

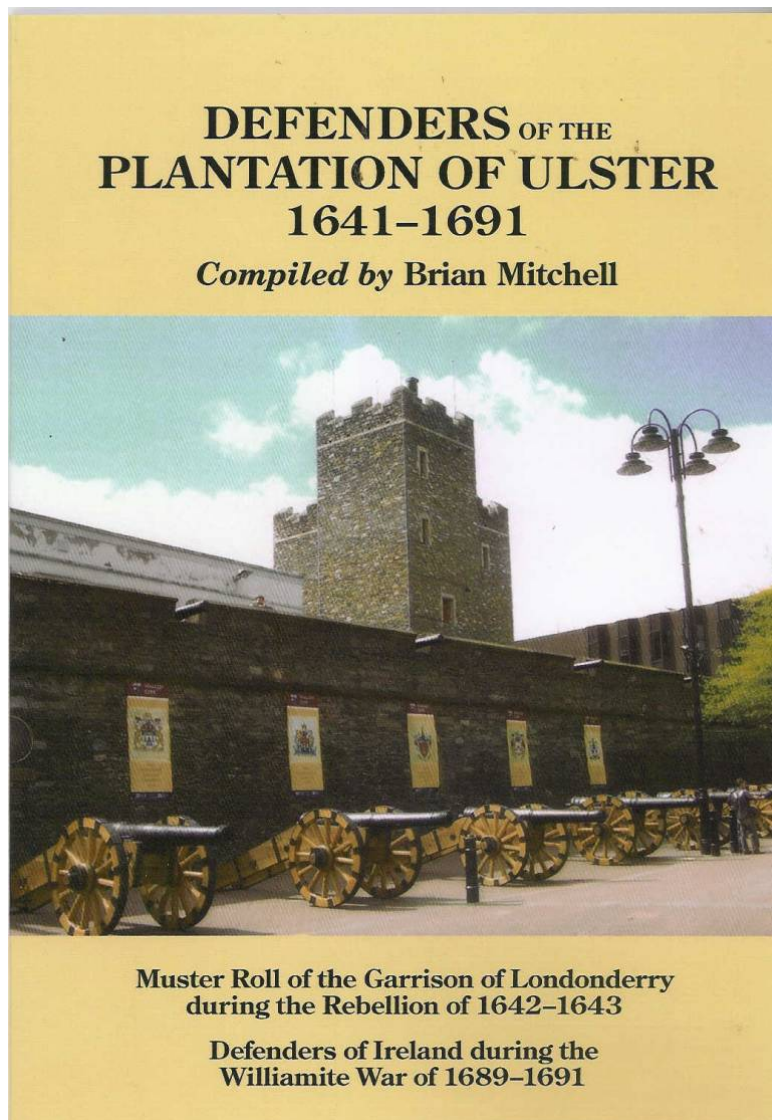
# **CAJUNS, CREOLES, PIRATES AND PLANTERS**

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**ULSTER RECORDS:** The work at hand names some 2,500 planters who played a part in defending and securing the Plantation of Ulster during the 1641 rebellion and the Williamite War of 1688-1691. As such, *Defenders of the Plantation of Ulster, 1641-1691* is divided into two alphabetically arranged lists.



The first and smaller of the two lists, "Muster Roll of Garrison in the City of Londonderry, 1642-1643," identifies 905 men in 9 foot companies who defended Derry's walls during the siege of 1641/1642. The second list concerns the Ulstermen

who defended Londonderry against the Jacobite opposition to William of Orange in Ireland.

Mitchell's main source in this instance is William R. Young's *Fighters of Derry, Their Deeds and Descendants . . . 1688-1691*. Many of the "defenders" are first, second, third, or fourth-generation descendants of Scottish, English, and Welsh planters. In many cases, Young connects the "defenders" of 1689-1691 to the original planters who settled in Ireland.

Mitchell's tabular adaptation is, in effect, a list of the major Planter families of the province of Ulster, and in many cases it identifies their connection to the original planters from England, Wales, and in particular, Scotland.

In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, many English and Scottish families settled in the northern part of Ireland during the so-called Plantation of Ulster. The province of Ulster consists of the counties of Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry, and Tyrone in Northern Ireland and of the counties of Cavan, Donegal, and Monaghan in the Republic of Ireland.

Anyone with ancestries going into these areas should definitely check out this book. It is excellent and can be ordered directly from Clearfield Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Rd., Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211. The cost is \$30.50, postage and handling included. For additional copies, add \$2.50 per book.

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**MARYLAND RECORDS:** Another book from this same company is called *Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland, Volume XXII: 1739-1741* by V.L. Skinner Jr.

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The Prerogative Court was the focal point for probate in colonial Maryland. Compiler Skinner has produced the twenty-second volume in his series *Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland*, based upon this important source for Maryland genealogists. The series is arranged, volume by volume, chronologically by court session. *Volume XXII* consists of abstracts for the period 1739-41, as found in Liber 31 of the records. In all, the latest book in this remarkable series refers to an additional 7,000 colonial inhabitants of the Province of Maryland. For the most part, the transcriptions state the names of the principals (testators, heirs, guardians, witnesses, administrators, and so forth) as well as details of bequests, names of slaves, appraisers, and more.

This series of books is invaluable to genealogical research, and the complete set should be in all major research libraries. The price on this book is \$35, postage and handling included. The address is the same as above – from Clearfield Company of Maryland.

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**MEETING SCHEDULED:** The next general membership meeting of the Canary Islanders Heritage Society will take place Saturday, February 13. The theme of the meeting will be “Connecting Canrio Cousins”. Club members will be developing and sharing a genealogy network of Canary Island surnames. The meeting begins at 11 a.m. at the Louisiana State Archives Building, 3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Information about the Canary Islanders Heritage Society of Louisiana can be found on the web at [www.canaryislanders.org](http://www.canaryislanders.org). You may contact the President of the Society by email: [rosemarie@canaryislanders.org](mailto:rosemarie@canaryislanders.org).

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**ANOTHER REMINDER:** Don’t forget that the African-American Genealogy Seminar will also be held on February 13 at the Delta Sigma Theta Life Development Center, 688 Harding Blvd., also in Baton Rouge. This seminar is sponsored by Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane’s African-American Special Interest Group. In addition to two presentations by Reginald Washington, Archivist for the Research Support Branch, National Archives and Records Administration and African-American Genealogy Specialist, Cherryl Forbes Montgomery and Judy Riffel will add their expertise in making this an outstanding program.

If you need more information, contact Montgomery at [cherrylm@aol.com](mailto:cherrylm@aol.com).

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**COLUMN INFORMATION:** I like to remind everyone periodically that “Cajuns, Creoles, Pirates and Planters” is a service column designed to promote genealogical/historical subjects and offer readers free query listings on family lineage problems. There is no limit to the number of words in each inquiry, but there should be a Louisiana connection by heritage or residence of researcher working on lines in other areas. Books and society publications are reviewed only if a sample copy is submitted with each review request. Dated notices should be sent in for consideration several weeks prior to the scheduled event. Otherwise, mail is filed by date of postmark and used as space permits.

All materials submitted by genealogical societies and many privately printed books and magazines are donated to the Veach-Foshee Memorial Library Collection in Mansfield, Louisiana. All genealogical/historical materials – Bible records, old wills, letters, ledger records, etc. – are accepted and considered for publication with full credit being given to the researcher submitting the material. If the data is too extensive for use in this format, it will be passed on to a preservation group for publication in their quarterlies or periodicals. The important thing to remember is to do everything possible to get these records into print or preserved in some fashion. Some of this material may be the only copy in existence and is valuable for

**both current research efforts and especially for use by future generations of researchers. Please help to preserve our heritage. It is priceless and cannot be replaced.**

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