



Tracing our British Ancestors Using the Resources of FamilySearch

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*Today we may say aloud before an awe-struck world,
 'We are still masters of our fate. We still are captain
 of our souls. Winston Churchill, 9 Sep 1941*

What are the British Isles?

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| 1. England | 4. Northern Ireland |
| 2. Wales | 5. Republic of Ireland |
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Four principal British migrations:

1. Puritans, mostly middle class, from eastern counties of England to Massachusetts Colony, 1629-1640.	3. Quakers from north midland counties of England and Wales to Delaware Valley (Pennsylvania) 1675-1725.
2. Small Cavalier elite, some middle class, and a large group of indentured servants from western and southern English counties to Virginia Tidewater area, 1642-1675.	4. English-speaking people from the northern counties of England, Scottish lowlands and Province of Ulster (Scots-Irish) to Appalachian backcountry of Pennsylvania, Virginia and Carolinas, 1718-1775.

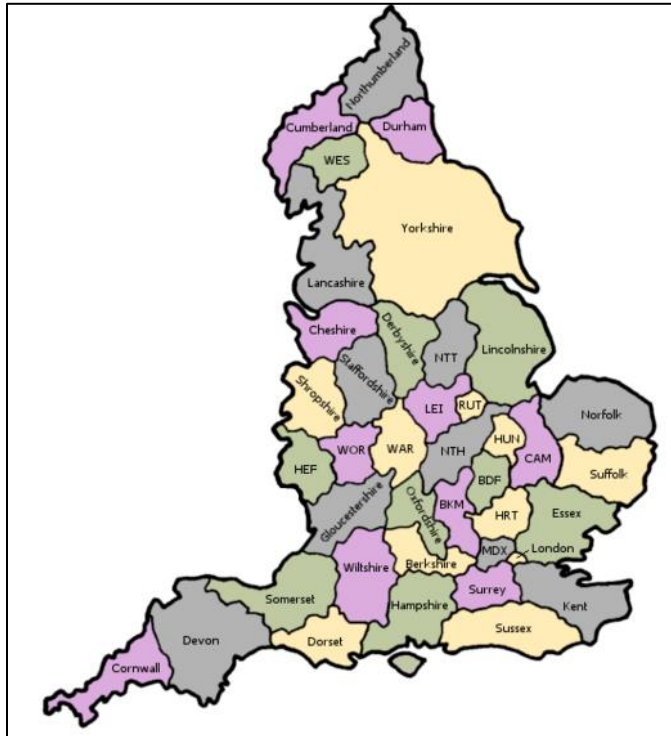
Scots-Irish Immigration:

<p>First wave: 1717-1718 (about 5,000 came) Reason: drought, rent-racking (James McGregor – Boston)</p> <p>Second wave: 1725-1729 (English Parliament concerned) Large Protestant congregations</p> <p>Third wave: 1740-1741 Famine; 400,000 died in Ireland</p>	<p>Fourth wave: 1754-1755 Drought in Ulster, propaganda from North Carolina</p> <p>Fifth wave: 1771-1775 (high rents led to eviction) Headright system used; 100 acres/man, 50 acres/women and children. Belfast □ Charleston, SC. Ships filled.</p>
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Leicestershire, or Leicester, is an inland county located nearly in the center of [England](#)

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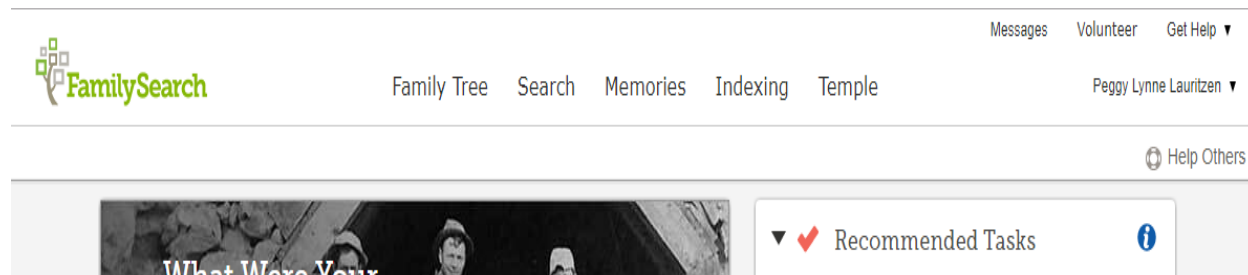
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