

## WHAT IS AN ULSTER-SCOT ?

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**Ulster Scots** is a term used primarily in the United Kingdom and Ireland. It refers to the Scots who migrated to the northern province of Ireland (Ulster) beginning about 1605. **Although sometimes in North America they are referred to as 'Scotch-Irish' or 'Ulster-Irish'.** All these terms most commonly refer to those **Lowland and Border Scots** who settled in the northern counties of Ireland during the Plantation scheme. However, there were Scots in Ireland as early as the 1400s, such as the McDonalds of County Antrim. There was also a steady stream of Highland Scots migrating to the north of Ireland in the early 1800s as a result of the highland clearances in Scotland. It can therefore be considered that anyone whose ancestors migrated from Scotland to Ulster from 1400 onward is of Ulster-Scot descent.