## SCOTCH IRISH BECAME THE FRONTIERSMEN AND MOUNTAIN MEN OF EARLY AMERICA

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The first Ulster settlement was in Donegal, Pa, with the SUSQUEHANNA RIVER being the barrier to the Scotch-Irish movement into the Cumberland Valley. Eventually, a ferry opened the Cumberland Valley to the Scotch-Irish and the movement South began. The Scotch-Irish moved down the Cumberland Valley to Virginia and on to North and South Carolina. They moved on the GREAT WAGON ROAD. From Pennsylvania to South Carolina they dominated. During this time period we see another pattern developing. The old reevers of the Scots-English border, became the frontiersmen and the mountain men of America. The tenant farmers of the Scots settled in many of the same areas as the Palatines because of their similar history and disposition. However, even among the farmers, the Scots tended to be scrappier than the Germans, as the PRESBYTERIAN SCOTS never had a pacifist background as did the Anabaptist Palatines.

**SOURCE:** Scots Irish Immigration of the 1700s.