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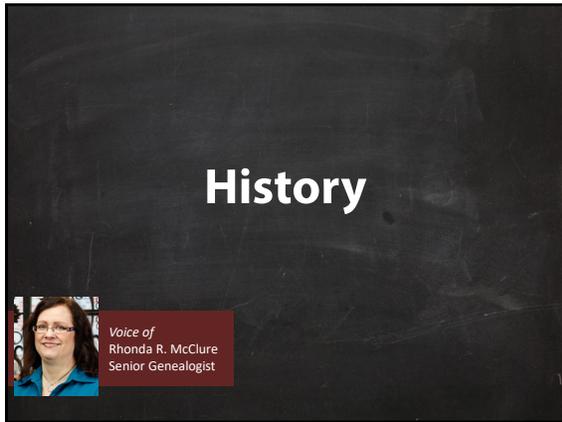
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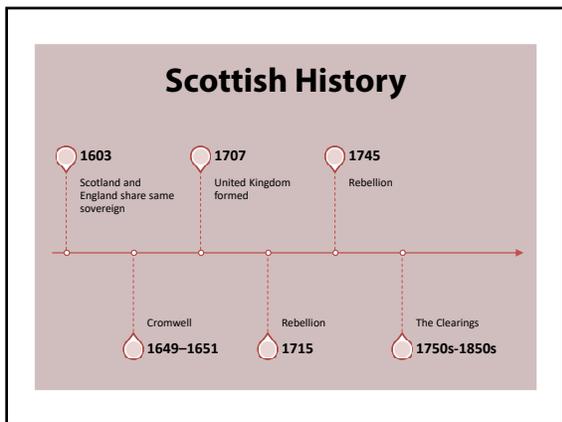
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**Earliest Immigration**

- Scotland's inclusion in Great Britain allowed it to establish settlements in the New World
  - Small, short-lived colonies established
    - Nova Scotia (1629)
    - East Jersey (1683)
    - South Carolina (1684)
    - New Caledonia at Darien near Panama (1698)
    - Darien (New Inverness) Georgia (1736)
  - Much slower momentum of immigration to America by Scots

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**Earliest Immigration**

- Scots had been migrating to European areas since Middle Ages
- 16th & 17th centuries, they helped colonize:
  - The Hebrides
  - Orkney
  - Shetland
- Approximately 50,000 Scots were in Ulster by 1650

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**HIGHLAND & SCOTS-IRISH  
Immigration to America**

The Scots Irish are those who had arrived in Ulster from Scotland and ultimately moved on to America, many arriving in Pennsylvania.

The ships they took from Belfast were often those that had come from the American Colonies with flax seed and, now empty, made money carrying passengers back to America.

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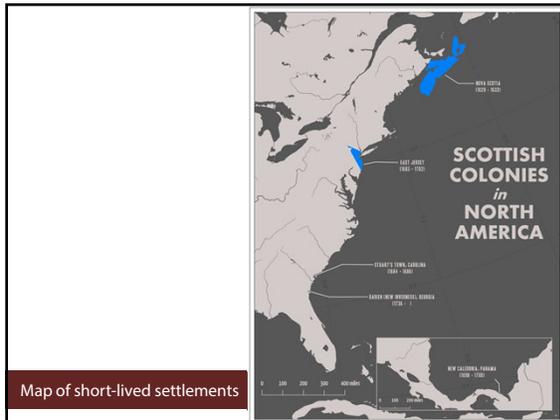
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### Nova Scotia - History

- Originally the Colony of Acadia (French)
- 1621 – France cedes parts of it to England
- 1621 – King James I of England (James VI of Scotland) grants a charter to create the colony of Nova Scotia (New Scotland)
- Settled by Sir William Alexander of Menstrie in 1629
- Settlement lasts only until 1632

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### East Jersey

- The Jerseys were separate from 1664-1702
- Quakers from Scotland settled in East Jersey
- Had suffered ill treatment in Scotland

A map titled "EAST and WEST JERSEY 1684-1702" showing the boundaries of the two colonies. The map includes labels for "NEW YORK", "NEW JERSEY", "NEW BRUNSWICK", "NEW CAROLINA", and "NEW SCOTIA". It also shows major rivers like the Delaware River and the Hudson River. A scale bar at the bottom indicates distances up to 100 miles.

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**South Carolina**

- 1684 – Arrival of 148 Scots from Gourrock
- They were Covenanters (Covenant Presbyterians)
- Town was named Stuarts Town
- 1686 – Attacked by Spanish and Indian allies

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**Darien Scheme**

- Trading colony at Darién on the isthmus of Panama
- 1696 – 2,500 Scottish settlers set out
- Lack of:
  - Provisions
  - Colonizing experience
- Disease and Spanish attacks

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**Darien, Georgia**

- 1736 – Founded in January, named for the failed colony in Panama
- Scots came mainly from Inverness and referred to the town as “New Inverness”
- 1739 – Some Scots abandoned Darien for South Carolina
- Scots from here involved in the American Revolution

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**Push Factors**

- Religious persecutions:
  - Quakers
  - Presbyterians
- Deportations (called “transportations”):
  - Criminals
  - Debtors
  - Losers of civil or ecclesiastical battles

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*Cromwell at Dunbar*  
by Andrew Carrick Dow



- 1649**
  - Execution of Charles I
  - Scots support Charles II
- 1650**
  - September 3
  - Battle of Dunbar
- 1651**
  - September 3
  - Battle of Worcester

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*Jacobite Rebellions*



**1715**

- September 6: Starts in Braemar
- November 13: Battle of Sheriffmuir

**1745**

- July 23: Prince Charles lands on Eriskay Island
- September: Jacobites experience victories in England

**1746**

- Jacobites retreat into Scotland but continue to fight
- Battle of Culloden ends Jacobitism

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**QUESTIONS?**

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**Voluntary  
Immigration**

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**Voluntary Immigration**

- 17th century – came mainly from the Lowlands
- 18th century – increase of emigration from the Highlands
- Most traveled as indentured servants



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**Highlands & Lowlands**

- Lowlands:
  - Inhabited the east and south of Scotland
  - Partly Teutonic origins
  - Spoke a form of English derived from Teutonic tongue
- Highlands:
  - Center and west of Scotland
  - Spoke Gaelic
  - Barren lands
  - Required its men to raid for supplies

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**Immigration**

- Began to increase in the 1730s
- Increase in rents
- 1763–1775 – Estimates of 25,000 Scots immigrating
  - Small amount went to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
  - Majority settled in the colonies
- Religious discrimination of the Roman Catholics

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**Cape Fear, North Carolina**

- 1739 – 360 Highland Scots settle in North Carolina
  - Encouraged by Gabriel Johnston, royal governor
  - Were provided a 10-year tax exemption for emigrating
- Most Highlanders arriving in the early 1700s had land grants to the Upper Cape Fear region
- Lowlanders tended to settle in the Lower Cape Fear region
- Highlanders and Lowlanders intermarried in N.C.

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**Tip**

Many Scots, especially Highlanders, were Loyalists.

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**Post-American Revolution**

- Many Scots elected to move to Canada or back to Scotland
- 1790 Census Population
  - 3,929,214 people
  - 6% or approximately 260,000 were Scottish
  - Scottish would have included the Scots Irish

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## 19th Century

- Canada was more popular than the U.S. for immigrants
- U.S. immigration 1820–1851:
  - Seldom reached 1,000 immigrants per year
  - Some years under 100
  - Total of 10,525 in those 31 years

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**Table 1. Region of origin of 5,737 Scottish settlers in the United States from colonial times through 1854.**

Region	Percentage of Scottish population	Percentage of Scottish emigration
Edinburgh and Lothians	12.5	10.6
Eastern borders	4.5	4.4
Glasgow, Lanark, Renfrew, and Ayr	24.2	21.7
Southwest	7.2	8.9
Fife, etc.	6.8	4.5
Stirling and Dunbarton	4.7	3.1
Aberdeen, Kincardine, and Angus	15.0	5.5
Perth	6.9	8.7
Inverness	4.5	9.3
Ross and Cromarty	3.5	3.7
Argyll	4.9	13.9
Sutherland, Caithness, Orkney, and Shetland	5.3	3.1

Source: Donald Whyte, *Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to the U.S.A.* (Baltimore, 1972).

Origins of Scots to America

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# The Clearances

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**The Clearances**

- Evictions of tenants
- 1750–1860
- Two phases:
  - Mid-18th century
  - 1815–1850
- Went against dùthchas – clan members inalienable right to rent land in clan territory
- Farmers becoming crofters

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**Highland Timeline**

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**Hungry Forties**

- Potato famine in the Highlands
  - Clearance and emigration
  - 11,000 people provided with “assisted passage”, 1846–1856
  - 5,000 emigrated to Australia
  - Unknown number paid for their own emigration
  - Unknown number assisted by Colonial Land and Emigration commission

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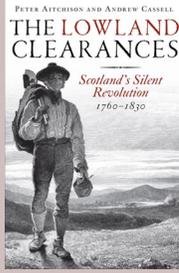
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**P. Aitchison & A. Cassell**



- Looks at the “improvement” of the Lowland
- Clearances that took place 1760–1830
- Impacted the approach to the Highlands problems

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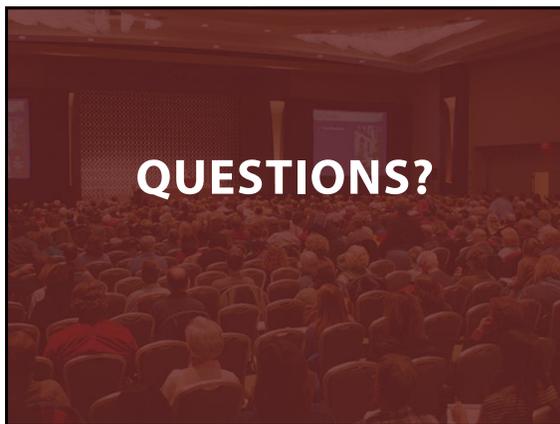
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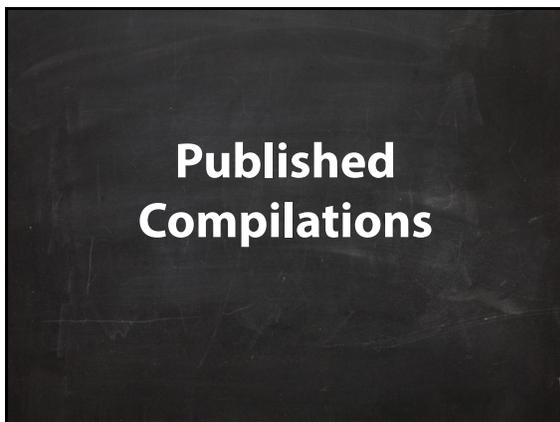
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### Published Compilations

- Books by Donald Whyte:
  - Four volumes of Scots to Canada
  - One volume of Scots to USA
- David Dobson:
  - Eight volumes of Scottish Settlers in North America, 1625–1825
  - Five volumes of Scots in the USA and Canada, 1825–1875
- P. William Filby's *Passenger and Immigration Lists Bibliography, 1538–1900*

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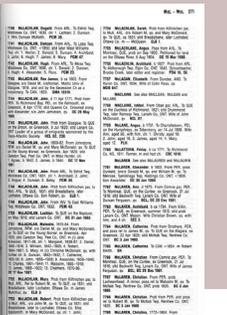
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### Donald Whyte

- *A Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada Before Confederation* (4 volumes)



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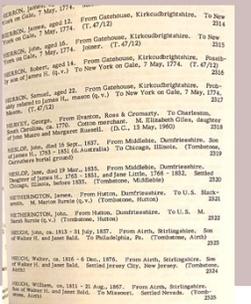
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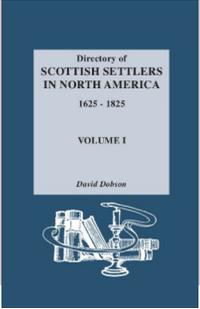
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## David Dobson

- *Directory of Scottish Settlers in North America, 1625–1825*
- 8 volumes
- Available through Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc.



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**Fastii Ecclesiae Scoticae (Edinburgh, 1915)**

**Scotus Americanus (Edinburgh, 1982)**

GILCHRIST ARCHIBALD JR.  
Gaidhbhreacher of Stirling; to America 16 May 1801. (SGB)

GILCHRIST JOHN  
Son of Arthur Gilchrist, Prebendary, and Lillias Barclay, Merchant. Settled in Virginia. Died 1762. (AMP)

GILCHRIST JOHN  
23 cooper Wife Marion Taylor 21. Kinross. From Greenock to Wilmington N.C. August 1774 on the Ulysses. 2 Children. (F47.12)

GILBERT RICHARD  
30. Dyer. Scotland. From Whitehaven to N.Y. June 1774 on the Golden Rule. (FWD)

GILLESPIE George  
Born Glasgow 1683. Educated Glasgow University to New England 1712. Ordained as a minister 1713. Served in N.J. White Clay Creek 1713. Died January 1760. (F7 65A)

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ADAM, JAMES, captured at the Battle of Dunbar, tra. fr. London aboard the *Unity of Boston*, bound for Boston in Nov. 1650. [SCF41226]

ADAM, JOHN, fr. Ormskirk, a soldier in Argyle's Rebellion, tra. fr. Leith to Jamaica on 7 Aug. 1685. [RPCS.II.292]

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ADAM, WILLIAM, a merchant from Calross, a Coveanter, ban. to America in 1670. [RPCS.III.294]

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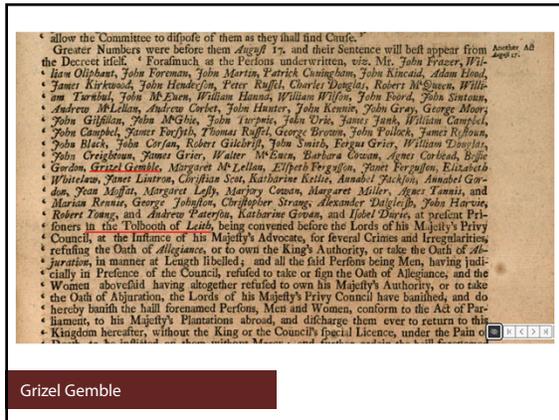
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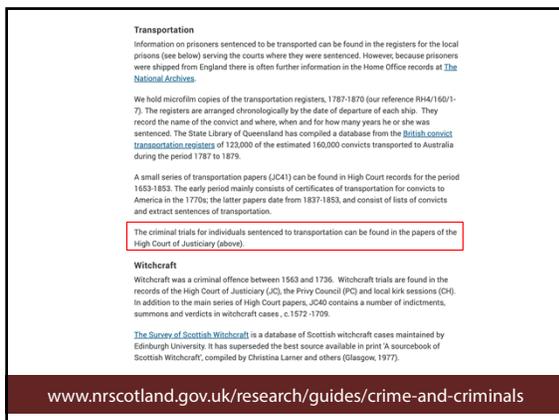




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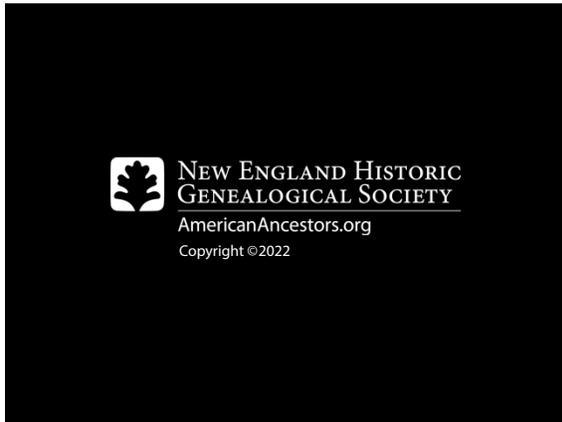
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