Entertainment Outlook



Library review

Surviving memoirs tell pioneer tales

Occasionally, the best place to start a book is in the middle, Tucked into the centre of Voyagers to the West is a fascinating collection of sketches of runaway srvants. Reconstructed from newspaper advertisements they are vivid images of ordinary people: servants, barbers, hatters and the like. The pictures reinforce the argument that a major part of the massive immigration from England and Scotland in the 1770s were individuals, making their own way in the world.

A respected intellectual historian, Bailyn has turned to social life in an ambitious series of studies of immigration to North America. The migration to North America. The movement had political overtones, as people hoping to get rich quick speculating in undeveloped lands (like George Washington and Benjamin Franklin) confronted British political heavyweights whose rental income was falling as their tenants left for the colonies. One of the results of the political "problem" was an order that Customs officials monitor the emigration from monitor the emigration from English and Scotish ports. The records they created include almost

10,000 emigrants. In England, many individuals who had moved to towns and citles like London looking (becoming legally little different than slaves) in order to pay for their passage to the central colonies: Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

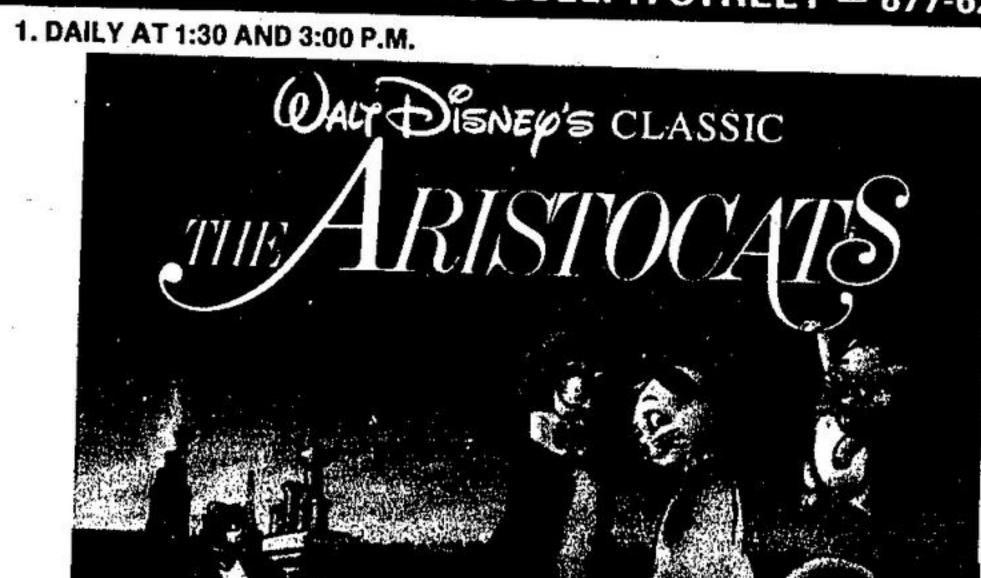
From northern England and Scotland, came shiploads of poor families bound for the fringes of settlement – upper New York state, Nova Scotla, St. John's (Prince Edward Island) and Georgia ward Island), and Georgia.

Taking the surviving memoirs and diaries, these people and the diaries, these people and the schemes of those that brought them to North America, come alive. Young Luke Harrison, whose family had made its way from Yorkshire to the shores of the Bay of Fundy, claimed that the "muss keetoes ... bite the English worst". Or what of Thomas Desbrisay, the governor of what would be Prince Edward Island, paying tovernkeepers to recruit people to settle his lands.

Bailyn's work is a richly detailed portrait of an important period in the history of British North America - in an era when the term included both the United States and Canada.



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