

# A Guide to the Nicholas Cresswell Journal, 1774-1824

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Also available on microfilm (M-1556). Also available as a published work: *The Journal of Nicholas Cresswell, 1774-1777*.

## Biographical/Historical Information

Nicholas Cresswell (1751-1804), of Derbyshire, England, came to America hoping to acquire land and settle permanently, but personal difficulties, the uncertain state of affairs, and the Revolutionary War, caused him to return to England.

## Scope and Content Information

Journal made from rough notes taken during Cresswell's trip to America, 1774-1777. While traveling, he visited or lived in Barbados, Maryland, Virginia, western Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Philadelphia, and New York. Often, there are lengthy observations on the towns he visited, frontier techniques and customs, and the social customs of both Indians and whites. The journal is especially valuable for detailing the growth of the Revolutionary movement. Among the many people mentioned are Capt. Buddecomb, Capt. George Clark, Capt. [Christopher] Gist, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, John Neville, and George Rice.

## Index Terms

**Persons:**

Cresswell, Nicholas, 1750-1804.

Buddecomb, Captain.

Clark, George Rogers, 1752-1818.

Gist, Christopher.

Henry, Patrick, 1736-1799.

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826.

Neville, John, 1731-1803.

Rice, George.

**Subjects:**

Frontier and pioneer life.

Indians of North America--Social life and customs--18th century.

## **Geographical Names:**

Barbados--Description and travel.

Kentucky--Description and travel--Early works to 1800.

Maryland--Description and travel--Early works to 1800.

New York (State)--Description and travel--Early works to 1800.

Pennsylvania--Description and travel--Early works to 1800.

Virginia--Description and travel--Early works to 1800.

United States-- History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775.

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