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Ms. Dorothy Turnbull Berk  
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Dear Ms. Berk,

I have just returned from the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games where I took the opportunity to inquire from the tartan information tent for any information they might have on the Turnbull Clan. All of my previous research indicated that the Turnbull Clan had become too powerful during the border wars in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries and that as a result of the displeasure of the Scottish kings and of feuds with neighboring tribes, were dispersed throughout Scotland and England (where the spelling of the name became Trumbull) with the result that there is no clan organization nor even any tartan.

The knowledgeable gentleman in the information desk pretty much confirmed this and suggested that since the original home of the Turnbolls was next to that of the Elliots, who were the stronger and dominant<sup>est</sup> tribe and that the Turnbolls would have to look to them for protection the Turnbolls could probably be considered a family within the Elliot Clan and be authorized to wear its tartan.

I then went to the Elliot Clan tent where my wife and I had a most interesting conversation with the Mr. Elliot in charge. He had an 1890 book on the history of the clan which told of intermarriage with the Turnbolls and had several engravings of Minto House, the old Turnbull castle now belonging to the Elliots.

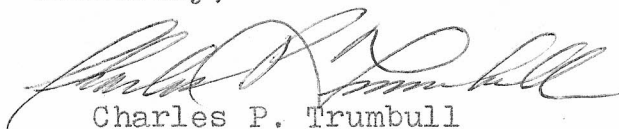
However he did not agree that the Turnbolls could be a family of the Elliots. He stated that the Turnbolls did in fact have a clan organization and, he believed, its own tartan. He gave me your name and address as being the head of the Turnbull Clan Association in America.

And so I am writing you to introduce myself and to ask you if you would please provide me with all the details of the clan, its history and its tartan, as well as whatever requirements you may have for joining the association.

I am the eleventh descendent of John Trumbull, a ship's captain who came to America in about 1636 and settled in Cambridge, Mass. He came from Newcastle-on-Tyne where most of the Trumbulls seem to have settled after having been driven from Scotland. It is from here also that John Trumble, the ancestor of the famous Connecticut Revolutionary governor, Jonathan Trumbull, came. It was the governor himself who changed the spelling of the name back to Trumbull. In fact, my ancestor may also have used that spelling although I think not. Both Trumbull and Trumble were in use at that time in England.

I would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Charles P. Trumbull

## TRUMBULL FAMILY.

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1. JOHN TRUMBULL, b. about 1606, came to this country from Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northumberland, England; settled first in Cambridge, Mass., where he resided until May, 1655, when he changed his residence to Charlestown, Mass., where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a seafaring man, and commanded the good ship "Mary" on the voyage from England to Barbadoes, and also the good ship "Blossom" in 1662. He m. Elizabeth ———; she d. Aug. 15, 1696. He d. and was buried July 18, 1657.

### CHILDREN:

- 2 ELIZABETH, b. 1638, m. Richard Martin.
- 3 JOHN, b. Aug. 4, 1641, m. Mary Jones.
- 4 HANNAH, b. 1642, m. John Baxter.
- 5 MARY, b. 1644, m. ——— Blackmore.
- 6 JAMES, b. 1647.

John Trumbull (No. 3) m. Mary Jones Sept. 26, 1665. She was b. in 1636, and she d. Dec. 27, 1721. He d. in 1731.

### CHILDREN:

- 7 JOHN, b. May 21, 1677, d. aged 16 years.
- 8 JAMES, b. March 31, 1681.
- 9 SAMUEL, b. June 3, 1683, m. Hannah Fowle.

Samuel Trumbull (No. 9) m. Hannah Fowle Dec. 25, 1705. He d. Sept. 24, 1759.

### CHILDREN:

- 10 SAMUEL, b. Dec. 1, 1706, d. young.
- 11 MARY, b. April 11, 1708, d. young.
- 12 SAMUEL, b. April 5, 1709, d. 1721.
- 13 JAMES, b. April 7, 1711, d. young.
- 14 JAMES, b. June 3, 1713.
- 15 JOHN, b. July 17, 1715, m. Mercy Jiggles; 2d, Ruth Wyer.
- 16 WILLIAM, bapt. June 30, 1717, d. young.
- 17 TIMOTHY, b. May 5, 1720.
- 18 MARY, bapt. Aug. 4, 1723, m. Timothy Austin.

John Trumbull (No. 15) m. June 17, 1742, Mercy Jiggles. She

d. July 24, 1754. He m. 2d, Ruth Wyer Aug. 27, 1760; she d. Jan. 31, 1763. He d. Oct. 12, 1791.

## CHILDREN:

- 19 SAMUEL, b. ———.
- 20 MARY, b. ———.
- 21 JOHN, b. 1752, m. Lucy Springer.
- 22 NATHANIEL, bapt. Sept. 12, 1762.

John Trumbull (No. 21) came from Charlestown, Mass., to Norwich, Conn., and m. Dec. 25, 1776, Lucy Springer. He d. Aug. 14, 1802. She d. Aug. 23, 1813.

## CHILDREN:

- 23 MARY, b. at Norwich, Sept. 21, 1777, d. Oct. 9, 1777.
- 24 SAMUEL, b. Oct. 1, 1778, m. Lucinda Palmer.
- 25 JOHN, b. April 7, 1780, d. young.
- 26 HENRY, b. Nov. 16, 1781, d. Aug. 14, 1842.
- 27 CHARLES E., b. Feb. 16, 1783, lost at sea March, 1804.
- 28 TIMOTHY, b. Aug. 23, 1784, d. Dec. 18, 1794.
- 29 LUCY, b. ———.
- 30 GURDON, b. Jan. 21, 1790, m. Sarah Ann Swan.
- 31 WILLIAM, b. May 15, 1795, d. Oct. 8, 1795.
- 32 JOHN F., b. July 21, 1796, m. Eliza Mary Niles; 2d, Ann E. Smith (No. 113).

Samuel Trumbull (No. 24) came to Stonington from Norwich in 1798, and m. Lucinda, daughter of Jonathan Palmer of Stonington (No. 529), that family. He d. in Stonington July 7, 1826.

## CHILDREN:

- 33 SAMUEL, b. March 16, 1800, d. April 12, 1801.
- 34 LUCINDA, b. March 6, 1801, m. Thomas B. Stokes.
- 35 JOHN JEFFERSON, b. Jan. 26, 1803, d. Feb. 20, 1804.
- 36 JOHN, b. Feb. 25, 1805.
- 37 CHARLES HENRY, b. Dec. 18, 1807, d. Jan. 9, 1808.
- 38 SALLY SOPHIA, b. Dec. 20, 1808, m. Francis Pendleton (No. 91), Pendleton family.
- 39 ELIZABETH FRANCES, b. Aug. 13, 1811.
- 40 THOMAS JEFFERSON, b. in New York, March 4, 1814, d. March 20, 1814.
- 41 JAMES MADISON (twin), b. in New York, March 4, 1814, d. March 26, 1814.
- 42 MARIA LOUISE, b. April 25, 1815.
- 43 LUCY, b. June 29, 1817.
- 44 ANDREW JACKSON, b. Sept. 6, 1819.
- 45 SAMUEL FRANKLIN, b. Sept. 16, 1822, d. in Stonington.

Gurdon Trumbull (No. 30) m. Sarah Ann Swan May 1, 1817 (No. 152), that family, both of Stonington, Conn.

## CHILDREN:

- 46 GURDON SWAN, b. May 28, d. young.
- 46a FRANCES, b. Feb. 6, 1820, d. young.
- 47 JAMES HAMMOND, b. Dec. 20, 1821, m. Sarah A. Robinson.
- 48 WILLIAM PALMER, b. May 3, 1825, d. young.

- 49 MARY, b. Aug. 5, 1827, m. William C. Prime.  
50 HENRY CLAY, b. June 8, 1830, m. Alice C. Gallaudet.  
51 CHARLES EDWARD, b. Oct. 31, 1832, d. March 17, 1856.  
52 THOMAS SWAN, b. Feb. 15, 1835, d. March 20, 1865.  
53 ANNA, b. May 18, 1838, m. Edward Slossom.  
54 GURDON, b. May 5, 1841, m. Anna F. Niles.

- John F. Trumbull (No. 32) m. Eliza Mary Niles (No. 213), Stanton family, Nov. 25, 1822; she d. Feb. 29, 1828. He m. 2d, Ann Eliza Smith Sept. 21, 1829 (No. 113), that family. She d. April 1, 1896. He d. Oct. 28, 1874.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE:

- 55 HORACE N., b. Feb. 20, 1825, m. Mary Jane Pendleton Oct. 21, 1847 (No. 125), that family.  
56 ELIZA M., b. Feb. 11, 1828, d. young.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE—SIX OF WHICH D. IN INFANCY:

- 57 EDWIN B., b. June 5, 1830, m. Ellen P. Hakes, May 17, 1864.  
58 JOHN F., b. Nov. 21, 1831.  
59 ELIZA NILES, b. July 15, 1833, m. Hon. Henry C. Robinson of Hartford, Conn.  
60 HARRIET, b. March 25, 1838, m. Ira H. Palmer (No. 457), that family.  
61 LUCY, b. Dec. 13, 1841, m. D. W. Hakes of Colchester, Conn.  
62 STILES STANTON, b. Dec. 30, 1843.  
63 JAMES VAN ALLEN, b. Sept. 13, 1848, m. Belle Burch, daughter of Billings Burch (No. 74), that family March 24, 1880.  
64 MARIA BABCOCK, b. \_\_\_\_\_

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