

Researching Seventeenth Century Families: Timeline for the Plantation of Ulster

Date	Events	Historical sources	Migration stories
1552 1569		Office of Arms founded	
			Many Scottish mercenaries arrive in NW Ulster following marriage of Turlough Luineach O'Neill to Lady Agnes Campbell
1572 1575	Sir Brian O'Neill rebels against Queen Elizabeth Sir Henry Sidney: east Ulster 'all waste and desolate'		
1601/2	Con O'Neill is arrested for 'levying war against the Queen'		
1603	Death of Queen Elizabeth I		
1521-1603		Fiants of the Tudor sovereigns	
1603	James VI of Scotland succeeds to the throne as James I of England		
1603	Treaty of Mellifont ends the Nine Years War		
1605			George Montgomery appointed bishop of Derry, Raphoe and Clogher; introduces Scots to his bishopric lands.
1606	Hamilton and Montgomery settlements in County Down		James Hamilton and Hugh Montgomery settle north-east County Down with Lowland Scots families
1607	Flight of the earls. Preparations for plantation begin		
1610	Plantation of Ulster gets underway: scheme completed and lands allocated to undertakers		Beginning of significant migration to west Ulster from England and Scotland
c.1610> 1611		Summonister rolls Sir George Carew's survey	
1611	At least 350 settlers on Scottish estates in planted counties		
1613		Sir Josias Bodley's survey	
1613	Nearly 500 settler families on Scottish estates in planted counties		
1618-19		Captain Nicholas Pynnar's survey	
1618-19	Around 4,400 British adults on estates administered by Scots		
1622		The Irish Commission of 1622	Around 6,500 adult Scots in the six officially planted counties

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1603–c.1630?		Calendars of patent rolls of James I and Charles I	
1630	Around 14,500 British men in Ulster as a whole, a majority of them Scots		
1618/1630–31 c.1605–34 1636		Muster rolls Grants of denization and naturalisation	First attempt to sail from Ulster to America – 'Eagle Wing' voyage led by deposed Presbyterian ministers; ship forced to return because of storms
1641 1641 1645–56	Outbreak of native Irish rebellion	Depositions of 1641 The Civil Survey	
1649 1650s	Cromwell's massacre of Drogheda		Quaker families mainly from the north of England begin to settle in Ulster, principally in the Lagan Valley and north Armagh
1659		Census of Ireland c.1659 ('Pender's Census')	
c.1662 1663		Poll tax books, Co. Tyrone Court of Claims, Submissions and Evidence"	
1662–6 1663–9 1667		Subsidy rolls Hearth Money Rolls Excommunications in Derry diocese	
1660–70s 1670s–80s		Books of survey and distribution	Covenanter families from Scotland seek refuge from persecution in Ulster
1670–71		Franciscan petition lists, Armagh diocese, 1670–71	
1685 1688	James II becomes King The Glorious Revolution: William of Orange invited to become King		
1689–92		Fighters of Derry (records relating to the Siege of Derry) Names of those attainted by James II	
1689 1689 1690	Siege of Derry Battle of the Boyne		
1690s			Huguenots begin to arrive in Ulster principally in Lisburn area

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1690s			As many as 50,000 Scots migrate to Ulster largely as a result of severe famine conditions in Scotland
1691–1703		Records relating to the Williamite land settlement	
1703		'A view of the archbishopric of Armagh'	
1703–1838		Convert rolls	
1708		Registry of Deeds established in Dublin	
1718			Large-scale migration of Scots-Irish to America begins
1719	Toleration Act officially recognises Presbyterians		
1737		<i>Belfast News Letter</i> founded (still published as a morning daily)	
1737–43			Nearly 2,000 convicts transported from Ireland to America
1740	Census of Protestant householders'		
1749		The census of Elphin	
1761			First settlement of Ulstermen in Canada – in Nova Scotia, settlement called Londonderry
1765			Andrew Jackson's parents leave Carrickfergus for America
1766		Religious census	
1771–2		Hearts of Steel memorials	
1772			Rev. William Martin leads 5 shiploads of settlers from Ulster to South Carolina
1775		Petitions of Protestant Dissenters	
1778		Irish Volunteers formed	
1781–2		Catholic and Protestant Dissenters Relief Acts	
1791	Society of United Irishmen formed		Transportation from Ireland to Australia begins
1795–6		'Catholics migrating from Ulster'	
1796		Flaxgrowers Bounty (Premium) List	
1798	United Irishmen Rebellion		Some United Irishmen seek refuge in America
1798		Records relating to the 1798 rebellion	
1799-1800		Petitions relating to the Act of Union	
1800	Act of Union of Great Britain and Ireland		
1803–4		Agricultural censuses for Antrim and Down	

