

## TIMELINE

### Travel and transport in Scotland 1700 – 1900

#### Background History

##### 1700 – 1760's

- 1689 Runners for the Post Office
- 1707 Union of the Parliaments
- 1715 First Jacobite Rebellion
- 1722 Tranent–Cockenzie 1<sup>st</sup> Goods Train
- 1725-36 General Wade's Roads
- 1745 Battle of Prestonpans – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jacobite Rebellion

##### 1760's- 1830's

- 1782 Bad Harvests in the Highlands – parishes give relief
- 1785 New Lanark Cotton Mills established
- 1791 Forth and Clyde Canal opened
- 1790-1840 Growth of rural textile industry
- 1800 Thomas Telford & John Macadam – Roads & Bridges
- 1801 Crinan Canal opened
- 1804 Caledonian Canal opened
- 1806 Stagecoach Inverness – Perth now 2¼ days
- 1810 Kilmarnock & Troon Railway opened for coal and people
- 1812 Henry Bell's "Comet" First commercial steamship launched
- 1813 Stagecoaches now carrying mail, plus "Postie Paths"
- 1821 Dec Census 2 out of 3 Scots still lived and worked on farms
- 1822 George IV visits Scotland
- 1822 Union Canal – Glasgow - Edinburgh
- 1822 Monkland Canal
- 1826 Paddle Steamers & Puffers on the Clyde

##### 1830's – 1850's

- 1830's Steam Packets Edinburgh – London
- 1831 Garnkirk & Glasgow Railway opened 1<sup>st</sup> passenger railway
- 1845 Irish Potato Famine
- 1846-48 Failure of potato crops in Highlands
- 1840 Kirkpatrick MacMillan, pedal operated bicycle
- 1842 Glasgow – Edinburgh railway

## 1850's - 1900

- 1852 Formation of Highland Emigration Society
- 1887 Tay Bridge
- 1890 Forth Railway Bridge Opened
- 1896 Glasgow Subway

**Regional redistribution of Scottish population 1755 & 1821**  
**TC Smout "A History of the Scottish people 1560-1830" p242**

	Land Surface	1755	Total %	1821	Total %
North of Scotland	72%	652	51%	873	41%
Central Belt	14%	464	37%	984	47%
South Scotland	14%	149	11%	234	11%

### Emigration from Scotland

**"Between 1825- 1938, two million people departed Scotland for overseas destinations. No other industrial society in Europe experienced such a haemorrhage."**

**T Devine p239 "Exploring the Scottish Past"**

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