

Lesson 16 Settling of the Northern Colonies

I. Conclusions of Jamestown study:

- A. Jamestown settlers showed courage, determination, perseverance, and ingenuity in their efforts to settle Virginia.
- B. They accomplished a phenomenal amount of work despite many difficulties.
- C. Death would not stop their progress. Of 5200 settlers who stayed in the colony, 4000 died. That is a 77% death rate.
Yet the colonist kept coming! Most Southerners have Virginia blood in their veins.
There is much to admire about these tough folks.
- D. The first Thanksgiving in America: 4 Dec 1619, Berkeley Plantation, Virginia.
By order of the investors, the following prayer was read as the colonist first came ashore:
“We ordaine that this day of our ships arrival, at the place assigned for plantacon, in the land of Virginia, shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God.”
- E. 1000 Puritans came to Virginia. After the Civil War, a handful of Cavaliers came to Virginia, but their influence was far greater than their numbers.
- F. Virginia became the mother of states. North Carolina, Kentucky, and West Virginia were formed in part from Virginia settlers. In conclusion, my children, do not believe the Yankee lies about your ancestors! Your ancestors were heroes and deserve to be remembered with honor!

II. Troubles in England

- A. Charles I became king after the death of James I in 1625. He believed in the Divine Right of Kings. He was an arrogant, prideful tyrant. He tried to dissolve Parliament and completely dominate them. Civil War resulted. Parliament won and the King lost his head. Short Republic Period ruled by the Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell 1649-1658.
- B. Charles II, a licentious play boy became king. He oppressed all who would not bow to the Anglican church. Presbyterians of Scotland were persecuted as well as the Puritans of England. His son James II became a Catholic and was disposed by the Protestant loving British people. William and Mary ruled after him.

III. During the last years of James I, a group of dissenters called Pilgrims asked for permission to build a colony in Virginia. Wanted freedom of religion.

- A. Their ship the *Mayflower* was blown off course putting them north of the Virginia patent.
- B. Wrote the Mayflower Compact to establish a civil government.
- C. On 21 Dec 1620, 35 saints and 57 strangers landed on Plymouth Rock.
- D. The land there was already cleared, and the Indians were friendly.
- E. The first winter half of the colony died of scurvy and exposure.
- F. Indians gave them food, taught them how to plant Indian corn.
- G. Secured a royal charter in 1621. They remained poor for a long time.

IV. Formation of the Massachusetts Bay Colony

- A. Rich Puritans obtained a patent and sent a few settlers to land between the Merrimack and Charles Rivers. 400 more followed the next year. 1000 more follow in 1630.
1644 organized a bicameral legislature. In order to vote you had to be a member of the Puritan church. They wanted to be a holy commonwealth. 200 died the first winter.
- B. By 1643, population was around 15000. Puritans fled the rule of the tyrant Charles I.
- C. Depended on fishing and trade. Ground was thin and stony.

V. Members of the Massachusetts Bay Colony move into nearby areas. (to have more freedom)

- A. Connecticut settled 1639

- B. Rhode Island settled by Roger Williams and other dissidents. 1636 flees to Indians, charter in 1644. Later refuge of Baptist and Quakers.
- C. New Hampshire (and territory of what is now Maine) settled by dissidents 1639. 1679 gets a charter

Lesson 17 On Your Own

Draw or download a map showing the colonies that would form the USA include the cities mentioned here.

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