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#### Review

Intriguing! There is a wealth of objective evidence and the authors' wry humor illuminates the discussion with wit and style. Hirschman and Yates' talents, learning, and specialized skills come together in a brilliant synthesis proving once again that the world we think we know is still very much *terra incognita*. -- Good Reads

Meet Lord Anthony Ashley-Cooper, the English crypto-Jew whose secretary was the philosopher John Locke...the Scottish princess Maud de Lens who combined several lines of Davidic ancestry and was one of the richest women in Europe...and the Clan Douglas warrior who removed the heart of Robert the Bruce to have it buried in Jerusalem.--Teaser

Fascinating! The DNA evidence may be the clincher. --*Ancestry Worship Genealogy*

#### About the Author

**Elizabeth Caldwell Hirschman** was born in Kingsport, Tennessee and is of Melungeon descent. She is Professor of Marketing at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Professor Hirschman has contributed more than 200 articles, essays and chapters to professional journals and books, and is author of more than a dozen books, including *When Scotland Was Jewish* (also co-authored with Donald N. Yates). Hirschman's research indicates the earliest American settlers were of Mediterranean extraction, and of a Jewish or Muslim religious persuasion. Sometimes called "Melungeons," these early settlers were among the earliest nonnative "Americans" to live in the Carolinas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia, perhaps including Daniel Boone, John Sevier, Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, and Andrew Jackson. She is currently at work on a history of English crypto-Jews from the beginnings to the Enlightenment. She lives in New Jersey and spends part of the year teaching in Virginia.

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