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I must correct Articles on the Net linking our Ebenezer Turnbull's to the American, Dr Andrew Turnbull in New Smyrna. Dr. Andrew Turnbull's FATHER NICOL TURNBULL is written to be the link. No doubt Dr Andrew was the son of NICOL TURNBULL and JANET JOHNSTON who died in ANNAN in 1756, but there's only one possible way he could be related to us. BECAUSE - With the former secretary of BULLSEYE, Janet in Texas, we spent many hours researching the family, (Dr Andrew's family is well known in USA) and believe we have found the correct confusing ancestries in Scotland – I'll explain as simply as possible so readers will understand:===

GO BACK TO 1650 = when William Turnbull and Janet Merton married in MELROSE. Their 3rd child, ANDREW born 1655, 1st married about 1680, (wife unknown) had sons (1)NICOL in 1682 and (2)JOHN in 1685, then the mother appears to have died ...because in the early 1690's....Andrew re-married Marion Laidlaw {b 1663 to Robert Laidlaw in Melrose} and when Marion was 35yo they had daughter (3)JENNET in 1698. Marion also died and in about 1701 ...Andrew married again to...Elizabeth Schlaiter (b Dec 1679 in Melrose to Robert Schlaiter) their marriage also not found,....and....their 1st son (4)ANDREW was born 1703 in Melrose, then (5)MARGARET, born in 1704, (6)ROBERT, in 1706,(7)ELIZABETH, in 1708 and (8)MARION, in 1711, \*\* then in 1713 twins (9)JAMES and (9)WILLIAM were born 4 months after their father, (original ANDREW b 1655) at age 58yo died.

RECORDS in the OLD PAROCHIAL REGISTERS reveal where most of his children could be found in the 18th century: as follows.....

1ST son NICOL b.1682 mrd Janet Johnston c1710-15 – only son found, Andrew {the DR in New Smyrna, USA.}

2nd son JOHN born in 1685, had a son named NICOL in Hawick 1701 with Jean Dunlape – however in 1703 he married HELEN LANDS in Hawick and had more children. ALL his childrens baptisms were witnessed by brother NICOL and a PETER MITCHELL (?? mrd a sister of John & Nicol). Nicol may have lived in Hawick before moving to ANNAN where he died in 1756.

3rd child JENNET born 1698, dau of Marion LAIDLAW, no record found after her birth..

4th child, ANDREW born 1703 married MARY LAMB in Wilton, moved back to Mel-rose....got into financial difficulties and his mother bailed him out in late 1720's.

5th child, MARGARET 1704 married and stayed in Melrose.

6th child, ROBERT 1706, 7th child ELIZABETH 1708, and 8th child MARION 1711, have not been researched. ....BUT

9th children, Twins:...WILLIAM married MARGARET JOHNSTONE and his 1st and maybe ONLY son Andrew died, (no son mentioned in his father William's Will in 1780)....AND the other twin....JAMES...hasn't been identified? As of now it appears JAMES maybe one of the James Turnbull's who married in HOWNAM, MOREBATTLE or LINTON between 1733 and 1760's, including the Minister, REV. JAMES TURNBULL of Linton parish. .... ODDLY \*WILLIAM died in Annan in 1780 and Rev. JAMES died in Linton in 1780, 2 months before WILLIAM.

(Nicol Turnbulls Headstone says \*William was his son, but I believe he was NICOL's youngest brother). Other evidence via \*William's dau JANET FOREST, in the naming of her children, also suggest NICOL was not her grandfather. (maybe her uncle).

All the son's, (but JAMES), of ANDREW TURNBULL, b 1655, were masons.

IF one of the JAMES in the Morebattle area turns out to be THE twin son of ANDREW AND OUR John Turnbulls father, IT's the only possible connection the Ebenezer Turnbull's can have with NICOL and Dr. Andrew Turnbull of New Smyrna, USA.

The other baptism witness in Hawick to John Turnbull's(b1685) children, Peter Mitchell, was a goldsmith who died in Edinburgh in 1736, where it states in the burial register that his wife was a Turnbull/Amos. IF he's related it can only mean, ONE OF the earlier WIVES of ANDREW TURNBULL born in 1655 was an AMOS.

Research is ongoing.