

Turnbull Surname Meaning, History & Origin

Excerpt. "Andrew Turnbull in Florida.

Andrew Turnbull, a Scottish physician from Melrose in Roxburghshire, had married the daughter of a wealthy Smyrna merchant. Her money enabled him to mix in London political circles and to secure some large land grants in the new and unsettled territory of Florida. In 1767 he assembled 1,400 putative **colonists** recruited from a number of Mediterranean countries and they set off for Florida in eight vessels.

Turnbull named his new **colony** New Smyrna after the birthplace of his wife. But his inability to produce marketable crops in quantities large enough to satisfy his investors cost him their support, as well as that of the British government. Half of his colonists died in the next ten years. The end of the New Smyrna **colony** came in 1777 when the plantation was virtually abandoned by most of the surviving **colonists** who fled to the safety and security of St. Augustine.

In the inevitable accusations and lawsuits that followed the settlement's demise, Dr. Turnbull was temporarily imprisoned but then released. He and his family moved to Charleston on the South Carolina coast, where he lived out the remainder of his life."

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If you wish to see some of the illustrious members of the Turnbull family take a look at this link. Some great people. [Who's Who \(turnbullclan.com\)](http://turnbullclan.com)