

A True Account and description of the Original of the Name and Arms of Turnbull.

The following true Account
Original of the Name
was taken from the Standard
th. British Herald Office at
the 7th day of May 1759
in my presence; and from
principal Sumner in said
Arms properly Coloured,
on a Copper plate, by one of the
impression of which is here
Expence of me James Turnbull
of Warriston Esq. His Majesty's
of parliament for the Shire of Edinburgh &c



and description of the
and Arms of Turnbull
book of Scots Heraldry in
Hester's Comment in London
by the proper Clerk in that office
th. following description, the
office made a drawing of the
Which I caused to be engraved
best engravers in London, and
exhibited all at the desire and
thin Clerk to Robert Dundas
Advocate for Scotland and member

The Heads of Bulls are frequent in Arms and as all other Heads of which before
Represents the whole Creature.

The Name of Turnbull Carried Argent a Bull's head, erased Sable, of
lat. three of them disposed 2 and 1.

The first of the Name with us, was a Strong Man of the Name of Huel
Who turned a wild Brute by the head which violently ran against King
Robert Bruce in Stirling park for which he got from that King the Lands
of Badyrue in Tivoliade and the Name of Turnbull.

Edward Hower in his history of England page 231 mentions this Man
in the minority of King David Bruce at the Battle of Halidownhill, his words
"A certain Stout Champion of great stature who for a feat done by him was
called Turnbull advanced before the Scots Army and a great mastive dog
With him, and challenged any of the English army to fight with him a
Combat; one Sir Robert Venal a Norfolk man by the King of England Leave,
took him up, and killed him and his dog too.

This gentleman's son Sir James Turnbull with Sir John Halyburton
were killed Near Nisbet Muir in the Morie in an engagement with the English
Anno 1355, for which see Abercrombie's History Vol. 2. Page 105.

I have seen the Armerial of Turnbull of Minto, appended to a Charter of
1455 (Penes Comitem de Home) which had only one Bull's head, and that tabated
of lat. Three of that Name multiply the Heads to three.

John Turnbull of Sticksalthren descended off the Family of Badyrue,
Carries Argent three Bull's heads erased, Motto (audaci Favet Fortuna
New Register.

John Turnbull of Kenow descended off the Family of Minto carries
argent one ear of Aye Vert between three Bull's heads; erased Sable armed of
The Second Crest, a Bull's head tabated, Sable Vert. Motto. "Courage"