

## New Smyrna Honor Guard Inducted into Clan

The city of New Smyrna, Florida is historically known as the site of the largest single attempt at a colonial settlement in what is now the United States. Dr. Andrew Turnbull, a Scottish physician and entrepreneur, obtained a grant of land from the British Crown. In 1768 he established a colony of 1,225 immigrants on the coastal plantations at New Smyrna, Florida.



Members of the New Smyrna, Florida fire department with Wally and Betty Turnbull, the honor guard is inducted into the Turnbull Clan. Below, Betty Turnbull, Wally Turnbull and Battalion Chief Chris Dymond after making Wally and honorary member of the fire department.

Recently, Battalion Chief Chris Dymond of the New Smyrna Fire Department requested permission from Turnbull Clan Association for their honor guard to wear TCA's coat of arms on their uniforms, recognizing their city's history. After consulting fellow officers, President Wally Turnbull, granted permission by making the honor guard honorary Turnbull Clan members.

Wally and Chris arranged a time for Wally to visit the station house and officially induct the members into the Turnbull Clan Association.

Wally spoke to the members about the history of the Turnbull name. He explained that often clans are recognized for the battles they fought and lives taken. And while Turnbolls were very much a part of the battles, the first Turnbull was recognized for courage and a life saved, celebrating life. He equated that to what the members of the fire department do on a daily basis, risking their lives to save another.



Chief Greg Anglin and Battalion Chief Chris Dymond present Wally Turnbull with plaque and engraved fireman's ax.

Wally asked the honor guard members to repeat with him. "I pledge to honor life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and to seek the same for others as I do for myself." Each member was presented with an arm patch of the coat of arms. The Fire Department was given a printed copy of the arms and a Turnbull Crest flag, originally flown over the Bedrule Castle remains in Bedrule, Scotland.

Honor Guard members are Chris Dymond, Greg Anglin, Shawn Vandemark, James Roberts, Kevin Stack, Tom Lee, Adam Sarwi, Brandon Essig, Cody Curren, Paul Nelson, Bill Crapps, Brandon Hazelwood, and Jeremy Macklefresh. The Honor Guard represents the New Smyrna Fire Department and city at local events and causes.

A surprise came when Chief Greg Anglin and Battalion Chief Dymond made Wally an Honorary Member of the New Smyrna Fire Department. They presented him with a beautiful plaque and golden fireman's ax. Wally says, "It is a great privilege to receive this honor and to have been able to share this moment with these dedicated men and women."



## VISIT NIAGARA FALLS AND ATTEND THE AGM - SEPTEMBER 17-18, OLCOTT, NY



Chris Nelson and TCA President Wally Turnbull at last year's AGM in Richmond, VA.

Make plans to attend this year's AGM in Olcott, NY, less than an hour away from the majestic Niagara Falls.

Our hosts Chris and Tim Nelson will welcome us to the beautiful town of Olcott, located on the shores of Lake Ontario and just a short drive away from Niagara Falls. Chris also serves at Turnbull Clan Association Membership Secretary.

The Turnbull Clan will be one of two host

clans, sharing the title with Clan Gunn. The Annual General Meeting will be led by TCA president and honorary clan chief, Wally Turnbull and will include an update on current projects, a financial report and clan member awards. We'll participate in an All Clan Dinner on Saturday night and then meet together for the AGM. In addition to the AGM, Turnbull Clan will participate in the Clan Torch Opening Ceremonies.

Among the activities at the games are both a Celtic College and a Living History section, where one can learn more about Scotland's history. Other events include Highland Games competition, a Kid's Corner, and a 5K run. The American Rogues, Kindred, Step in Time and Tom Callahan are among the many entertainers. There will be many food vendors serving your Scottish favorites.

We'd love to know if you are able to join us. Email [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com) and let us know you plan to come. Can't wait to see you there!

For more information and a list of places to stay, visit the website [www.niagaraceltic.com](http://www.niagaraceltic.com)

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## Congratulations!



John and Christina Turnbull celebrate the birth of their son, Theo John Turnbull. Theo was born, June 28, 2016 at 9:51 am, weighing 7 lb. 12.5 oz.

The family lives in Radcliffe on Trent, Nottinghamshire, England.

Congratulations from your extended Turnbull family.



## Flowers of the Forest

*Remembering Eleanor Elizabeth Turnbull Sassano*

Sympathies and condolences to the family of Eleanor Turnbull Sassano. Eleanor passed away August 9 at the age of 95. She leaves behind five children, 16 grandchildren and 13 great grand children. Eleanor, or Ellie, as she was called, was the youngest daughter of Wallace and Therese Turnbull and sister of Kay, Janet and Marge. She was married to Joseph Matthew Sassano for 59 years before his death in 2006. Many of her grandchildren carry the middle name of Turnbull. She will be greatly missed.

## Mark Your Calendar

*September Highland Games with Turnbull Tent Representation*

**Sept 2-4**

Wisconsin Highland Games  
[www.wisconsinhighlandgames.com](http://www.wisconsinhighlandgames.com)

**Sept 8-11** Scot Fest, 40th Anniversary Games, Estes Park  
[www.scotfest.com](http://www.scotfest.com)

**Sept 16-18** New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival  
[www.nhscot.org](http://www.nhscot.org)

**Sept 17-18** Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival (AGM!)  
[www.niagaraceltic.com](http://www.niagaraceltic.com)



## Sharing and Caring

Please remember Mark Turnbull, New Hampshire, who continues to recover from a stroke.

Thoughts and prayers are appreciated for Paul Nelson, recovering from surgery.

# Tent Hosting Made Easy - VP of Events Report

By Bill and Claudia Trimble

As the recently elected Vice Presidents of Events, we would like to bring you up to date with the progress of our vision.

As longtime tent hosts it is our desire to see Turnbull representation at highland games increase. It has been our experience as tent hosts to meet many people interested in finding out where they belong in this world. They may have heard stories from their ancestors about the family coming from Scotland, but not much more. The spelling of their names may not fit with the more common clan or family names, BUT when they find their names (Trimble, Trumbul, Tremblay, etc.) it becomes an emotional moment.

On a recent trip to Amelia Island, Florida, we were in a coffee shop and discussing things Scottish with a friend when our conversation was overheard by a young sister and brother. They were very interested in going to a Scottish Highland Game, and didn't know their clan. They told us their names were Catherine and Corbin Tremblay. When we told them they belonged to our clan, they became totally excited. We spent an hour telling them the Turnbull story. We left them knowing this was just the start of their journey investigating their roots and getting to know their family.

Our vision was confirmed at last year's AGM, held at our home games in Richmond, Va. It was agreed that we should develop a start-up package to encourage members who are interested in hosting a Turnbull Clan tent at Highland Games or other events where the Turnbull Clan is not yet represented. So, with the help and advice from other Turnbull Clan tent hosts, we have designed a basic starter tent host package. These kits will be available free to any new tent hosts and theirs to use as long as they represent TCA at least one game per year.

Donations have covered the cost of the first 5 packages. Each package will include a set of banners, a custom made Turnbull tartan flag, and various brochures and printed editions of past Bullseye newsletters. There are 5 banners in the set, including one long, horizontal banner to go across the tent and 4 vertical banners with Turnbull sept names, a Scotland map showing clan boundaries, a Turnbull name origin banner and Fatlips Castle.

We are excited to help start our first new Turnbull Clan tent at the Wisconsin Highland Games in Waukesha, WI this September 2-4. Hosting for the first time will be our son and his wife, Jeff and Sue Trimble. Hosting a clan tent is very exciting and rewarding. We hope that these start-up packages will make your decision to host a clan tent easier and make you excited to meet other Turnbuls or our septs.

Currently, we have 10 states represented by the Turnbull Clan at various Scottish events. (Wouldn't it be great if we had representation in all 50 states and across Canada?) It is our desire to see at least one new Turnbull Clan tent host per year.

There are two ways you can help us with our vision. First, you can donate to TCA so we can make a start-up kit available to



Above: 2015 AGM games hosted by Bill and Claudia Trimble (middle, holding Best Tent Award), Richmond, VA.



Left: Scott and Diana Turnbull host a tent at the Grandfather Mountain Games, NC.



Below: A double tent at the Enumclaw Highland Games, WA, hosted by Bill and Pat Trimble.

everyone who would like to represent Clan Turnbull at one or more highland games. (<http://www.turnbullclan.com/>) Each tent host package costs about \$175.00.

And secondly, we ask that you consider becoming a tent host. We cannot begin to tell you the fun times and rewarding moments we've had. (And, not to mention that you always have a home-base at your favorite game.)

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a tent host, please email us at [events@turnbullclan.com](mailto:events@turnbullclan.com).

We would like to compile a list of all the Turnbull Clan tent hosts and the events they host. If you are currently a tent host, please email [events@turnbullclan.com](mailto:events@turnbullclan.com) the name and dates of the events you participate in. These events will be published in the Bullseye to let others know when and where they can meet and become involved with the Turnbull Clan.



# Turnbulls and The Borders — Different Borders

## Part 2

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### THE MIER EXPEDITION

Learning of Woll's invasion of San Antonio, President Houston, on September 16, 1842, called for the assembly of militia's to join forces in San Antonio and repel the invaders. He authorized them to pursue the enemy "into any point in the Republic, or in Mexico, and chastise the marauders for their audacity" if certain conditions - adequate food, clothing and munitions, and proper discipline - were met. Captain William S. Fisher was chosen to command the Texans and assumed the role of colonel. The group was divided into six companies, led by Captains Claudius Buster, Ewen Cameron, William Eastland, John Pierson, Charles Keller Reese and William Ryon. They began to march towards the Mexican town of Mier on December 20, reaching it on the morning of the 23rd. Upon entering the town, Colonel Fisher was informed that General Antonio Canales was in the vicinity with 700 troops, but these alleged troops were not encountered by the Texan scouts. Fisher demanded five days supply of sugar, coffee and other necessities, enough for 120 men, from the local officials. He then moved the Texans out of town, taking the alcalde as a hostage. At 10:00 a.m., on the 25th, the Texans camped at the point designated for the surrender of the requested articles from Mier, but no supplies were delivered. A Mexican captured nearby stated that General Pedro de Ampudia had stopped the delivery of the requested supplies. He further claimed that General Ampudia was at Mier with 350 men and two pieces of artillery. Hearing this, Fisher decided to attack Mier to obtain the supplies that were needed by his troops. **The Texans were unaware that the Mexican troops actually numbered about 3,000.** The Texans would be attacking a force that outnumbered them almost 12 to 1.

John R. Baker was sent in advance with ten or twelve men. After a brief skirmish, two of this group (Patrick H. Lusk and Samuel H. Walker) were captured. Learning of this incident Fisher ordered his troops to move forward, and by 7:00 p. m., the Texans halted just outside of Mier on the opposite side of the Rio Alamo. That evening, the Texans, with the exception of 42 men who were left behind to guard the rear, crossed the river. Those who crossed the river were immediately but unsuccessfully attacked. While crossing, Joseph Berry fell and broke his thigh. Dr. John J. Sinnickson and a guard of seven men were left with Berry nearby in an abandoned hut. The Texan force went into town and, though they were met with immediate and steady resistance by Ampudia's forces, managed to maneuver themselves from house to house to gain advantage. Mexican artillery fire continued throughout the night, but the Texans, conserving ammunition, did not commence firing in earnest until the morning of the 26th. Between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, the battle was at its peak. At one point, while reloading their rifles, Captain Cameron and his men were in danger of being overrun by Mexicans. The Texans, however, were able to beat back the Mexican charge upon their position by throwing loose stones from the street at them.

About 1:00 p.m., the Mexicans ceased firing and sent in a flag of truce. Expecting to hear terms for a Mexican surrender, Colonel Fisher was surprised to be told that the Mexicans had 1,700 troops in the city and 800 fresh troops nearby and unless the Texans surrendered, every Texan should be put to the sword. The Texans were given one hour to decide. During this time Fisher met with Ampudia, and the Mexican terms were reiterated to him. When he returned to his men, Fisher informed them that if they tried to fight their way out of town it would be very likely that at least two thirds of them would be killed. Some of the Texans still wished to fight but eventually decided with the majority to surrender. During the truce, two Texans went into hiding and escaped from Mier without surrendering. After an hour of consideration Fisher agreed to surrender under the terms that the prisoners would be "treated with consideration which is in accordance with the magnanimous Mexican Nation." It was further stipulated that the prisoners should be retained on the frontier rather than marched to the interior. About 3:00 p.m., the surrender took place. It was not until the following day that the Texans learned that due to the large number of Mexican casualties, Ampudia would have retreated if the Texans had not surrendered. The official Mexican report of their casualties listed 650 dead and 200 wounded. Of the 261 Texans who marched on Mier, 243 were captured, 16 were killed (or soon died of their wounds) and two escaped. The next day the Mexican officers held a court-martial upon the lives of their prisoners. The Texans were spared by one vote.

On December 31, the prisoners, with the exception of those too wounded to travel, were started on a march to Matamoros, poorly clothed and without adequate blankets to keep them warm at night. They reached Matamoros on January 9, 1843. Despite the terms of their capitulation, stating that the Texan prisoners would be held on the border, the Mexicans made plans to march them to the interior. On January 14, the main group of prisoners started to march towards Mexico City under the command of General Canales.

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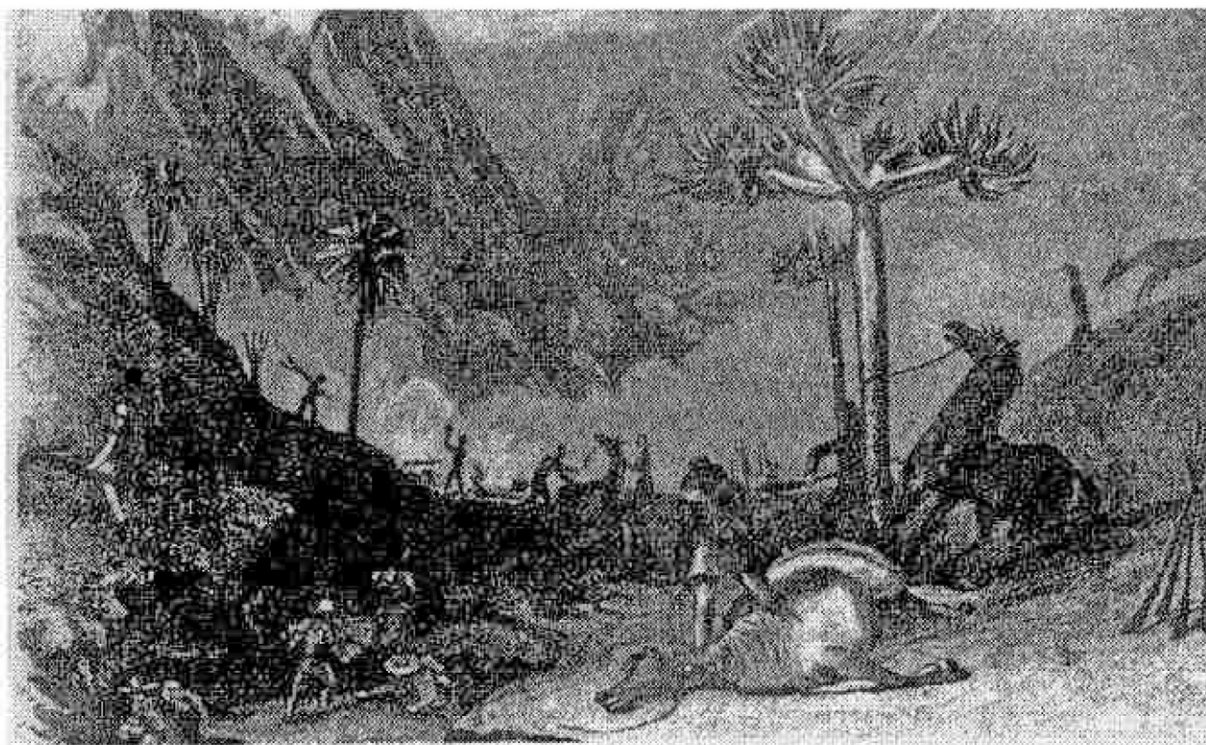
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## THE BLACK BEAN EPISODE

Leaving Matamoros on January 14, 1843, the main body of prisoners arrived near Camargo a few days later. There the Texans planned an escape. Captain Ewen Cameron was to give a prearranged signal when the Mexicans brought in dinner. Just prior to the meal's arrival, a group from Cameron's company convinced him that the escape would not be successful. When the time came, Cameron did not give the signal, and the escape attempt was aborted.

Arriving in Monterey on January 29, Canales turned over command to Colonel Baragan. The Mexican infantry guard was also changed. The new guard consisted primarily of Mexicans taken from the prisons of Monterey, thus, increasing the feeling amongst the Texans that an escape attempt would be successful. Before leaving Monterey on February 2, sandals were issued to those prisoners who needed them. Additionally, each Texas received 61/4 cents per diem to purchase food from local merchants. This payment was supposed to be issued to the prisoners on a regular basis, however, it was generally withheld. As a result, the Texans could not purchase needed supplies and suffered greatly. When the Texans reached Rinconada, another escape was planned. As the Mexicans seemed to be unusually vigilant and organized at daybreak, it was determined that they had somehow received advanced warning and the Texan escape was again aborted.

The prisoners arrived in Saltillo on February 5, where they were joined by several of the Dawson and San Antonio prisoners who were captured by Adrian Woll in September 1842. The Texans left Saltillo on February 7, and arrived at "El Rancho Salado" (the Salt Ranch or the Salt Farm), about 80 miles from Saltillo, on the evening of February 10. That night, with Ewen Cameron as their leader, a portion of the Texans planned another escape. There was some feeling among the prisoners that the Mexicans were again warned of the escape attempt, because when the Texans awoke on the 11th, they found that their guard had been doubled. Nevertheless, on February 11, 1843, as breakfast was about to be served, Cameron gave the prearranged signal by throwing his hat about his head. The Texans rushed the guards around them and quickly succeeded in capturing the Mexican muskets. They rushed for the exit from the courtyard in which they had been held. Dr. Richard Fox. Brenham and John Lyons were the first through the portal and received the full volley of musket fire from the Mexicans who, hearing the commotion, had prepared for the Texan onslaught. Before the Mexicans could reload, the other Texans had a chance to rush out of the passageway and overtake them. Five or six Mexicans were killed. Five Texans were killed, and three were wounded. The Mexican casualties were low because Cameron had instructed his men to kill only when absolutely necessary. Though there were approximately 200 Texan prisoners at the Rancho, it is reported that only about one-third of them took an active part in the escape against 400 armed Mexicans.



*Courtesy The University of Texas*

Texians killing their horses in the mountains for sustenance.

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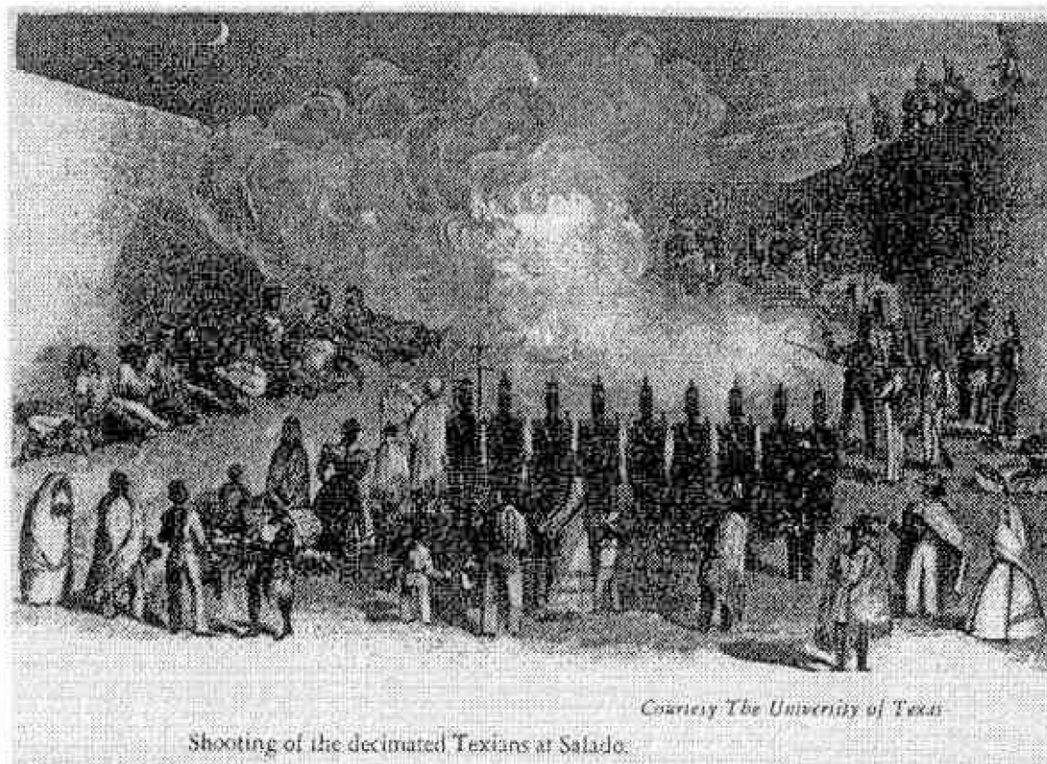
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The escapees headed for the Rio Grande, about 200 miles away. About one half mile from the Rancho, the escapees were intercepted by Colonel Baragan, from whom they had just escaped, and a small Mexican troop he had rallied. Colonel Baragan, after requesting and being granted permission to approach, remonstrated against the madness of the escape attempt and offered clemency to all the Texans who would surrender. The Texans all refused and rode on. Baragan followed them for several days, periodically lighting fires to signal his position.

Later the Texans met an Englishman (or American) who told them that the countryside had been alerted to their escape and that their best chance was to travel quickly and stay on the road until they were beyond the Pass of Venado. That night, the 13th, after some debate and against the advice of Cameron, the group left the road in favor of traveling through the mountains. On the 15th, they located a water hole and being in need of food, killed their horses for meat. After this, no more water was found as the Texans progressed through a disorienting maze of canyons and mountains. The trails they followed, made by animals, crossed and recrossed each other. Lost and desperate for water, the escapees dispersed into increasingly smaller groups. Some became too weak to travel and were left behind to fend for themselves. On February 18th, Cameron and 40 of his men mistook a Mexican calvary troop's campfire for a signal from their companions that water had been found. The Texans approached and, desperate for water and food, decided to surrender. The following day, the recaptured Texans were marched about 12 miles to the Pass of Venado (believed to be northwest of Saltillo). By February 25, approximately 150 Texans had been recaptured at the pass. In all, 176 Texans were recaptured. Of the remaining escapees, seven died in the mountains and five successfully returned to Texas.

On March 2, the recaptured Texans arrived in Saltillo. There they learned that President Santa Anna had ordered General Francisco Mejia to execute every one of them. Mejia, however, refused to obey the order and was arrested, removed from his office and replaced by Colonel Domingo Huerta. The prisoners were then marched from Saltillo on the 22nd, and arrived at El Rancho Salado on the 25th, where they were met with an order from Santa Anna that one-tenth of them be shot. To carry out the order, Huerta had 176 beans put in an earthen pot, of which 159 beans were white and 17 were black. The Texans, chained together in pairs, were blindfolded and ordered to draw beans. **Those who drew black beans were John L. Cash, James D. Cocke, Robert Holmes Dunham, William Mosby Eastland, Edward E. Este, Robert Harris, Thomas L. Jones, Patrick Maher, James Masterson Ogden, Christopher Roberts, William H. Rowan, James L. Shepherd, Joseph N. M. Thompson, James N. Torrey, James Turnbull, Henry Whalen and Martin Carroll Wing.** These men were immediately separated from their companions and given a chance to write home. Thereafter, at about 6:30, on the evening of March 25, 1843, nine of the condemned group were bound together, set upon a log and shot within hearing of their companions. The remaining eight were then executed in the same manner. In all, the firing continued for about ten to twelve minutes, lacerating and mangling most of the bodies. Henry Whalen did not die and continued to curse his executioners until they put a gun to his head and shot him at point-blank range.



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## Canada - Award for Excellence



Dr. Joseph Turnbull was awarded the Award for Excellence in Teaching in June at King's University College

in Ontario. He received the award for part-time faculty, teaching in Mathematics in the department of Economics, Business and Math. In his citation for Dr. Turnbull, Dr. Camiletti outlined Dr. Turnbull's beliefs that the ideal university graduate should be adaptive, collaborative and capable of applying knowledge in disparate fields. "To this end he promotes peer teaching, study groups, collaborative learning and other modes of exploration and technology that bring learning beyond the classroom. His students describe him as outstanding in any teaching position."

## Australia - Grandson Jack steals the show



Pint-sized Jack Turnbull-Brown, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's grandson has stolen the show in Sydney's eastern suburbs soccer pitches. The PM was fielding questions from the press pack, however the tiny tacker grew restless. Two-and-a-half-year-old Jack then bounded into his grandfather's arms, giving the PM a big bear hug. Dressed in gumboots and clutching his trusty teddy, Jack then made his grandpa trudge through the muddiest patches of the soccer fields, determined to get his wellies just a little bit dirty.

## UK - Neurologist Professor receives a knighthood



Professor Doug Turnbull, has been awarded a knighthood for leading the development of mitochondrial donation IVF. He was among those named in the Queen's Birthday Honours list over the weekend. As a Newcastle University neurologist, Professor Sir Doug Turnbull

specialises in mitochondrial conditions, including muscle condition, mitochondrial myopathy. Along with colleagues, he has pioneered mitochondrial donation IVF in the hope of enabling women who carry mitochondrial diseases to have their own, unaffected children. With the help of our supporters, Muscular Dystrophy UK funded Professor Turnbull's early research to develop this technology. We then campaigned alongside him for a change in the law, which was agreed in February 2015, to allow further research and clinical trials to take place.



by Kenneth Turnbull - Editor

## UK - Fifth heart operation but she is still a winner



Hope Turnbull is at home recovering after undergoing her fifth heart operation. She is aged just four and has Shone's Syndrome, which is a rare congenital heart disease, and caused defects on the left side of the heart. Her mum Connie, said although she looks healthy, Hope has only spent the last one-and-a-half-years at home. At two days old, Hope had her first operation to repair her aorta after the artery had become narrowed. At aged one, she later suffered heart failure. More open-heart surgery was needed to replace her mitral valve and repair her aorta again. Fortunately she has been fine ever since. Recently Hope won a toy dog in a competition to help raise funds for her mauled puppy Dodo. Her mum said, "Hope doesn't have a dog so I'm sure she'll treasure the toy."

## Virgin Islands - A new Clinic



There are several opportunities for entrepreneurs to thrive in the British Virgin Islands. Clinical psychologist Dr. Michael Turnbull made his decision to open a behavioural clinic and has been backed by research as well as his experience in the territory. He thinks that the British Virgin Islands is maybe one of the most unique places in the world, adding that anyone starting out could still be the first to do things, with significant amount of opportunities. Dr Turnbull, said he has recognised that there is a significant need for the services he is now providing. "Everyone deserves to have access to health regardless of ability to pay."

## UK - Plans for a fourth stand

Oxford United have concluded safety talks over plans for a temporary fourth stand at the Kassam Stadium. It is expected that the club will submit an application shortly for a 735-seater stand, to remain for a minimum of three seasons. United's managing director Greig Box Turnbull said he hoped the new stand would be in place for the club's game against Swindon Town on 10 September. He added: "We have had extensive talks with the Oxford Safety Advisory Group. "All the indications in our conversations with the council is they don't have a problem with it."



## New Zealand - 'Blue Tick' scheme

Nutritionist Claire Turnbull is the latest to back the SPCA's



Blue Tick scheme to support animal welfare. The wellness author and speaker has taken up the role of goodwill ambassador for the charity "My grandpa was a farmer and I was brought up to understand the importance of knowing where your food comes from."

## USA - Building gets an overhaul



The 7,200 square-foot building at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Vermont Street will soon have retail and living spaces as renovations continue in Corktown. Scot Turnbull will convert the structure into retail and town home rental space. Turnbull isn't sure how long the retail half of the project was vacant. When John Blaser built the place in 1880, he lived upstairs and filled the storefronts with a drugstore and shoe store. More recently, it housed the Lucky Clover Bar.

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On March 26, the remaining Texans left El Rancho Salado and were marched to San Luis Potosi, arriving on April 5. From there they traveled towards Mexico City, arriving at Huehuetaco on the 24th. There as a result of a petition from Colonel Antonio Canales to Santa Anna, Ewen Cameron, the leader of the Texan escape from El Rancho Salado was also to be executed. Cameron was taken from his companions at midnight and shot on the morning of April 25, several hours after his Texan comrades had departed.

## THE TEXANS IN PRISON AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT RELEASE

On April 26, 1843, the prisoners arrived in Mexico City. From Mexico City the Texans were marched to Tacubaya, a small village about four miles from Mexico City in which the President's Palace was located. The prisoners were told that they would get new clothes if they would work on constructing a road. The Texans at first refused the new clothes, but later agreed to take them when they were informed that the clothes would be forced upon them at the point of bayonets if not "willfully" accepted. The Texans worked as slowly and unprofitably on the road as their captors would allow.

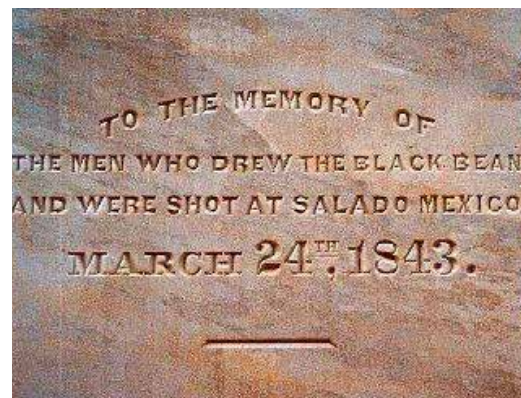
Sixteen Texans escaped from Perote prison with 9 reaching safety, and 7 recaptured. On September 12, 1844, Santa Anna issued an order for the release of all Texans.

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*Monument Hill, La Grange, Texas*

It seems Turnbull's have difficulty restraining themselves from being involved in Border conflicts.



*La Breith Sona!*

Wishing a muckle celebration to all our May/June Birthdays!

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