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NEWSLETTER

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IN MEMORIAM

JOHN F TURNBULL, Founder and Chairman of the TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION, Scotland. Passed away February 22, 1982 at Hawick, Roxburghshire, Scotland.

IMMORTALITY

Do **not** stand at my grave and weep...
I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain...
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awake in the morning's hush,
I am the swift upflinging rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft star-shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry...
I am not there. I did not die.

Author unknown

We knew him but a short while but his memory will be loved
and cherished forever. REST IN PEACE

The news of the passing of John F Turnbull was received early in March and no doubt will be a shock to many of our clan members here in Australia who have had the opportunity of knowing him. John was a member of the "Nursery House-Bonchester Bridge" branch of the Turnbull Clan, and has many relatives here in Australia, some of whom are now members of the Clan Association of which he was the founder.

The news was also received with great shock by our cousins in the USA, and the above immortality message is reprinted from the US newsletter which was recently received from our Clan Secretary in Chicago.

CLAN CONSTITUTION

At the last meeting of our committee on April 7, a draft for a constitution of the Australian branch of the Association was submitted and as soon as it can be printed a copy will be distributed to all members.

MEETINGS

Regular meetings of our committee will be held in future, bi-monthly commencing from Wednesday June 2, 1982, and then on the first Wednesday every second month at the Blacktown RSL Club, Second Ave, Blacktown NSW. The annual general meeting has been set for the first Wednesday in August at the above venue. All meetings to commence at 8pm. It would be appreciated if as many members as possible attend these meetings whenever possible, and of course our country and interstate members will be very welcome whenever they are in the area.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is steadily increasing and is getting very close to the 200 mark here in Australia. At this stage we have identified members from thirteen different branches of the Turnbull clan here in Australia. Some detail of these branches are as following;

Macclesfield-Portland	53	members
Coromandel	19	"
Minto Cleughead-Scotland	5	"
Broadford Vic.	4	"
Ashington-Northumberland	2	"
Coghills Ck Vic.	3	"
Forfarshire-Scotland	2	"
Nursery House-Bonchester Bridge	2	"
Edinburgh	2	"
Eyemouth Scotland	2	"
Midlothian-Edinburgh	1	"
Diana	1	"
Isle of man	1	"

These branches are identified by either the Ship on which they arrived on in Australia, their origin in the UK before coming to Australia, or the place they settled after coming to Australia. No doubt many more of our members belong to these branches, as well as other branches we have no knowledge of. If you can let us know some detail of your branch it would be appreciated.

Our membership here in Australia is distributed around the states as following;

NSW	98,	Vic	58,	Qld	21,	SA	8,
WA	2,	Tas	1,	New Zealand	1.		

GENEALOGY

Many of our members have responded and either returned the "Birth Brief" form which we included with our last newsletter, or have sent in a detailed family tree for our records. From these we have been able to record some 1000 names into our index, with many more to record as time permits. If you have not already done so please let us know some detail of your particular branch, as this helps other members who are researching their family origins. Recently we have been able to assist two of our new members, and have been able to put them in touch with other members of their families of whom they had no previous knowledge. Maybe we can assist you- but only if we have some information to start from.

US TURNBULL GATHERING

From our Secretary in Chicago we have received some details of their proposed gathering which is to be held at the GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN GAMES, Linville, North Carolina, on July 10-11, 1982. If any member is planning a visit to the USA they are very welcome to attend. Details are available from our US secretary, Mrs D Turnbull Berk, 1204 W.Lonnquist Blvd, Mt Prospect, Illinois 60056.

AUSTRALIAN GATHERING

Our committee is now investigating the prospects of holding our own gathering in the near future. Further details will be advised as soon as they come to hand.

Since the passing of our Chairman in Scotland we have received no news on what is taking place at HQ re the continuation of the clan in the UK. As previously mentioned we have had correspondence from our clan secretary in Chicago with the news that they are carrying on in an independent capacity until clarification of the situation in Scotland. We have decided to continue along the same lines as our US branch, also as an independent organisation until the Scottish situation is clarified.

As some of our clan items come from Scotland, such as the "I saved the King" booklet, clan tartans, silver brooches etc, we do not as yet know when we will be able to

get further supplies of these items. Those members who have ordered booklets etc which are as yet not been supplied will be notified when they are available as these items were ordered prior to the passing of our chairman. With regards to the Turnbull Whiskey, this is no longer available as import costs make it impractical to handle, and was a product of our late chairman, John F Turnbull. All other items which are locally produced are still available.

ENQUIRIES

Can anyone help with information on any descendents of the following;

John Turnbull, Engineer and Elizabeth Campbell. Three daughters; Mary Anne b 6-2-1842 Sydney, baptised by Henry Turnbull and John Murdoch (Presbyterian). Elizabeth b 1-4-1844 Carcoar NSW. Emma Eliza b 14-4-1846 Carcoar NSW. Mary Anne married James Staples 18-12-1861 at St Matthews Windsor NSW and died 17-6-1921 Auburn NSW.

It is not known whether they had any sons. Elizabeth Campbell may have died c-1852. A John Turnbull, Engineer and a widower married Melona Brown formerly Tate at Sydney c-1853 later moving to Armidale NSW, where a daughter Barbara Cecelia was born 27-9-1856, and another daughter Ursula b c-1854.

Elizabeth, a daughter of the first marriage, married James Murphy at Armidale NSW 25-12-1861. Barbara Cecelia married Henry Nixon at Armidale 8-11-1871.

Any information on any of the above family would be appreciated. S J Turnbull, P.O.Box 375 St Marys NSW 2760.
