



# turnbull clan association

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\*NEWSLETTER\*

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1983 has been a year which has seen gatherings of the clan held by our four established branches of the clan around the world.

Sherwood Farm, Tussock Ck via Invercargill NZ, was the venue for the first gathering of the Turnbull clan to be held in New Zealand, on January 30. Some one hundred Turnbull's turned up at the home of Pat and Derek Turnbull at Sherwood Farm for the gathering, with some having travelled many hundreds of miles. It is beleived that the nucleus of the NZ branch of the clan was formed at this function and we wish them every success in the venture.

On April 30, we here in Australia held our first official gathering at the Masonic Centre, Orchard Hills NSW, where some 140 members, their families and guests attended. Although we were not blessed with good weather for the occasion, everyone enjoyed themselves meeting long lost relatives, as well as the many members of the other branches of the clan. The attendance represented some nine different branches of the clan. My own branch which was well represented, had on display a large family tree showing most of the descendents going back to around 1780. This was soon added to by other members who had brought along their family trees, etc, for display. Dinner and dancing were provided, with many staying until around 11pm.

The members were entertained by a group of young Scottish dancers doing some of the traditional Scottish dance routines, and proved themselves equal to any of their Scottish counterparts.

As guests of the clan, we were pleased to welcome Mr and Mrs Colin and Beverley Campbell, who were representing the Clan Campbell Society of NSW.

A Turnbull wall plaque, depicting the clan Crest and Coat of Arms, was raffled on the evening and was won by Mrs Jill Eagles, from Campbelltown NSW.

On May 20-22, Myra Turnbull held a gathering for the members in Scotland. The program included a Ceilidh(Kay-lee), and a lecture given by Dr Michael Robson describing some of the places to be visited on a bus tour. The bus tour visited Turnbull country via Philiphaugh, Jedburgh and Ancrum, as well as other places of interest. A Grand Dinner was held on Saturday evening, and on Sunday morning a Turnbull Memorial Service was held at the Bedrule Church. The Horses and Hounds Inn, at Bonchester Bridge, was the site for refreshments and farewells.

Dr Robson has moved from Hawick to take up another appointment at Thirlestane Castle, Lauder, but he still continues to take an interest in the Turnbull Clan.

Myra also reports that her son Barrie, who now resides in London working as an architect, was to be married in August 83. Her daughter Debbie was married in August 82.

May 28-29, at the Costa Mesa Highland Games, Costa Mesa, California was the venue for the clan gathering in the USA, with members attending from Oregon, Illinois and California. Dottie Berk reports that many Turnbull's who did not know of the existence of the clan Association, stopped by their tent for a chat, and were sent away with membership application forms etc. Those members who attended enjoyed themselves immensley. The Bannockburn Ball, was held on the following weekend, June 4, which is sponsored by the Scottish Lowland Clans & Families of North America Inc., where there were some 24 Turnbulls plus their guests in attendance, including Dr Byron Turnbull, who walked away with a valuable prize.. a Kilt in a Tartan of his choice. Dottie herself did not come away empty handed. She was overwhelmed when presented with a large hand made wooden shield, bearing the Turnbull Crest and Coat of Arms.( See enclosed photo). The presentation reads as follows:

"Presented to Dorothy Turnbull Berk, Convenor and Founder- Turnbull Clan Association of the U.S.A. on the occasion of the Bannockburn Gala and Grand Ball, 4 June 1983- By Scottish Lowland Clans and Families Society of North America, Inc. and Northwest Orient Airlines- Our Official Air Carrier.(s) Wales Wallace, Chairman, (s) Bruce B Sanfillippo, District Sales Manager- Los Angeles.

Created at the MacBeth Wooden Shield Armoury- South Laguna and Burbank, California (Mergotroid Merlin MacDuff, X111, of that ilk, Sole Prop.) R A Moskun, Head Serf. Witnessed this 4th day of June, 1983, (s) Richard Glen Sewell, Vice Consul New Zealand."

While mentioning the US, we were pleased to receive a visit from Dottie and her husband Bill, on the weekend of September 3rd, while they were on a holiday tour of Australia - which turned out to be a marvellous weekend, where we had a chance to discuss many problems concerned with the Association, both here and in the USA, and renew a freindship which began in Scotland in 1981.

Dottie informs us that our Canadian Cousins are in the process of forming their own branch of the Clan Association. " Major Dave T Turnbull, Air Force Provost Marshal, now stationed in Cyprus, expects to return to Canada sometime in July. At that time he hopes to undertake the task of forming a Canadian Branch of TCA".

#### GENEALOGY:

USA. Mrs Ella Leigh, 13665 Independence Drive, Manassas, Virginia 22111, wishes to correspond with anyone knowing anything about Andrew Turnbull, who settled Smyrna, East Florida, about 1767. He moved to Charleston, South Carolina, and died there about 1792. She needs names of his children and grandchildren, and hopes someone has this information, and will share it with her.

Bruce Chapin Duncan(a member of the Donnachaidh Clan) arrived at the Costa Mesa Games, during the Turnbull gathering, with some interesting family books. He has a Turnbull connection: "George Cairns Turnbull - born Berwick, Scotland, 1879 - died Tacoma, Washington, October 29, 1924. Golf professional and instructor, and manufacturer of golf equipment. Married Esther Ruth Luther - one child, Robert Luther Turnbull, born August 14, died August 22, 1913". Anyone seeking further information can contact Bruce Chapin Duncan, 1147 W. Memory Lane, Apt 10B, Santa Ana, California 92706.

We have received an enquiry from Salt Lake City, USA, seeking information on a Scottish-Australian family. Dr Adam Turnbull- served in the 57th Regiment, in the American Wars, under the Earl of Moira. He married Susannah Baynes, in St Martins in the Field, London, England in 1800, and was later medical officer at Edinburgh Castle. His son, Dr Adam Turnbull jnr b 1803-d 1891, was a medical practitioner, public servant and Presbyterian Minister. He arrived in Tasmania in 1825 with his wife, to join his widowed mother, and was Colonial Secretary of Tasmania, living at Campbell Town, Tas.

If anyone has any information on this family, would you please pass it on to us here in Sydney, where we can pass it on to our enquirer.

I am in the process of compiling details of the pedigrees of the Turnbull families, mainly those here in Australia, but I also have many on the overseas families including Scotland, England, USA and NZ. These pedigrees give details of some 104 different branches of the clan, and run from just a few names on one page to in excess of fifty pages. I am seeking further details of the Australian Turnbolls, from anyone who is able to supply them, especially details of the descendants of the "Coromandel" branch (John Turnbull and Ann Warr) who arrived in Australia in 1802 on the "Coromandel". It is later planned to have copies of these pedigrees printed and made available to anyone interested.

#### Membership Fees and Cards.

Due to the increasing costs of printing, postage etc, it will be necessary to increase membership fees to \$10-00 p.a. as from January 1984. We will also be issuing a membership card to all financial members, showing expiry date and where possible the branch of the clan which the member belongs. If the card does not show a branch name, we have no information on that members family line.

In the last newsletter I requested anyone having a copy of the books "Pioneers of Portland Head" and "Rulewater and its People", to allow me to borrow them. I would like to express my thanks to Mr & Mrs Dennis Turnbull of Ryde NSW, for allowing me to borrow their copy of "Pioneers of Portland Head". I have located a member who has a copy of "Rulewater and its People", along with a copy of "Annalls of a Border Club", both by George Tancred of Weens, and expect to be able to borrow these in the near future.

For anyone researching the Turnbolls of the Scottish Borders, these last two books are a must, as they contain details of many of the Border families, including Turnbull, Oliver, Elliott etc.

Pioneers of Portland Head, by R M Arndell, covers the families of the Coromandel Settlers of the Hawkesbury River district of NSW, which includes the families of John Turnbull and Ann Warr.

#### Research Enquiries.

We are now able to assist in research for members and non-members, who are researching the Turnbull families. Our indexes are gradually increasing and I now have some 6000 names cross referenced including some 1000 names extracted from the Old Parish Registers of Glasgow, Most of which are not included in the Mormon CFI indexes.

Also I have copies of the NSW birth-death & marriage indexes prior 1900, and the Qld death-marriage indexes prior 1900, both on microfiche. The 1828 NSW census, and various other research volumes. From the Genealogical Society of Utah, Microfiche index, I have copies of the Turnbull entries for Scotland, and the counties of Cumberland, Derby and Devon, in England. Also available is a list of all Turnbull entries in the Probate Office of NSW.

For financial members we can reply to one research request only, free of charge. All successive requests will attract a \$5-00 fee. For non-members a fee of \$10-00 per request will apply. Photocopies will be priced according to size and quantity.

#### Souvenir Goods.

We have obtained from our US branch some new souvenir lines which include:

The "Turnbull Ballad", poem by John Leyden describing the "Turning of the Bull" by William of Rule in the fourteenth century. The ballad is on white parchment measuring 210x270mm(8"x11") and is suitable for framing.

Cap Badge, in polished pewter, depicting the Bulls head, surrounded by the belt and buckle Crest, 45mm dia, "I saved the King" motto. Can be worn as either a Cap badge, or if attached to a chain, as a pendant. Fitted with chain loop and clasp pin.

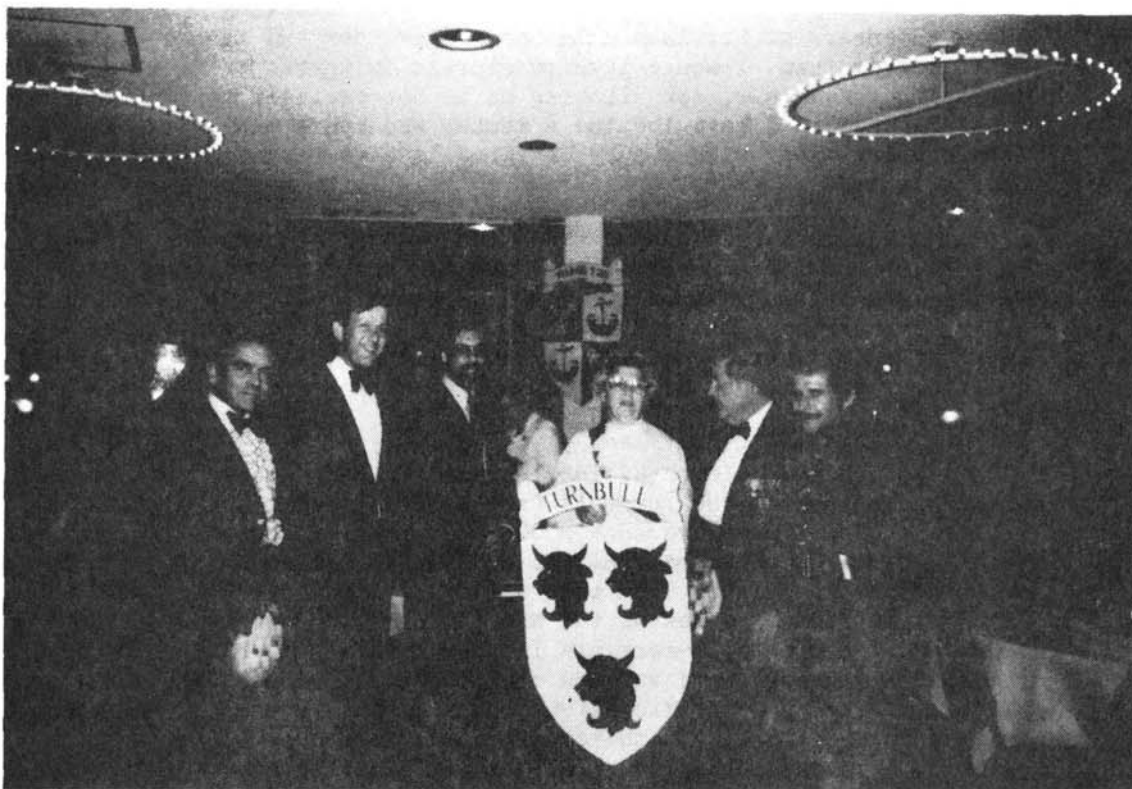
Kilt Pin, depicting the Bulls head (without the belt and buckle and motto), fitted with clasp pin and suitable as either Kilt pin or brooch, 70mm long.

We also have ample supplies of the booklet "Isaved the King", and our other souvenir lines.

Cassette tape of the address to the Turnbull Clan members, by Dr Michael Robson, at Hawick, Scotland, May 23, 1981. Covers historical background of the Turnbull clan going back to the eighth century. Also included on same tape is the description of the Turnbull country, by Dr Robson, during the clan bus tour of that date.

May we take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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#### Presentation ceremony

Presenting Turnbull Shield at the Bannockburn Ball sponsored by the Scottish Lowland Clans & Families of North America, Inc. are left to right: Norman B. Turnbull; Richard G. Sewell, Vice-Consul of New Zealand; Bruce B. Sanfillippo, District Sales Manager - Northwest Orient Airlines; Dorothy Turnbull Berk, Convenor & Founder, Clan Turnbull of the USA; Wales W. Wallace, Chairman - Scottish Lowland Clans & Families Society of N. A., Inc.; Richard A. Moskun, Vice President S. L. C. & F. Society, June 4, 1983

All interested members are cordially invited to join the Scottish Lowland Clans & Families of North America, Inc. For further information contact: Wales Wallace, Chairman, 35 So. Encino Road, South Laguna, California 92677.