

Scotch-Irish Presbyterians left their mark on Monroe

Among the early settlers of Monroe County were Presbyterians who left South Carolina because of doctrinal disputes within their denomination.

SLAVERY was one of the issues that led the Covenanter Presbyterians to abandon their Carolina homesteads. Another difference of opinion among the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians in South Carolina concerned their relationship to the government.

Some of their forebearers on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean had decided in all good conscience they could not vote, hold any public office or even serve on a jury. To some of the Presbyterians the

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compelling reasons for the attitude toward government, while valid at an earlier time in the old country, didn't apply in America.

As for the Presbyterians' rejection of the institution of slavery, they certainly put

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