

# **The Scotch-Irish in South Carolina**

Antrim, Ireland

Many of the immigrants from Scotland and Ireland embarked from County Antrim and landed in Pennsylvania. Belfast was a common port city in the North Channel which brought immigrants to America. Emigrants to Pennsylvania 1641-1819, a book by Michael Tepper, consolidates Ship Passenger Lists from the Pennsylvania Magazine. Once in Pennsylvania, the immigrants moved into some South Carolina Counties, such as Chester, Laurens and Greenville. The place to search for them in Pennsylvania is Bucks and Berks where they lived among countrymen for awhile before moving on. Ultimately, the descendants of those families who migrated during the mid 18th century, dribbled down into Georgia.

## **How the Scotch-Irish Settled in Chester, South Carolina**

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During the Royal Period, there was a great migration of Scottish and Irish persons into South Carolina. They through the Charleston Port, as well as that in Philadelphia, laying over in Bucks County. But the Indian raids along the Pennsylvania frontier presented problems, and many Scots-Irish took to the Great Wagon Road from Pennsylvania through the Shenandoah valley, down to North Carolina and South Carolina. The Scotch-Irish virtually settled the back country of South Carolina before the Revolutionary War. The greater portion of the were Protestant. The Irish in Northern Ireland came down a little later. Here is an example of a plain Irish family migrating from Ireland into Pennsylvania an finally to Chester, South Carolina. According to his pension, William Boyd was born in Ireland and brought to Charleston, South Carolina by his father when he was five years old. He was just fifteen years old when he enlisted as a substitute for his father in the Revolutionary War and served four months, then three months as a private in the South Carolina Troops under Lt. Archibald Gill, Colonel Lacy, Colonel

Thomas Taylor and Colonel Bratton. Although he appears to have only substituted in the war, his widow applied for a pension.