Books consulted to date

re emigration from Ulster c.1734

(in search of the Friendship which is said to have sailed from Dublin on 4 June 1734, arriving at Philadelphia, PA, on 16 October 1734).


London to New York, 03 to 10 January 1775  Ship: York

List includes Jacob Byer, age 17, labourer, from Northampton, going to New York, indented servant

List also includes Dyer and Wyer … so keep an open mind in case Byer is a reinterpretation of Dyer!


No Byers listed.

Scotch-Irish Migration to South Carolina, 1772, Jean Stephenson, Shenandoah Publishing House, Inc. Strasburg, Virginia, USA 1971

Council Chamber, Wednesday, 06.01.1773.
Name of each immigrant to whom was issued warrant of survey, location of survey if found, and additional data. (Data from the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.)

Abstract of survey:
Plat folder 7; Jan.1773; in Craven Co., on branches of Rum Creek; bd’d James McHughes, vacant land; cer. 16 March 1773.
Possible county in which, subsequent to 1785, such land was probably located: York
Will, deed, or other data which might relate to this person:
Possibly testator or father of testator: York Co. Wills, vol.2, p.170; Francis Adams, 02 September 1824, pr. 20 July 1825; Dau. Martha Byers; sons, William, Francis, John (if he comes to this country). Ex., one was Williamson Byers.


Bartlomew Byers, mariner  Liberty, 28.05.1802
James Byers, mariner  Liberty, 28.05.1802

No Byers

The Scots-Irish in the Hills of Tennesse, Billy Kennedy, Causeway Press, Londonderry, 1995

No Byers

The Scots-Irish in the Shenandoah Valley, Billy Kennedy, Causeway Press, Londonderry, 1996.

No Byers.

The Scots-Irish in the Carolinas, Billy Kennedy, Causeway Press, Londonderry, 1997

No Byers

The Scots-Irish in Pennsylvania and Kentucky, Billy Kennedy, Causeway Press, Londonderry, 1998

No Byers


A dearth of information from the 1730s and beyond …
There was a peak in emigration between 1724 and 1729, and it was mostly to Newcastle and Philadelphia, not to the New England ports.

1727, 28 and 29 were years of near famine in Ireland (and the British Isles as a whole). This resulted in heavy emigration which peaked in 1729. (it reached the 3,000 mark in 1728

Thereafter emigration seems to have declined

No Byers.

A List of Emigrants from England to America 1718-1759, Jack & Marion Kaminkow, Magna Charta Book Co, Baltimore, 1966

No Byers

Emigrants from Ireland to America 1735-1743, Frances McDonnell, a transcription of the Report of the Irish House of Commons into Enforced Emigration to America, 1796.

No Byers

Immigrants to New England 1700-1775, Ethel Stanwood Bolton, Essex Institute, 1931

No Byers

Lists of Emigrants to America, 1635-1776 [lists of passengers, including Irish emigrants, who departed from English ports]. PRONI

No Byers