

HERITAGE HUB SOURCE LIST EMIGRATION RECORDS

INTRODUCTION

- At the Heritage Hub we can help you to access the websites of other archive collections and search databases of emigrant records. However no original emigration records for individuals are held.
- Please note Scottish Borders Archive and Local History Service is not responsible for the content of the websites and external links
- We do hold a limited collection of printed lists, directories of emigrants and the following introductory guides:

Kershaw, Roger

Emigrants and expats: A guide to sources on UK emigration and residents overseas

Kershaw, Roger

Family history on the move: where your ancestors went

Richards, Eric

Britannia's children: emigration from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland since 1600

An interesting background study is:

Aitchison, Peter

The Lowland Clearances: Scotland's silent revolution 1760-1830

EMIGRATION RECORDS INCLUDE:

- Passenger lists recording departures from the UK and ship manifests which were records of arrival made at the port of entry.
- Immigration records and naturalisation papers.
- Convict transportation registers. Also prison and criminal trial records for those sentenced.
- Records of emigration societies and charitable societies which actively encouraged emigration in the 19th century. Local newspapers carried advertisements placed by these organisations and by shipping agents offering passages.
- Records of poor relief authorities which sometimes paid the passage of paupers as a cheaper alternative to supporting them in the parish or the poorhouse.

GENERAL WEBSITES

- www.ancestorsonboard.com - a searchable list of outbound passengers from British ports 1890-1960. The same database can also be accessed on www.findmypast.com
- www.nationalarchives.gov.uk - the National Archives (London) holds records of the Board of Trade, the Colonial Office, Land and Emigration Commission and other government bodies. NA Online Research Guides include:
 - *Emigrants – Domestic Records*
 - *American and West Indian Colonies before 1782*
 - *Emigrants to North America after 1776*
 - *Transportation to America and the West Indies, 1615-1776*
 - *Transportation to Australia, 1787-1868*

- www.abdn.ac.uk/emigration - features the Scottish Emigration Database containing the records of over 21,000 passengers who embarked at Glasgow and Greenock for non-European ports between 1 January and 30 April 1923, and at other ports between 1890 and 1960.
- www.nas.gov.uk - The National Archives of Scotland (Edinburgh) has an online *Research Guide to Emigration Records* and a bibliography of books and directories.
- www.scan.org.uk - The Scottish Archive Network offers an online *Guide to Emigration* and a bibliography of books and directories. The site also features digitised images of the Highland and Island Emigration Society 1851-59 and its passenger lists 1852-57.
- www.gla.ac.uk/archives - details passenger lists held at University of Glasgow Archive Services
- www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk - online catalogue to the archives and library at the Merseyside Maritime Museum. Online information sheets:
 - *Emigration to USA and Canada*
 - *Emigration to Australia, New Zealand & South Africa*
- www.workhouses.org.uk - an account of the organised emigration of paupers and poor children
- www.familyrecords.gov.uk - a website run by the National Archives (London) which has a topic guide to emigration and links to other archives.
- Passenger lists for most destination countries can be searched at the following websites:

www.ancestry.co.uk
www.findmypast.com
www.genealogylinks.net
www.olivetreegenealogy.com

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com
www.searchforancestors.com
www.theshipslist.com

AUSTRALIA

- www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/migration - Immigration records at the National Archives of Australia are mostly 20th century. Records before 1901 were the responsibility of the separate colonies.
- www.blaxland.com/ozships - lists Australian shipping arrivals 1788 to 1967
- <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh/convicts> - 123,000 out of the estimated 160,000 convicts from England and Scotland transported to Australia 1787-1867 are recorded in this database.
- www.list.jaunay.com/ausnzpassengers - locates passenger lists for ships to Australia
- http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/indexes_online_3357.asp - New South Wales records
- <http://portal.archives.tas.gov.au/menu.aspx?search=11> – Tasmanian records.
- www.wags.org.au/shipping/passships.htm - has lists of ships for ports in Western Australia.
- www.ancestry.co.uk – includes extensive coverage of passenger lists and convict records.
- Resources held at the Heritage Hub

Dobson, David A.
Sainty, Malcolm
National Archives of Scotland
Num, Cora
Scottish Record Office
Scottish Record Office

Directory of Scots in Australia 1788-1900. 3 parts
Census of New South Wales November 1828
The Scots in Australia
How to find shipping and immigration records in Australia
The Australian source list [4 microfiches]
The Scots in Australia 1788-1988

CANADA

- www.collectionscanada.gc.ca - Library and Archives Canada holds immigration records on microfilm 1865-1935. Website Includes bibliography of printed lists.
- www.mun.ca/mha - Maritime History Archive hosted by the Memorial University of Newfoundland has data on individuals and families involved in the settlement of Newfoundland up to 1850.
- www.ancestry.co.uk – includes passenger lists and immigration records to Canadian destinations.
- Resources held at the Heritage Hub

Dobson, David

Scots in USA and Canada 1825-1900

Lawson, James

The emigrant Scots: an inventory of extant ships manifests (passenger lists) in Canadian archives for ships travelling from Scotland to Canada before 1900

Whyte, Donald

*Dictionary of Scottish emigrants to Canada before Confederation.
2 vols.*

NEW ZEALAND

- www.archives.govt.nz - Archives New Zealand holds immigration records and original passenger lists of arrivals.
- www.list.jaunay.com/ausnzpassengers - Locates passenger lists for ships to New Zealand.
- Resources held at the Heritage Hub

Scottish Interest Group of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Microfiche - Register of New Zealand immigrants of Scottish birth arriving before 1 January 1921.

NORTHERN IRELAND

www.proni.gov.uk

- Public Record Office of Northern Ireland has online guide: *Family History: - Key Sources*
- The Heritage Hub holds a small directory which lists a few hundred Scottish settlers:

Dobson, David


Scots Irish links 1575-1725

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- www.ellisland.org - Online access to ship manifests at the Federal Government immigration station at Ellis Island New York, 1892-1954. Prior to that individual states regulated immigration.
- www.castlegarden.org - Online access to the arrival lists at Castle Garden - the processing station for immigrants to New York State 1855-1890.
- www.archives.gov - US National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) holds immigration records for various ports 1800-1959. Bibliography of the main US printed lists.
- www.ancestry.co.uk – features extensive coverage of passenger lists to USA destinations; also lists of emigrants to the early American colonies.

▪ Resources held at the Heritage Hub:

<i>Adams, Ian</i>	<i>Cargoes of despair and hope: Scottish emigration to North America 1603-1803</i>
<i>Dobson, David</i>	<i>The original Scots colonists of early America 1612-1783. Supplement 1607-1707</i>
<i>Dobson, David</i>	<i>Scots on the Chesapeake 1607-1830</i>
<i>Dobson, David</i>	<i>Scottish emigration to Colonial America 1606-178</i>
<i>Dobson, David</i>	<i>Directory of Scots banished to the American Plantations 1650 -1775</i>
<i>Dobson, David</i>	<i>Directory of Scots in the Carolinas 1680-183</i>
<i>Dobson, David</i>	<i>Scots in Georgia and the Deep South 1735-1845</i>
<i>Dobson, David</i>	<i>Scottish American heirs 1683-1883</i>
<i>Dobson, David</i>	<i>Scottish ships from Scotland to America 1628-1828</i>
<i>Dobson, David</i>	<i>Scottish soldiers in Colonial America [part two]</i>
<i>Dobson, David</i>	<i>Scots in USA and Canada 1825-1900</i>
<i>Erickson, Charlotte</i>	<i>Invisible immigrants: the adaptation of English and Scottish In 19th century America</i>
<i>Whyte, Donald</i>	<i>A dictionary of Scottish emigrants to the USA. 2vols</i>


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