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The work of Eoin MacNeill and T. F. O'Rahilly has demonstrated that early Irish annal entries go back to a common source. The Ulster Chronicle contains entries which derive from Scotland, probably Iona. Dr. Isabel Henderson has suggested new grounds for believing that a Scottish annalistic record was compiled in Iona about the middle of the eighth century. For convenience of reference it may be cited henceforth as the *Iona Chronicle*.

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The *Iona Chronicle* is a vehicle of transmission to Ireland of Anglo-Saxon and British entries, the date of its compilation, and finally, a possible reason for its removal from Scotland to Ireland, will be discussed.

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It is obvious, that neither AU nor AT (Annals of Ulster and Annals of Tigernach), as we have them now, contain the original *Iona Chronicle*. We can probably assume that, at some stage in the evolution of Fragment III of AT, a scribe retained only those Scottish entries which were of interest to him.

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