

## TWO BEST FRIENDS CELEBRATING 1ST HALLOWEEN

*In the earliest times of Celtic circles, the 1st November, has celebrated All Saints Day in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the Isles of Man.*

All Saints Eve was established in the eighth century. It was also known as All Hallows Eve, which has now changed and recognised worldwide as Hallowe'en or Halloween; the beginning of the three-day observance of Allhallowtide.

Despite these name changes, many traditional habits have survived long into the Christian era to this day. It is a time of celebrating the ending of one harvest season and the beginning of a new one. All Hallows Eve conjured up the supernatural and many customs are still practiced in certain circles today. Halloween is an important event on the calendar.

Pagan witchcraft added to these Celtic beliefs. It was also a time of remembering the departed loved ones. This involved setting up an empty chair in a quiet corner, together with a small plate of food for the invisible guests when they visited the house, one hour before midnight. In some areas, bonfires were lit to keep the evil spirits away.

Children dressed in old clothes so that they would not be conspicuous on the eve and could venture out safely without being



*For his first Halloween, dressed up in his Every Dog Needs a Baby shirt and puppy hat, Luis was "a dog's best friend." Luis is the son of Roberto Copa Matos and Elizabeth Turnbull, Hillsborough, North Carolina, USA and the grandson to Wally and Betty Turnbull.*



*The Darin Trimble family, Huntsville, Alabama, USA send Halloween greetings to all.*

detected by wicked ghouls. In groups, they would visit the poor and other families, singing and handing out Pour Cakes as gifts. Moreover, hollowed out turnips and pumpkins for the observance were used as scary lighting.

On the eve, children also celebrated with parties and dancing as well as having fun with popular games. Apple dookin' involved having their hands tied behind their backs while trying to grab an apple by the mouth from a water filled tub.

Another popular game involved trying to eat treacle scones suspended by string. Participants were blindfolded and with their hands tied, the challenge ended with very messy faces. turning was yet another pastime for predictions.



*'Halloween' painted by Daniel Maclise in 1883, shows people feasting, playing divination and 'dookin' games in Ireland*

*It'll soon be Christmas, with holidays and much merriment. So from the editors, we wish readers a peaceful and holy . . .*

**Nollaig Mhath & Bliadhna Mhath Ùr**  
(Merry Christmas & Happy New Year)



**FOR MORE HALLOWEEN CELEBTATION PICTURES . . .**

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## Authors Corner

### Samantha Turnbull

Born at Lismore, in northern New South Wales, Australia, Samantha Turnbull as a multi-media reporter and children's writer was looking for inspiring books for her daughter. Yet she was not impressed with what was available. There existed a dominant bias toward 'Princesses and Fairies'.



So, undeterred she decided to write her own variations, challenging the status quo and illustrated by the ridiculously prolific and talented Sarah Davis.

The result is the highly successful The Anti-Princess Club, a theme which aimed

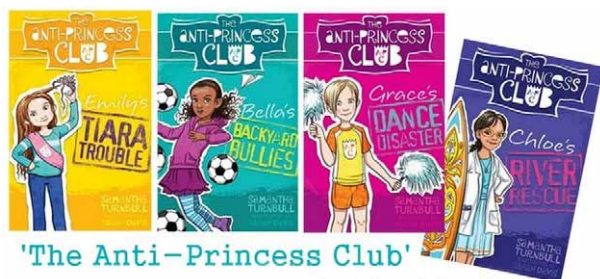
at convincing her children there is more to life than this. Featuring girls who dared to be different and without the need to be rescued. But that doesn't mean that boys can't read them.

The quest began with her first book aimed at ages 7 to 11 years, with the aim of making young readers' start to think deep and feel free to ask questions.

The first book of five publications was 'Emily's Tiara Trouble' illustrated by the New Zealand born prolific and talented Sarah Davis. The book quickly became a very popular seller. The follow-up publications now welcome the readers to the lives of Bella, Grace, Chloe and Emily in the series.

See her books on: <https://www.allenandunwin.com/>

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## LOOKING FOR A GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS . . .

### Children's stories . . .

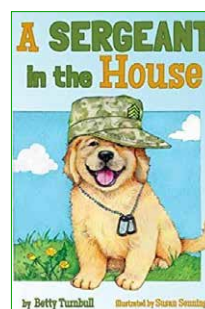
by Betty Turnbull

Rated: ★★★★★

The author of several Scotland-themed children's books. Her stories set in the real past of Scotland, adds a dimension of interesting history and a beginning understanding of heritage.

In addition each book has a positive impact of self-worth through her characters and lessons learned.

Available: [TotallyTurnbull.com](http://TotallyTurnbull.com) and [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)



### Borders Tales and Trails

Rated: ★★★★★

*Illustrated with colour photographs and maps*

Available in paperback, the book is divided into two sections.

The first, Tales, tackles the early history and stories of Scotland and

the Borders. The second section, Trails, outlines places to visit in the Borders, with a particular influence of notable Turnbull sights, battlegrounds, and castles. Included with the description are directions and what's there.

It is not intended to be a complete history or guide book, but a book about the Borders as seen through the eyes of one clan.

**Amazon USA:** <http://a.co/d/5S3dI3I>

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# THE TURNBULL/TRIMBLE DNA PROJECT

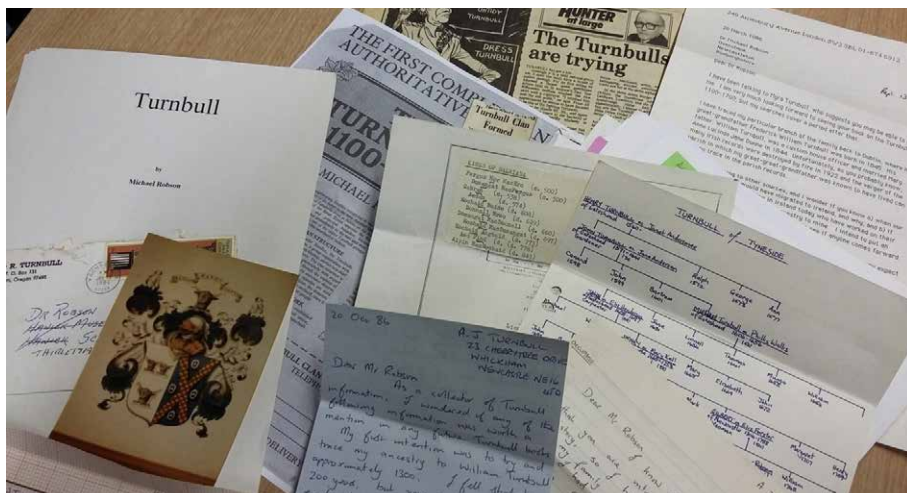
*In 1991 the Turnbull Clan Association decided to support Dr Michael Robson in his development of a history of the Turnbells. Dr Robson was then editor of the Clan's newsletter and former Curator at Wilton Lodge.*

As a founding member of the Borders Family History Society, he was well known among genealogists and took a special interest in the Turnbells.

His many years of research resulted in six completed chapters and plans for as many as fifteen more before his death in 2017. Recently his widow, Janet, contacted TCA about having the work completed and published and Fiona Turnbull was asked to look into supporting this venture.

After two trips to Janet's home in the Outer Hebrides, Fiona brought home five boxes of Dr Robson's notes and research. Sorting through a box of correspondence she was surprised to see some familiar handwriting that belonged to her 2nd cousin Kitty Turnbull.

Kitty had met Dr. Robson at the first Turnbull Clan gathering in Hawick and wanted to provide him with details of her family line. Fiona shared some of the 1830s letters that Kitty had saved at this year's AGM and was surprised to see photocopies of them in an envelope sent to Dr Robson.



*Some of the samples of the paperwork he worked through for his genealogical research*

trate on Roxburghshire. To quote from his original publicity: "The story of the Turnbells begins with a discussion of the name itself and its origins – not forgetting the episode with the bull – and its first recorded appearance in the Borders. The scene is then set with a description of the land of the Turnbells and the places with which the main families were associated.

The little known valley of the Rule Water, a river that rises close to the Border, was the home of the 'chief' Turnbull, who had his residence at Bedrule, and also of many of his relatives and supporters, who were members of neighbouring families occupying at one time most of the farms in the area.

Another leading line of Turnbells lived at Minto, on the north side of the River Teviot opposite the Rule Water, and principal branches became established immediately to the east and west. Curiously, one of the oldest Turnbull groups was outside this heartland at Selkirk."alone.

## DNA NEWS – MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING

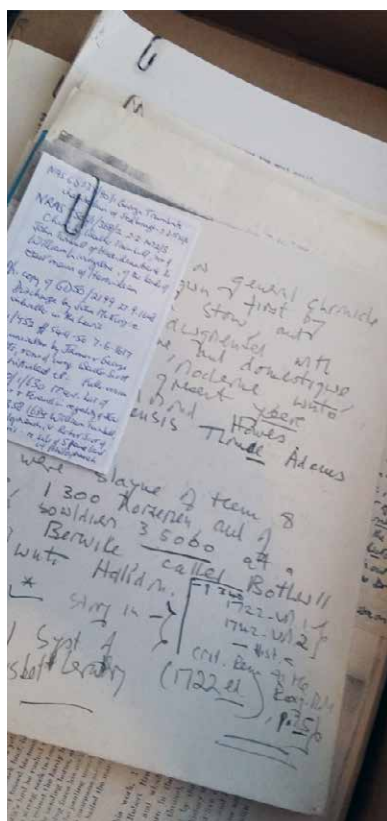
*This year we have seen some exciting growth in the number of members in the DNA project.*

So far we have 136 members with 7 joining in the last month alone. Some of the geographic lines opening up include Carlisle, Linlithgow, and hopefully the mysterious John Turnbull of the Coromandel line in Australia. There has been kit request that should link up Dr. Andrew Turnbull of New Smyrna Beach fame too.

As a reminder we accept both the yDNA or FamilyFinder kits only available through FTDNA and autosomal kits from **ancestry.com**, **23andMe**, or **MyHeritage** which can be transferred at no additional cost. FTDNA runs sales during the holiday season that include upgrades so if you have only taken a 12 or 25 marker Ytest then this is the time to upgrade for better results.

You can find the Trimble-Turnbull project at <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/trimble/about/background> or by contacting the project administrator,

Fiona Turnbull, at [infogoddess@hotmail.com](mailto:infogoddess@hotmail.com)



A loose photo in the box was also familiar. It was the family coat of arms representing both the Turnbells and Weddells the original of which is with her brother's family.

Other familiar letter writers included Albert Turnbull of Gateshead who included his now well-known Turnbells of Tyneside lineage. In fact many Turnbells wrote to Dr Robson to supply him with additional information about various branches of the Turnbull family.

Dr Robson's plan was to cover 1100-1700 and to arrange the chapters largely by parish and to concen-



## USA - 'The Rocketeer' Star



The 14 year old Kitana Turnbull is the voice behind a new Disney Junior's series in 'The Rocketeer'.

She commented "I love Kit's character. She is not only brave and fearless but she is kind. The whole idea of a young empowered girl with the ability to become a hero because of her jet rocket pack is exciting in itself, it almost feels like that could be you or me." She added, "The story line with the life lessons is relatable to all young kids. I am honoured to voice and bring to life this strong and brave female character that stands as a good role model that we can all look up to."

## Isle of Man - Record is broken

Alex Turnbull has triumphed at the Stockport Open Swimming competition. He has broken the Isle of Man junior record for the 50 metre breast-stroke at the Stockport Open in mid-November. The competition, falling days before his 16th birthday, was his final chance to take the junior record that has stood since 2014, before becoming a "senior". Alex can now focus on the next level of his performance.



## Virgin Islands – Gender sensitive language policies



Representative of the Second District, Melvin 'Mitch' Turnbull has made a call for a gender-sensitive language to be reflected in public policies; especially documents such as the Virgin Islands Constitution and the Standing Orders that

govern the House of Assembly. He urged the Standing Orders Committee and Premier to consider changing the language to reflect what he described as a new era. "I believe the time has come. I believe we are far past the time where we address the gender equality, the gender discrimination and the sensitivity to how the language of the Standing Orders and even the constitution is written."



by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor

## Canada – 'Micro preem' baby indirectly helps his family



On the 27th March last year, Bodhi Turnbull was born four months premature! A time when his parents Trevor and his wife Sharmila won't forget. Bodhi weighed a mere 1 pound 3 ounces (590 grams) and was considered in the extreme category of pre-term births, a 'Micro preemie'. His chances of survival were less than 35%. As fledgling business professionals the Turnbulls felt helpless. "Looking at a baby so small, you can't believe he's alive" Turnbull says. It was also the day they became aware that miracles are just possible. Bodhi spent the next four months in intensive care while his parents visited him daily. Bodhi is now healthy and recently took his first steps. He and his brother Logan, were the motivation his parents needed to create their SOLOpreneur business.

## Norway - The Norwegian habits influence a visitor

Woollen garments are regarded the norm in Norway. "Wearing wool tights, top, gloves and socks," Crystal Turnbull said who moved from South Africa just over a year ago. "I am glad that I picked up this habit of going out in the cold, because at least this has helped me to be more active," commented the Nepalese PhD student. Other local habits she has picked up included unusual Norwegian modes of expression, such as long pauses in conversations and actively going around a room of strangers and shaking hands with every single one. Overall she has appreciated the positive effects the Scandinavians have had on her.



## USA - A handmade Halloween



Elissa Turnbull, who coordinates children's events and programming, has helped children plan and create unique Halloween costumes "When I was a child, we spent the fall (autumn) months making our Halloween costumes". Turnbull, in collaboration with the child, flushed out their concept, and helped the child decide on the final costume design. Kids brought materials and supplies along when they knew what to make.

## UK - Pets distressed by fireworks



Two radio shows aired to relax anxious pets on Bonfire Night. Retired Classic FM presenter Bill Turnbull brought back his special Pet Sounds show in early November. The soothing selection of music aimed to keep pets and their owners calm in the season of fireworks. For several years people have been raising concerns about their animals distressed. Sainsbury's also helped by announcing they had stopped selling fireworks amid concerns for pets and the elderly.

## USA - Home for Christms launch

Author and artist Rae Turnbull's latest book is "Home for Christmas" is a beautifully produced collection of Rae's heartwarming observations on her favourite holiday. Included are all of the Christmas-themed poetic essays that appeared in her syndicated newspaper column during its 20 year run. The book also includes new essays that have never-before been published – with several illustrations by Turnbull herself.



## Scotland – Soccer stars Celtic deal



Celtic is reported by the Scottish papers as interested in signing David Turnbull of Motherwell in January should intrigue the Hoops support. He was close to joining the Hoops earlier in the summer until a knee injury put paid to that. Now it seems that the deal could finally get approval. Should Turnbull sign for the Hoops, the prospect of he and Ryan Christie teaming up in the middle of the park is an exciting one. David Turnbull is very keen to seal his "dream" move to Celtic as the Hoops look at reigniting the failed move from summer.

## CAN YOU HELP LAURIE . . .

### REFLECTIONS FROM OUR PAST . . .



*A Turnbull crested coffee or chocolate cup and tea bowl, part of a tea set with spear-head decoration on rim of coffee cup and on inside of tea bowl c.1745-65. (A.C.)*

Author Laurie Jones is currently writing a book on Early Colonial New Zealand and is asking if there is anyone who may be able to verify and share on whether she thinks the initials 'GT', on this collection refer to possibly George Turnbull, the author of the book *Principals of Moral Philosophy* London 1740.

These artifacts now repose with the collections of the Turnbull National Library of New Zealand.

Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated and of course accredited to in whatever is fore-coming and penned. If you can help, please contact us at [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com).



**How will you celebrate this Christmas or Hogmanay?**

**Maybe you could share your celebration pictures with the Clan members?**

**Simply e-mail them with captions to: [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com)**

## EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO 2019 AUSTRALIAN VISIT

*The 2019 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo was also held in October, at the ANZ Homebush Stadium in Sydney, Australia.*

The world renowned spectacular has a proud history with the Australian people, who were not disappointed as they witnessed the exciting presentation with 1500 plus cast in the largest Tattoo ever produced, backed by a 1:1 replica (*the face of*) Edinburgh Castle that created a splendid if somewhat surreal effect.

Many Pacific Islander Nations performances were very entertaining, as were the dancers who were also very good. Additionally, when the well-known sounds of bagpipes and drums performed, a few tears flowed during the extravaganza.



### It's your Newsletter . . .

*So if you have a birth announcement, or any specific family event that you'd like to share with the 2,500+ Turnbull Clan families, please let us know. We'd love to share.*

*Send photos, information, or stories of your adventures to the [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com)*



## THE MANY VARIATIONS OF TURN-E-BULL SINCE 1315

### Can you add to this list of 36?

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| Trembley  | Trenibley | Trimble    | Trimbill    | Trumme    |
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| Trumell   | Trummell  | Trumbul    | Trumbull    | Turnbal   |
| Turnbale  | Turnball  | Turnbel    | Turnbell    | Turnebull |
| Turnbile  | Turnbill  | Turnbo     | Turnbuck    | Turnbull  |
| Turnbyle  |           |            |             |           |

. . . and the sept (subdivision) clan family name 'of Rule' or 'Ruhl'



# TURNBULL CLAN REPRESENTATION IN VIRGINIA



*Full view of tent Richmond, Virginia USA*

wreaths made by Caitlin Trimble. We intend to make another appearance in 2020 and will remember to not only enjoy the vista but also take photos!

The second showing of the Turnbull Clan by the Trimbles' was at the Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games located at Richmond Raceway in Richmond, Virginia - <http://vacelticfestival.com>. This year marks the largest gathering our tent has ever seen! Thankfully, we were prepared with



*John Trimble, Lil Chapin (a kidney recipient) and Nichole Trimble (the kidney donor)*

*The Turnbull Clan was represented well in Virginia USA at two long-standing events. It's fantastic to see family, friends, and old acquaintances as well as meet new. Even more so when it's a member of the Turnbull Clan!*

Our first event was at the Virginia Scottish Games and Festival located on the grounds of Great Meadow in The Plains, Virginia - <http://www.vascottishgames.org>. This was the first time the Turnbull Clan had representation and several regular visitors were excited to see us. The views from the meadow top were breathtaking and put you in the mind of generations past. Our tent received a lot of attention from visitors admiring the posters provided by the association and the



*New Tent hosts, John and Nichole Trimble who have already hosted two events. Here they are proudly showing their Tent award.*



*Claudia Trimble, Harrison Turnbull, Cindy Turnbull, and Bill Trimble*

3, 10 x 10 tents. Our tent was awarded the trophy for The Most Celtic Spirit from the Irish American Society of Greater Richmond featuring on local news, describing the festival and games.

We were especially blessed to welcome honorary member Lil Chapin who received a kidney donation from Nichole Trimble earlier in the year. Lil is a cousin of Nichole's and had kidney failure due to complications of Lupus (now in remission). Both are doing exceptionally well post surgery. Anyone interested in donating an organ can visit <https://www.donatelife.net>

We would like to extend our thanks to Bill and Claudia Trimble for their fellowship and mentorship as TCA tent hosts. Their experience and knowledge was instrumental as we took on the challenge of hosting our first tent. We are grateful for their help and continued support. I urge anyone who is considering hosting a tent for the Turnbull Clan to get in touch with them. - [twoscots1217@earthlink.net](mailto:twoscots1217@earthlink.net)



# ALL HALLOWS' EVE CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Past history has shown that the Turnbull Clan has never been backward in taking part in anything of note. Notwithstanding the 31st October Hallowe 'en' or what is now known as Halloween, is no exception.

The ancient traditions of marking the end of one Celtic harvest year and welcoming in the new one, has always been celebrated at this time. Today, however, we see variations to be more on dressing up in more colourful and haunting clothing for the night and well . . . just being with friends for their trick-or treat visits.

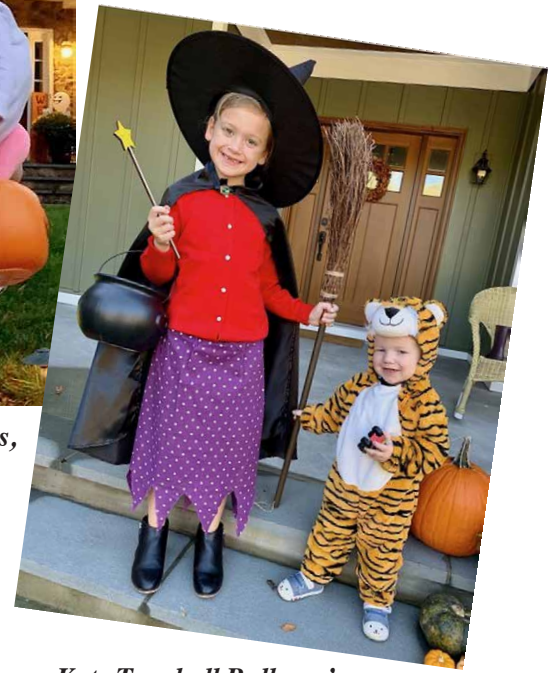
It can be said that the modern-day Halloween traditions of pumpkin lanterns, dookin' for apples and trick-or-treating have their origins in the ancient Celtic traditions.



*Coco Turnbull Curati and her costume. It was made by her mum, Kirsty Turnbull. Coco's grandfather, Alan Turnbull submitted the photo.*



*Ben Turnbull and daughters, Emmy and Kendall live in Richmond, Virginia, USA*



*Kate Turnbull Rullman's children, Sally and Jack. Charlottesville, Virginia, USA*

## GAELIC SOUL CAKES, THE ORIGINAL TRICK-OR-TREAT

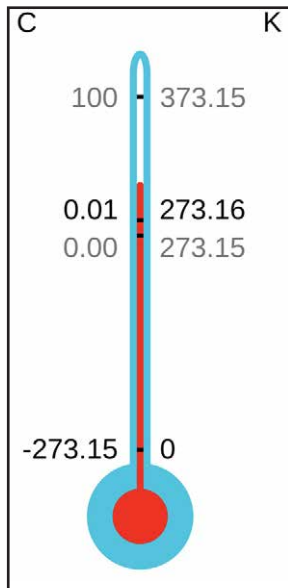


A fact not well known is the practise of 'trick-or-treating' on All Hallows Eve had its origins as an early medieval tradition by both Protestant and Catholic Christians. It was considered an important part of the commemoration to the dead. Soul cakes or Soulmass-cakes (a small round cake) were traditionally baked for Allhallowstide (Halloween, All Saints' Day and All Souls Day) and given out to the soulers, who were mainly children and the poor. They were shared for the souls of the givers, their friends and to the poor. Sharing Soul Cakes went from door to door on the eve of All Hallows or Halloween. Records show that singing and saying prayers to the children formed a part of the ceremony. This practise continued until around the 1930's, although in a few countries this tradition continues.

Some churches invited people to come and receive sweets from them, then prayed for their souls, friends, even pets. In some areas, these Soul Cakes were blessed and in exchange, the receivers had to promise to pray for the soul of a deceased relative. If there were any Soul Cakes left over, they would then be shared out between the distributing families.

# SCOTTISH INVENTIONS - ABSOLUTE ZERO - LORD KELVIN THOMSON

Compiled by Kenneth Turnbull



In 1848, Lord Kelvin Thomson a Mathematical Physicist of Largs, western Scotland, devised a scale based on the idea that his concept of absolute zero became important. Based in a laboratory at the University of Glasgow, he worked on the laws of thermodynamics and was influential in unifying the emerging discipline of physics in its modern form.

He remained as Professor of Natural Philosophy for over 50 years and was also the first Scottish Scientist to be elevated to the House of Lords.

He saw the need for an absolute temperature scale where the lowest possible would be set at zero. Absolute temperatures are marked as units of kelvin. Kelvin is now known for determining its correct value as an absolute minimum temperature.

This scale has now become the standard for scientific measurement, particularly at the high end of temperatures, such as those in stars and at the low end where the motion molecules move more slowly to the point where molecule motion stops altogether. This is zero on the kelvin scale -273.15° Celsius or -459.67° Fahrenheit.



*A pair of mounts for air thermometers used in an absolute zero experiment*

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