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## A HISTORY OF SCOTS TO 1700

by

Caroline Macafee, incorporating material by the late A. J. Aitken

has now been added to the *Dictionary of the Scots Language* and can be accessed at

[www.dsl.ac.uk](http://www.dsl.ac.uk)

We are very grateful to Dr Macafee for allowing us to use this material. It originally appeared in Volume XII of *A Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue* and, for the website, Dr Macafee has revised and updated the work.

The very scholarly **HISTORY OF SCOTS TO 1700** includes the origins and spread of Scots; characteristics of Older Scots, vocabulary and borrowing and orthography. There is a comprehensive description of the phonology and grammar. Chronological, genre and regional variation and style are also thoroughly discussed. All serious scholars of Scots will be delighted to have such an authoritative account so easily available. Undergraduate and postgraduate university students, researchers and general readers who really want to get to grips with the history of the Scots language will come to rely on **A HISTORY OF SCOTS TO 1700** as a fascinating description of language change and an essential reference resource.

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