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-NEWSLETTER-

News has recently been received from Myra Turnbull in Scotland, the latest Scottish Newsletter is included with this mailing. Myra is now in Local Government, and was elected to the Ward which had been represented by her husband, the late John F Turnbull, for some twelve years. Myra has a lot on her plate, with running of the Clan Association as well. Naturally this has been quite a task so she has handed over the sales of the Tartan goods to the manufacturer, Peter Anderson, of Galashiels. Enclosed is a copy of their circular, outlining the new arrangements for these goods. Samples of the Tartan materials can be obtained on request from here in Sydney to anyone wishing same.

Myra is holding a small Weekend Gathering on the 19th October, 1984, we look forward to hearing details of how the event turned out. She is at the moment making arrangements for the participation of the Turnbull Clan in the 1985 International Year, which is to take place sometime next May.

From New Zealand we have learnt that our organiser, Pat Turnbull, and family have had a disastrous year personally. During the floods in the Southland earlier this year their farm, which lies between two rivers, was completely inundated and some two feet of water went through their home, destroying quite a lot of personal property. Fortunately Pat reports no loss of life, but damage throughout the district running into millions of dollars.

Our organiser in the USA, Mrs Dottie Berk, has had a very busy year since we saw her here in Sydney some twelve months ago, attending various clan functions and gatherings throughout the country.

Earlier this year we were able to assist Dottie with her search for a copy of the "History of the Turnbull Family of Digby Nova Scotia", by John F Turnbull. Following up on a request in one of her newsletters for this volume, a search through our files here in Sydney turned up an address for the above John F Turnbull, in Ontario, Canada, which was given to myself while in Scotland some years ago. On receiving the address from us here in Sydney, Dottie checked and corrected the address, and sent off an enquiry to the author of the book. The following reply was received; "Dear Mrs Berk. I have received your recent letter

addressed to my father, John F Turnbull. It was just by chance that I received it, as I have been away from Orillia for the past 40 years, retired last May, and returned to Orillia and have the same R.R.#3 that my father had, and so his letter from you was delivered to me. He was the author of "The Turnbull Family-----" that you referred to and he died in 1963. Fortunately I have several copies of the book and am pleased to send you two copies for the T.C.A, US and Australian branch as requested.

As I have a good supply of the books, you could refer your Nova Scotia members (or others who may be interested) to me

"and I could send them a book, or books. The price is \$15-00 plus \$1-00 for mailing.

I enjoyed reading your Bull's Eye Bull-e-tin.

(Signed) Norman J Turnbull "

Undoubtedly from reading the above, it is fortunate that I did not try and contact the author of the above book sooner, as it would have never reached its destination. We have now received our copy of this book from our US branch of the Clan. Copies of the book can be obtained by contacting Mr Norman J Turnbull, Second Group Box R.R #3, Orillia, Ontario Canada, L3V-6H3. Price is \$15-00 Canadian, plus \$1-00 for mailing, however anyone from Australia interested in a copy would be advised to include extra to cover costs of overseas mailing. Goods coming by surface mail from the USA at present takes some 6 months.

From the US is news of another volume which has only recently been released;-

"The Waltons of Brunswick County, Virginia
descendents of George and Elizabeth (Rowe) Walton".
By: Joe C Tinney. 800 Lake Air Dr. Waco, Texas. 76710

Hard cover; 386 pages. Price: US\$17-95, available now. Released 1984.

Partial Contents: Members of 1147 families and 4339 descendants are recorded by line of descent and generation from the five children of George and Elizabeth, each with Walton ancestry identified. Other topics; "Other Walton Families in Colonial America"; "Waltons in England"(back to 13th century); wills; miscellaneous pictures and stories; migrations; and an index.

Some family lines included: Abernathy, Barclay, Beard, Black, Boggs, Bradley, Burkleo, Chambers, Cordle, Clary, Culbreth, Daniel, Delbridge, DeWare, Dromgoole, Enloe, Epperson, Finch, Floyd, Gage, Giles, Godfrey, Goodbread, Hall, Harris, Harrison, Heath, Hobbs, Holbrook, Hooper, Ingram, Kincheloe, Kuykendall, Lane, Lanier, Ledbetter, Locke, Maloney, McAlpin, Odom, Pearson, Phillips, Poarch, Powell, Rowell, Rucker, Saffold, Sims, Southall, Taylor, Tinney, TURNBULL, Waldrop, Walton, Valentine, Ward, Webb, Whitby, Whitesides, Whitten, Wyche, Yates, and Yearwood.
Please send any enquiries for this book to the above address.

We have recently received from a firm of solicitors in Victoria, copies of the following documents from the estates of a John Henry Llewellyn TURNBULL and his wife Annie Clara TURNBULL nee Turnbull.

- (1) Extract of Birth Entry for Annie Clara Turnbull b14-1-1884.
- (2) Certificate of Marriage between J.H.L.Turnbull and Annie Clara Turnbull.
- (3) Photograph (Annie Clara Turnbull)?
- (4) Photocopy of Probate of J.H.L.Turnbull, will.

Does any of our members know of this family?. If so could you let us know, for they may be interested in having copies of the above certificates etc. From my records here I beleive they may be descendants of a Henry Matthew Stacy Turnbull, and his wife Mary Ann Gallogly, nee Andrews, who were shopkeepers at Gundagai NSW in the 1850's.

Included with this newsletter is portion of an article taken from the "Windsor and Richmond Gazette", of April 6, 1923, relating to the Pioneering Turnbull family of the Hawkesbury district of NSW, which would be one of the oldest, if not the oldest Turnbull family in this country. This family is more commonly referred to as the "Coromandel" Turnbull family. The complete article covers some six pages, and the second part will be included with the next newsletter. This article is on the following three pages.

The following article is taken from the "Windsor and Richmond Gazette" April 6, 1923.

EBENEZER PIONEERS OF THE HAWKESBURY (By Geo G Reeve)
(For the "Windsor & Richmond Gazette.")

"Tis blest, when families survive,
E'en though their members widely part,
Their oneness ne'er can distance rive,
A circling pulse swells every heart:
That pulse to other lands can dive
And from the pole to tropic dive."

When John Turnbull and his wife, Ann Warr Turnbull, left their native village of Annan in Dumfriesshire in Scotland (Annan, by the way is just across the border from the English town of Carlisle in Cumberland)—Annan is also famous as being the birth place of Lieut-Col George Johnston, the crusher of the Rouse Hill rebellion in 1804, later on to become the tool of that unspeakable bully and land monopolist, John Macarthur, and when George Johnston received grants for his services to the military oligarchy (the Rum Corps officials), he used his native town's name as a prefix to his several estates, hence Annandale, Annan Lodge, Annangrove, etc. But to come back to the Pioneer Turnbells.

John Turnbull had established a business in London as a tailors cutter, where he had pursued that calling since about the age of 22 years. When in the year 1802 the couple heard that free settlers were wanted in New South Wales to cultivate the soil, he was induced to come here along with nine other families, with the promise of 100 acres of land each, on their arrival, and rations for a certain period afterwards, with the services of two assigned Government men assured also to them. (Settlers were usually allowed one assigned man for each 50 acres in their possession.) The story of Australia can be told in the lives of such as this worthy couple and their descendants.

The Turnbells' early struggles, as told in the lives of these pioneers, contain strange chapters of personal effort, fierce hardships, of defeat and victory, of disaster and triumph. The practical elements which made for success were predominant and to the fore. It was but the qualities of endurance and strength which tell in a new country. Of the Turnbells, it may be said they were what faith and circumstance made them. John Turnbull must have been of rugged, persevering stock, with the blood of the old Covenanters in him, and his life's story is well worth the telling. John Turnbull, pioneer, the founder of the family of Hawkesbury Turnbells, was born in the year 1750, learnt the trade of a tailor's cutter, and with his wife set up in business in London, where a number of children were born, these being the names of the English-born children of John and Ann Warr Turnbull, and their respective ages were in the year 1802 (as per the "Coromandel" list): — Ralph (1), aged 10 years; Mary, aged 5 years; James, aged 4 years; and Jessica, aged 19 months. After this pioneer couple aquired the 100 acres land grant just below where stands Ebenezer Church on the Hawkesbury, and where the pioneer built a stone residence on the high headland of the river (still there)(1984)— the place is worthy of preserving, in all conscience. There it was that great and good man, Dr. J.D.Lang, was "put up" on the various occasions of his visits to the Hawkesbury, and to the worthy minister Pioneer Turnbull told his experience at the hands of Governor King on his arrival by the "Coromandel" on the 13th June, 1802. After personally interviewing each settler that arrived on that occasion, the Governor, coming to Turnbull, exclaimed, "One foot in the grave and the other out of it! What brought you here, old man?". It is remarkable of the physical fitness and diligence that the pioneer lived to the age of 86 years; indeed, the Ebenezer "Burial Register Entry" of John Turnbull's death records his age at death as being 91 years!

On the 100 acres of land was grown wheat and other cereal crops. John Turnbull's name often appears in the lists of tenders for supplies to the Government in issues of "The Sydney Gazette" newspaper, of wheat pork and beef. On the Turnbull grant was also a fine orchard planted by the pioneer, where various kinds of stone and citrus fruits grew in abundance. On one occasion Pioneer Turnbull, in the late twenties of last century was taking a cart load of peaches for sale into the markets at Sydney and was "stuck up" by that notorious bushranger of the time, Russell Crawford, on the Parramatta road, near what is now Grace Bros' establishment. The old pioneer held his own and beat the ruffian off until assistance arrived.

I may here remark that Russell Crawford in the year 1832 was hanged in Sydney after his conviction for attempting to murder Mr George Banks Suttor by stealing up on the back of the chaise in which Suttor was driving and delivering him a violent blow on the head. That blow affected Mr Suttor all the rest of his life, although he lived to the great age of 80 years, only dying on the 27th October, 1879 (after a fall from his buggy) at his ancestral home residence and farm "Chelsea Park," Baulkham Hills (the original George Suttor's grant). The story of Mr George Banks Suttor and his wife, Jane Johnston, an Australian-born daughter of Andrew Johnston the first, will be told later.

To come back to Pioneer Turnbull, I find that he was one of the settlers who in the year 1816 gave a donation of ten shillings to the "Waterloo Fund", to be sent to England to relieve widows and orphans whose soldier-husbands were killed in the Battle of Waterloo (1815). That list contained the names of 239 subscribers in all, and the amount in cash collected totalled £231/8/- (\$462-80) (quite a respectable sum of money in those days). From time to time I intend to quote the amounts given by Hawkesbury pioneers that came by the "Coromandel"—not in any way for comparison, but to show their unswerving loyalty to the old land, and also for their good deeds of charity to those bereaved by war. Ralph Turnbull(1), the eldest and English-born son of the pioneer, contributed £1 to this fund.

But one of the proudest achievements, that can be spoken of with pride by the descendants of John Turnbull the first, is the fact of his being one of the main principals (it may be said that there were fifteen in all) who were the founders of the Ebenezer Church. In a family bible of the pioneer there is inscribed in his handwriting: "I have agreed this day to contribute £5 per year to a minister for Ebenezer Chapel" for a date in the year 1817 (for which exact date and month the writer has mislaid his note). There was also a note stating the date of his arrival in the "Coromandel" in the year 1802. All these references are extremely valuable for the recorders of history, because when notes of events are made at the actual times one can judge them as being quite veracious and accurate.

After the pioneer occupied his holding at Ebenezer there were born to John and Ann Warr Turnbull three Australian-born children, respectively named; John(11), born year 1804; George (1), born year 1806; and William Bligh, born year 1809.

It is a great misfortune that no portraits of the Pioneers of Ebenezer exist, of any of those famous in after years that came by the "Coromandel". The reason is very simple—the earliest form of daguerrotype photo was not invented until 1839, and then in very imperfect form; and mostly all of the pioneers died before that year with a few exceptions, and in those exceptions no efforts had been made by the families to secure pictures of their ancestors; but the times were hard, and the pioneers did not appear to have been willing to leave the old places. In some cases the pioneers' children did not even visit the neighboring town of Windsor on any occasion but once. So that it is our misfortune that we cannot look upon their faces and see what manner of folk they looked in replica and in life.

To return to John Turnbull(1). The pioneer himself appears to have been a rigid Presbyterian, although it has been stated that all of the men folk who were original founders and thus fathers of Ebenezer Church were Nonconformists, or dissenting Protestants to the forms of diverse church forms of service. My own opinion is that Turnbull was a staunch beleiver in the Presbyterian form of Service. However that may be, Mrs Ann Warr Turnbull was an adherent of the Church of England form of worship, and when that good woman died her sentiments and wishes were respected. At her request, Mrs Ann Turnbull at her death was buried in the beautiful burial groend of St John's Church of England on the hill at Wilberforce. Perhaps in all Australia there is no more beautiful a cemetery than it, overlooking the delightful valley of the Hawkesbury. The inscription there says:==

Sacred
To the Memory of
Mrs. Ann TURNBULL,
Wife of Mr John Turnbull
Who departed this life December 19th, 1819
Aged 54 years.
With A.T. on footstone on grave.

Alongside is the grave of her English-born daughter, Mary, who was married firstly to James Hartley and secondly to James Wright. On a smaller headstone is inscribed:==

Sacred to the Memory of
(Mrs) Mary Wright,
Who departed this life February 11th, 1825,
Aged 28 years.

Actually this lady was 30 years of age according to my "Coromandel" list, and I take that list of names and ages to be authentic.

There were four children left as orphans after Mrs Wright's death, two boys and two girls.

Ralph Turnbull(1), the English born son of the pioneer, married firstly Miss Grace Cavanough, daughter of Owen Cavanough(1), a seaman, one time of the "Sirius", but long since a farmer-settler at Ebenezer, and later of the first branch of the Hawkesbury (Colo, as it was called afterwards). By Grace Cavanough, Ralph Turnbull(1) had five children—Ralph Turnbull(11), who married firstly Miss Sarah Reynolds, and secondly Miss Sarah Cross. The second Ralph (or Rafe, as Hawkesbury people sound it) was the father of Ralph(111) and William Turnbull (twin sons), both of Wilberforce, and of Mrs Lucinda Lockart, of Windsor, and others, the mother being, of course, the first wife (nee Sarah Reynolds). It is interesting to know that Mrs Lockart still has in her keeping the white waistcoat which her father wore at the marriage ceremony with Miss Sarah Reynolds, which took place at Colo in the year 1840. The vest appears quite as good to-day as it was then. The texture must have been good, of good material. Ralph Turnbull(11) married the second time when he was 73 years of age, to Miss Sarah Cross. The second wife pre-deceased him, dying on the 8th of November, 1898, aged 58 years. Mrs Sarah Reynolds-Turnbull died October 15th, 1886, aged 63 years. Ralph Turnbull(11) died at the age of 86 years and 8 months, on the 14th February, 1901, at Wilberforce. They are buried in a family grave along with other members of his family at St John's cemetery, Wilberforce.

Other children of Ralph Turnbull(1) and his wife Grace Cavanough were respectively;— Mary, who firstly became Mrs James Dunston, secondly Mrs Gurney; Elizabeth, who became Mrs John Dunston; Ann, who became Mrs Richard Cox; (this lady was the mother of Alderman Samuel Cox, of Pitt Town); John, who married firstly Miss Elizabeth Arnold, and also a second time (writer cannot now locate the name). (Note: John married firstly Miss Elizabeth Arndell, secondly Miss Eliza Maria Holmwood. tca).

(To be continued.)

If anyone has other articles such as this on which would be suitable for inclusion in a newsletter, we would be happy to hear from them.

The "Coromandel" Turnbull family is included in the volume "Pioneers of Portland Head", by R.M.Arndell. This volume has been recently reprinted, and copies are available at \$20-00 plus \$4-00 for post and packing. We do not keep copies here, but can obtain them if required. At present we are updating the pedigree of the "Coromandel" family, if you belong to this family and have details on your branch which is not in Pioners of Portland Head, could you please pass them on to us for inclusion in our updated version.

If you belong to any other branch of the clan, and have not sent us details of your branch, please do so as we are also compiling the pedigrees of some 200 other branches of the clan, both here in Australia and overseas. Many of our members from different parts of the country are participating with us by sending us clippings from local and city newspapers that refer to the Turnbull families, such as birth, marriage, death etc., for our records. If you can assist by sending us details from your own local newspapers etc., it would be greatly appreciated.

Enquiries:

I am seeking details of any descendants of a William Morier Turnbull and his wife Maggie, nee Rourke. William was born in Sydney on Nov., 28, 1847, son of James Alexander Turnbull and his first wife, Sarah Barron. He married Maggie Rourke in Melbourne, December 25, 1871, later moving back to the Balmain district of Sydney in the late 1880's. They had a family of some 10 children, born in both Melbourne and Sydney, however only three are beleived to have survived, two girls being Hilda May, born 1885, and Ethel Maude, born 1888, in Sydney. The name of the third surviving child, which was undoubtedly born in Melbourne, is not known.

Also any details on the descendants of an Archibald Adolphin Turnbull born Melbourne c-1869, son of the above James Alexander Turnbull and his second wife, Mary Talbott nee Henery. Archibald married Elizabeth Goodman nee Starr, at "Adina" Rocky Point Rd, Kogarah NSW in 1890. Witnesses were his brother Charles and sister Adina, of whom I am also seeking details. Archibald and Elizabeth had at least nine children, four of whom died in childhood. The surviving children were:- (1) Stella Mary born 1891, beleived to have been a nurse in Sydney c-1936-1943: (2) William Archibald born 1898, married Olive May ? . Olive died in Sydney in May 1984 and had a son, William Arthur, and two daughters, Gwen and Betty. William Archibald predeceased Olive however date and place is not known: (3) Hannah Drusilla : (4) Elizabeth Ellen. Archibald Adolphin and his son William Archibald, were fishermen in the Sans Souci district of Sydney in the 1940's. Please send any details to the Clan here in Sydney.

Our records now contain details of some 214 different branches of the Turnbull Clan around the world. While we are receiving details of different branches constantly, many are beginning to fit together as part of another family on our records, so the number of different branches is now fairly stable and starting to decrease as we find they belong to another branch. On pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter we have listed details of nine different branches of which we have records on. In following newsletters we will continue with details of other branches. If any of these details coincide with your families please let us know.

The following is a list of some details on the different branches of the Turnbull Clan in our records. As you will see most are here in Australia, however many are from England, Scotland, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Details of other families are constantly being received and will be added to this list as they come to hand.

(1) Macclesfield-Portland Branch.

John Turnbull c-1750-1800, and Helen Anderson c-1753-1828. Glasgow, Scotland. Helen Anderson later married George Henrick VonBerg, Sugar Baker in Glasgow. Four children :- Archibald : John : James Alexander : and Janet Turnbull.

Archibald married Anne Sugar Morier at Glasgow in 1804. Gunner with 1st Battallion Royal Artillery until c-1814. Arrived in NSW May 1833 on the "Macclesfield", with wife and two youngest children, James Alexander and Archibald Jnr. Other issue:- John Morier (remained in Scotland); Samuel Perry(married Mary Duncan); Agnes Nancy (married Edward Bowen); George Henry VonBerg (married Mary Drummond); Helen Anderson (married John Murdoch); James Alexander (married 1, Sarah Barron- 2, Mary Talbott); Archibald Jnr. married Elizabeth Jane McHattan).

John Turnbull married Mary Earl(or Arroll). Remained in Scotland. Their son John Jnr. arrived NSW in 1841 with wife Elizabeth Campbell. Elizabeth died c-1845, Carcoar NSW. John married Melona Tate c-1853 and moved to Armidale NSW. Arrived 1841 on "United Kingdom".

James Alexander Turnbull, Surgeon in Glasgow, died c-1817. Married with issue.

Janet Turnbull married William Henderson, Sugar Baker in Glasgow. Had issue.

Descendants of Archibald and Anne Sugar Morier Turnbull settled in Sydney, New England and Monaro districts of NSW, and Melbourne Victoria.

(2) Coromandel Branch.

John Tutnbull c-1743-1834, and Ann Warr c-1770-1820. Tailor from Annan, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and London England. Arrived in NSW, June 13, 1802 on the "Coromandel". Settled Hawkesbury District of NSW. Seven children:- Ralph ; Mary Ann ; James : Jessica (married Kirwan); John ; George ; and William Bligh Turnbull.
(See page 3, Newsletter #8)

(3) Samuel Plimsoll-Northampton Branch.

William Turnbull, Blacksmith and Publican. Married Isabella Lambert. Gateshead, Northumberland, UK. Both deceased prior 1879. Son, Matthew Turnbull born c-1832, Gateshead-on-Tyne, England. married Ann Hunter c-1853. Arrived NSW 1879 on the "Northampton" with family of seven sons and two daughters. Second son, Thomas Hunter Turnbull, arrived NSW on "Samuel Plimsoll" in 1877. Issue of Matthew and Ann:- William ; Thomas Hunter ; Robert ; Matthew Jnr. ; Burton ; John George ; Deborah Ann (married William Court) ; Septimus ; Isabella (married William Brown) ; George Henry Turnbull. All settled Newcastle area of NSW.

(4) Unknown Branch

John Turnbull born c-1854, Scotland. Married Margaret Gwilliam. Came to Australia as free settlers. Issue:- John David ; May ; Albert Gwilliam ; Violet Turnbull.

(5) Almorah-Baring Branch.

Robert Turnbull c-1772-1840. Married Elizabeth ? . Robert arrived NSW c-1817 on the "Almorah". Elizabeth arrived c-1819 on the "Baring". Lived Liverpool district of NSW . Elizabeth died at Camden NSW c-1835. Issue:- Elizabeth Forrester (married 1, Laurence Halloran, 2, John W Bridges. Issue from both marriages) ; Jennett 1808-1821 ; Rachel Sophia (married William Henry Wood, lived Goulburn district NSW) ; Charlotte (married George Shepherd, Publican, Sydney) ; Robert James ; John 1823-1829.

Son, Robert James Turnbull, Cattle dealer at Goulburn NSW.
Descendents living Moruya district NSW.

(6) Ashington-Northumberland. Branch.

Gilbert Turnbull, Ashington, Northumberland UK. Issue:- Robert; Gilbert Jnr.

Robert arrived in Tasmania c-1900. Gilbert Jnr. married Jane Ann Clough c-1895. Issue:- Gilbert(3) ; John George ; Harry ; May Violet (married Goatcher, Nevertire NSW. Died c-1979) ; James Robert, arrived NSW c-1968 ; William ; Elsie ; George ; Gilbert(4).
Gilbert (4) living Antwerp, Belgium c-1980.

(7) Coghills Creek, Victoria Branch.

Thomas Turnbull c-1827-1913, Long Benton UK. Married Christiana Freebourne. Arrived Victoria c-1860, settled at Coghills Creek.
Issue:- John ; Robert ; Thomas ; James ; Joseph ; William ; Margaret.

James married Agnes Lindsay Crawford Charleson c-1893, and died 1943. Descendents living Melbourne and Beulah, Victoria, and Sydney NSW.

(8) Forfarshire-Scotland Branch.

Andrwe Turnbull b c-1831, Forfarshire, Scotland. Married Mary Smith c-1849. Arrived Victoria prior 1861. Issue:- Isabella ; Andrew Jnr. c-1852 ; Johanna c-1854 ; John c-1856 ; Charles ; Isabella c-1863 ; James c-1866 ; Mary c-1869 (married Bragge) ; William b&d prior 1869.

Charles, bc-1861, Castlemaine, Victoria, married Mary Josephine Marsh as his second wife. Six children from first marriage, three from second :- Isabella ; Albert ; Bertha ; Clara ; Esther ; Jessie ; Charles Edwin ; Phoebe Elizabeth (Simpson) c-1902 ; Mary Theresa c-1906. Mary, born ~~1868~~ 1869, Castlemaine, married Henry Thomas Bragge. Six children.

Descendants living Victoria.

(9) Whitby-Yorkshire Branch.

William Turnbull 1718-1766, Watchmaker and Clockmaker. Married (1) Margaret Goldsbrough. (2) Isabel Railton. Four children to first marriage, William ; Thomas ; Ann ; Mary. Ancestor of the founders of the Turnbull, Scott & Company Shipping Company of Whitby and Southampton UK. Family history " A Shipping Venture" published for Turnbull-Scott and Co. in England in 1974. Copies available from Turnbull-Scott and Co. (Contact T C A Sydney, for Address).



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April, 1984.

- NEWS-LETTER -

Dear Member,

It is good to be able to tell you that, as 1984 progresses, our Association is still in a strong position as regards membership, both at home and abroad. Over the past year we have had the pleasure of many visitors from south of the Border as well as overseas and it is always a thrill to meet our kinsmen who make the effort to include a visit to Hawick in their itinerary.

The cancellation of our Gathering last May was a great disappointment, especially to members who had committed themselves to the journey. However, I am afraid we had no alternative owing to the small response and it was unfair to ask our guest speakers to address such a small number of members, but if there is sufficient interest we are hoping to organise a weekend get-together in October of this year and it would be a great help if you could complete the attached form, as this would give us a guide as to numbers.

Of course, 1985 is International Year and you will be receiving details of our plans for a Gathering which will be in the month of May. I have already been in touch with Miss Lavinia Derwent who has promised, health permitting, to be our principal guest speaker and I am sure you will agree with me she will make a very interesting forthcoming attraction!

The sales of our Clan paraphernalia still stand us in good stead and the amount of work involved is steadily increasing, especially the sale of Turnbull Tartan for dress kilts and kilted skirts. Accordingly I have recruited the help of Peter Anderson Ltd. of Galashiels, and as you will see from the enclosed literature they are now in charge of sales, giving us ten per cent of all commissions.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We have altered the date of our Financial Year to 1st April/31st March and subscriptions which still stand at £5.00 are now due for 1984/85. Members who have standing orders should notify their bankers accordingly.

Those of you who attended the International Gathering in 1981, will remember ex-Provost Frank Scott who was one of our guest speakers. I mentioned to Frank recently that we would appreciate a few lines from the Scott Clan for our next News-Letter and the following is the result which, I am sure, you will enjoy reading :

I was very pleased to be given this opportunity to contribute to your Clan's latest News-Letter. Although writing as a Scott, I have always been interested in the other Border families and had many interesting chats with your late kinsman, John Turnbull, during the initial conception of your Association, just as I had with the Elliot Clan when they were first starting.

It is important that all the Border families should be aware of each other as they were in the past, albeit not always for the common good ! We still have a common bond however, be it at home or overseas.

I noted with interest that one of the early chroniclers of the Turnbull Family was one John Bellenden. Bellendean was a small croft lying to the west of Hawick beyond Alemoor Loch and was the gathering point for the Scott Clan during the mossstrooping days of our forefathers. The words "A Bellendean" passed around the countryside were enough to summon the Scotts from all corners of the Borders when the Clan Chief required assistance.

Today the cottage that marks the spot is almost gone and during my term of office as Provost of Hawick I was approached by a fellow Scott who was keen to have a cairn erected at the roadside to inform strangers that here was the spot where the Scotts gathered before riding out on their many Border forays. He is now in touch with the Scott Family Association and I hope he is successful in his venture. Who knows, John Bellenden may even have had a connection.

The Scott Association is not nearly as strong or intimate as that of the Turnbuls and only very rarely do they meet or communicate. This is mainly because there are so many of us, some say because we bred like rabbits, but I like to think it was because we were better behaved in the past ! Whatever the reason there are sufficient by the name of Turnbull throughout the world to ensure that it will never die out. This is as it should be. As a Borderer I can share some part of the pride you must all feel in your past and wish the Turnbull Clan Association the very best for the future.

FRANK T. SCOTT, J.P.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and good wishes. When an organisation is the vision and effort of one person, it is next to impossible to keep it vigorous when that person is gone. But "next to impossible" has been accomplished more than once !

Here's hoping we may have a good turnout in October.

With all best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION

We have much pleasure in enclosing samples of the Turnbull Dress and Turnbull Hunting tartans in the modern colourings. Samples enclosed are from our REIVER quality 100% pure wool worsted, 58" wide, price £11.98 per yard.

For ladies tailored goods please refer to the enclosed brochure with prices under the REIVER heading (please note this is a made to measure service).

For Gents wear we have produced these two Turnbull tartans in our STROME quality crossbred worsted kilt cloth, 28" wide, price £9.98 per yard. (Samples on request)

We will be only too happy to supply additional information with regard to our made to measure highland dress wear and accessories.

Please note when ordering all goods will be despatched with a covering invoice in sterling detailing costs, post and packing, insurance etc.

With regard to payment we do accept most of the International credit cards i.e. American Express, Diners Club, Visa and Master Charge.

Peter Anderson are pleased to have come to an arrangement with the Turnbull Clan Association whereby all orders despatched, the Association will receive a 10% Commission on sales.

I trust the enclosed samples and information are of interest and look forward to your favourable reply.

With kindest regards

Yours faithfully
For PETER ANDERSON LTD



JIM RENWICK
Director