

**“The Scotch Colony of New Kincardineshire” Lorraine Stewart**

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I have listed below some of the sources for information about the Scotch Colony and other emigration projects.

**Life in Kincardineshire in the mid 1800s**

Pictures

- Hundreds of pictures of Stonehaven in bye-gone days: Stonehaven Tolbooth Museum (website): <https://www.stonehaventolbooth.co.uk>

Book

- Carter, Ian R. (1997) *Farm Life in North East Scotland, 1840-1914: The Poor Man’s Country*. Edinburgh: John Donald. Useful background information about what life was like for our agricultural ancestors.

Agricultural Hierarchy in North East Scotland

[Information compiled from: Carter, Ian R. (1997) *Farm Life in North East Scotland, 1840-1914: The Poor Man’s Country*. Edinburgh: John Donald. Page 110]

<b>Heirarchy</b>	<b>Job</b>
1. Herd Laddie	Herding the animals - necessary due to the inadequacy of fencing! Started at age 12-14 for 1 or 2 six month fees.
2. Cattleman (coo baillie)	(1-2 years)
3. Specialised Cattleman	Beef Cattleman, Dairy Cattleman
3. “Halflin”	Working the “orra beast” (occasionally working with a horse)
3. Junior Horseman	Working a pair of horses
4. Horseman	Gradually move through the ranks of Horsemen
5. Foreman	
6. Grieve	
7 “Orraman”	In middle age a man was not as physically able to manage the horse work but had the experience to be able to turn his hand to any task on the farm

Statistical Accounts of Scotland

- Detailed information about conditions in each parish 1791-1977 and 1834-1845, usually written by the Parish Minister: <https://stataccscot.edina.ac.uk>

Maps

- Very useful for identifying where places were.
- National Library of Scotland Maps (website): <https://maps.nls.uk>
- Map of Scotland: Ordnance Survey Six inch 1<sup>st</sup> edition, 1843-1882: <https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#zoom=6.0&lat=57.20557&lon=-2.54893&layers=5&b=1>
- Map of Scotland showing Parish Boundaries: <https://maps.nls.uk/geo/boundaries/#zoom=10&lat=57.1096&lon=-2.6531&dates=1950&point=0,0>

## Ordnance Survey Names Books

- These record information about every place named on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Ordnance Survey Map (1842-1845) including names of proprietors and sometimes occupiers – useful background information about the housing conditions in which ancestors were living:

<https://scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/records>

## How the plans for the emigration project evolved

### Newspapers

- The *Stonehaven Journal* – bound copies of the original newspapers are held at Stonehaven Library. The local newspaper published frequent bulletins about the project, keeping people informed.
- The *British Newspaper Archive* <https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk> (also available on *Find My Past* <https://www.findmypast.co.uk> )
  - Includes the *Stonehaven Journal*, *Aberdeen Press & Journal*, *Montrose Review*, *Dundee Courier*, *Glasgow Herald*, and many other Scottish newspapers.

### The Scotch Colony Prospectus

- *Prospectus of New Kincardineshire Colony of New Brunswick, with Reports of Directors regarding situation, soil, climate, &C. &C., and a statement of condition concerning free houses, free grants of land, and assisted passages.* Compiled by Captain William Brown of Stonehaven, 1872.
  - [https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/32514/images/flhcan1900\\_104616\\_0001-00002?ssrc=&backlabel=Return&pld=126661](https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/32514/images/flhcan1900_104616_0001-00002?ssrc=&backlabel=Return&pld=126661)
  - Also available free from *Internet Archive*:  
[https://archive.org/details/cihm\\_00969/page/n5/mode/2up](https://archive.org/details/cihm_00969/page/n5/mode/2up)

## The Journey

### Booklet

- *The Scotch Colony The story of 1873.* Information gathered, compiled, and contributed by a friend of the Colony. Includes a list of passengers on the *Castalia*, list of lots granted, and names of colonists living in the settlement in 1874, and 1875.

### The *Castalia* (and other emigrant ships)

- Description of the *Castalia*.1873: <http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/descriptions/ShipsC.shtml>
- Picture of the *Castalia*, story of the voyage & passenger list - extracted from *The Scotch Colony: The story of 1873*: <https://www.theshipslist.com/accounts/ScotchColonists.shtml>
- Norway-Heritage: Hands across the sea - Emigrant Ships database:  
[https://www.norwayheritage.com/query\\_s.asp](https://www.norwayheritage.com/query_s.asp)
  - Information about the *Castalia*: [https://www.norwayheritage.com/p\\_ship.asp?sh=cast1](https://www.norwayheritage.com/p_ship.asp?sh=cast1)

## Arrival in New Brunswick

### New Brunswick Archives (website)

- *Pioneers, Ploughs, and Politics: New Brunswick Planned Settlements*:  
<https://archives.gnb.ca/exhibits/plannedsettlements/Home.aspx?culture=en-CA>

- *Kincardine Settlement*: includes extracts from Colonists talking about their experiences:  
<https://archives.gnb.ca/exhibits/plannedsettlements/Settlement.aspx?culture=en-CA&t=Kincardine>

## **The years that followed**

### **Books**

- MacPhail, Duncan A. 1977. *New Kincardineshire : an intimate history of the early years of a Scottish settlement in New Brunswick*. Available from: <http://scotchcolony.ca/category/gifts/>
- *A History of the Scotch Colony: Victoria County, New Brunswick, (1873-1998)*. Available from: <http://scotchcolony.ca/category/gifts/>
- United Church of Canada. Andover-Kincardine Pastoral Charge (New Brunswick). Historical Committee. 1969. *A history of the Scotch Colony, Victoria County, New Brunswick, 1873-1969 New Brunswick, Canada*. Available from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: Family History Library:  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/1222559?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

### **Websites**

- *Scotch Colony, New Brunswick, Canada* - including the communities of Kincardine, Bon Accord, Kintore and Upper Kintore: <http://scotchcolony.ca/2018/12/13/new-kincardineshire-second-edition>
- *Scotch Colony 1873 – Story of immigrant families to St. John River area of Western New Brunswick in Canada*: <https://scotchcolony1873.wordpress.com/>
- *Scotch Colony* Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/ScotchColony>
- Contact with descendants through the Colony website has been invaluable in finding more information and photographs about individual families and what happened to them.

## **Other records that may be useful in tracing families:**

- **Birth, Marriage, Death and Census Records** – available on *Scotland's People*.
- **Church Records** (e.g.: Kirk Session Minutes) – many are available on *Scotland's People* or at the *National Records of Scotland (NRS)* in Edinburgh. Some are held by local archives.
- **Episcopal Church Records** (Baptisms, Marriages & Burials) are often not recorded in the Parish Registers which are on *Scotland's People*. These are often held by local or university archives. Kincardineshire records are held by the Diocese of Brechin, in Dundee University Archives, and many Aberdeenshire Records are held by Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Archives. Many Episcopal Records from Kincardineshire and Aberdeenshire have been transcribed by A. Strath Maxwell, and published in books which are available at Aberdeenshire Libraries.
- **Valuation Rolls** can indicate when people moved from one residence to another, and also how small crofts may have been combined into larger farms forcing families to move off the land – some are available on *Scotland's People* but a clearer picture can usually be obtained if the Valuation Rolls are followed from year to year. The annual Valuation Rolls are available in local archives and some libraries. For Kincardineshire and Aberdeenshire they can be accessed at: Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Archives, Aberdeen Central Library, Aberdeenshire Libraries Local Studies Headquarters in Old Meldrum.

- School Records The records for Kintore School record children leaving for the Scotch Colony in 1873. This may be similar in other school records especially if a number of children were leaving the school at the same time. Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Archives hold many old records for the area including school records.

**Accessing these records:**

- *Scotland's People*: Centre in Edinburgh, hubs around Scotland, and online at: <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>
- Aberdeenshire Libraries: <https://aberdeenshire.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/HOME>.
- Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Archives: <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/aberdeen-city-and-aberdeenshire-archives>
- Dundee University Archives: <https://www.dundee.ac.uk/archives/thecollections>
- Aberdeen Central Library – Local Studies: <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/local-and-family-history/local-studies>