

***WESTRALIAN SCOTS:
Scottish Settlement and Identity in
Western Australia, arrivals 1829-1850***

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THESIS ABSTRACT

Before the end of 1850, Scottish settlers in Western Australia represented a small minority group of what was, in terms of the European population, a predominantly English colony. By comparison to the eastern Australian colonies, Western Australia attracted the least number of Scottish migrants. This thesis aims to broaden the historiography of Scottish settlement in Australia in the nineteenth century by providing insights into the lives of Westralian Scots.

While this thesis broadly documents Scottish settlement, its main focus is Scottish identity. Utilising techniques of nominal record linkage and close socio-biographical scrutiny, this study looks beyond institutional manifestations of Scottish identity to consider the ways in which Scottishness was maintained in everyday lives through work, social and religious practices. This thesis also demonstrates the multi-layered expressions of national identity by recognising Scottish identity in the Australian colonies as both Scottish and British. The duality of a Scottish and British identity made Scots more willing to identify eventually as Westralian Scots.

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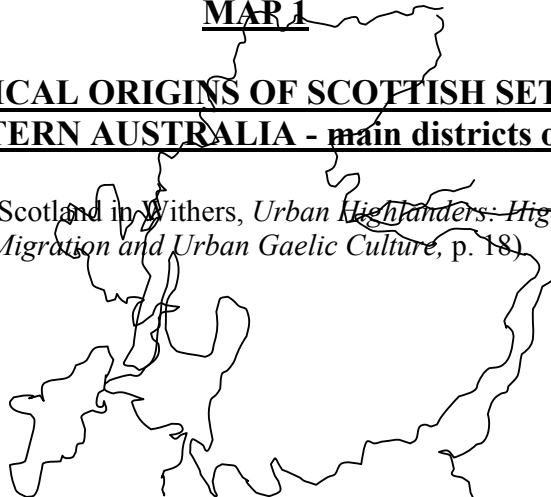
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**GEOGRPAHICAL ORIGINS OF SCOTTISH SETTLERS IN
WESTERN AUSTRALIA - main districts only**

(Based on map of Scotland in Withers, *Urban Highlanders: Highland-Lowland Migration and Urban Gaelic Culture*, p. 18)



MAP 2

MAIN DISTRICTS AND TOWNS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1850

(Based on maps from frontpapers in Erickson, *The Drummonds of Hawthornden* and Erickson (ed) *Bicentennial Dictionary of Western Australians, 1829-1888, volumes 1-4*)

