SCOTS
on the
CHESAPEAKE
1621 - 1776

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INTRODUCTION

There has been a Scottish element in the population of the Chesapeake since the early seventeenth century. Initially the region attracted relatively few Scots – probably 200 by 1645 – the first, for whom there is documentary evidence, was William Douglas in 1621. The Scottish population was increased significantly around 1650 when Oliver Cromwell exiled 900 Scots prisoners of war to Virginia and Maryland in the aftermath of the Wars of the Three Kingdoms 1638-1651. Economic links, which would have led to subsequent settlement, were established as early as 1627 with the voyage of the Golden Lion of Dundee, but such links were officially terminated by the introduction of the English 'Navigation Acts' from the 1660s, which made trade between Scotland and the English colonies illegal, although significant smuggling occurred.

From the 1660s the Scottish government followed the practice of England by transporting criminals and religious or political undesirables to the American plantations. Many of these transportees were Covenanters – militant Presbyterians who were opposed to the religious policies of the Stuart kings. The records of the Scottish Privy Council contain numerous requests from shipmasters for prisoners for shipment to Virginia. This period ended in 1689 when William and Mary acceded to the thrones of Scotland and England. The Church of Scotland then adopted Presbyterianism causing ministers of an Episcopal persuasion, such as James Blair, to seek opportunities in Virginia and Maryland as tutors, schoolmasters and ministers.

The political union of Scotland and England in 1707 removed all restrictions on trade between Scotland and the American colonies. Soon burghs such as Glasgow were establishing or expanding economic links with the colonies on the Chesapeake. However, the first major group of Scottish 'emigrants' to arrive were Jacobite prisoners captured after the Siege of Preston in 1715 and subsequently banished to America. Similarly, in 1746 the failure of the '45 led to shiploads of Jacobite prisoners being landed in Virginia and Maryland for sale as indentured servants. Throughout the colonial period there was a stream of felons being shipped from Scotland for sale as

indentured servants on the Chesapeake. Simultaneously there was a constant stream of Scots indentured servants sailing from English ports bound for Virginia and Maryland. Overshadowing all other factors stimulating Scottish emigration to the Chesapeake, however, was the rapid growth and expansion of the tobacco trade.

By 1740 Glasgow had begun to dominate the tobacco trade between America and Great Britain, partly for geo-strategic reasons and partly for efficiency of operations. This resulted in a proliferation of Scots merchants, factors, and their servants throughout the region. From towns like Norfolk and Portsmouth the Scots factors controlled operations throughout the Chesapeake. This, however, depended on the continuance of the Navigation Acts which required colonial produce to go directly to Great Britain rather to European markets. The success of the American Revolution brought the system to an end, and although Scots immigrants still arrived, the emphasis on settlement was elsewhere in the Americas.

While tradition and historical sources indicate a continuous link between the Chesapeake and Scotland from the early seventeenth century, and the fact that thousands of Scots settled permanently or temporarily in Virginia and Maryland, the specific data that family historians require is far from complete; possibly in many cases it never existed, while in others it has perished. This book supercedes my earlier work *'Scots on the Chesapeake, 1607-1830'* [Baltimore 1992] and is restricted to the colonial period. Since 1992 many more references and primary sources have been located which has enabled this substantially expanded edition to be compiled. The references are overwhelmingly taken from primary sources such as probate or testamentary records, court records, indenture agreements, jail registers, registers of deeds, contemporary newspapers and journals, Loyalist claims, militia papers, monumental inscriptions, and government records located predominantly in Virginia, Maryland, Scotland and England. The people listed are all believed to be Scots though a handful may have been of Scottish origin having been born in America or in Ireland. The book also contains a supplementary chronological list of all ships known to have sailed between Scotland and the Chesapeake before 1776 that brought the majority of Scots

to Virginia and Maryland prior to the American Revolution, which should facilitate identifying the vessel and route taken by these immigrants.

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Archives and Libraries

AA	Ayr Archives
APB	Aberdeen Proprinquity Book, ms
ATCL	Aberdeen Town Council Letter Book, ms
AUL	Aberdeen University Library
BM	British Museum
BRO	Bristol Record Office
CLRO	City of London Record Office
DGA	Dumfries and Galloway Archives
EUL	Edinburgh University Library
GCA	Glasgow City Archives
LOC	Library of Congress
LRO	Liverpool Record Office
MHS	Maryland Historical Society
MSA	Maryland State Archives
NCSA	North Carolina State Archives
NEHGS	New England Historic Genealogical Society
NLS	National Library of Scotland
NRS	National Records of Scotland
NYL	New York Library
PCC	Prerogative Court of Canterbury
PMA	Perth Museum Archives
TNA	The National Archives, London
UNC	University of North Carolina
VSA	Virginia State Archives
VSL	Virginia State Library

Publications

ACA	Ayrshire Collections, series
AGB	Americans of Gentle Birth, [1970]
AHR	American Historical Review, series
AJ	Aberdeen Journal, series
ANY	Bio. Register of the St Andrews Soc. New York, [1925]
AOB	Annals of Banff, [1891]
AP	St Andrews Society of Philadelphia, 1749-1907, [1907]
APC	American Presbyterianism, [1885]
BGBG	Roll of Burgesses and Guild-Brothers of Glasgow, [1925]
BOM	Book of Mackay, [1906]
BS	Bermuda Settlers of the Seventeenth Century, [1983]
CAG	Compendium of American Genealogy
CCMDG	Colonial Clergy of Maryland, Delaware, Georgia, [1950]
CCVC	Colonial Clergy of Virginia and the Carolinas, [1955]
CF	Colonial Families of USA, [1966]
CM	Caledonian Mercury, series
CP	Cavaliers and Pioneers, [2004]
CTB	Calendar of Treasury Books, series
CPD	Consistorial Processes and Decreets, [1909]
DAB	Dictionary of American Biography, [1928]
DAI	Dictionary of the American War of Independence, [1973]
DCB	Dictionary of Canadian Biography,
DPCA	Dundee, Perth and Cupar Advertiser, series
DR	The Douglas Register, [1985]
DRF	Domestic Papers of the Rose Family, [1926]
EA	Edinburgh Advertiser, series
EEC	Edinburgh Evening Courant, series
EMA	List of Emigrant Ministers to America, 1696-1811, [1904]
ETR	Extracts from the Records of the Old Tolbooth, 1657-1686,[1923]
F	Fastii Ecclesiae Scoticanae, [1928]
FPA	Fulham Papers in the Lambeth Palace Library, [1965]

GBR	Glasgow Burgess Roll
GC	Glasgow Courier, series
GCt	Glasgow Courant, series
GGE	Genealogical Gleanings in England, [1965]
GHG	History of Glasgow, [1777]
GJ	Glasgow Journal, series
GKF	Genealogy of Kentucky Families, [1981]
GM	Gentleman's Magazine, series [1731-1868]
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HAF	History of Ayrshire and its Families, [1847]
HF	House of Forbes, [1937]
HHG	History of Hutcheson's Hospital, Glasgow, [1881]
HM	History of Maryland, [1880]
HWC	History of Washington County, Maryland, [1906]
JAB	Jacobites of Aberdeen and Banff, [1934]
JRA	Justiciary Records of Argyll and the Isles, [1969]
KCA	Officers and Graduates of King's College, Aberdeen, [1893]
KFR	Kincaid Family Records, ms
L	Virginia Colonial Soldiers, [1988]
LC	Lamont Clan, [1938]
LIM	The Lyon in Mourning, [1895]
LIS	List and Index Society publications, series
MAGU	Matriculation Albums, Glasgow University, [1913]
MdGaz	Maryland Gazette, series
Md Mag	Maryland Magazine, series
MI	Monumental Inscription
MOM	Memorials of the Montgomeries, [1859]
NER	New England Historical & Genealogical Register, series
NGSQ	National Genealogical Society Quarterly, series
OD	Scots in the Old Dominion, [1980]
OPW	Original Patentees of Land in Washington, [1936]
P	Prisoners of the '45, [1929]
Pa Gaz	Pennsylvania Gazette, series

PAL	Princess Anne County, Loose Papers, 1700-1789, [1954]
PF	Patullo Families, [1972]
PIG	Philadelphia Independent Gazette, series
RAV	Register of Ancestors in Virginia, [1979]
RCRB	Records of the Convention of Royal Burghs, series
RPCS	Register of the Privy Council of Scotland, series
RSM	Records of the Synod of Moray, [1906]
SA	Scotus Americanus, [1982]
SC	Scots Courant, series
SCHR	Scottish Church History Records, series
SCM	Stewart Clan Magazine, series
SEV	Some Emigrants to Virginia, [1953]
SFV	A Scottish Firm in Virginia, 1776-1777, [1984]
SG	The Scottish Genealogist, series
SHC	The Scottish House of Christie, [1878]
SM	Scots Magazine, series
SN	The Scottish Nation, [1869]
SNQ	Scottish Notes and Queries, series
SOS	Surnames of Scotland, [1946]
SPAWI	Calendar of State Papers, America & West Indies, series
SPG	Calendar of Letters of the Society for the Propagation Of the Gospel, 1721-1793, [1972]
TDG	Transactions of the Dumfries & Galloway Society, series
TM	Terra Maria, [1867]
VaGaz	Virginia Gazette, series
VG	Virginia Genealogies, [1891]
VMHB	Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, series
VSP	Virginia State Papers, series
WMQ	William and Mary Quarterly, series