East Jersey Bound

# Early Scots emigration to Colonial America: REFERENCES

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## 1) East New Jersey

### 'East Jersey Bound' project

Website: https://eastjerseybound.scot
Research findings; database of emigrants, kin and associates; pen portraits

Thesis:
Johnstone, Derrick. 'Scots Emigrants to East New Jersey, 1682-1702: Motivations and Outcomes'. M.Phil (Research), University of Glasgow, 2025 https://theses.gla.ac.uk/85247/

Method: 'East Jersey Bound database notes and bibliography' (2025) https://eastjerseybound.scot/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/East-Jersey-Bound-database-notes-and-bibliography.pdf

### New Jersey sources

Early Land Records, New Jersey State Archives https://wwwdnet-dos.nj.gov/DOS_ArchivesDBPortal/EarlyLandRecords.aspx

Collections of the New Jersey Historical Society – for example, publications by William Nelson: *Calendar of Records in the Office of the Secretary of State, 1664-1703* (1899) https://archive.org/details/calendarofrecord21 and *Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Volume 1, 1670-1730* (1901) http://archive.org/details/documentsrelatin23newjuoft

### East Jersey histories

Landsman, Ned C., *Scotland and Its First American Colony, 1683-1765* (Princeton University Press, 1985)

Whitehead, William A., *East Jersey under the Proprietary Governments* (New Jersey Historical Society, 1875) http://archive.org/details/eastjerseyunderp00whit_0

Pomfret, John E. *The Province of East New Jersey, 1609-1702: The Rebellious Proprietary*. (Princeton University Press, 1962)

## 2) Sources in Scotland

National Records of Scotland:
Catalogue https://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/nrsonlinecatalogue/search.aspx; research guides https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/learning-and-events/research-guides/; and Scotland's People https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/.

National Library of Scotland manuscripts https://manuscripts.nls.uk/

Register of the Privy Council of Scotland https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/010426810

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Trove.Scot (previously Scotland's Places) https://www.trove.scot/

Your Scottish Archives: portal to local archive services https://yourscottisharchives.com/

Scottish Indexes Learning Zone https://www.scottishindexes.com/learning.aspx: articles on Registers of Deeds and Sasines

# 3) Historical background on Scottish emigration

Tom Devine, *Scotland's Empire, 1600-1815* (Allen Lane, 2003)

David Dobson, *Scottish Emigration to Colonial America, 1607-1785*. University of Georgia Press, 2004

George Pratt Insh, *Scottish Colonial Schemes, 1620-1686* (Maclehose, 1922) http://archive.org/details/scottishcolonial00inshuoft

Alexander Murdoch, *Scotland and America, c.1600-c.1800* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010)

Joseph Wagner, 'Scottish Colonization Before Darien: Opportunities and Opposition in the Union of the Crowns'. PhD, University of St Andrews, 2020. https://research-repository.st-andrews.ac.uk/handle/10023/21680.

# 4) Sources on emigrants and the early American colonies

## Lists of Scots in the American Colonies

David Dobson:
*Directory of Scots Banished to the American Plantations, 1650-1775* (Genealogical Publishing, 1984); *Scots Quakers and Early America, 1650-1700* (Clearfield, 1998); *Scots in New England: 1623-1873* (Genealogical Publishing, 2002); *Scots in the Mid-Atlantic Colonies, 1635-1783* (Genealogical, 2002); *Scots on the Chesapeake, 1621-1776* (Clearfield, 2012); *Scottish Transatlantic Merchants, 1611-1785* (Clearfield, 2007); *Ships from Scotland to America, 1628-1828* (Genealogical, four volumes, 1998-2011)

## Family Tree Research Wiki

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page provides links to North American and Caribbean colonies where you will find comprehensive lists of sources. Beware that many of the links relate to indexes on subscriber-only websites like Ancestry. The original publications can often be found as PDFs on the Internet Archive or via other searches.

## USGenWeb

A volunteer-driven network of over 3,000 interlinked websites, each rich with locally curated content: https://www.usgenweb.org/

## Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Subscription service with recordings and handouts on researching early American colonies https://familytreewebinars.com/. Topics have included *Top 5 Strategies for Researching Early Kentucky and Virginia Families* by Kory L. Meyerink (2025); *Researching in 17th Century Connecticut* by Ann G. Lawthers (2024); and *Scottish Emigration to North America: Before, During and After the Rebellions* by Paul Milner (2023).