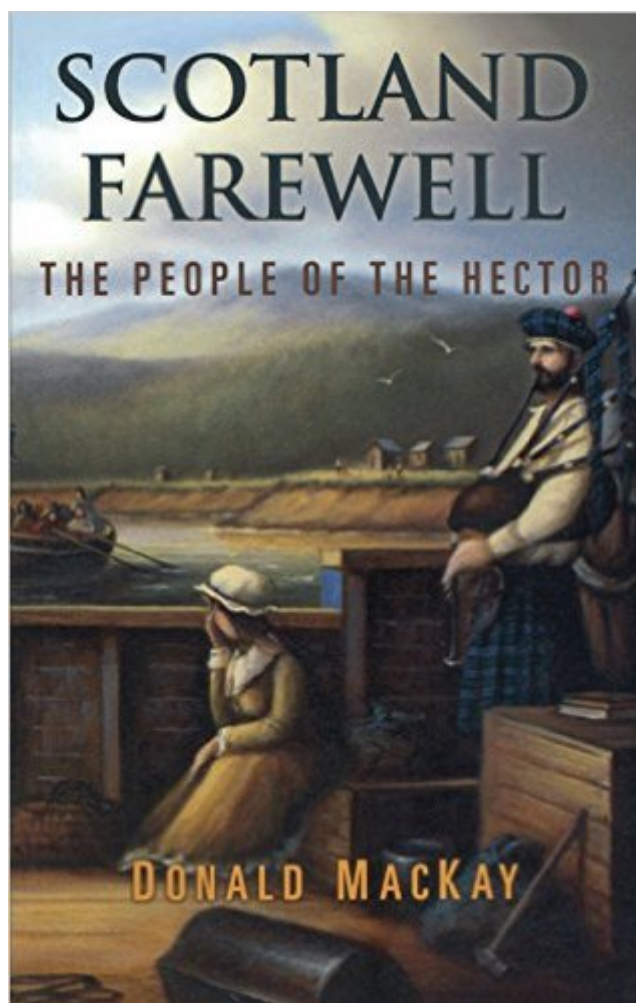


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Scotland Farewell: The People Of The Hector



Synopsis

This is the story of the Highland Scots who sailed to Pictou, Nova Scotia, in 1773 aboard the brig Hector. These intrepid emigrants came for many reasons: the famine of the previous spring, pressures of population growth, intolerable rent increases, trouble with the law, the hunger of landless men to own land of their own. Upon arrival at Pictou, after an appalling storm-tossed crossing, they found they had been deceived. The promised prime farming land turned out to be virgin forest. Only the kindness of the Miâ™kmaq and the few New Englanders already settled there enabled them to survive until they learned how to exploit the forests and clear land. But survive they did, and their prosperity encouraged shiploads of emigrants, many fellow clansmen, to join them, making northeastern Nova Scotia a true New Scotland.

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The tool for guiding the reader through early life in Nova Scotia. Vivid descriptions of characters, climate, topography, and tribulations. If you are researching the voyage of the "Ship Hector", you must obtain this book. Genealogists dream, if working in 1700-1900's Nova Scotia. Well written, easily read, complete. The research displayed and the history revealed priceless. Bibliography provides additional tools, not easily located.

The book begins with a Thorough description of a would be ex-jacobites highlanders Scotts Comunity being destroyed by the British, the winners of the deciding Battle of Culladen. It then describe the immigrants recruiting phase and the resultant embarkation, based on promises which

were later exposed as falsehoods however unfortunately, the resulting situation although not accepted well, could not be rectified. Yet, the pilgrims, as they were, surmount the problems in major ways. They go on to becoming a going concern society in the Province of Nova Scotia. The Pictou county is formed up as a most effective part, harbouring unusually well educated persons, producing a comparative large number of scientific professions members in the Provincial Community including Senior Politicians. This is a rare description of the Maritime people of Pictou County. A people who has surmounted unusual problems of survival where the lack of food, housing, tools, and transportation has been a way of life, mostly in hostile climates, wherever they were forced to reside.. This book very cleverly describes the Hector brig people lives before and after they arrived in Canada. They evidently met with and admirably controlled Everest size problems

Great book - great story! This is so well written that it reads like a novel. Though I've read reams about the Scottish migration to the new world in the 18th & 19th centuries, nothing that I've read has given such a clear picture of what life in Scotland was really like for the Highlanders. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in either their Scottish ancestry/history [for this applies to the majority of Scots during the time period covered], or the history of Nova Scotia, with a particular focus on Pictou County.

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