

GREER is a Scottish name. It is a contraction of Gregory, the son of, MacGregory. We began in Scotland, exact date unknown, but has been estimated mid 1400's. JOHN GREER of High Point, N. C. was given a COAT of ARMS by the Parliament of Ireland upon his proving of the GREER-MacGREGOR lineage to be one and the same.

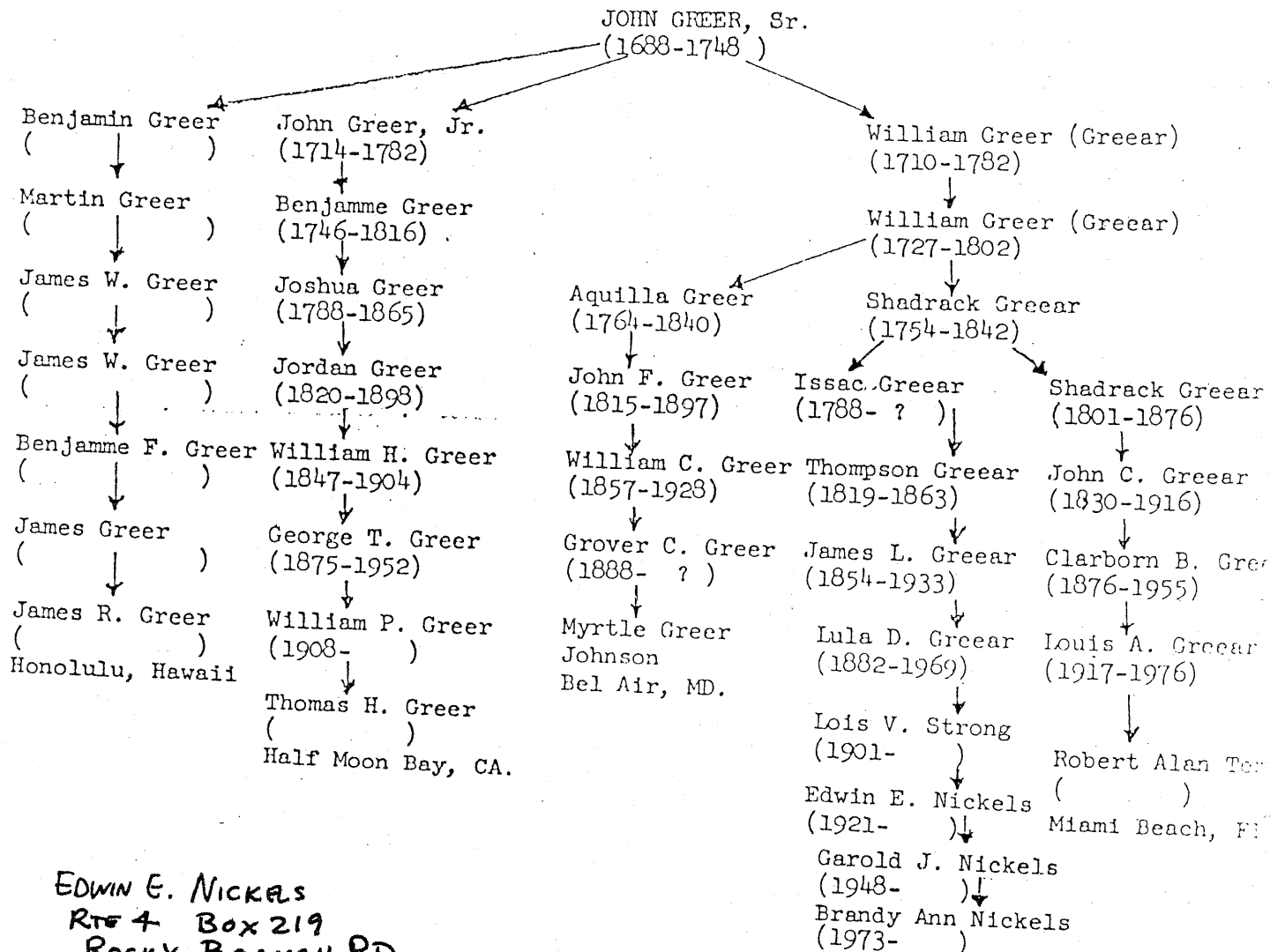
Most of the immigrants from all European countries came to America through the Ulster Plantation of Ireland. This is why many of the Scottish records would be found in Ireland.

The difference in names may be explained by the fact that early Scottish Surnames did not pass uniformly to all sons in the family.

- Our Ancestry begins with: Sir MALCOM MacGREGOR, a Scottish Nobleman.
- Sir GILBERT GREGORY, son of Sir MALCOM MacGREGORY.
- Sir WILLIAM GREGORY, son of Sir GILBERT GREGORY.
- Sir JAMES GREER, son of Sir WILLIAM GREGORY, married Mary Brown.
- HENRY GREER, son of Sir JAMES GREER, married Mary Turner and migrated from Scotland to Ireland.

JAMES GREER, (our immigrant), married to Elinor Rea in 1678 and migrated to America on the English ship Bachelor, November 2, 1674. JAMES GREER was born before ca 1627. He settled in Baltimore County, Maryland prior to 1687. If Elinor migrated with him, she must have died shortly after their arrival. No children by this marriage. His second or third marriage to Ann Taylor of Baltimore County, Maryland, daughter of Arthur and Margaret Taylor. James settled in the Gunpowder River area in Baltimore County after 1675. It is thought he died before 1699, since his name did not appear on the Maryland Tax List of that year. JAMES and Ann had a son, JOHN, their only known child.

JOHN GREER, born in the Gunpowder area of Baltimore County, Maryland ca 1688. He died in Augusta County, Virginia before 1750. Married on March 4, 1710 to Sarah Day, daughter of Nicholas and Elisibeth Cox Day of Baltimore County, Maryland. Sarah died ca 1747. JOHN was a planter and land owner and seemed to have moved from Gunpowder area in approximately 1748. Reference: Saint John's Parish Register, page 119, Joppa, Maryland Issue. Records are in the Archives at Annapolis, Maryland. Saint John's Parish is located on Belair and Jerusalem Road, Baltimore County, Maryland. Telephone 301-592-8570. Saint John's Parish is a Maryland landmark.



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