

American History

Talk 3: From Settlement to Societies (1600 -1700)



This talk: Settlements to Societies

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- Settlement and survival 1607-1660's
 - Settlement of Jamestown Virginia
 - Mayflower and Puritan New England

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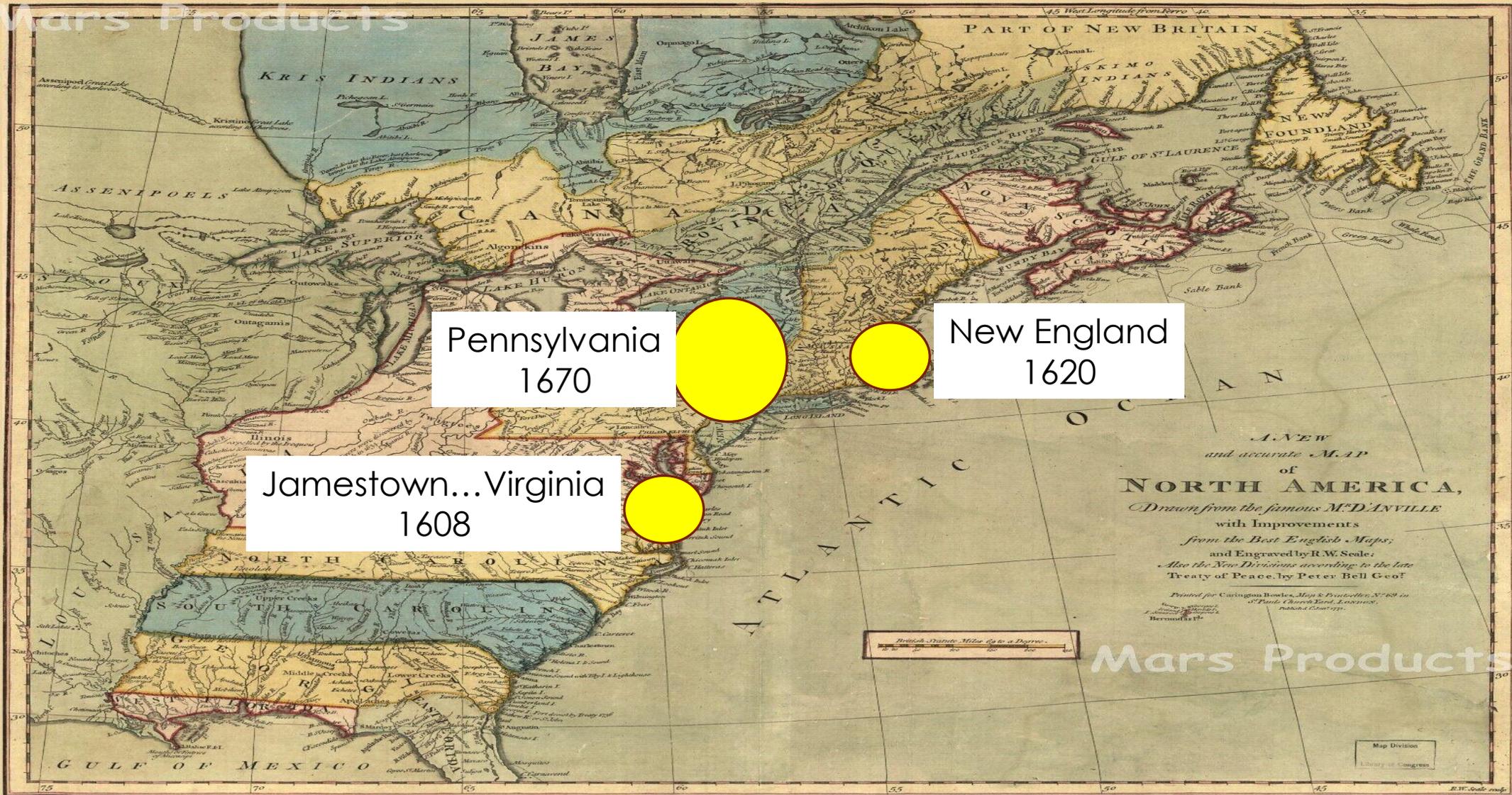
- Survival to society 1670's-1700
 - The Pennsylvania Experiment
 - Rebellion and aristocrats Virginia
 - Puritan life intolerance, witches, ad order

North American situation 1600

- ▶ 100 years of exploration completed of coast and interior
- ▶ Spain focused on Empire in Central and South America
- ▶ One permanent settlement in North America, St Augustine Florida with probably 50 soldiers trying to stay alive
- ▶ Attempts to find North West Passage by French and English have failed
- ▶ England no longer at risk of invasion, Ireland pacified, James VI of Scotland about to become king and ambitious to exploit New World

Three colonies...no one "America" story

Mars Products



Pennsylvania
1670

New England
1620

Jamestown...Virginia
1608

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Jamestown Virginia

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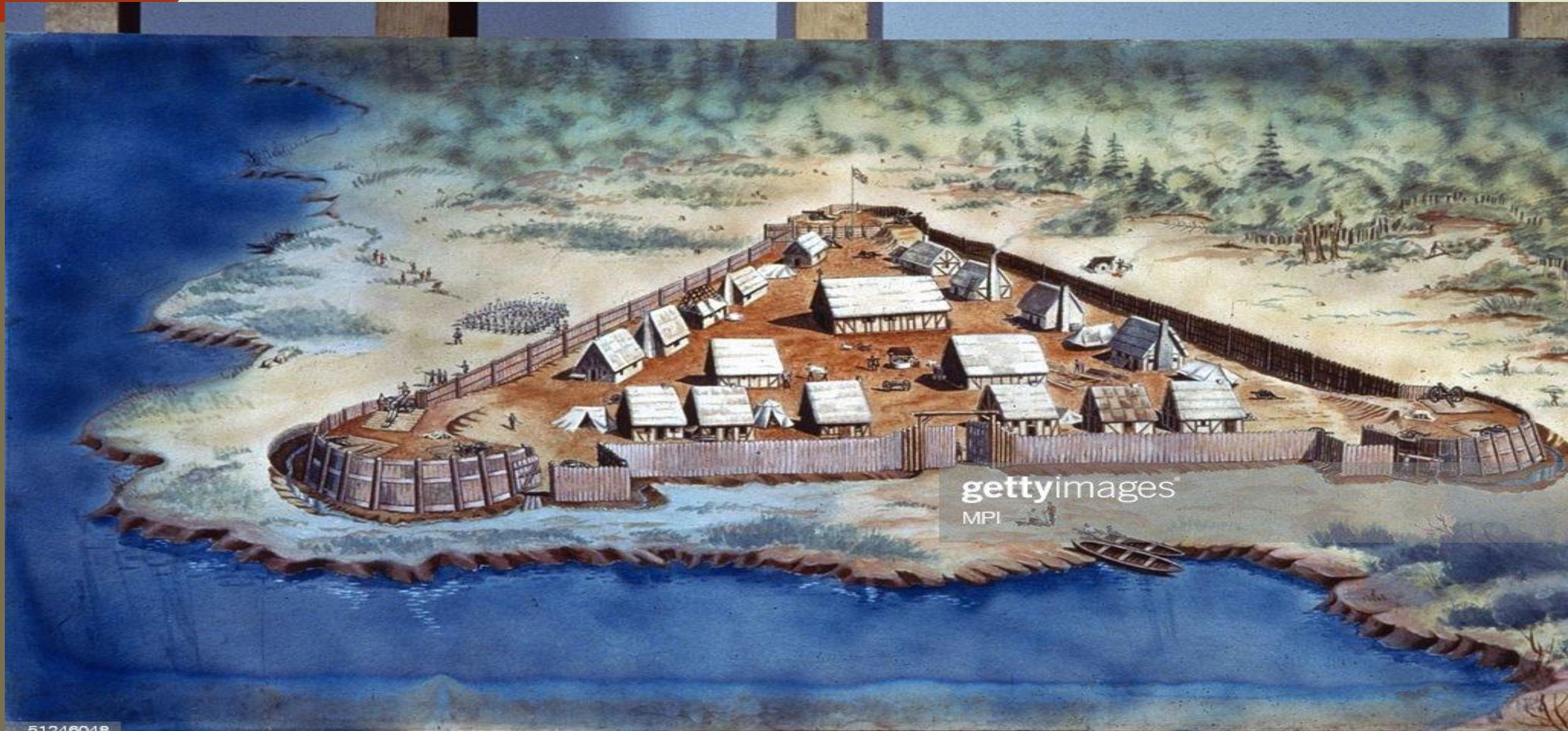
- ▶ 1606 King James 1 grants charter to Virginia Company of London
- ▶ 'Virginia' anywhere north of Spanish colonies
- ▶ Remit: Profit for Virginia company...preferably gold but anything will do...
- ▶ Captain Newport and 3 ships with 105 colonists leave for America...all men and 'Adventurers'
- ▶ Captain Smith's mutiny...the sealed orders
- ▶ Arrive at Virginia May 1607

Jamestown

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Jamestown 1608



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Year One (1607/08)

- ▶ Captain Edward Wingfield, stockholder and first Governor,
- ▶ Rats eat food, too late to plant, drought
- ▶ A surplus of gentlemen
- ▶ Indians hostile, settlers confined to stockade
- ▶ 70 out of first 100 settlers dead from disease and starvation

The trouble with foraging in a New World



Year Two Resupply and reorganise

- Captain Newport returns 1608 with 100 men and 2 women and demands for profit from stock holders
- Wingfield removed and returns to England
- John Smith new Governor, opens negotiations with Powahatan Indians and requires gentlemen to work

Captain John Smith

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The new Regime

“You must obey this now for a law, that he that will not work shall not eat (except by sickness he be disabled). For the labors of thirty or forty honest and industrious men shall not be consumed to maintain a hundred and fifty idle loiterers.”

“Women are more balanced than men. Where the most brilliant minds have so far have mostly belonged to men, no woman has ever been as stupid as a man can be”.

The way forward: Work and Trade with the Indians.....

Pocahontas and Captain Smith

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Tall Story? Indians claim John Smith being adopted, Pocahontas 13 years old and daughter of Powhatan Indian chief..

Year Three...a return to disaster

- ▶ New arrivals...settlers increase to 500 including 150 soldiers
- ▶ John Smith's complaint: too many of wrong type of settler
- ▶ Gunpowder accident, Smith returns,,to lobby for farmers, craftsmen, fewer 'gentlemen', more workers
- ▶ New Governor, Thomas De L Marr and policy of conquest, builds forts and new settlements,
- ▶ Indians cut off trade

The result: Starving Time 1609-10

500 settlers start of 1609....61 alive by spring 1610

And now, famine beginning to look ghastly and pale in every face...nothing was spared to maintain life and to do those things which seem incredible, as to dig up dead corpses out of graves and eat them, and some have licked up the blood which had fallen from their weak fellows. And amongst the rest, this was the most lamentable: that one of our colony murdered his wife, ripped the child out of her womb, and threw it into the river, and after, chopped the mother in pieces and salted her for food."

George Percy: A True Relation of the Proceedings and Occurrences of Moment which have happened in Virginia

Jamestown 1609-10

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Then war.....

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- More settlers arrive.. Situation desperate
- De La Warre negotiates 'treaty', sends 30 colonists to negotiate corn for food...Powhatan greet, entertain, then kill them all
- English counterattack Indian camp, kill all men, kidnap women and children, pursued, drown children and hang women later.....
- Four years of savage war... settler numbers rise due to new arrivals, Powhatan and small pox
- 'Peace Treaty'...English seize hostages, including Pocahontas (now 19. She baptised as 'Rebecca' and well treated

Stalemate

John Rolfe, Pocahontas and Peace

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- ▶ John Rolfe, survivor from starvation and war, made ward of Pocahontas, wife dies” and writes letter to governor for permission to marry
- ▶ “motivated not by the unbridled desire of carnal affection, but for the good of this plantation, for the honor of our country, for the Glory of God, for my own salvation... namely Pocahontas, to whom my hearty and best thoughts are, and have been a long time so entangled, and enthralled in so intricate a labyrinth that I was even a-wearied to unwind myself thereout.”

Governor agrees and there is Peace...for a while

Sends John and Pocahontas (now Rebecca) and son Thomas to England

Pocahontas minor celebrity

Meets King James, John Smith

Gossip on class/not race

Pocahontas London 1616

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Etatis suæ 21. A. 1616.

Pocahontas presented to King James



POCAHONTAS AT THE COURT OF KING JAMES

Pocahontas and her son: Thomas Rolfe

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Actually not Pocohontas...Thomas too old.. Thi

Jamestown Continued

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- ▶ 'Long Peace of Pocahontas 1610-1620
- ▶ Tobacco and a profitable colony
- ▶ More arrivals....indentured servants, poles, germans, the first strike
- ▶)
- ▶ Arrival of twenty 'slaves' (captured from Portugeese, Dutch ship, English captain
- ▶ 2,000 colonists by 1620

Jamestown Settlement 1620



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Jamestown 1607-1620



Exporting tobacco 1622



The first Africans 1619

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Indian wars continued

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- Missionaries attempt to convert Indians...
 - 'Praying Indians' Allies and indispensable
 - 'Non praying Indians' ...enemies to be destroyed
- Powhatan chief threatened by new settlers and alliances with other tribes: resolves to end settlement pretends conversion, seeks to eliminate settlers
- 1622...Indians attack and one third settler population killed

Second Powhatan War Indians attack on Jamestown



The Settlement Secured

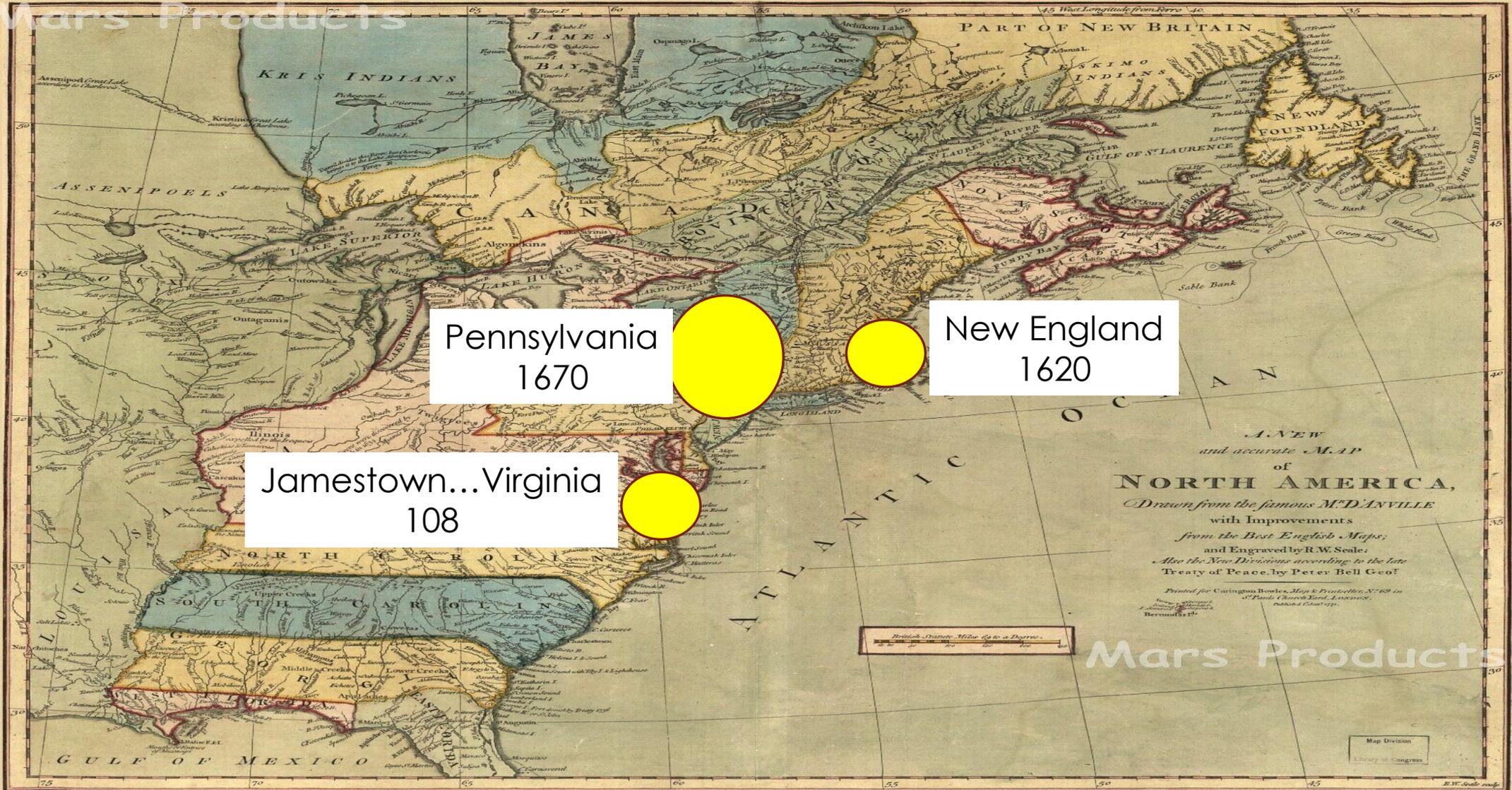
- ▶ Powhatan stops attacks. Waits for English to leave
- ▶ English counterattack....20 years intermittent and savage warfare
- ▶ **' Great Stockade' 1634** a strong palisade... upon a straight between both rivers and... a sufficient force of men to defence of the same, whereby all the lower part of Virginia have a range for their cattle, near forty miles in length and in most places twelve miles (19 km) broad
- ▶ Thomas Rolfe returns to New England 1640 , mediates with Indians
- ▶ Colony population 20,000 by 1650
 - ▶ Indians reduced by disease and war to 2,000
 - ▶ Killings continue but colony secure



'Mayflower' and New England

Three colonies...three stories and cultures

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The 'Puritans'

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Reformation...Calvinists early 1500's

Anglican church created 1530

Seen as 'too Catholic'

Reformers and Separatists (Pilgrims) same beliefs, different politics

Predestination: Jesus and 'selective atonement' salvation predetermined

The 'Elect' revealed by behaviour and appearance, sober, industrious and literate

'Limited Atonement'...only the 'godly' to be saved

Ridiculed as 'Puritan': (the joyless ones, "sticklers")

Pilgrims Persecuted ... fined for non attendance

Want "city upon a hill" where the 'godly' can prosper

Mayflower and Pilgrims 1620

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- ▶ Pilgrims: Nottingham 'Separatists' fined for non attendance, migrate to Holland in 1608, seek new uncontaminated world
- ▶ Virginia Company desperate for profit seeks perfect settlers: Pilgrims
- ▶ Mayflower, 120 colonists, 28 women, mix of 80 Pilgrims and 40 'Strangers led by Governor Bradford
- ▶ Mayflower Contract....first constitution, rules and commitments and elections
- ▶ Land Massachusetts November 1620

The Voyage



Governor Bradford

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Maryflower Contract



The arrival

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Building a Colony





Plymouth Colony Year One

Land empty: 90% of local Indians already succumbed to leptospirosis (rat fleas)...prior European contacts along coast

Winter brutal, unexpected

Men stay ashore, women and children returned to Mayflower

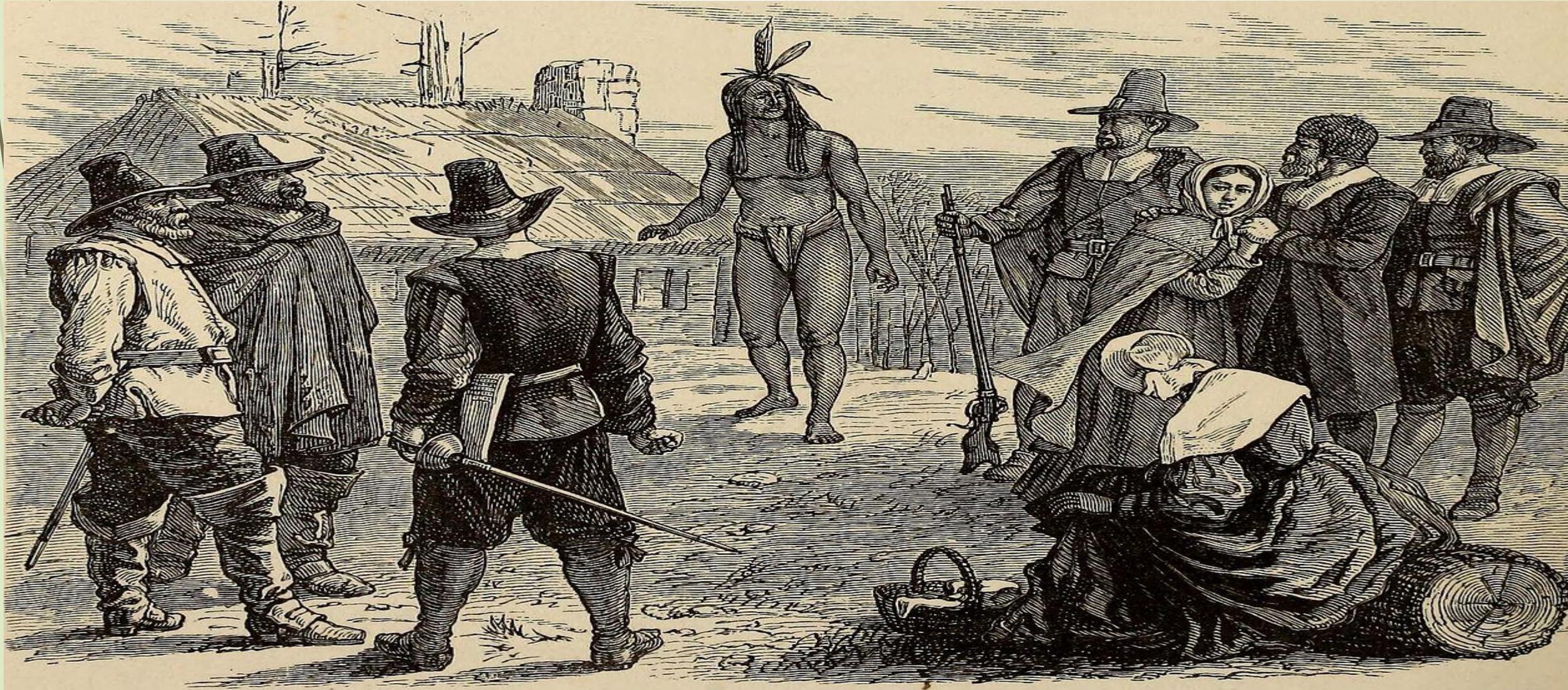
45 Colonist die from scurvy most aboard first winter, Bradford's wife and son

First crops appear to fail and all looks lost....

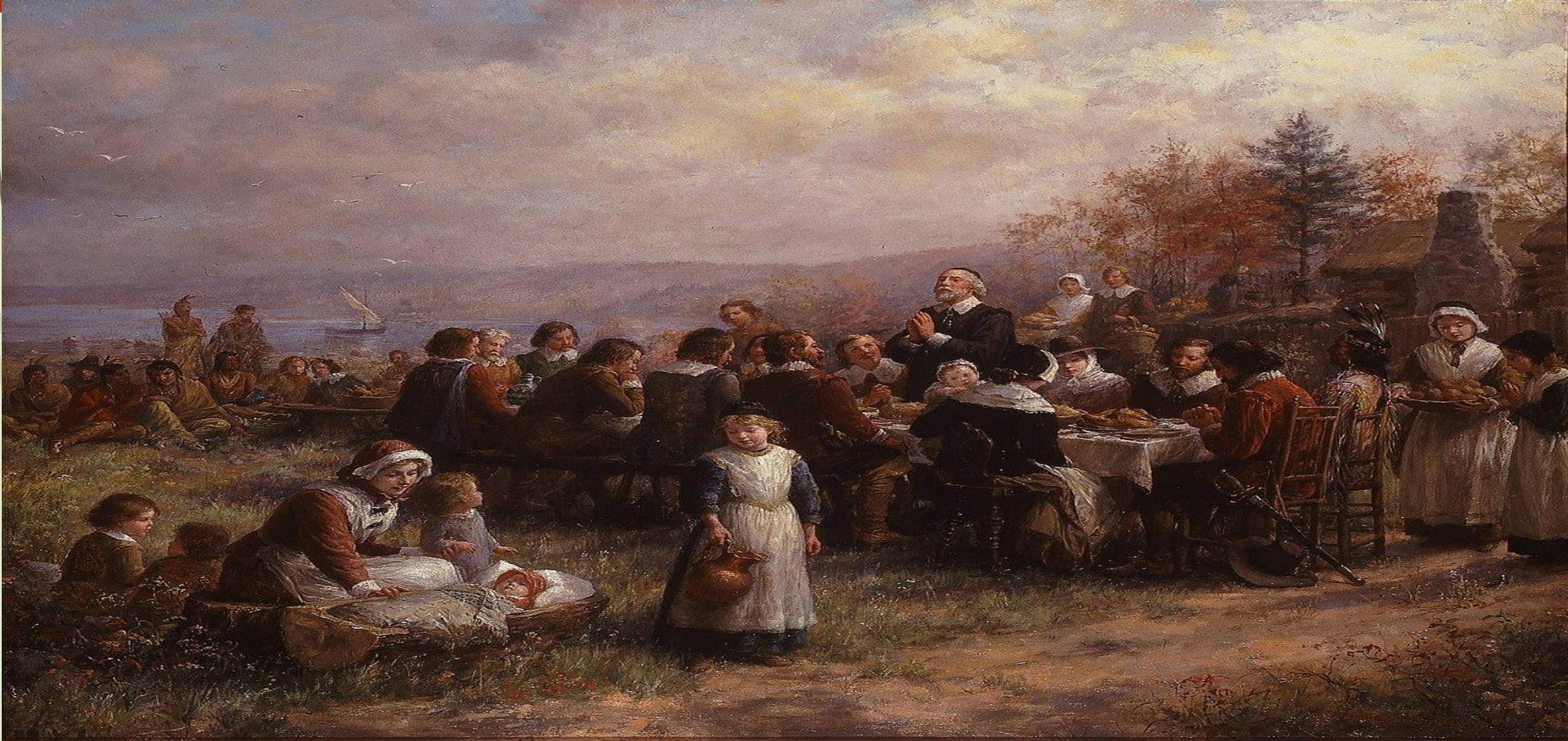
Enter Chief Massait of Algonquin Indians

"Welcome Englishmen". Massasoit arrives

....to meets, strangers, asks for beer and alliance



First Thanksgiving November 1621

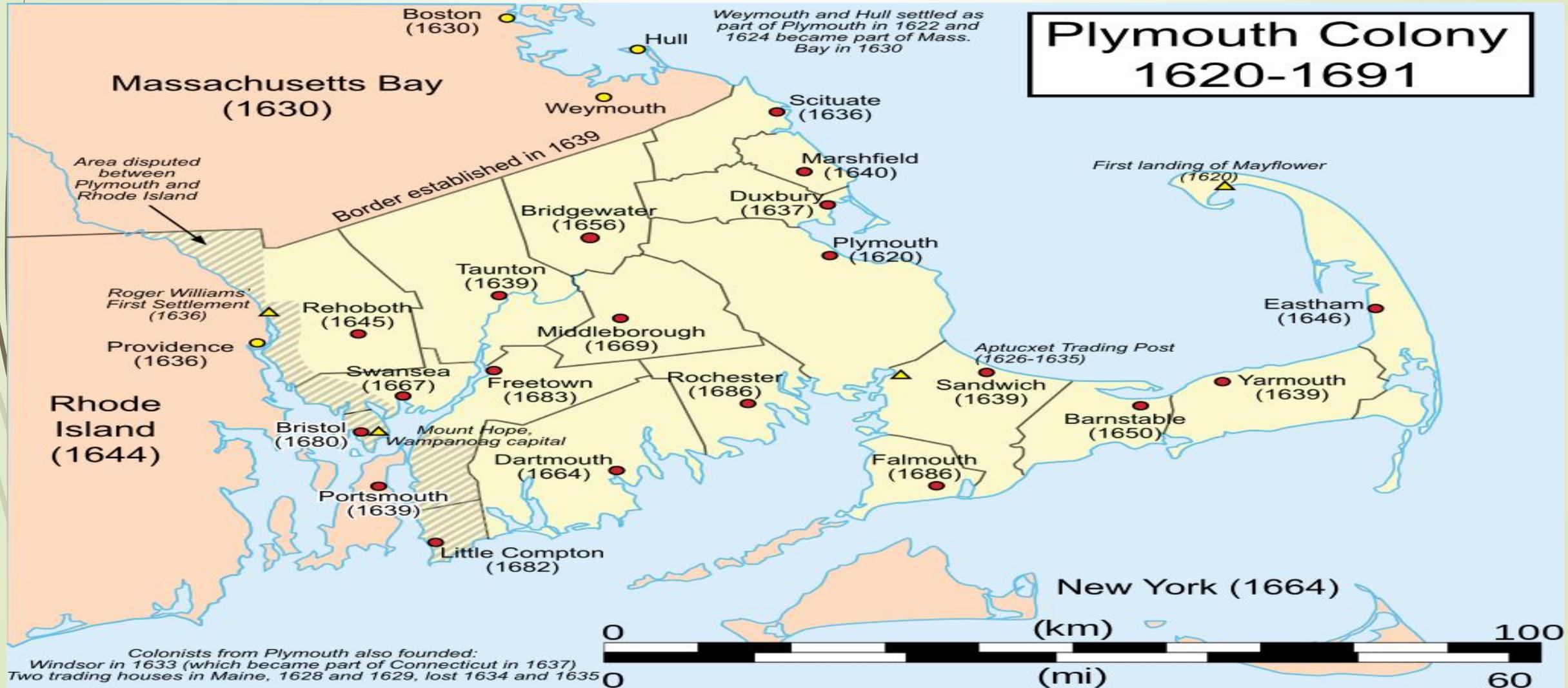


The first Years

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- ▶ The 'indispensable Indians' and the 'Squanto' factor'
- ▶ New arrivals
- ▶ A prosperous colony
 - ▶ Furs
 - ▶ Timber
 - ▶ Fish
- ▶ Great Migration from England as Charles 1st attempts to suppress 'Puritans' and news
- ▶ Winthrop fleet arrives in 1630 with 1,000 settlers , new settlements

Massachusetts Colonies



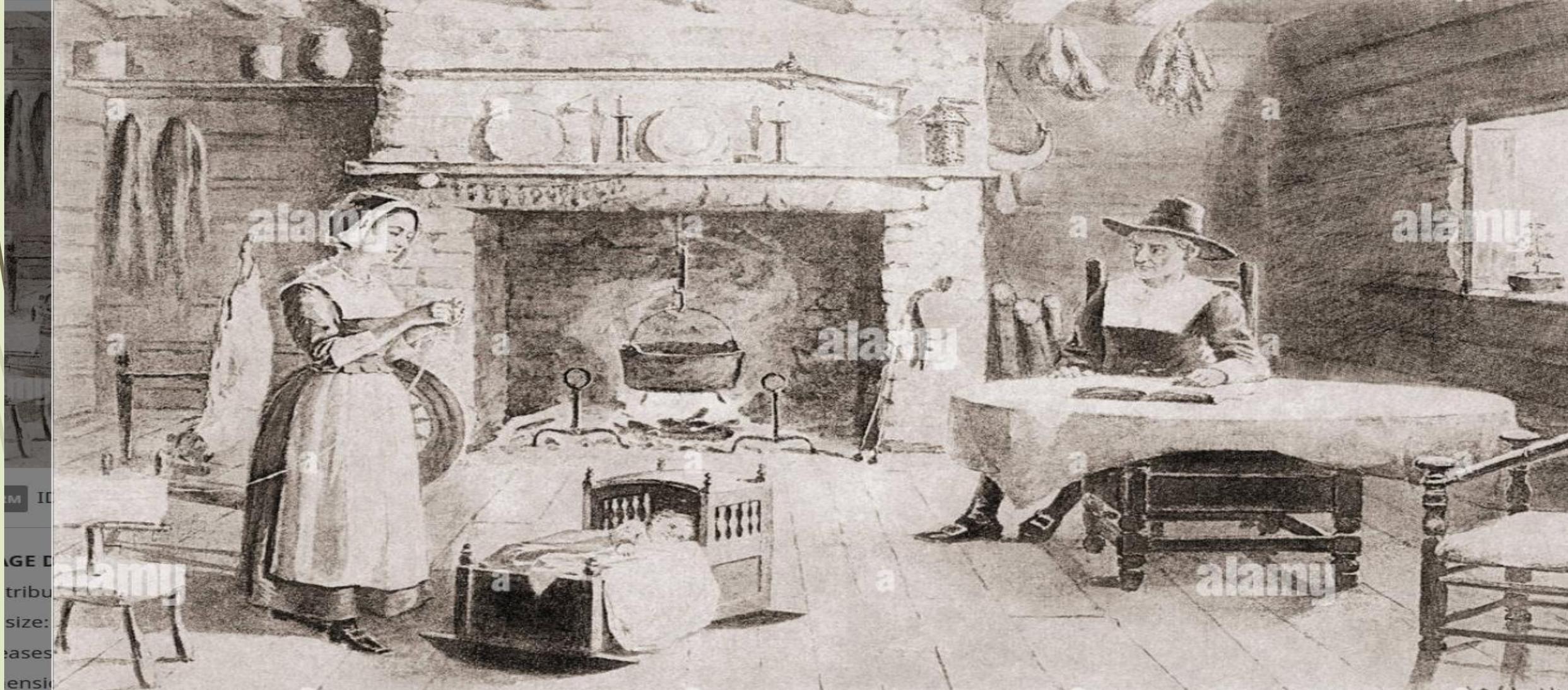
John Winthrop (1588-1649)

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“In all times some must be rich some poore, some highe and eminent in power and dignitie; others meane and in subjection”

Puritan Life 1



Puritan Life 2



Puritan Home...built 1660

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Puritan Culture 1620-70

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- Prosperous, industrious, Universal literacy... 'dame schools' for girls
- Founding of first schools and colleges (Harvard 1635)
- Orderly, single men adopted into homes, late marriages, zero illegitimacy, no crime, compulsory church attendance and absence of privacy
- "Democracy" only for "Covenanted" church members only
- Devil real and about deviations proof of his power and threat to the rule of the Godly and must be crushed

Anne Hutchinson Trial 1638



John Winthrop and Anne Hutchinson

The Court...charged her with diverse matters, as her keeping two public lectures every week in her house...and for reproaching most of the ministers (viz., all except Mr. Cotton) for not preaching a covenant of free grace, and that they had not the seal of the Spirit, nor were able ministers of the New Testament; which were clearly proved against her....And, after many speeches to and fro, at last she...vented her revelations; among which...that she had it revealed to her that she should come into New England, and should here be persecuted [presented], and that God would ruin us and our posterity, and the whole state, for the same. So the Court proceeded and banished her.

Anne and husband move to live in woods. has miscarriage and she and husband killed by IndiansJohn Winthrop sees this as God's verdict

New England Colony 1630's -1660's

- ▶ Pequot War 1635.., 'indispensable' Indians 'expendable'
- ▶ Prosperity: lumber, glassware, fishing, and trade, Harvard founded 1635
- ▶ Dissenter settlements ...Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey
- ▶ 'Independent Province' (1642-1660) till royal authority re-imposed
- ▶ Absorbs Dutch colonies, New York, 65,000 settlers by 1670, thriving and spreading west



Intermission



The Pennsylvania Exception

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- About Quakers
 - Mid Atlantic (Pennsylvania/ Delaware)
 - Pennsylvania colony & the long peace
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Emergence of Quakers

- Origins in England 1640's..George Fox
- “Inner Light” in everyone and all can be saved
- No sermons, ritual, belief in silent prepare and
- Bible a guide to be studied but not only source
- Non violence and toleration
- Puritan response...threat to order and safety of community
 - Caning
 - Banishment or execution...Mary Dyer case

Caning of Quakers New England 1650's



Quaker Mary Dyer on way to gallows 1660



Young William Penn



Pennsylvania

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Making the deal 1680: King Charles exchanges debt to William Penn's father for what will become Pennsylvania (named after William's father)

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Charles bidding Quakers farewell 1682



Penn's Vision

- ▶ 'Authoritarian liberal', toleration, fair dealings with Indians
- ▶ Education for all, care for mentally ill, death penalty for murder and treason only
- ▶ Rationally planned cities (Great Fire of London and Plague,,,"city of brotherly love"
- ▶ Colonies to be united within the Empire, separation of powers

The Treaty 1683



Philadelphia 1702

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William Penn (1644-1720)

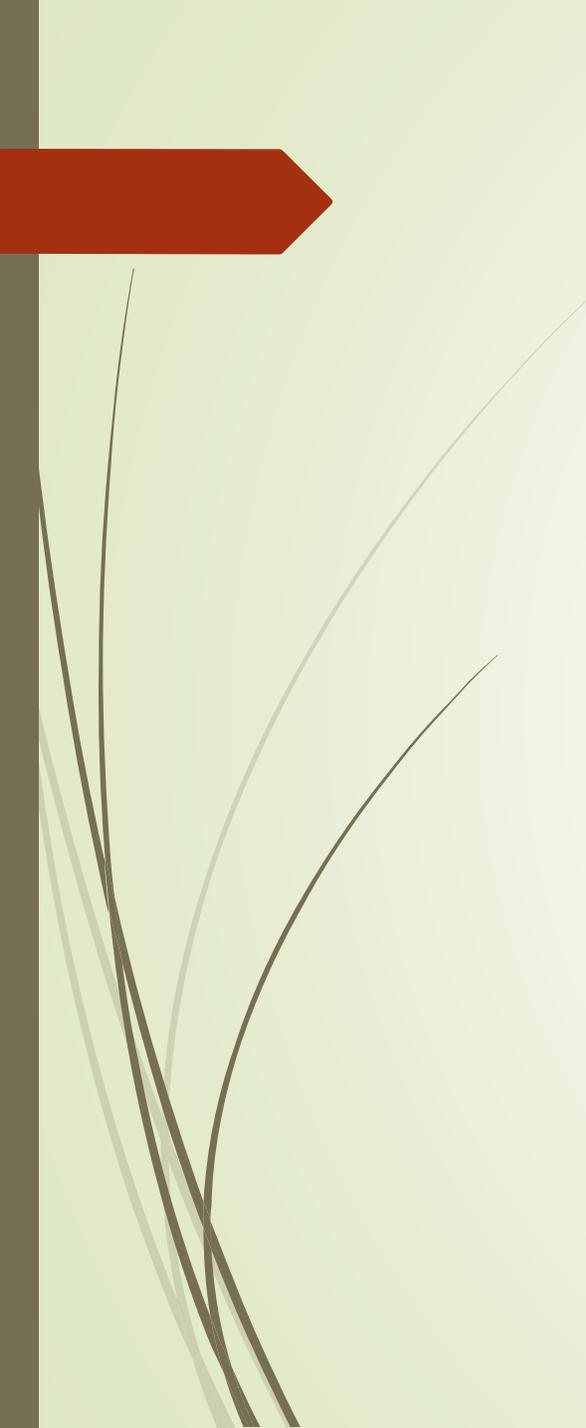
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Humourless, Slave owner,
poor businessmen
rescued from debtor prison
by public

....dies in poverty 1720

Pennsylvania imperfect but most diverse and tolerant of colonies



....and back in Virginia

William Berkley (1605-77)

Governor of Virginia 1660-77



Berkeley and Virginia (Governor 1660-1677) ⁶²

- aristocrat, reluctant tobacco cultivator, diversifies crops, imposes taxes to 'improve colony'
- Virginia to be autonomous Anglican province run by hierarchy...him and his friends
- Opposed mass education fosters "disobedience, **heresy, and sects into the world**"
- Regarding Indians... "I would have preserved those Indians that I knew were hourly at our mercy to have beene our spies and intelligence to find out the more bloody Ennimies",.

Bacon's Rebellion 1675/76

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Berkley's appoints Nathaniel Bacon his nephew Lieutenant Governor

Bacon views uncle as corrupt and weak towards Indians

issues 'Proclamation of the People'

Raises army of indentured servants, slaves, small planters

Moves on Jamestown, confronts Berkeley... 'secures Commission in office', leaves, returns to burn down Jamestown,

Bacon meets Governor Berkley



Burning of Jamestown



Virginia Colony by 1700

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Bacon dies, Berkeley counterattacks and hangs leaders

- Charles 2nd dismisses Berkeley to maintain order...overzealous
- Jamestown abandoned and new capital built in Williamsburg
- Laws codified: Slavery codified, white indentured servants disenfranchised
- Colony thrives, population rises to 70,000, hierarchical society , plantation based economy, thriving tobacco, rice, and cotton

...meanwhile all is not well in New England

- Political power shifting from Puritans to business men
- Rising population (65,000 settlers vs estimated 10,000 Indians) and land seizures
- Increased tribal warfare., competition for western goods, firs running out, ongoing diseases, tension preying versus non preying” Indians,

War breaks out 1675

King Phillips War 1675-77

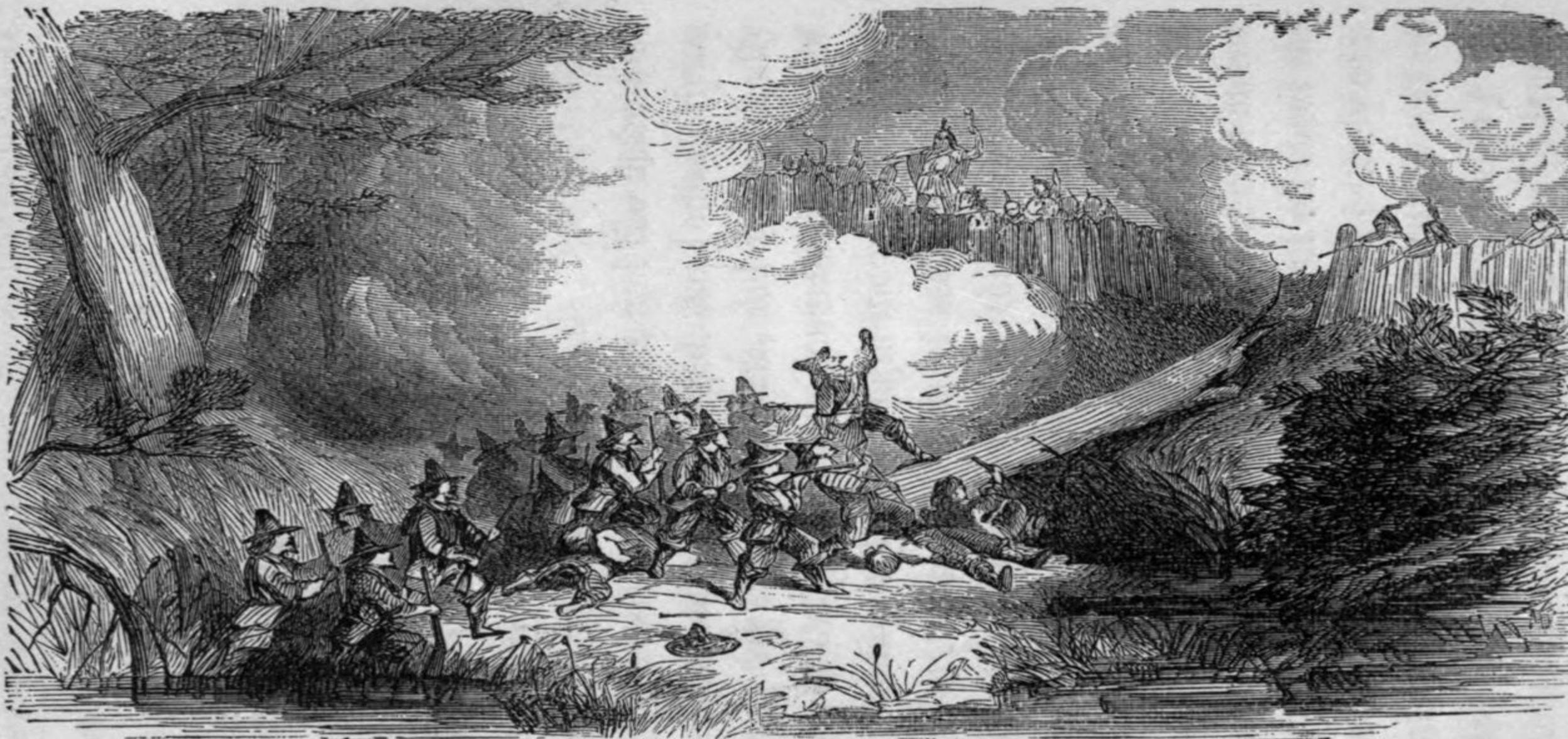
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- 'Preying Indian', John Sassamon warns English of pending attack, murdered, trial and three Indians hanged (mixed jury !)
- Indians retaliate massacring settlers
- Settlers attack Indian camp seize food, ambushed 'Bloody Brook'
- Counterattack and capture Indian camp at 'Battle of "Great Swamp"', 600 Indians killed, and 100 settlers, wives children sold to slaver
- War continues two years... settlers win..

Battle of Bloody Brook



Battle of the Great Swamp 1675



CAPTURE OF THE INDIAN FORTRESS.

Aftermath of King Phillips War

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10% males killed, 20% settlements destroyed or damaged

Killings continue but Indians no longer threat to colonies
existence

Threat to colonies now France, Spain
and the “enemy within” ...

A brief history of Witch Mania

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“cunning women” tolerated ancient to medieval times

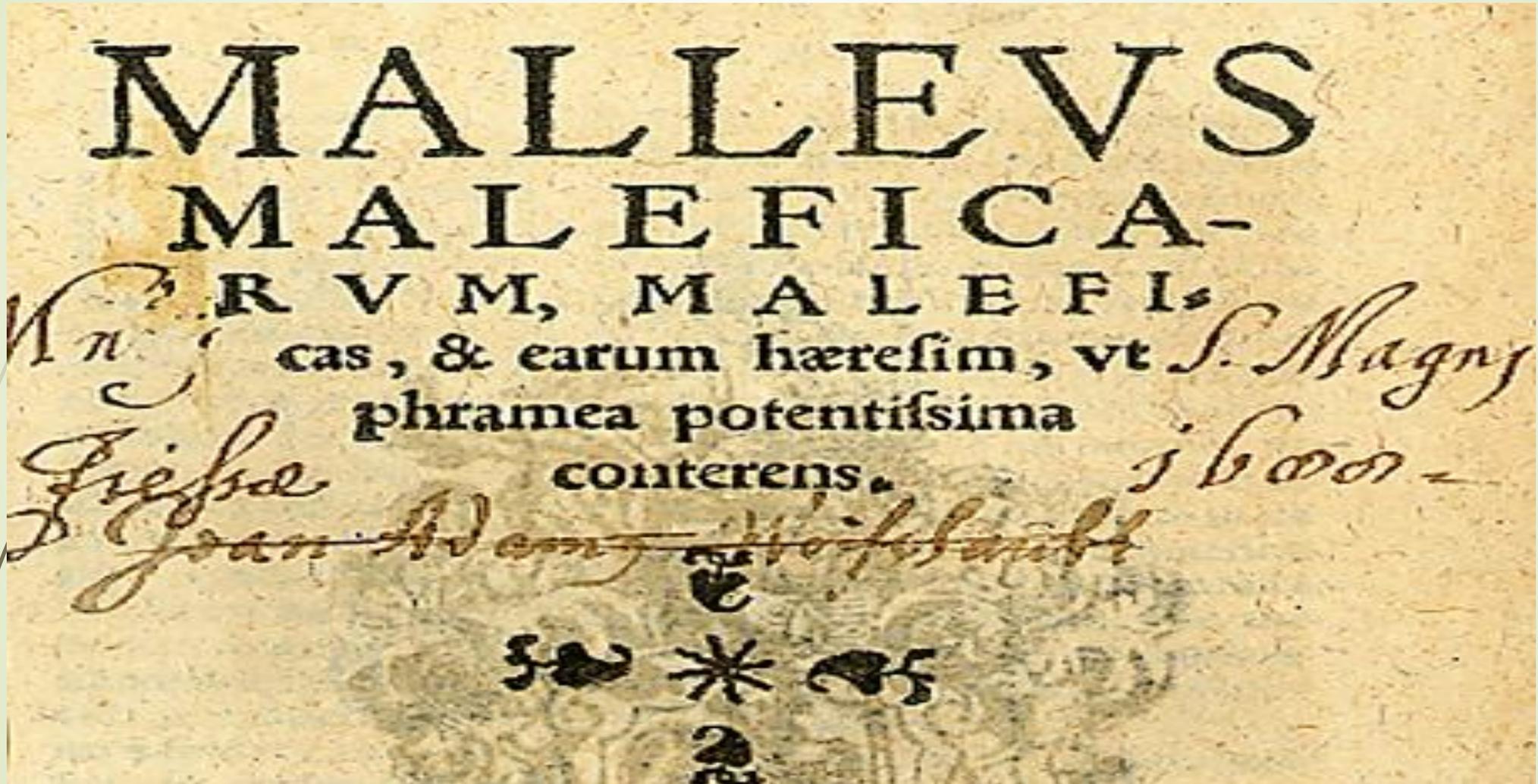
200,000 witches (80% women) burned Europe 1500-1700

10,000 trials in England and Scotland, 2,500 hanged 1560-1700

James VI of Scotland, 1st of England writes manual...Puritans study

Witch trials “Waves” ...not continuous...triggered by stress

Standard Witch detection text book



Imagined life of witches





DÆMONOLOGIE,
INFORME
OF A DIA-
LOGVE,

Divided into three books:

WRITTEN BY THE HIGH
and mightie Prince, JAMES by the
*grace of God King of England,
Scotland, France and Ireland,
Defender of the Faith, &c.*



LONDON,
Printed by Arnold Hatfield for
Robert Waldgrave.

Salem Massachussets 1692

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- Loss of political power to New England Government
- Change in pastor
- Cotton Mather's best seller
- Family feuds, hysterical children aged 9 and 11, available single elderly women
- Admission of 'spectral evidence'.

Cotton Mather

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Memorable Providences Relating to Witchcrafts and Possessions (1689)



A Trial



Examination of a witch



Execution of Bridgit Bridges

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George Burroughs recites Lords Prayer...not thought to be possible!





Aftermath

- Judges in New England doubt their verdicts...Cotton Matthew tries to suppress opposition, but families pursue case...
- 200 people accused of witchcraft in North America, 50 executed...all in New England
- Last of its kind in English speaking world
- Quaker publishes expose of trials published in London
- Governor awards compensation to victims, Witch Act suspended

State of the British Colonies 1700

Settler population rising rapidly

year	Population	Growth rate
1610	350	N/A
1620	2,302	557.71%
1630	4,646	101.82%
1640	26,634	473.27%
1650	50,368	89.11%
1660	75,058	49.02%
1670	111,935	49.13%
1680	151,507	34.35%
1690	210,372	38.85%
1700	250,888	19.26%

Indigenous population declining rapidly (from estimated 1-2 million 1600 to 250,000 by 1700)

25,000 slaves almost all in southern and mid Atlantic states

British America secure