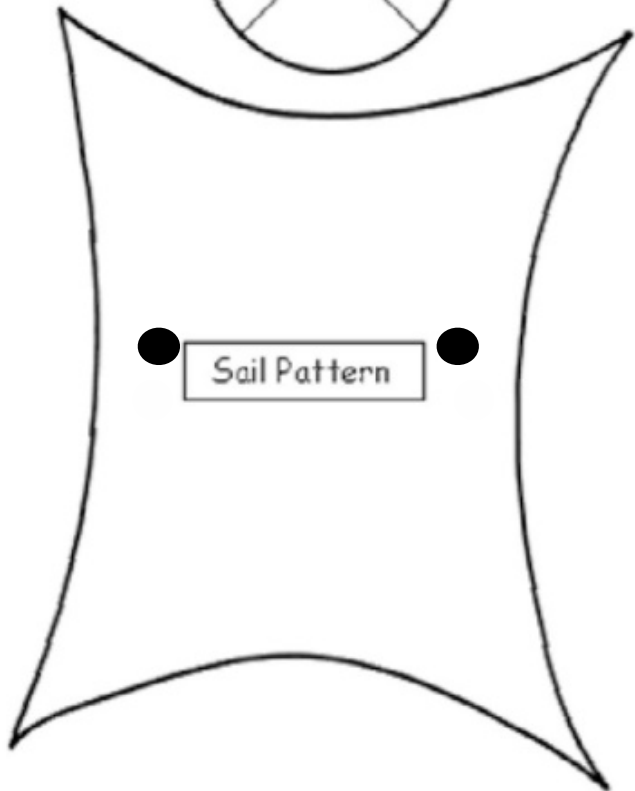
Longboat Pattern

Place on fold

Shield Pattern



Sail Pattern



Decorate the figure head to look like a friendly or fierce dragon.



Never walk away from home ahead of your axe and sword. You can't feel a battle in your bones or foresee a fight. --The Havamal



Canada - Trade doesn't change



A change of scenery won't affect the continuous improvement Brent Turnbull has shown

throughout his junior hockey career. He was traded by the Quebec Remparts to the Rimouski Océanic for a third-round pick in the 2015 draft and has made his debut with his fourth QMJHL team against Saint John. "Nothing changes for me," said Turnbull. "It would've changed if I had stayed in Quebec, because they want to play their young players more, but I'll stay in a top-six role and on the power play now with Rimouski." "Having the best season of my career is due to confidence. To be the guy relied on in pressure situations, is when I play my best," he said.

Australia - Farmer's new experience with the oceans



Robert Turnbull had never seen the ocean. The 62 year old Australian farmer had not taken a holiday for over 30 years, so this was his experience first hand. For

Robert this meant seeing the ocean for the very first time. It was simply overwhelming. From fear to awe to pure joy, he went through every emotion one could expect -- and it was all caught on video. Robert's story is a powerful reminder of what it feels like to experience something new and amazing for the first time.

UK - Alison Turnbull Exhibition at the De La Warr Pavilion

Alison Turnbull is well known for the intricate abstract paintings and drawings she creates from many found materials, such as diagrams, plans, charts and maps. The exhibition presents new and recent works exploring ideas around observation, orientation and perspective. Two of her new paintings have their starting point in drawings by the Pavilion's architect, Erich Mendelsohn; the elevation of the Observatory in Potsdam for Einstein's Tower (2013) and the blueprint for the Pavilion itself for Mendelsohn's Staircase (2013). Alison is well known for the intricate abstract paintings and drawings she creates from found materials such as cluster diagrams, architectural plans, star charts and maps.



by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor

Virgin Islands - Turnbull Library opens new sections



As a busy nanny for several St. Thomas families, Sarah Beaupre was thrilled that the Charles Wesley Turnbull Regional Library has opened its children and young adult sections. Her charges, Maxine and Riley Moskowitz, were enjoying the bright new space, too. Cozied up to Beaupre in the soft, ocean-themed reading area, the girls were completely absorbed in the stories she read to them. The library also has e-books available for K-12 readers with their own reading devices. She hopes eventually to have e-books available for adults, too. The children's and young adults' sections also have non-fiction sections where students can check out books to help them with research projects.

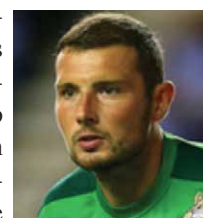
New Zealand - 50 year history



Century-old editions of the Timaru Herald are among the newspaper pages helping the Papers Past website team digitise their three millionth newspaper page. Editions of the Herald from 1901-1920 were part of the most recent batch to be digitised for the website run by the Alexander Turnbull National Library, including the 50th jubilee edition from June 1914. Internal Affairs Minister Chris Tremain visited the preservation laboratory in Wellington and said the work being done there was important in the preservation of New Zealand's history and making it available to all throughout New Zealand.

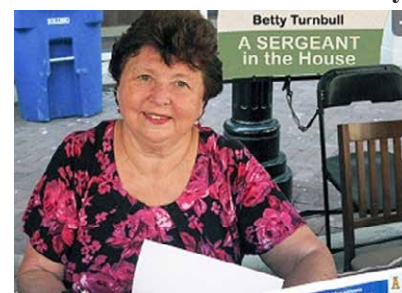
UK - Turnbull League ambitions

Doncaster goalkeeper Ross Turnbull discusses Championship consolidation and putting himself back in the



shop window. Chris Burton spoke to Doncaster goalkeeper Ross Turnbull ahead of their Sky Bet Championship clash against Yeovil. "We started the season pretty well, hopefully we have turned the corner after a few disappointing results and performances" Turnbull said.

USA - Author honors the military



With patriotism and her family in mind, Durham author Betty Turnbull wrote the now award-winning children's book, "A Sergeant in the House" last summer. Turnbull recently received a gold medal for the book from the Stars and Flag book awards, which honor literature focused on the military. "I wanted to be able to contribute and give something back to those who risk and pay very large prices for our freedoms," Turnbull said.

USA - International Bird Day



Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge and Spokane Audubon Society will host a community work party on Saturday, May 10, 2014. This is part of an ongoing community effort to restore native riparian habitat to benefit birds and other wildlife species. Western Bluebirds, are one such example. They are found near and west of the Rocky Mountains.

Turnbull's Presence in Hawick Since 1855



Turnbull's family grocery and producer of fine whisky has been a trademark in Hawick, Scotland for over 150 years. The shop, originally named The House of Turnbull, was founded in 1855 and was located at 51 High Street. Over the generations, Turnbolls continued to maintain a strong presence on High Street. When TCA founder, John F. Turnbull took over the store in 1954 after the passing of his father Barrie, he added fine gourmet products to the store. These products included a specialty in roasting coffee beans and blending fine teas.

John ran the family business until his early death at age 39. At this time, his widow, Myra Turnbull, was unable to continue the business by herself, and it was decided that she and her son Barrie would scale back the company and continue solely in the supply of whisky to a small number of private customers.

In 2006, grandson of John and Myra, Ross Turnbull Irvine, sought permission from Myra and Barrie to re-establish the presence of Turnbull's in Hawick. Today, Turnbull's is once again hails a prominent storefront and business in Hawick. And just last year, a second Turnbull's opened in Galashiels.



Above left: The present Turnbull's at the foot of High Street in Hawick carries on a long Turnbull tradition, dating back to 1855. Above: John Turnbull, circa 1950s, owner of the family store at 51 High Street, Hawick.

The present Turnbull's continues the fine tradition of gourmet offerings, including a deli, specialty homemade products, and of course, fine whisky.

Besides adding another shop in Galashiels, 2013 brought the addition of the next generation, when Ross and his beautiful wife Sharon became the proud parents of Alexander John Irvine.

Congratulations to Ross and Sharon from your worldwide Turnbull family on the birth of your son and with the continued success of Turnbull's.

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