

A Quare Spake...

“Ulster-Scots culture is widely recognised right across the world. Many people do not have to look too far into their family tree to see an Ulster-Scots link. This culture aided the development of the United States and the role which many Ulster-Scots played in World Wars was significant to the peace and freedom we enjoy today. Anybody who studies or enjoys the Ulster-Scots tradition will see a rich culture which has added so much to the fabric of our lives today.”



**Right Honourable Arlene Foster MLA,
Former First Minister, Northern Ireland, 2017**

A Quare Spake...

“I love Highlanders, and I love Lowlanders, but when I come to the branch of our race which has been grafted on to the Ulster stem I take off my hat with veneration and with awe. They are, I believe, without exception the toughest, the most dominant, the most irresistible race that exists in the universe at this moment.”



**Lord Rosebery,
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, 1894/95**

A Quare Spake...

“Cultural identity shapes our attitudes, values, beliefs, behaviour and lifestyle. Language is fundamental to cultural identity; if the language dies, so does the culture. For this reason, it is important to keep the Ulster-Scots language alive.”



**Kilkeel High School History Students who were involved with the research for
'Tha Kingdom O' Mourne, An Ulster-Scots Hairtland' Project, 2017**

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“Northern Ireland and Scotland are the closest of neighbours, economically and culturally. You are the blood of our blood and the bone of our bone.”



First Minister Alex Salmond during his visit to Stormont, 2007

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“My Ulster
blood is my
most priceless
heritage.”



President James Buchanan, 1857-1861

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“If all else fails, I will retreat up the valley of Virginia, plant my flag on the Blue Ridge, rally around the Scotch-Irish of that region and make my last stand for liberty amongst a people who will never submit to tyranny whilst there is a man left to draw a trigger.”



President George Washington, 1789-1797

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“From these settlers sprang a people, the Ulster-Scot who have made themselves felt in the history of the British Empire and, in no small measure, in that of the United States of America...I belong to this race and claim it with pride.”



Colonel Fred Crawford, Ulster Volunteer Force, 1947

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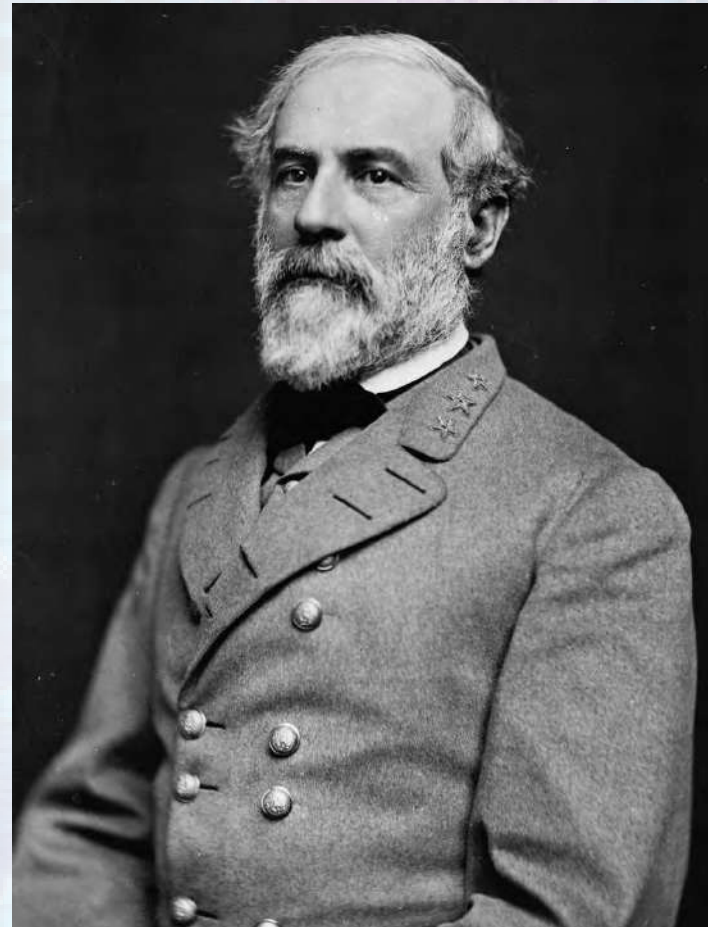
“In the Revolutionary war...the fiercest and most ardent Americans of all were the Presbyterian Scots-Irish settlers and their descendents...the love of freedom rooted in their very hearts’ core.”



President Theodore Roosevelt, 1901-1909

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“What race of people makes the best soldiers? The Scots who came to this country by way of Ireland.”



General Robert E. Lee, Confederate Army, 1862-1865

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“As a Member of Parliament, I travel all over the world and wherever I go I find evidence of the enormous influence the Ulster-Scots people have had. Our people have had a big impact on the world stage and I am so proud of my Ulster-Scots heritage and the music, poetry, dance, language and traditions that are associated with it. Ours is a rich inheritance and we do well to preserve it for future generations.”



Sir Jeffrey Donaldson, M.P. 2017

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“The Ulster-Scots language is important to us because it is part of our cultural heritage and identity. The language allows us to connect with our history and to better understand previous generations and where we come from.”

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“There is no reason why I haven’t played in Belfast in the past. But with my Scotch-Irish ancestry it’s ridiculous that I haven’t been here before. Obviously my roots have been a massive influence on my music.”



Dolly Parton, a descendent of the Scotch-Irish who originated in Lowland Scotland and emigrated to Ulster in the 17th century, 2002

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“Our Ulster-Scots identity, its culture, traditions and heritage are the common threads that bind and tie our community together. Its preservation, promotion and protection for future generations are something we in the Schomberg Society are particularly proud to maintain.”



The Schomberg Society, 2017