



*Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay*

*Colony*

*The "City on a Hill"*

# *Troubles in England*

- Puritans
  - Rejected Catholic Church of England
  - Against Modernization
- Left England for Netherlands (1609)
  - Same problems
- Sailed for New world (1620)
  - Came mainly for **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

# Mayflower

- September 1620 –  
35 Puritans & 70  
others
  - Boarded wine  
carrier called the  
“Mayflower”
  - People known as  
Pilgrims
  - Named colony  
Plymouth



# Mayflower Compact

- Established selves as single governing body
  - Equality
    - Law
    - Ordinances
  - Legislative body
    - To govern society



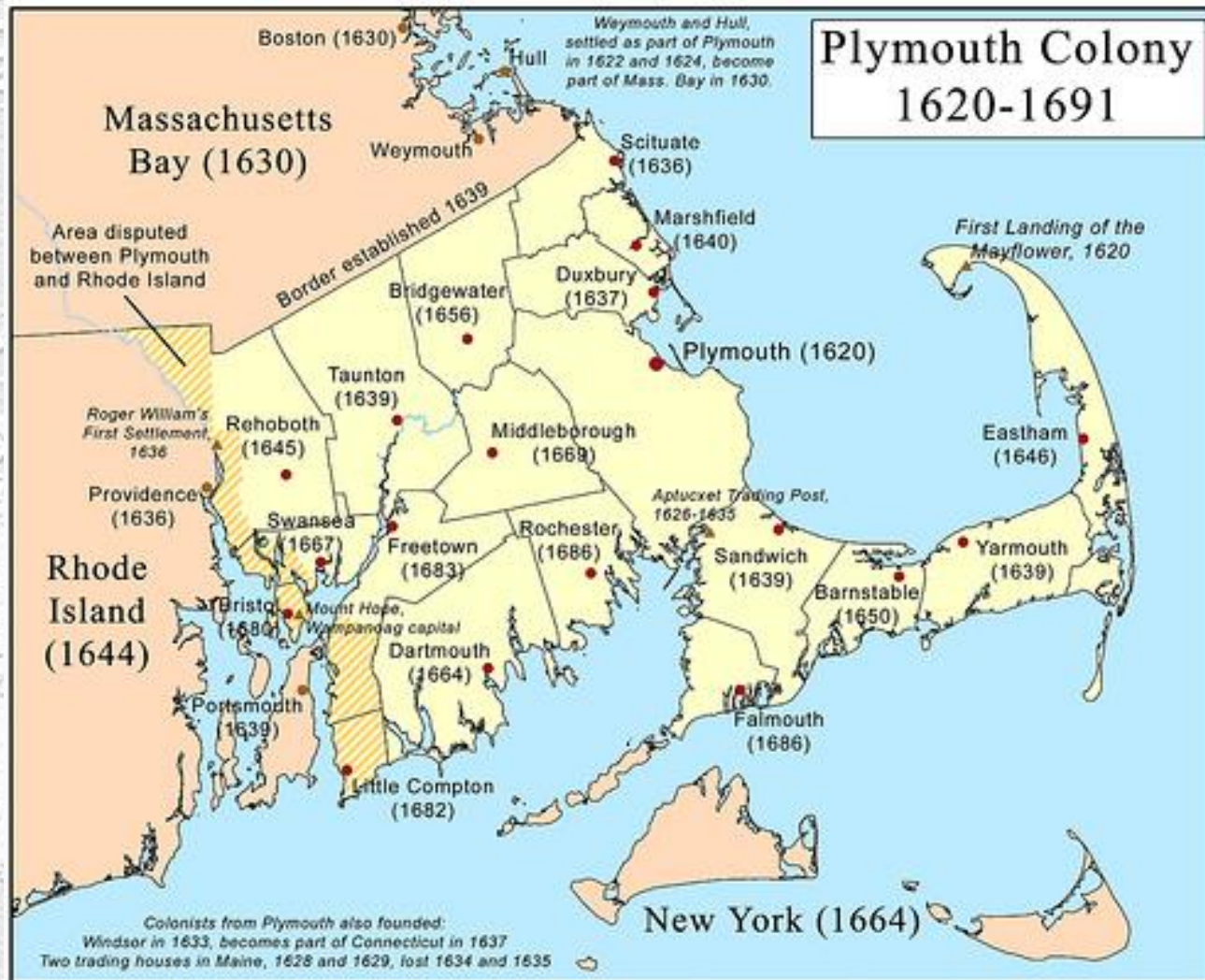
# *The Compact*

*"In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord, King James, by the Grace of God, of England, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, e&. Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually in the Presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid; And by Virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the General good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In Witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape Cod the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Domini, 1620."*

# *Importance*

- Foundation for US Constitution signed 150 years later
- Covenant (agreement) between man and god
- Religious Principles
  - Honesty
  - Reliability
  - Fairness

# Plymouth Colony Map



# *Hardships*

- First winter – “Starving time”
  - Settlers died from hunger, disease, and exposure
  - Wampanoag Indians offered food and taught settlers to grow maize (corn)
- New settlers coming from England rejected Puritan beliefs
- Strained relations with Natives
  - Fighting



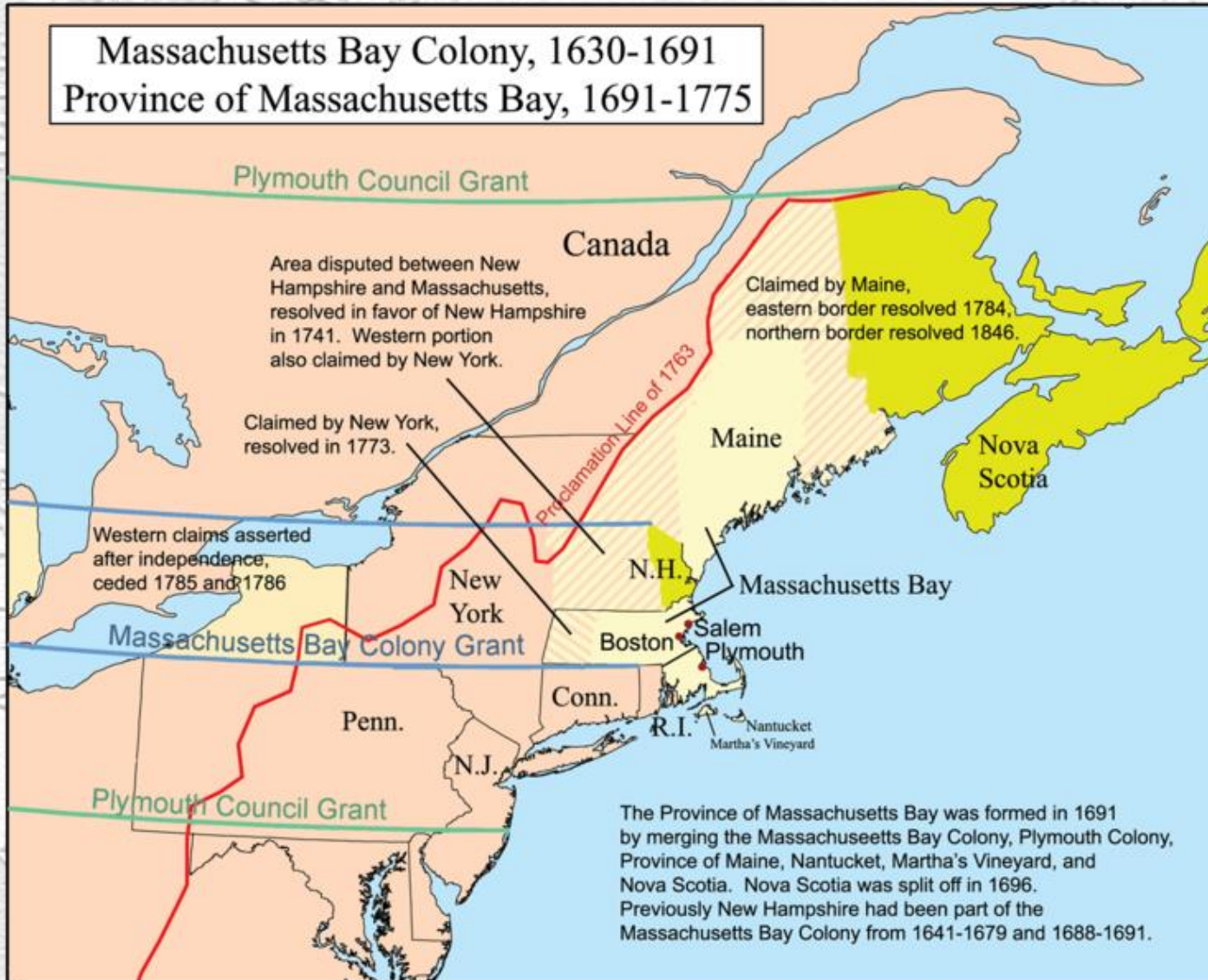


# *All Falls Apart*

- Poor Relations with the native
- Puritan values abandoned in favor of private property
- Lacked charter from crown
- Eventually annexed by Massachusetts Bay Colony



# Massachusetts Bay Colony



# Founding a Colony

- John Winthrop
  - Gentry – Graduate from Cambridge
  - Elected Governor of new colony
- First 400 established city of Salem
- Next 700 Established what would become Boston

# Success of the Colony

- Families came prepared
  - Artisans
  - Farmers
- Most had been land owners in England
  - Had experience with government
- Great Migration
  - Steady flow of new settlers ensured there would be enough people