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# **History 1301** **U.S. to 1877**

Lecture 2

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## English Beginnings

# New France 1600 – 1700:

- New France:
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  - - Quebec - 1608
    - Montreal – 1642
  - Ohio River
  - Mississippi River
  - Gulf of Mexico
- 17<sup>th</sup> Century
  - Gender imbalance
  - Low population
- Empire of Influence:
  - Influence and leveraging the Indian Relationship for Economic, Cultural and Religious affairs
  - Peaceful Catholic Metizo “Cajun” community
  - Based on American Indian way-of-life
  - Administrative machinery required
  - Military intervention / involvement with Native Americans
  - Establish a rival civilization to British America
  - Royal control through *Intendants*
  - Wandering trappers / traders / missionaries

# English Colonies:

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- Overview:
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  - Transplantation of the English
    - Little mingling with Native Americans
    - English culture and traditions were mobile
      - English Common Law / religion / social conventions were transplanted
    - Social mobility based on financial success and land ownership
    - Everything about life in America learned
      - Hunting, fishing, & farming methods
      - Tobacco, beans, corn, tomatoes & “Pine Stands”
  - Continual threat from Native Americans & French
  - Early English-American mortality very high
    - 15% during passage
    - 30 – 50% died first year / 80% within 5 years

# English Colonies II:

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- Peltry
- Cattle (forest & meadow)
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– Early colonial frontier family

- Families were an earned, attained state
  - Men married when financially attractive
- Eat for a year with month's labor
  - corn, pork, wild game (tomatos)
- Food-rich Environment under-harvested by Natives
- Hard labor was standard
- Rustic living conditions
- Life expectancy was less than British till 1650
  - Malaria & Dysentery
  - Child-birth (1 in 8 ~ 12)

# Virginia Company Rule:

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  - 104 of 144 men only 34 survive into 1608
- John Smith took over in fall of 1608
  - Mandated work / raided Indians for food and labor
  - 100 more men and 2 women immigrated
- 1609 London company became the Virginia Company, expanded charter, territory and goals
  - sent first governor
    - Stock for planters migrating at own expense.
    - Free passage for people willing to work for 7 years.
    - 600 people including women and children
    - Winter of 1609-10 “Starving Time” – only 60 left May 1610
- 1610 Gov Dale ends company ownership resulting in soaring productivity

# Virginia Company Rule II:

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  - Private property for tobacco spurs productivity
  - Plantations lined river to meet transport ships (little infrastructure or settlement)
- 1618 - Head-right system :
  - 50 acres of land (family could do 20 acres)
  - Jamestown citizens got 2 each
  - Each new settler got 1 for coming
  - If you paid for another's passage, you got 1 extra
  - Company diversified – iron workers etc – self-sufficiency
- 1619 Virginia Company:
  - 100 women arrive
  - July 30, 1619 House of Burgesses met to legislate local affairs ~ promised full English Rights
  - Rule of English “Common Law” supersedes “Company rules”
  - 20 Blacks purchased as slaves

# Virginia (cont) and Maryland:

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  - - Participation or Tobacco for each working entity
    - Hired Indian “allies”
  - Pocahontas – did negotiate – then kidnapped, converted and died in England.
- 1624 Charter revoked, became Royal Colony
  - 20% per year death rate
  - Plan for self-sufficiency (saw mill, etc.)
- Maryland Colony
  - George Calvert – Lord Baltimore
    - Refuge for English Catholics
    - Son Cecilius got charter in 1632
  - First settlements of 300 colonists
  - Attracted Protestants to Maryland as well so 1649 Act of Toleration
  - Compete with Virginia with Head-right system, economic and political benefits
  - Tensions between Protestant majority and Catholic minority

# Tobacco Colonies :

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  - - Squatting / Indian issues & pressure
  - 16K colonists with 300 slaves in 1640
  - Back-woods (developing) v Piedmont & Coastal (established)
- Sir William Berkeley Gov 1642 – 1675
  - Opened Western past the Blue Ridge Mtns
    - Governor controlled both boundary with Indians and Fur (peltry) trade
  - 1644 Finally crushed Indian uprising - Appalachian mountain line of settlement
    - Girdled forests and cleared only minimum
  - Population by 1660 was 40K ( by 1680 – 70K)
    - 3K slaves / 15K White bondsmen
    - Decentralized settlements along rivers for administrative, religious and some trade
    - Very limited hierarchy / local & social enforcement
    - 1652 3 Va Counties in Indian Land



# Virginia at mid-century:

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- 1675 Settlers and Indian fighting erupted
  - “Reservations” and only 3K left east of mountains
  - Gov refused to send militia
  - Locals raised their own army under Bacon
  - Bacon declared a rebel ... beat gov forces but died
  - 1677 Indians lost and gave up more lands to whites
- 1700 – 1735 the balance of Tobacco labor tended toward African Slaves.
  - Massive Productivity gains with large gangs of slaves
  - Fewer long term social issues with slaves
    - 40% of IS survived – only 50% became land-owners
  - Cost cutting efforts at Plantation self-sufficiency

# New England:

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    - Wanted Congregational COE & Rejected Bishop's influence
      - All trades worthy – success a sign of God's grace
      - Theocratic commonwealth - church and state indistinguishable but balance different than in English practice
- 1620 – Pilgrims,
  - Group of families from Scooby, 35 Saints and 67 Strangers - for Virginia but got lost
    - Escaping contamination of society and established church
  - Plymouth – outside of Virginia Company's rules so the Mayflower Compact to act as Constitution (organizational framework rules)
  - 50% died the first winter
  - 1630 was profitable through corn and hides
    - Until 1640 shared a single plow
    - Firepower for hire with Indians

# New England II:

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  - 1630 17 ships and 1,000 people
    - Company directors came to New World
    - By 1634 10K people
  - Boston and surrounding towns –Family dominance – settled whole towns ( 6 mi sq)
    - Education – key to successful future
    - Orderly, planned & democratic within the church
  - 1635 - Hartford, 1639 New Haven to be more pious.
  - 1639 – New Hampshire – independent from Mass.
  - 1644 Providence, Rhode Island independent from Mass. with a charter from Parliament

# New England Indians :

- - - - Trade goods and alcohol create Indian dependency
      - Property issues lead to conflicts
      - White desire for land and improvements led to Indians becoming “Heathens”
    - 1637 Pequot War
      - Indian Allies lead to English victory
    - 1675 King Phillips War
      - Indians rebelled against white encroachment
      - Indian raid and burn “guerilla” tactics
      - Kill ratio very high toward Indians
      - 1676 whites with Mohawk allies subdued Pequot
        - Flintlocks better than match-locks
        - Keep Indians on move and hungry / destroy families
        - French sponsorship seen behind Indian successes

# Restoration Colonies

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- - 1670 Anglican Anthony Cooper brought 300 people (only 100 survived voyage) and established Port Royal on coast.
  - 1690 Established Charleston, SC
  - 1699 Fundamental Constitution for Carolina
    - Large counties, large tracts, broken into smaller parcels – larger landowners have political rights
  - North were crop farmers
  - South began to thrive on rice supplying the sugar islands of Caribbean

# Mid-Atlantic Colonies:

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  - By 1674 Dutch Gov completely out
  - Lots of different types of people / religions
  - Gov and council held local power
  - 1685 had 30K people
- 1664 New Jersey started
  - similarly diverse, farming of both large and small holdings
- Pennsylvania:
  - William Penn, Quaker, 1681 / Philadelphia
  - Fertile land, good planning and wide accommodation made it most cosmopolitan colony.
  - 1701 Charter of Liberties gave power from proprietor to council and Gov.
    - 1703 Three lower counties form Delaware

# Caribbean, Georgia and Empire:

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  - English sugar consumption per capita  
1650 was 1lb / 1770 was 25lbs
  - Single crop – needed to import everything  
from mainland
  - Slaves more productive than indentured
    - Unhealthy climate & working  
conditions
    - By 1700 250,000 slaves in islands
    - Forced many “middle” class whites out  
by 1650s
  - Cash-cow of the English Business System  
(empire)
- Georgia- Barrier against Spanish in  
Florida
  - 1732 Oglethorpe
    - Penal Colony didn't work, neither did no  
slavery

# Imperial development:

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  - Economic foundation of “Empire”
  - Slave Based
  - America became increasingly prosperous
  - Mercantile Trade restrictions to capture maximum profit and keep other nations out.
    - 1660 1<sup>st</sup> Navigation Act – only British Ships / Tobacco export only to England or English possessions
    - 1663 2<sup>nd</sup> Navigation Act - Only imports allowed were from England
    - 1673 3<sup>rd</sup> Navigation Act - Trade duties among colonies and established customs officials
    - Success of smuggling and “American Enterprise”
  - Glorious Revolution:
    - Overthrow of Catholic James II by William of Orange had disruptions throughout colonies. Governments arose closer to London and more tied to the Parliamentary Government



# Conclusions:

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  - Peonage based social and economic systems
  - Stagnant social and political institutions
  - Catholic / Seen as threat to English society
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  - Some assimilation and Creole culture in backwoods
  - Empire integrated with Indian populations
  - Expansion of influence to surround British America
  - Catholic / Seen as threat to English society

# Conclusions II:

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  - Based on cultivated / manufactured products
  - Replacement for Native American Cultures
  - Slavery - moral ambiguity vs. high profit crops
    - Slavery benefited All economic models and areas
  - Expansive use of highly developed occupied land
  - Family Success / Business Minded / Fractious
- Native Americans
  - Disease, depopulation, culturally broken
  - Cultural / Technical dependency
  - Critical Mass for effective resistance
  - Un-equal partners in trade - loss of economic viability
  - Seen as superfluous at best, evil at worst
  - Militarily outmoded yet high kill ratio due to irregular tactics