

SCOTCH PLAINS

came out of New England, very kind and loving people, kinder than in Scotland or England—." pp. 225-6.

In the history of Elizabeth, only a few lines are devoted to the settlement of Scotch Plains. On Page 565 there is the statement that "A large part of the Scotch immigration of 1684-1685 found a pleasant home on the eastern side of Green Brook."

On page 249 we find that, "The Alexander family came with others in the Scotch congregation about 1685—and had large allotments of land at the Scotch Plains—".

Another reference to these early settlers appears in the Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society, January, 1930, in a paper written by Dr. George S. Pryde, of the University of Scotland, entitled "The Scots in East New Jersey." He quotes from a letter written by one of the settlers, as follows: "I went out to the weeds to the land we have pitched upon, with several of our countrymen—; where we have all pitched near by one another upon a piece of excellent land as we supposed; whereof I judge I have not the worst (if not the absolute best piece of land in all the tract, for we had it all at our own choosing and not by lots." (This settlement was the nucleus of the village of Scotch Plains.)

Despite the Scotch occupancy of the territory along the Green "River" the Elizabethtown Associates never conceded their own claims to the ownership of these lands, and after the second division of lots, we find sons and grandsons of the associates in possession of much of the land on the "Plains."

The settlement was growing and the people had come to