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**Title: The Scottish Clearances
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The Scottish Clearances occurred from as early as the 1690's and continued until 1860's. The Border and Lowland Clearances affected many more people than the Highland Clearances yet fewer people are aware of this. Despite the Highland Clearances being more well known, they are far more complex than many realise and have attracted many misconceptions and myths.

In this talk Moira will give an overview of the history of the Clearances and look briefly at their lasting legacy in Scotland today.

Moira has been a keen amateur historian ever since studying Scottish history at school in Scotland. She is a retired Palliative Care Nurse Specialist and former lecturer in health, social care and childhood studies.