

# Colonial Migrations in the Northeast

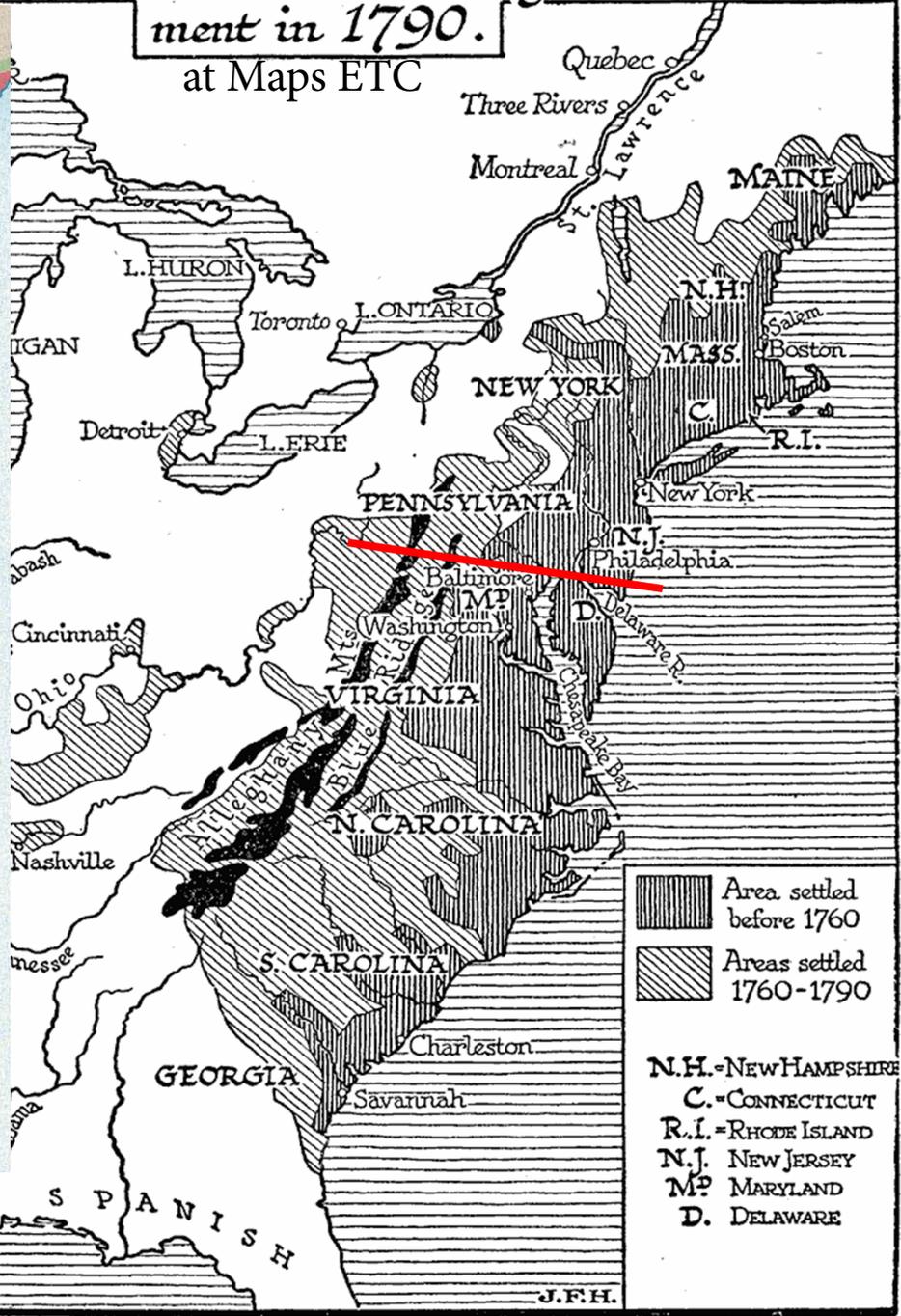
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**The UNITED STATES, showing extent of settlement in 1790.**

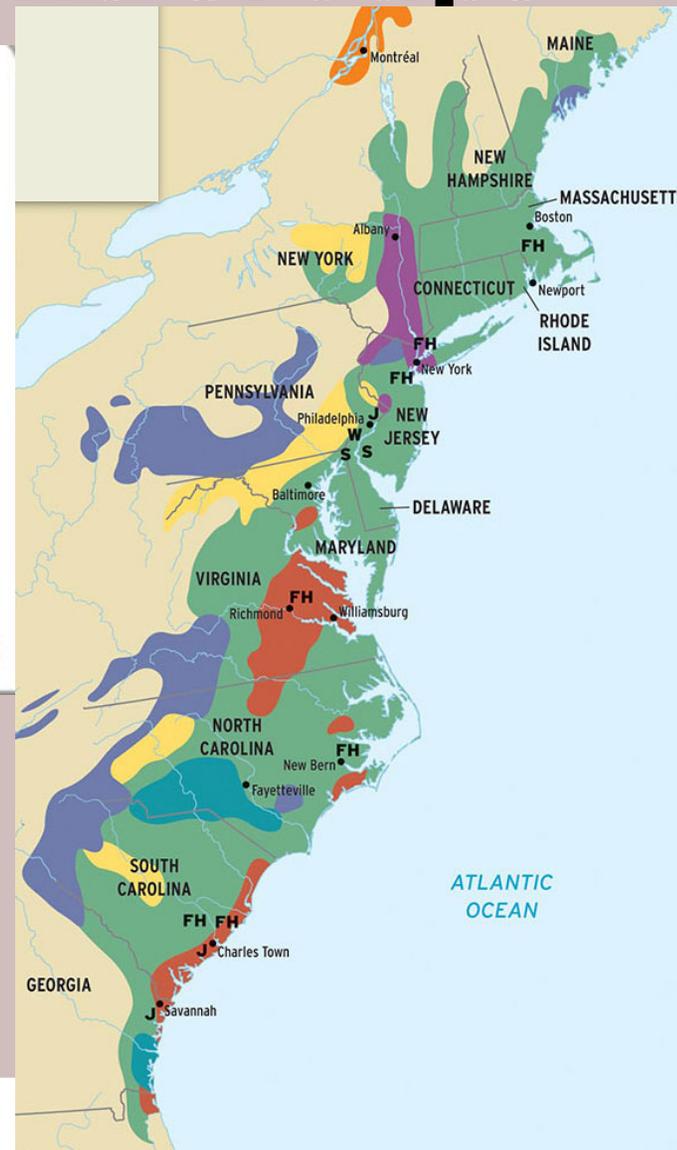
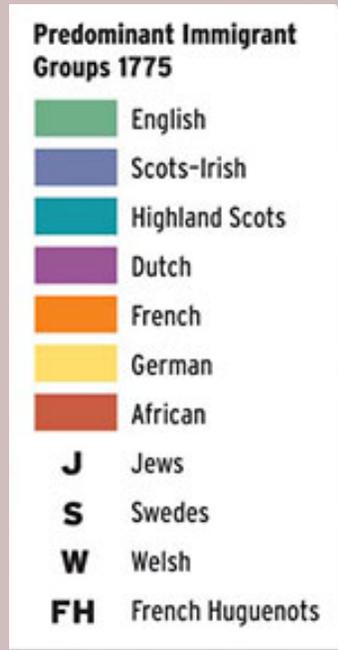


“Growth of Colonial Settlement,”  
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# Three kinds of migration

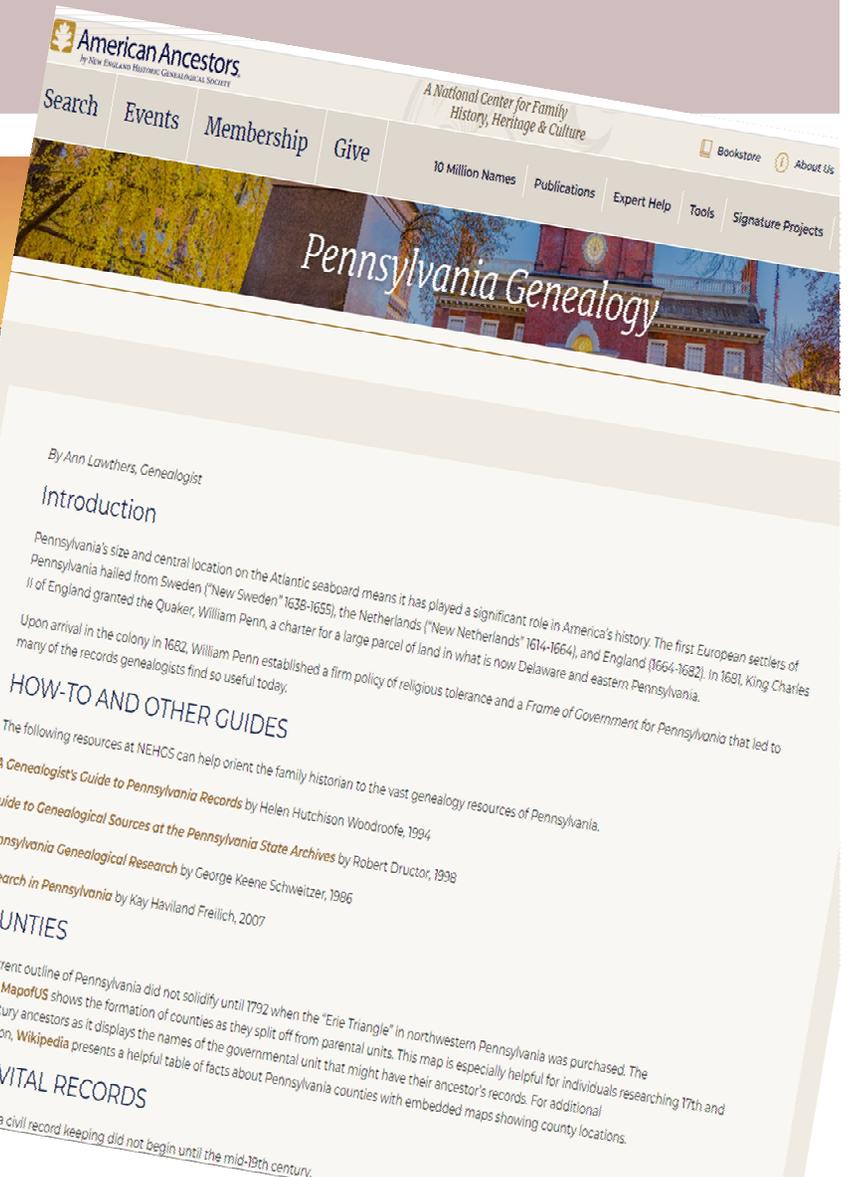
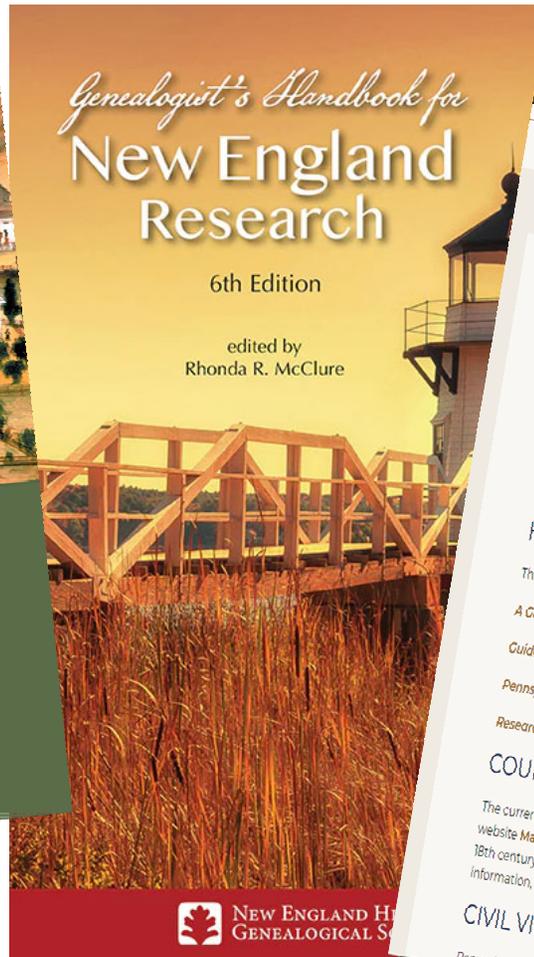
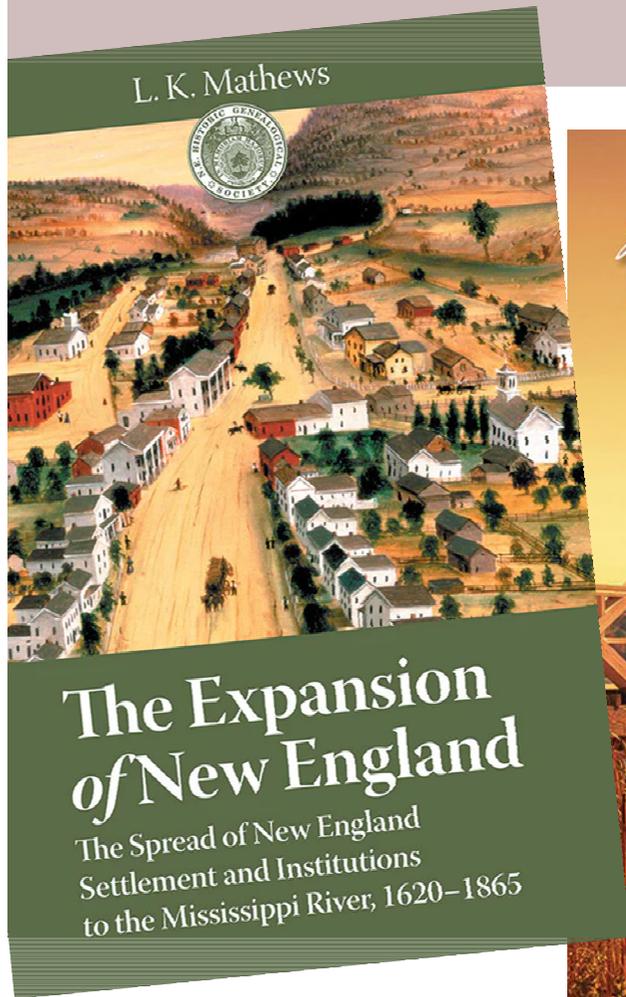
1. Immigration to the colonies
2. Internal migration to form new settlements
3. Migration from one place to another

# Immigrant Groups



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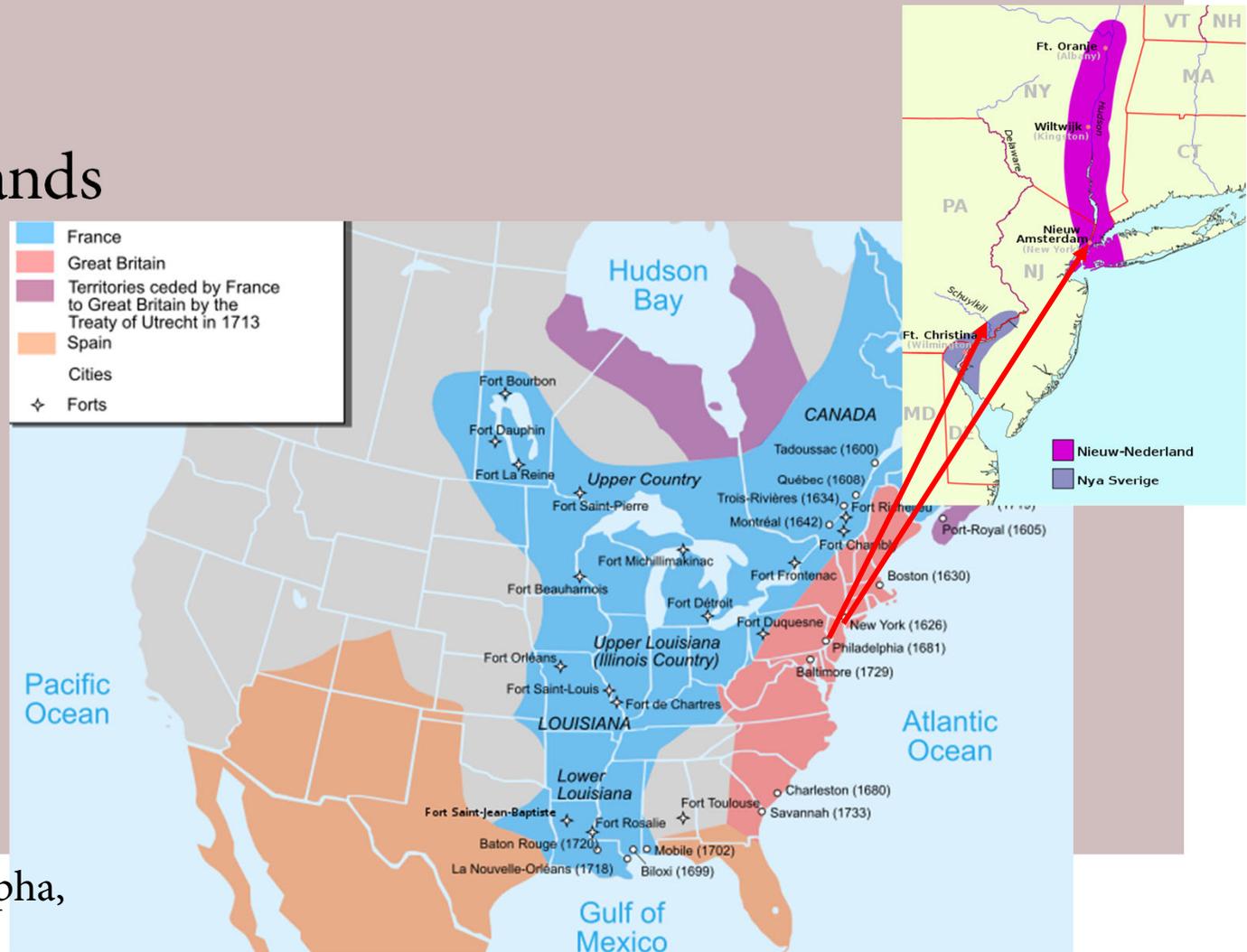
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# Settlement pre-1664

# Colonial powers

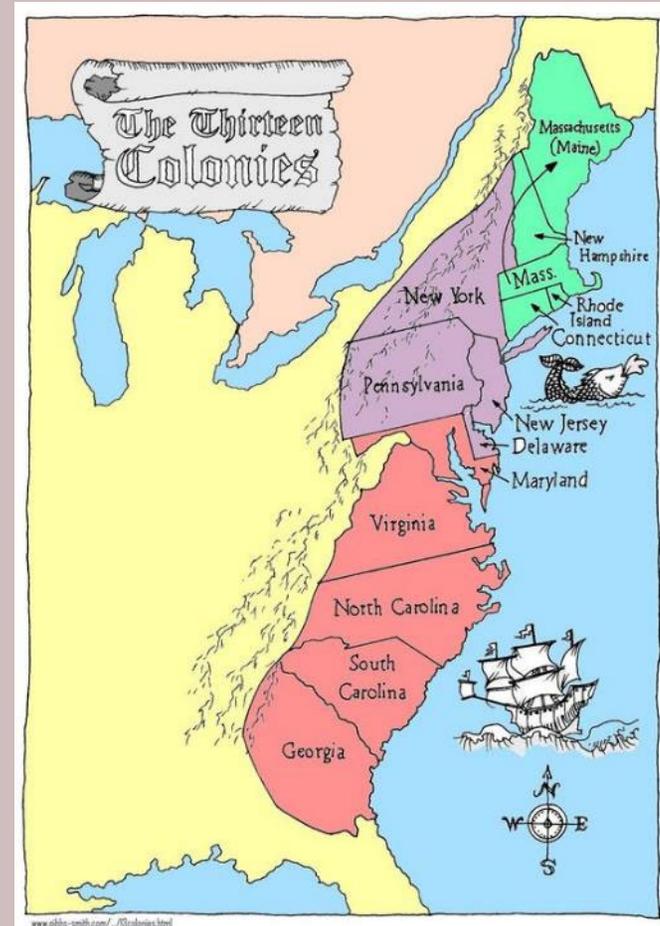
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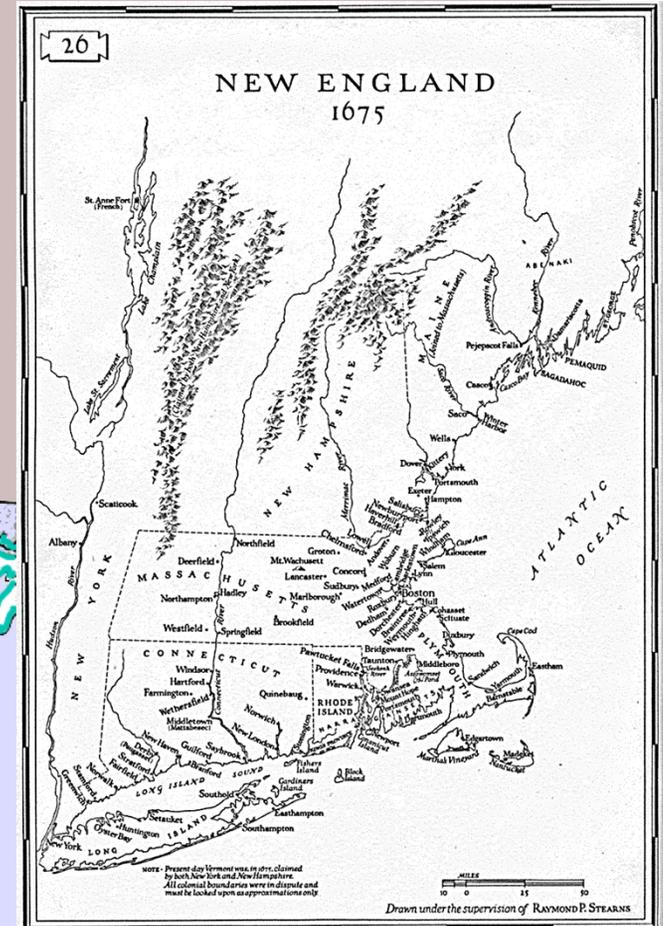
# British colonization efforts

- Reasons:
  - Make money
  - Compete with other European powers
  - Religious freedom
- Recruited:
  - Middle-class
  - Convicts and slaves
  - Immigrants from other countries



# Colonies in New England

- Maine (1622)
- New Hampshire (1623)
- Massachusetts Bay (1629)
- Plymouth (1620)
- Providence Plantations (1635)
- Rhode Island (1635)
- Connecticut (1635)
- New Haven (1638)



James Truslow Adams, *Atlas of American History* (1943).

# Settlement of New England

- First settlements along the coast
- Settlements from south to north
- Towns set up where found good water and soil
- Religious motivations
- Biggest populations in MA and CT

# Southern New England

- 6 primary colonies
- 2 each for states MA, RI, CT
- Settled 1620-1640

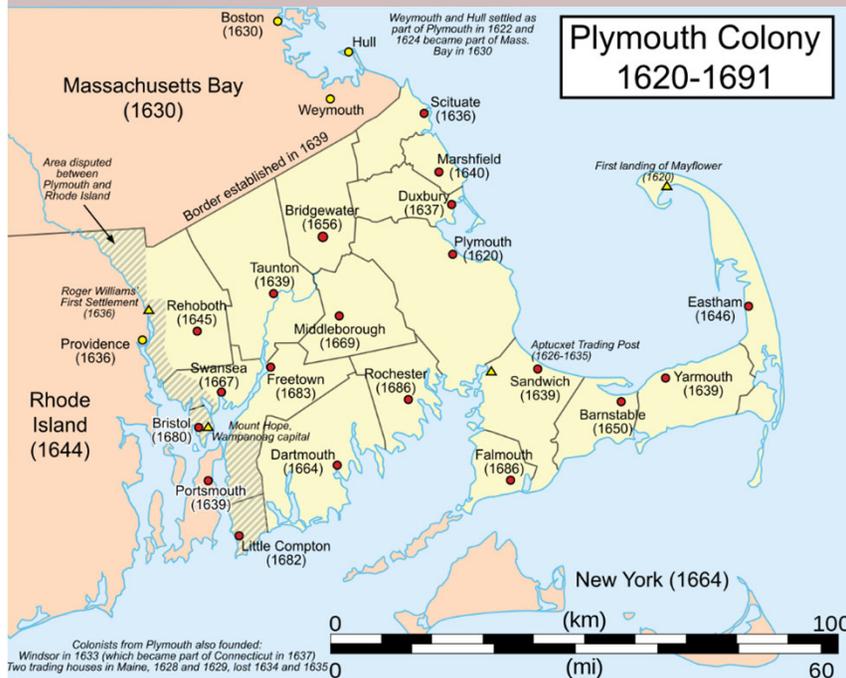


L. K. Mathews, *Expansion of New England* (1909).

# Massachusetts – 1691

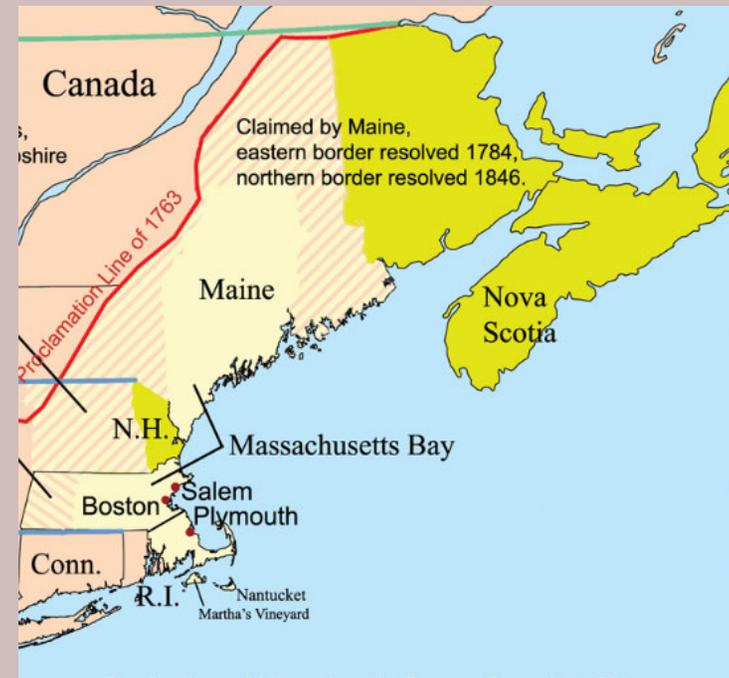
## Plymouth Colony

- 1620



## Massachusetts Bay Colony

- 1629



The Province of Massachusetts Bay was formed in 1691 by merging the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Plymouth Colony, Province of Maine, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, and Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia was split off in 1696. Previously New Hampshire had been part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony from 1641-1679.

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# Expansion

## From Plymouth

- Berkshire Co., Mass.
- Dutchess Co., New York
- Cape May, New Jersey
- Coastal Maine

## From Massachusetts Bay

- New Hampshire
- Providence Plantations
- Connecticut Colony
- New Haven Colony
- Long Island

# Rhode Island – 1643/1663

## Providence Plantations

- 1636
- Mainland
  - Providence
- Migration:
  - CT
  - Western MA
  - Central NY

## Rhode Island Colony

- 1637
- Aquidneck Island
  - Newport
  - Portsmouth



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# Connecticut – 1662

## Connecticut Colony

- 1636

## New Haven Colony

- 1638

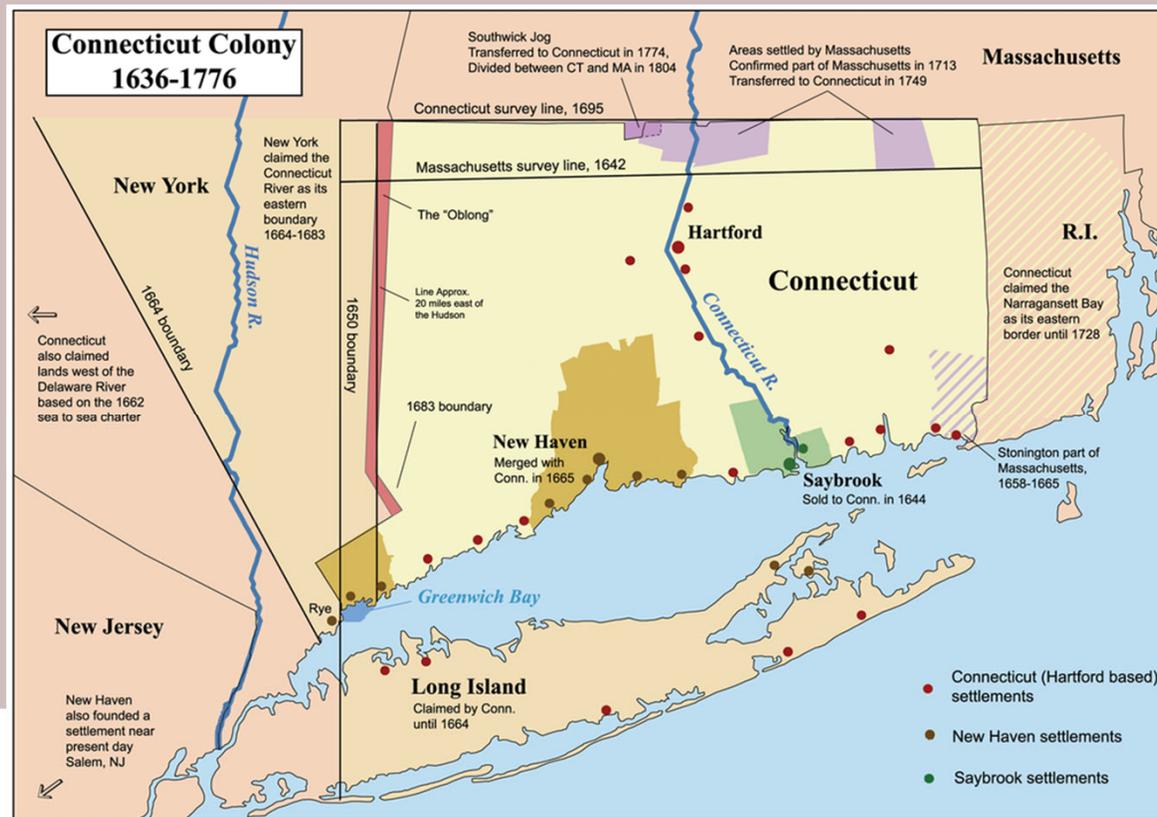


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# Early Connecticut

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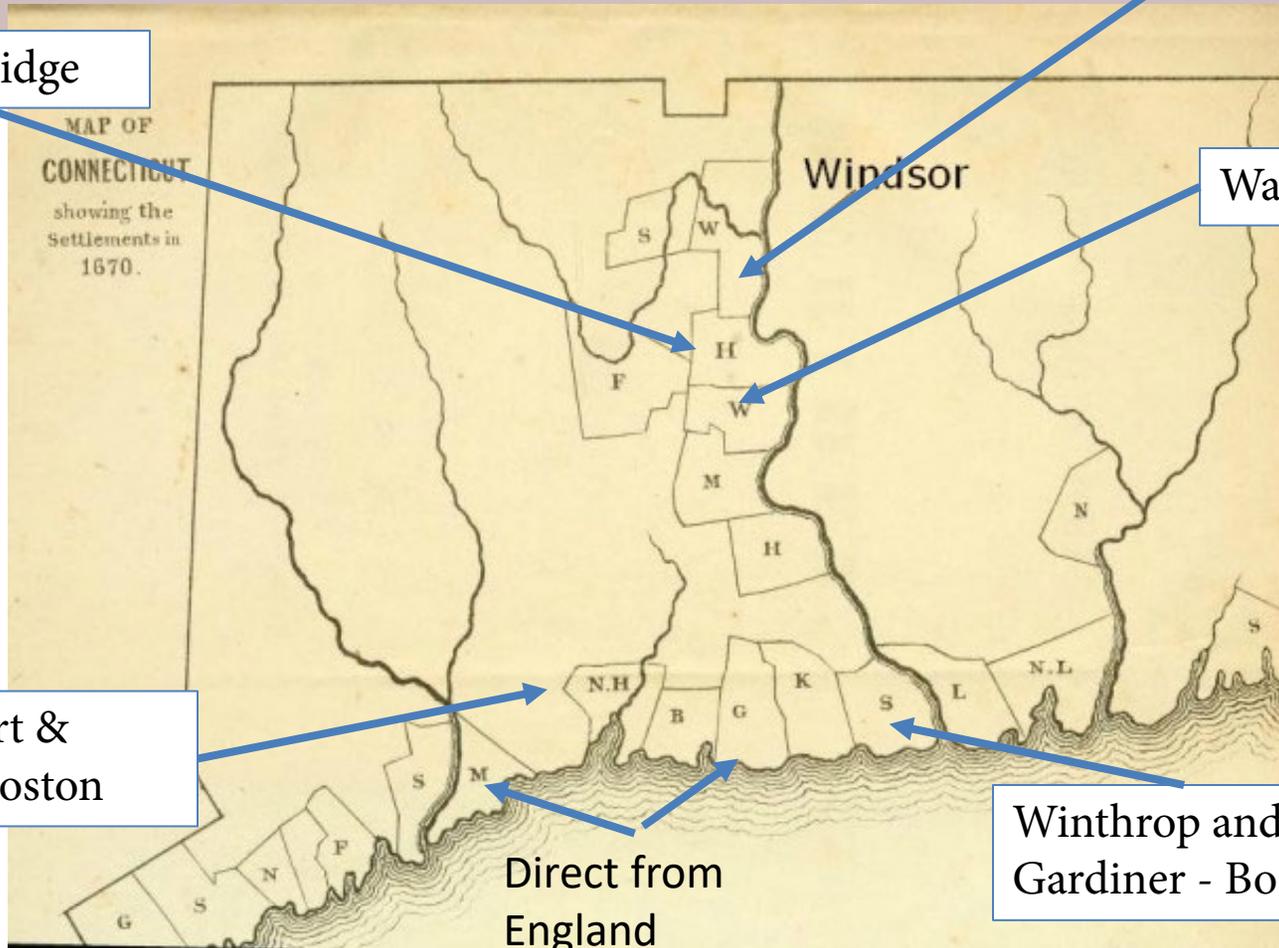
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## Connecticut's Oldest English Settlement

Map of Connecticut showing the settlements in 1670 from *Historical Sketches of Meriden* by G.W. Perkins

# Expansion

## From Connecticut

- Long Island
- Western Massachusetts
- Dutchess, Westchester, Orange Counties, NY
- Vermont
- Westmoreland, PA

## From New Haven

- Long Island
- East Jersey
- Dutchess, Westchester, Orange Counties, NY

# Long Island

## Early settlements:

- Eastern – 1640 from Lynn, Mass.
- Gravesend – 1643 from Mass. Bay
- North shore – from Connecticut
- West end - Dutch



Bernard Romans, "Connecticut and Parts adjacent," map, 1777, at LOC.gov.

# New Netherland

- Along Hudson River
  - New York
  - New Jersey
  - Connecticut
- Timeline of ownership
  - Dutch 1614-1664
    - Annexed New Sweden 1655
  - English 1664-1673
  - Dutch Aug. 1673-Nov. 1674

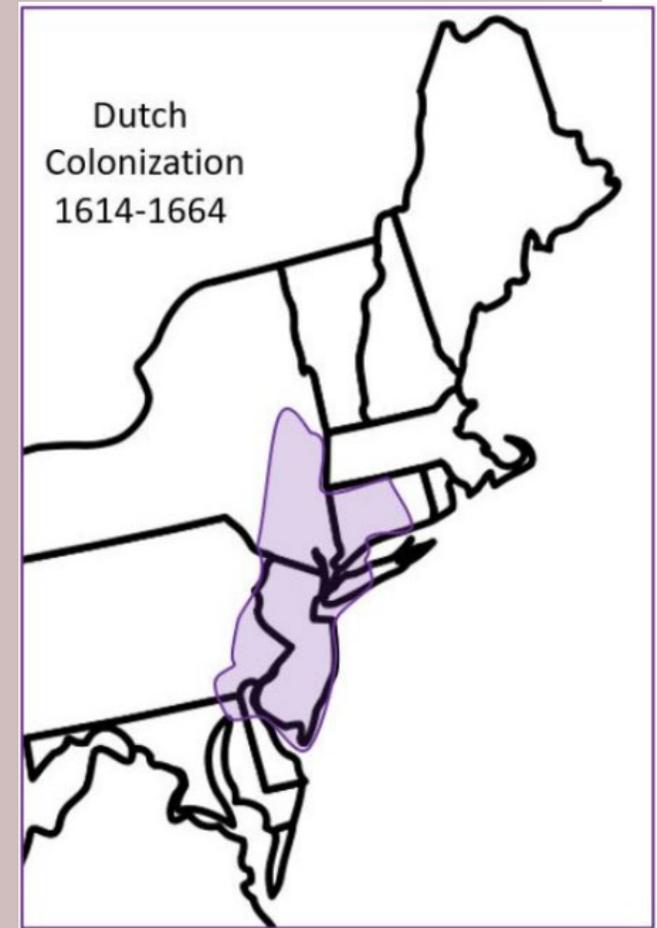


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# New Sweden

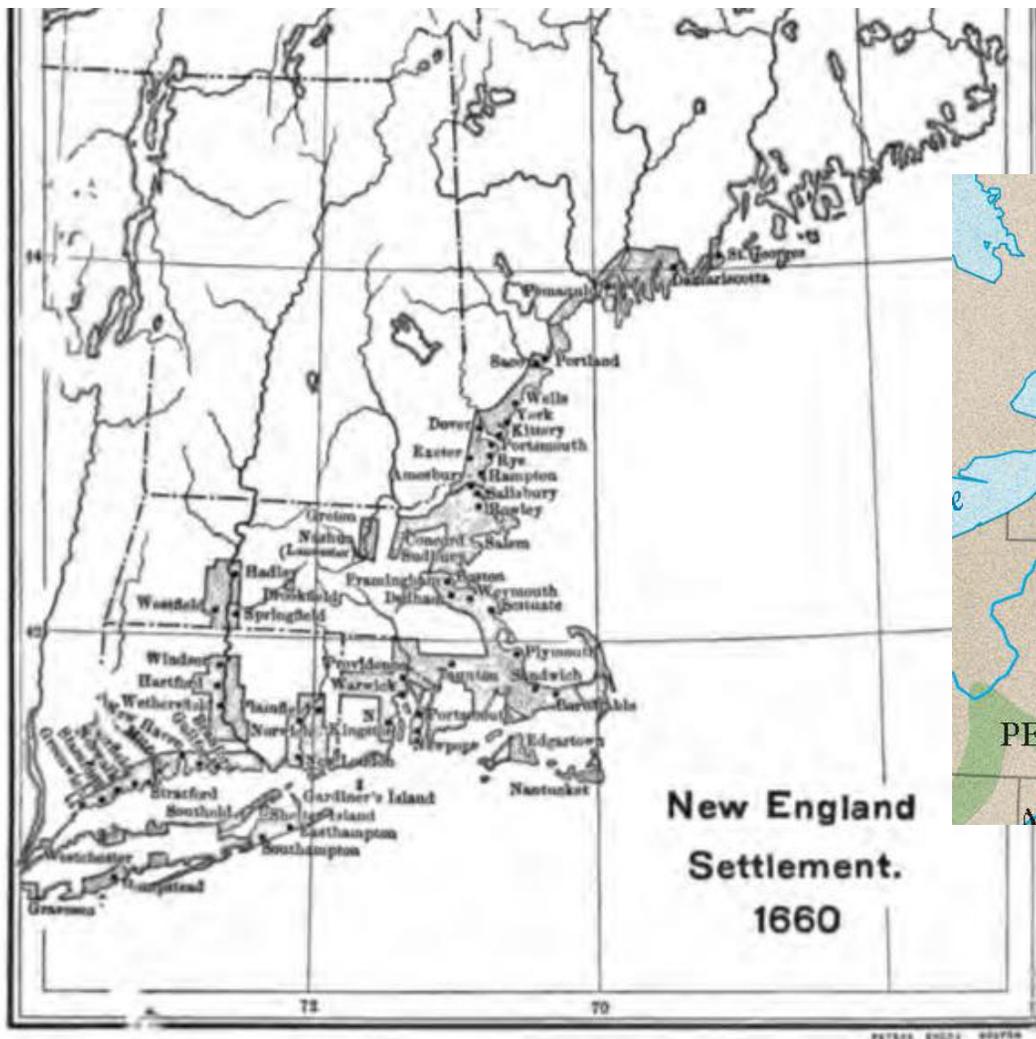
- Both sides of Delaware River
  - Delaware
  - New Jersey
  - Pennsylvania
- 1638-1655
- Settlers:
  - Swedes
  - Finns
  - Dutch
  - German
  - Poles



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Justin Winsor, *Narrative and Critical History of America*, vol. 4 (1884).



## Pre-1664 settlements

# Settlement 1664-1783

# Duke of York's territory

- Manhattan Island (first settled by the Dutch, 1624)
- Delaware (first settled by the Swedes, 1638)
- New York
- Connecticut
- Massachusetts
- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

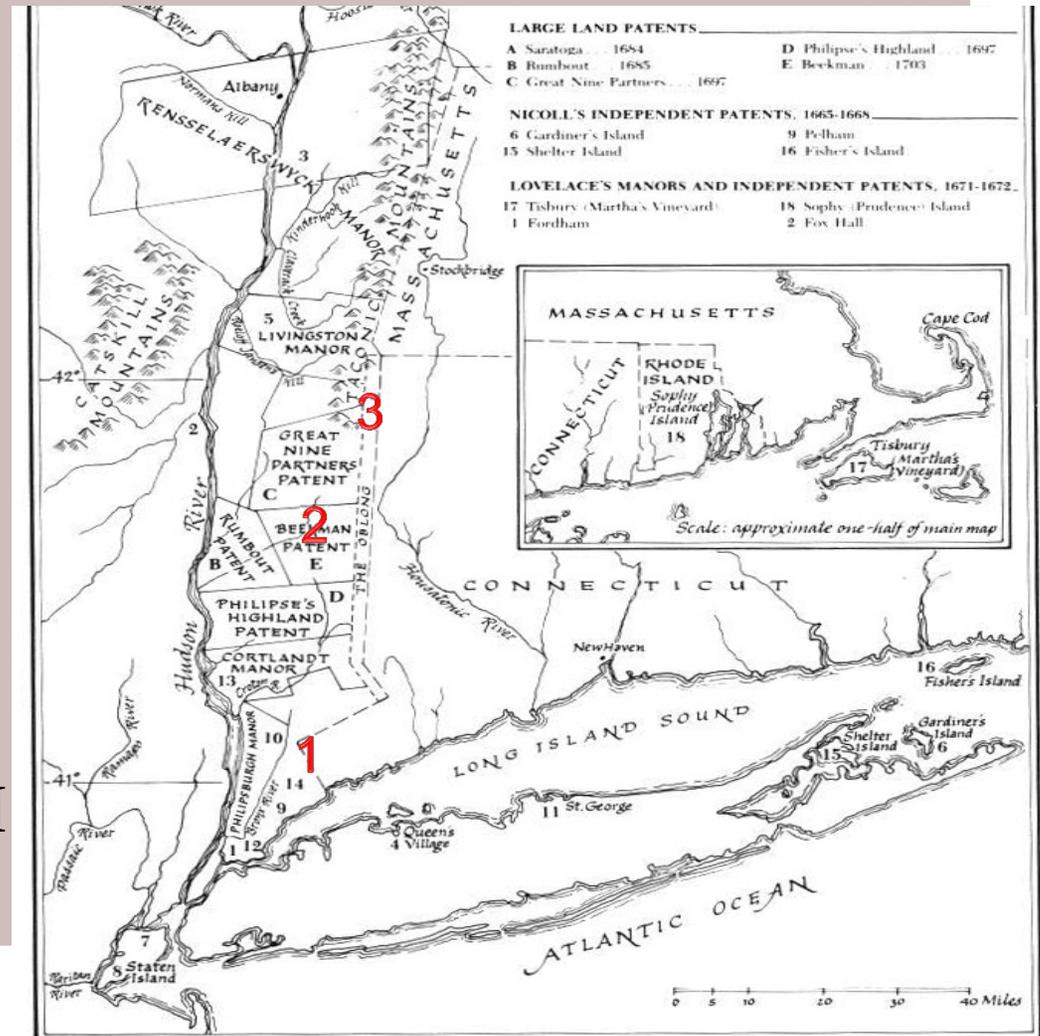


# Mid-Atlantic Settlement

- Along coast and inland rivers
- First to move away from coast were farmers with pioneering skills, often German or Scots-Irish
- Tended to move north and south because of Appalachian Mountain chain

# New York – 1664

- Bedford & Rye
  - From CT, RI, southeastern MA
- The Oblong
  - Cape Cod Quakers
- Beekman Patent & Dutchess County
  - NY, L.I., MA, CT, RI



# New Jersey – 1664/1702

## West Jersey

- Settlements 1675-80s
  - Salem
  - Burlington
  - Camden
  - Cape May
  - Gloucester
- Cape May settlers from New England and Long Island

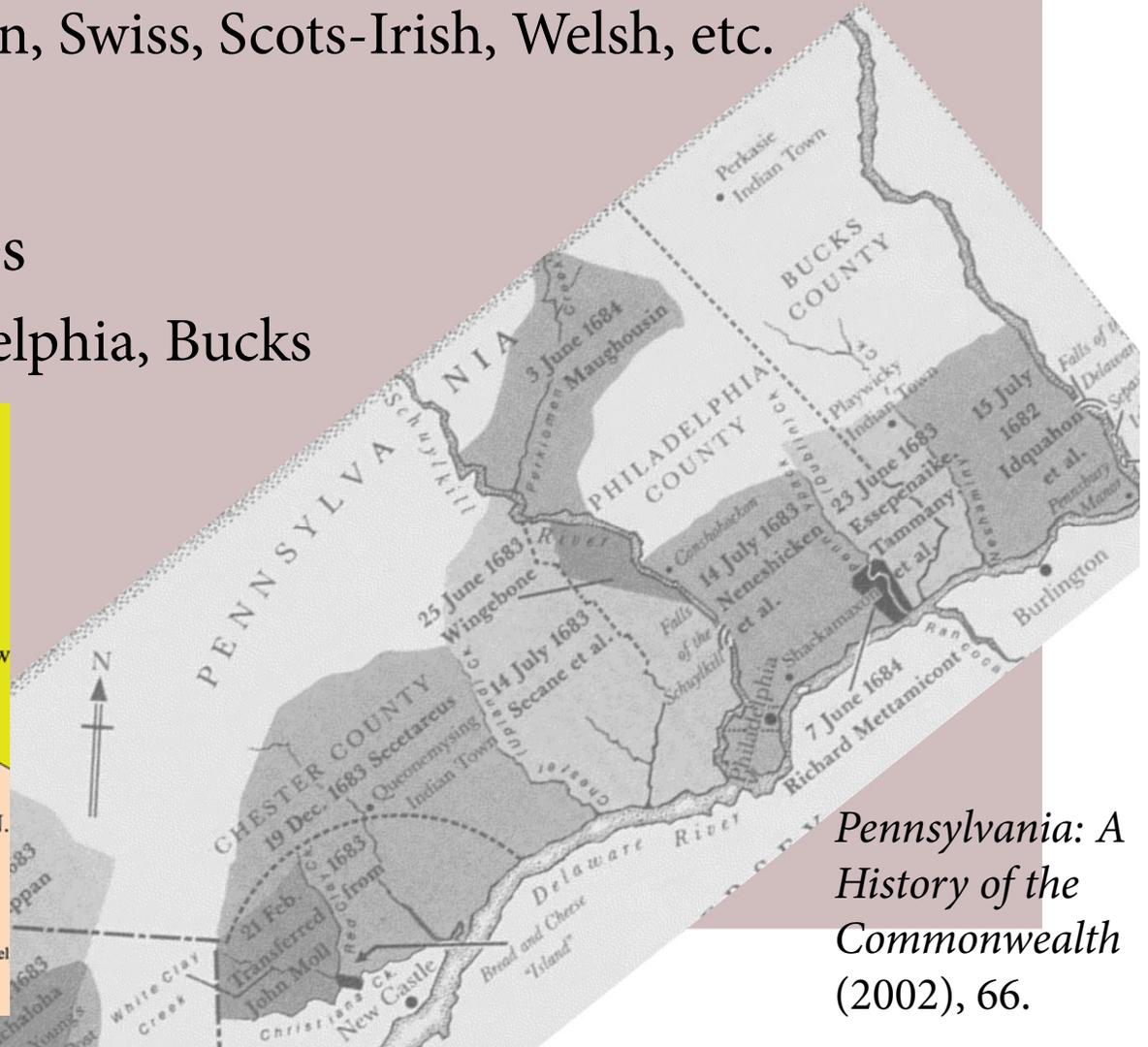
## East Jersey

- Settlements 1664-67
  - Bergen
  - Elizabeth
  - Middletown
  - Shrewsbury
  - Woodbridge
  - Piscataway
  - Newark
- Settlers from New England and Long Island



# Pennsylvania – 1681

- Immigrants:
  - English, German, Swiss, Scots-Irish, Welsh, etc.
  - Quakers
- 3 original counties
  - Chester, Philadelphia, Bucks

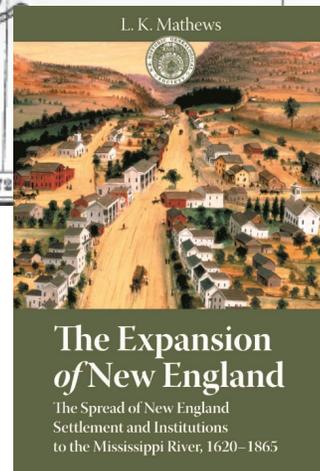
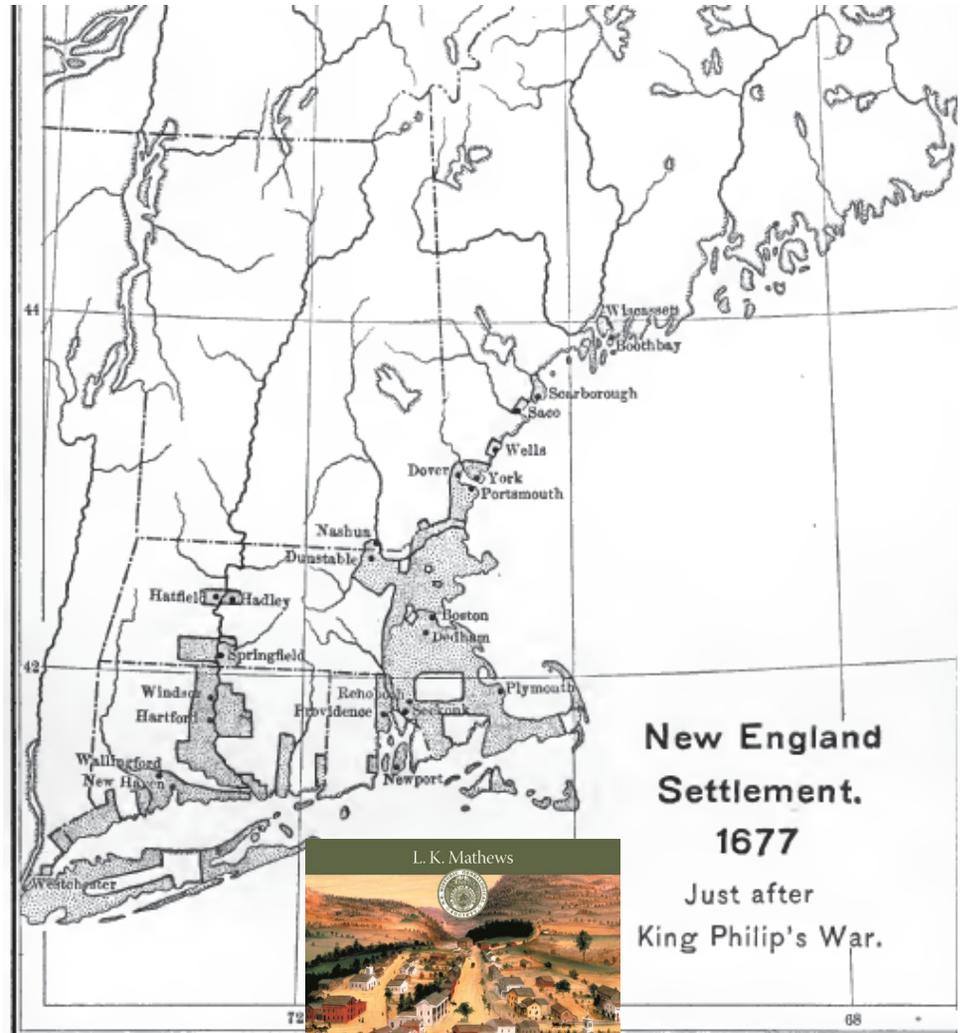


*Pennsylvania: A History of the Commonwealth (2002), 66.*

Mike McMillan, at  
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German-speakers



# New England

# Northern New England

- Colonies/states:
  - Maine (w/MA)
  - New Hampshire
  - Vermont
- Slower settlement:
  - Remote, mountainous
  - Poor farming
  - Vulnerable to attack
  - Few east-west roads
- Most settlers from MA or up the Connecticut Valley



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# Maine

- Under jurisdiction of MA (until 1820)
- 1620s = scattered settlements along coast
- 1675 = abandoned briefly during King Philip's War
- Little new settlement until after Revolution
- Large post-Rev. influx from eastern MA & Cape Cod
- Much of interior not settled until early 1800s
- Provided an alternate to westward migration for eastern New England until mid-1800s

# New Hampshire – 1679

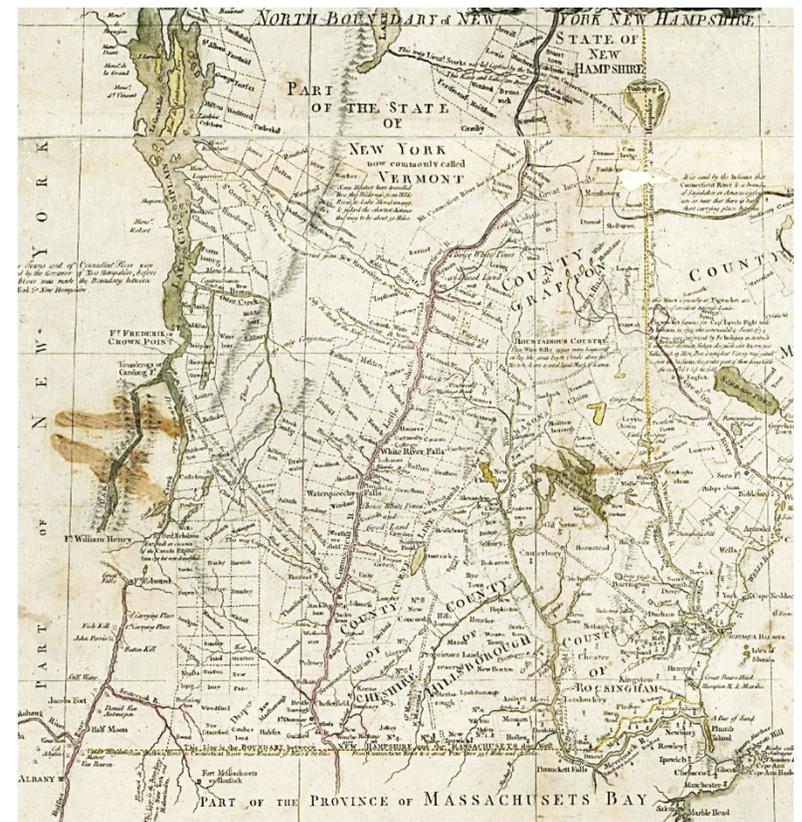
- Grants 1629 and 1635
- MA Bay 1641-1679
- Colony 1679-86, 1691
- Mainly West Country fisherman and merchants
- Not overly religious
- Little settlement of the interior



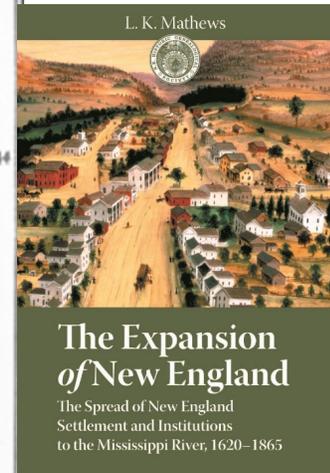
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# Vermont

WHO	WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
MA	1724-1736	Ft. Dummer & 6 towns	Connecticut River
French	1731-1759	Outposts	Eastern shore of Lake Champlain
NH	1749	Bennington	SW corner
	By 1754	13 town grants	5 from MA, S & E
	1760-1764	112 town grants	S & W & E
NY	1765-1777	Grants	W & E; 3 NY counties
VT	1777-1791	Independent State	Entire south & along borders



“An accurate map of the State and Province of New-Hampshire in New England,” 1784, at LOC.gov.



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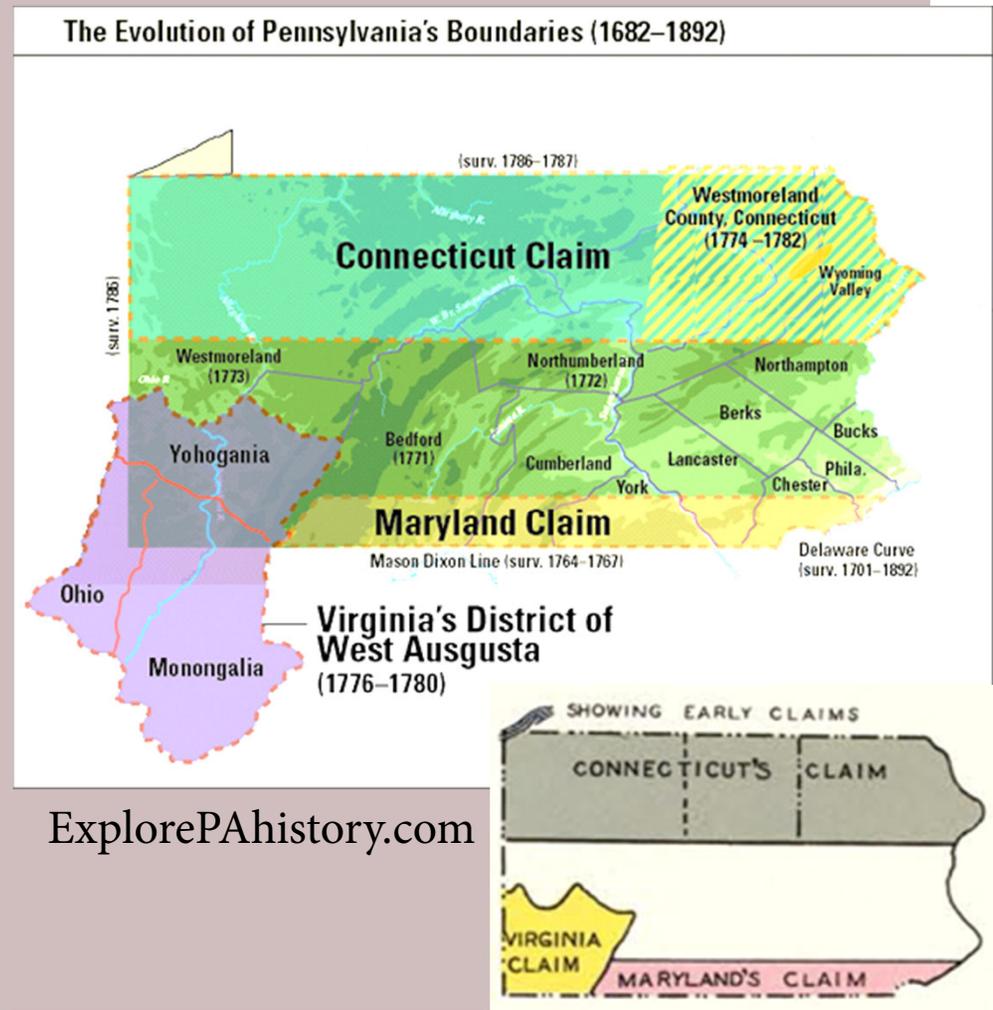
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- NY vs. PA



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# Pennsylvania's boundaries

- CT, VA, MD laid claim to areas now part of PA
- Disputes led to bloody confrontations like the Cresap's War (1730s):
  - Settled by land treaties
  - 1767 Mason-Dixon Line clarified borders of PA, MD, (West) VA, and DE



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Accounts of New England families from 1641 to 1700

**WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS FAMILIES IN 1790**  
Sketches of select heads of household in Western Massachusetts, a crossroads for families heading west, in 1790.

**EARLY VERMONT SETTLERS TO 1784**  
Accounts of the first settlers of Vermont and New England's northern frontier.

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## Western Massachusetts Families in 1790

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**SNOW, WILLIAM** 1 - 2 - 4 - 0 - 0  
Springfield, Hampshire County<sup>[1]</sup>

**WILLIAM SNOW**, son of William and Priscilla (Richmond) Rochester, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, on 11 February Alden, Erie County, New York, on 18 February 1834<sup>[3]</sup> and Alden Town Cemetery.<sup>[4]</sup>

**SNOW, WILLIAM** 1 - 2 - 4 - 0 - 0  
Springfield, Hampshire County<sup>[1]</sup>

**WILLIAM SNOW**, son of William and Priscilla (Richmond) Snow, was born in Rochester, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, on 11 February 1755.<sup>[2]</sup> He died in Alden, Erie County, New York, on 18 February 1834<sup>[3]</sup> and was buried in the Alden Town Cemetery.<sup>[4]</sup>

William Snow married (1) in Sutton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, 21 October 1777, **JUDITH HOLMAN**,<sup>[5]</sup> who was born in Sutton on 1 September 1749 and baptized there 11 September 1748 [*sic*],<sup>[6]</sup> daughter of Deacon Thomas and Deborah (Huntington) Holman.<sup>[7]</sup>

William married (2), intentions filed in Springfield, Hampshire [now Hampden] County on 2 June 1792, Miss **RUTH BUTLER**, both being of Springfield.<sup>[8]</sup> She was born ca. 1772, as on 14 May 1849 Ruth Snow of Brown Township, Delaware County, Ohio, aged 77, deposed as the widow of William Snow, that "she was married to the said William Snow in the Month of July (the day not recollected) in the year Seventeen Hundred and ninety two." Orpha Brooks of West Springfield, Massachusetts, deposed that:

Ruth Snow whose maiden name was Ruth Butler, is an elder Sister of Mine ... She was married to William Snow ... with in the month of July or August in the year one thousand seven hundred & ninety two at the residence of Said Snow in Springfield ... by a Methodist Minister ... after their marriage they lived together as man and wife in Springfield Some three or four years, during the time She had one child by said William Snow who was named Silas Snow - Said Ruth was residing in the family of Said William at the time of Said Marriage & had been for some time before. At the

<sup>1</sup> 1790 U.S. Census, Springfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, roll 4, p. 532, one male 16 or over, two under 16, and four females.

<sup>2</sup> Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988, Rochester Vital Records, 30, image online at *Ancestry.com*. In his own declaration in his Revolutionary Pension File, W6138, he said he was born in Rochester 10 January 1753,

<sup>3</sup> Revolutionary War Pension File, William Snow, W6138.

<sup>4</sup> Photograph of the gravestone online at *FindaGrave.com*, but the face of the stone has scaled away. A Revolutionary War marker is beside it.

<sup>5</sup> *Vital Records of Sutton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1907), 357.

<sup>6</sup> *Vital Records of Sutton*, 01. No earlier child named Judith is recorded as the year is

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## Dutchess County, NY: The Settlers of the Beekman Patent

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### THE LEACH FAMILY

The Leach family came to Pawling just before the first census. was **LAWRENCE LEACH** who was of Salem, MA by 1629. He was and d. 24 June 1662 at Beverly, MA. He m. **Elizabeth** \_\_\_ who d. ca

Children:

- i. Robert, b. 1605; m. 1<sup>st</sup> Mary \_\_\_, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alice \_\_\_.
- ii. Clement, b. in England where he remained.
- iii. John; m. 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Conant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Waldron.
- iv. Margaret, b. 1613.

4. **EPHRAIM<sup>c</sup> LEACH** (Amos<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3-2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>), was born 8 July 1744 at Windham, Windham Co., CT<sup>10</sup> and m. 8 Feb. 1762 **Dorothy Bennett** at New Fairfield, CT.<sup>11</sup> [*Leach Gen.* claims he m. 1<sup>st</sup> Dorothy Burrit, no hint of second wife. *DCCBR* 372 claims Dorothy Bennett was the only wife, m. 1762 and this agrees with New Fairfield VR]. Ephraim deeded land to his brother in New Fairfield, CT 27 Sept. 1765. It was 5 acres of land for £28. There are no land records for him in the Beekman Patent. Ephraim sued Thomas Wing 25 Feb. 1793 for £99. [*AD* 13677]. He kept an active account at the Merritt store on Quaker Hill from 1767 on and Ebenezer Leach dealt on his account and Ephraim's son Amos dealt with him around the end of the century.

Ephraim Leach was listed in Pawling in the 1790 census at 2-1-7 and he was between Reuben Draper and Samuel Turner. He was probably the \_\_\_ Leach on the 1795 Pawling tax roll, assessed at £2. In Oct. 1799 he had a farm worth \$1,554.75 and personal goods valued at \$104. In 1800 he was listed at 0-0-1-0-1 and 0-0-0-0-1 and was between Reuben Draper and George Wilcox. In 1810 he was listed in Dover at 0-0-0-0-1 and 1-0-2-1-0. Next to him was his son Bennett Leach and William Kidney.

He was a customer at the Duncan store in Dover 7 July 1794 and bought 3 quarts spirits, rum and sugar. On 16 July he bought some items and his son Amos charged ½ gallon spirits and ½ lb. of tea to his account. On 21 Oct. 1794 he bought ½ yard of chintz, ½ gallon of spirits and 1 skein of thread. He paid his account with hogs, a steer, pulling logs and cash. [*DC*

He lived in Dover and his will was probated 15 Jan. date on will. He mentioned that son Levi had a wife and did as well. He noted son Bennett had children. He m. and Rachel Nichols; children of John Nichols Jr. and D. Nichols; child of John and Rheta Nichols; children the

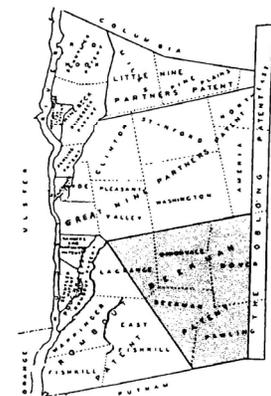
<sup>9</sup> See *FamilySearch* for their children.

<sup>10</sup> *IGI* record.

<sup>11</sup> *Records of Ephraim Hubbell Jr., J. P. of New Fairfield, CT*

### Settlers of the Beekman Patent

Dutchess County, New York



# Settlers of the Beekman Patent

Tracing Ancestors on the Move: A Great Lakes Gathering at Erie, PA

FAMILY SHEET

Husband's Suct. AGR 1121  
 Wife's Code

HUSBAND'S NAME Andrew Rambo  
 Date of Birth 3 May 1727 (2) Place Upper Merion (2)  
 Date of Death 13 June 1797 (2) Place Milford Twp, Somerset Co. (2)  
 Present Address (or) Place of Burial  
 His Father William Rambo (3) (2) His Mother's Maiden Name  
 Date of Marriage of HUSBAND and WIFE on this sheet 31 Jan 1753 (2) Place Christ Church - Phila. (2)  
 Check here if there was another marriage: By husband  By Wife  Was this couple divorced? Yes  No  When?  
 WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Elizabeth King (2) (Use separate sheet for each marriage)  
 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present Address (or) Place of Burial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Her Father \_\_\_\_\_ Her Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Items of interest about the above couple (occupations, hobbies, achievements, social, civil, and political activities, physical descriptions—include photos if possible; military service; cause of death) Moved from Upper Merion by 1769 (3) after 1764 when Amos christened @ Gloria Dei (4)

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Have family sheet	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	Club	Birth Information	Death Information	Marriage Information
	1 <u>Moses</u> (2)		<u>c. 1754</u> (2)		
	2 <u>Hannah</u> (6) (2)		<u>22 Apr. 1756</u> (2)	<u>1827</u> (2) <u>Somerset Co. Pa.</u> (2)	<u>1776</u> (2) <u>Adam Cramer</u> (2)
	3 <u>Amos</u> "22" (4) (2)		<u>28 Apr 1764</u> (2)		<u>by 1784</u> (4) <u>Elsa Ram say 25</u> (4)
	4 <u>William</u> (2)		<u>1716-1770</u> (2) <u>22 March 1769</u> (2)	<u>c. 1840</u> (2) <u>Raccoon Pt. BranLo. VA</u> (2)	<u>Mary Ann Tedso</u> (2)
	5 <u>George</u> (2)		<u>1755-1795</u> (2)		

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② Beverly Rambo #1121  
 ③ Gibbons 21 BNSMC 52, 65-66  
 ④ 1783 Upper Merion census  
 ⑤ 1753 Census, Matting #24  
 ⑥ Gloria Dei Bapt. by Krangel 18 June 1760.  
 ⑦ Robert T. Kellner applic for FF, 30 Apr 2007.  
 ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_

Family Surname: Noe Immigrant: Pierre Noue  
 or patronymic name: Noue Ethnic Origin: Walloon Born: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Native Town: Walslant, Flanders  
 Approx. Arrival: 1663

Patronymic: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Settled: New Harlem, Kingston, N.Y., Staten Island, Elizabethtown, N.J.  
 Died: 12/1709 at Elizabethtown, N.J.

Married: c. 1650, Margaret du Mont, sister of Wallerand du Mont (DuMont) He came to New Netherland on the ship "de Bonte Koe", dated 4/16/1663 with wife, nursing child and sister.

Children: (not necessarily in order of birth) Ch. Patron: \_\_\_\_\_

(1) John, b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. 1751; m. 12/2/1694, Elizabeth, d/o Isaac Girard. They lived Middlesex Co., N.J. Ch: Daniel, Margaret, prob. more.

(2) Mary, b. 10/18/1653; m. John Tremble

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

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 (c) CNJW, Vol. 1, p. 342; RAHS, p.67  
 (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
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David Riker, *Genealogical and Biographical Directory to Persons in New Netherland from 1613 to 1674*(c1999).

New Sweden & New Netherland

# Migration pre-1783

# Motivations

## Push



No/poor land



Overpopulation



Lacking  
opportunity/  
unemployment



Disputes

## Pull



Free/cheap/better land



Transportation



Opportunities/work



Less restricted/  
self-determination



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# Patterns

- Complex migration and settlement patterns
- Coast-to-interior & then east-to-west migration
- Chose areas along waterways & paths
- Moved from populated areas to less densely settled areas
- Frontier determined by relations with natives

# What's stopping them?



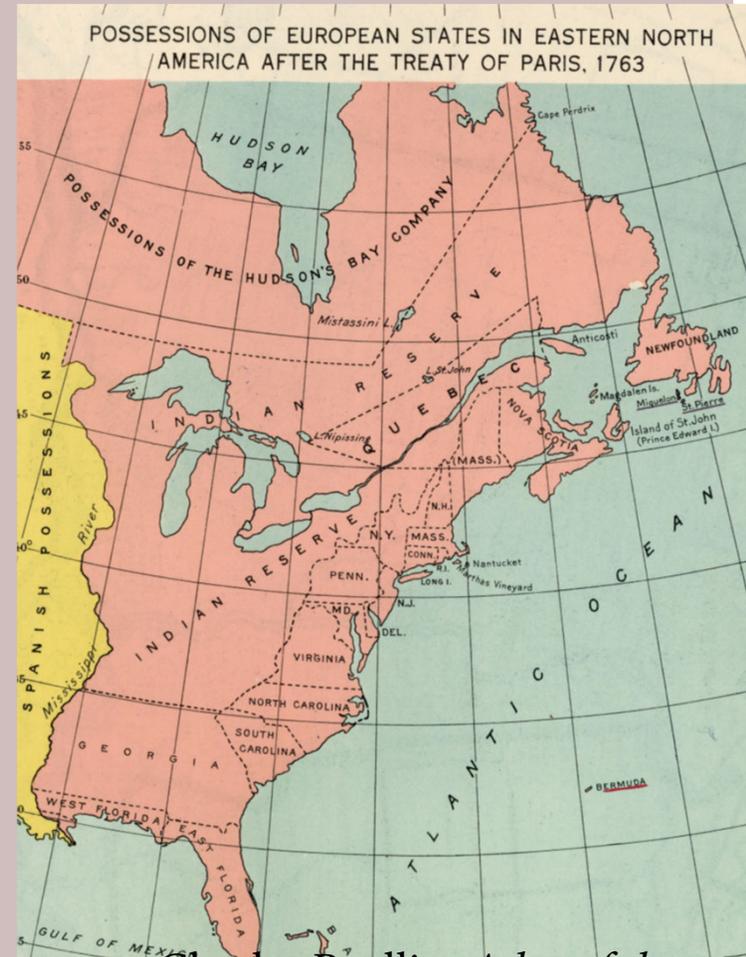
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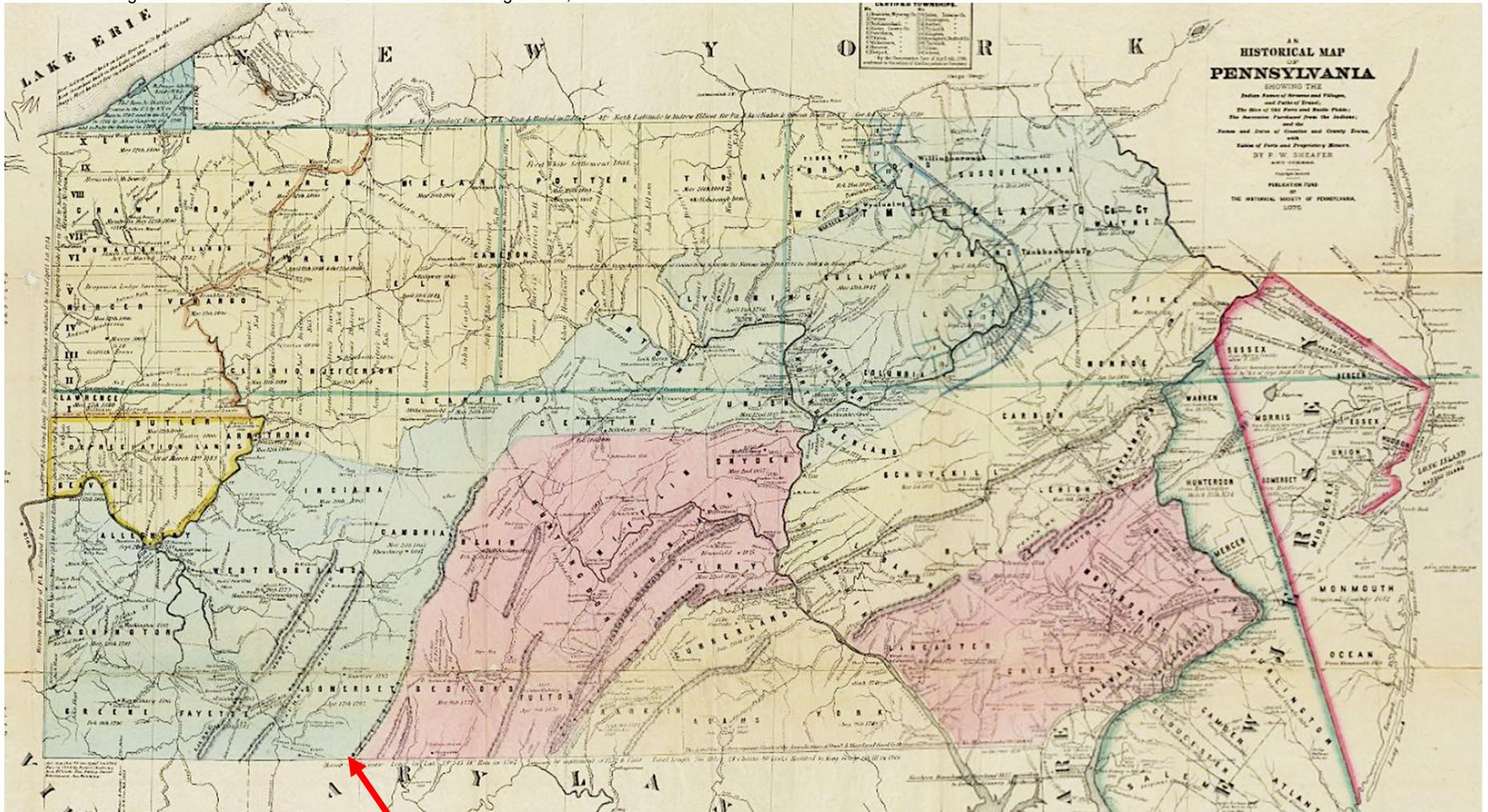
Conflict/competition



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## Pennsylvania

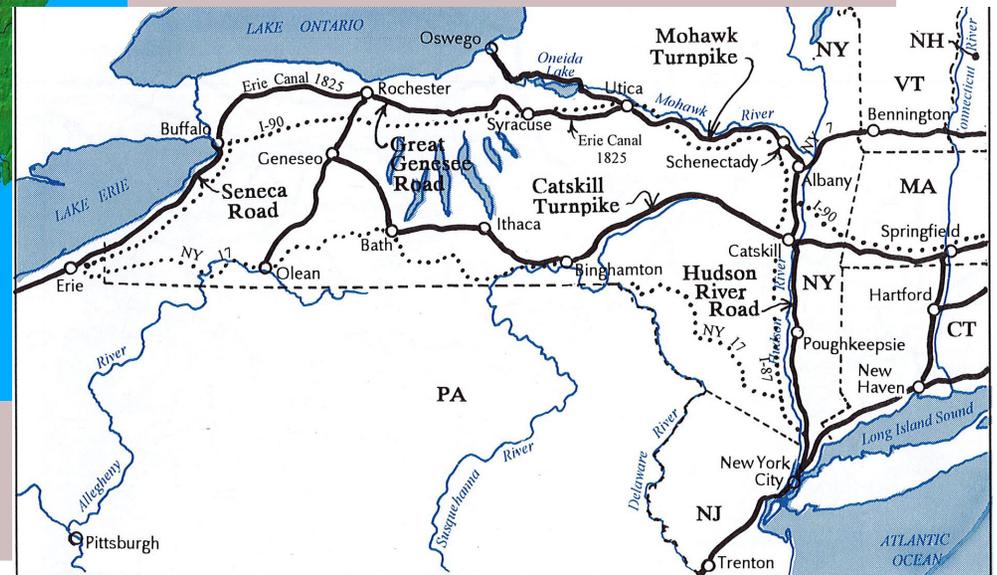
### ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY IN PENNSYLVANIA, UNDER TREATIES WITH THE INDIANS.

- First Treaty September 17th, 1718, from the Delawares; Confirmed October 25th, 1736, by the Five Nations.*
- Second Treaty October 11th, 1736, from the Five Nations, at Philadelphia.*
- Third Treaty August 22nd, 1749, from the Six Nations, at Philadelphia, for £500.*
- Fourth Treaty October 23rd, 1758, from the Six Nations, at Easton.*
- Fifth Treaty November 5th, 1768, from the Six Nations, at Fort Stanwix.*
- Sixth Treaty October 23rd, 1784, from the Six Nations, at Fort Stanwix.*
- Deed of Confirmation March 3rd, 1792, for 202,187 acres, from the United States, for \$151,640½.*

# Topography



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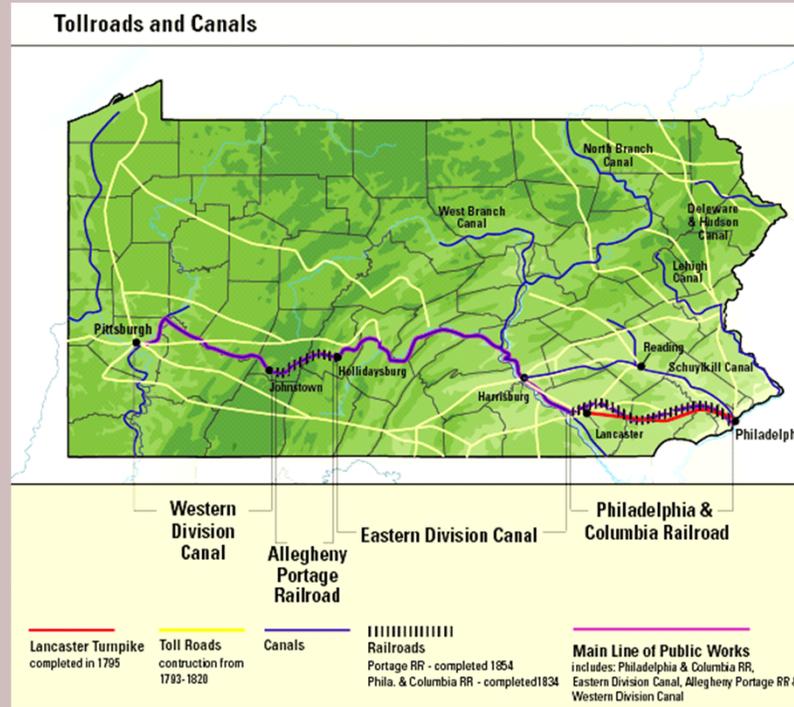


William Dollarhide, *Map Guide to American Migration Routes, 1735-1815* (2000).

**New York Migrations.** The early Hudson River settlements reached Albany, where the Mohawk River Valley was a natural route to the west from Albany to Lake Erie. This route has gone from a horse path in the early 1700s, a wagon trail in the 1750s, the route of the Erie Canal by 1825, the New York Central Railroad by 1850, and the New York Thruway today.

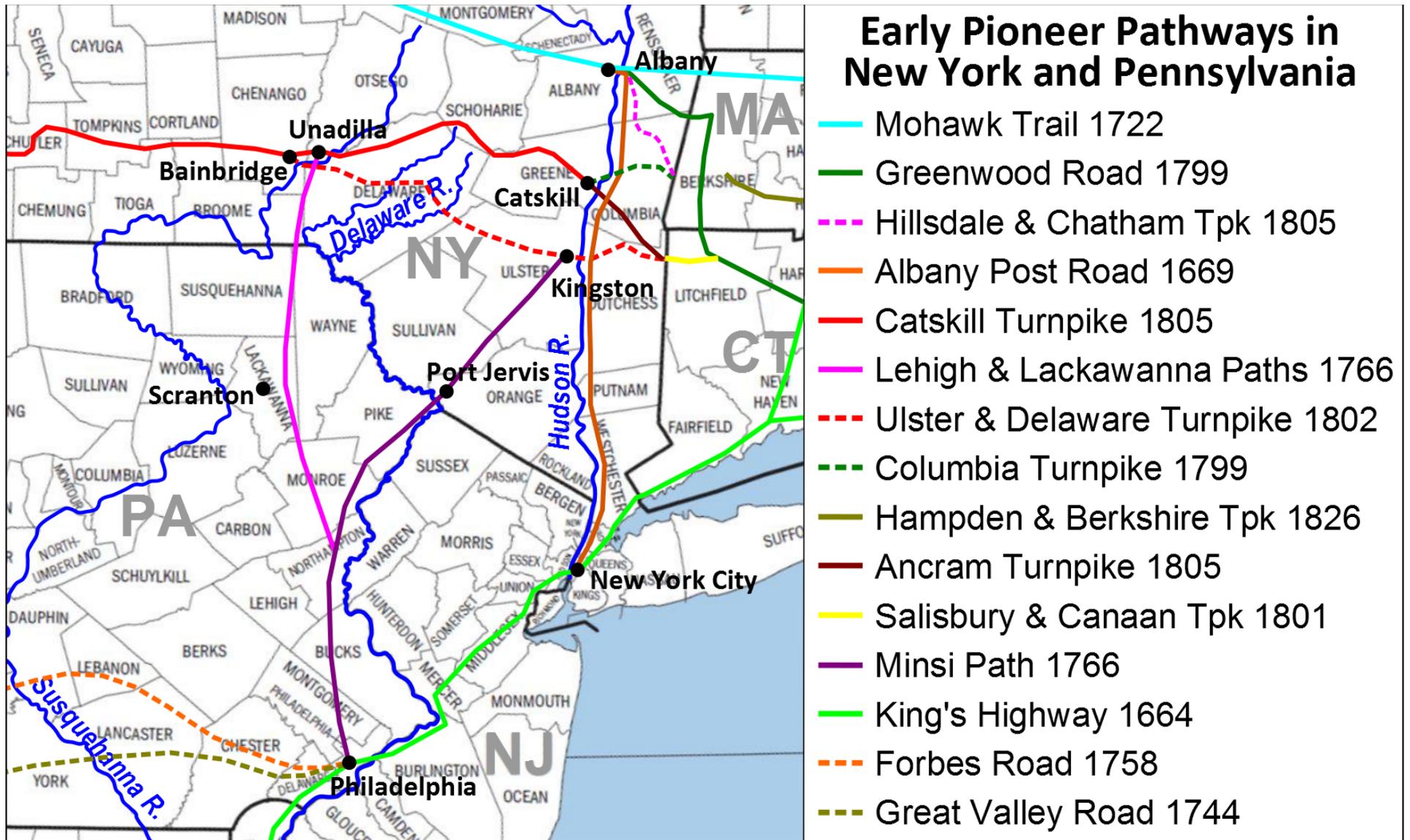
# Migration Trails

- Water routes
- Native trails
- Post roads
- Turnpikes
- Canals
- Railroads



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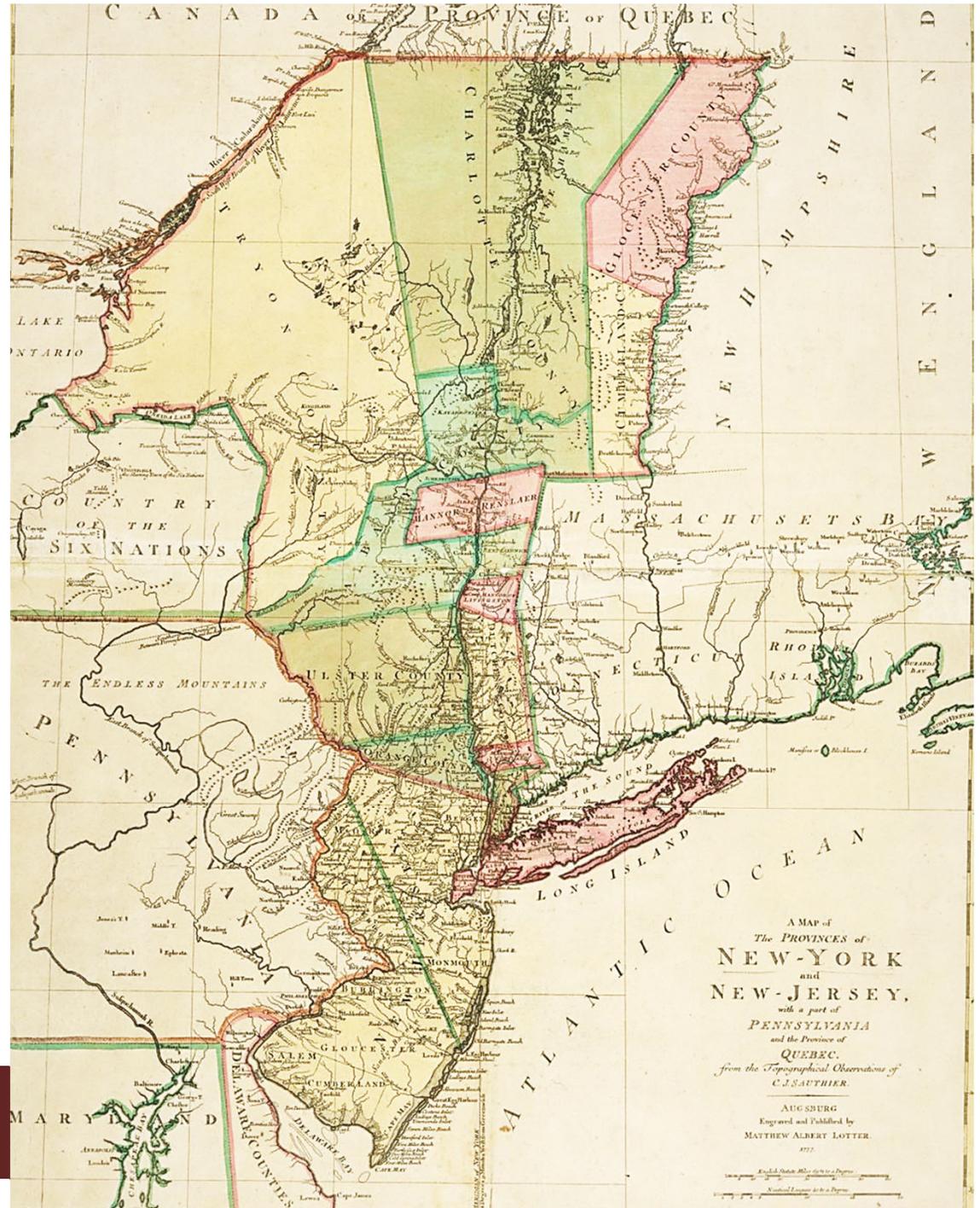
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## Colonial routes

# Expansion Timeline

<p><b>1660-1713</b> (Conflicts)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Scattered settlements on NY frontier</li> <li>➤ Long Island</li> <li>➤ Northeast and southwest in NJ</li> </ul>
<p><b>1713-1754</b> (Peace)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Further frontiers in west and north in NY                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hudson River Valley</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Rise of speculation</li> <li>➤ Southeast in PA</li> </ul>
<p><b>1754-1763</b> (French &amp; Indian War)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expansion halted</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 1760s = grants in VT &amp; Washington Co., NY</li> </ul>
<p><b>1763-1783</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expansion into northern New England</li> <li>➤ More grants in NY and VT                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mohawk River Valley</li> <li>• Lake George &amp; Lake Champlain</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Northeast and southwest in PA</li> <li>➤ General slowing during Revolutionary War</li> </ul>

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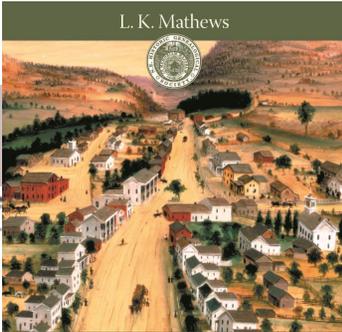
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# Migration post-1783

# 19th Century Migration

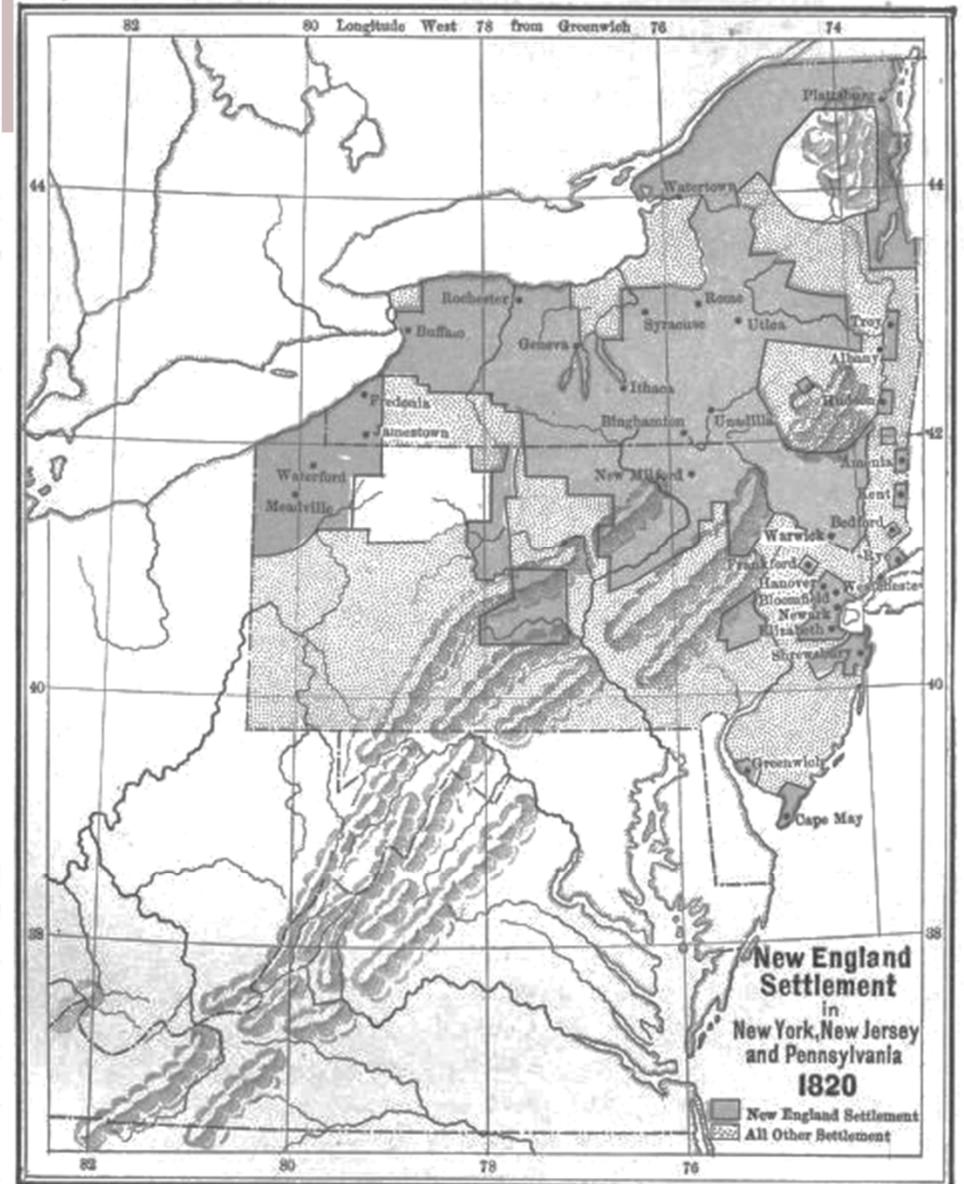
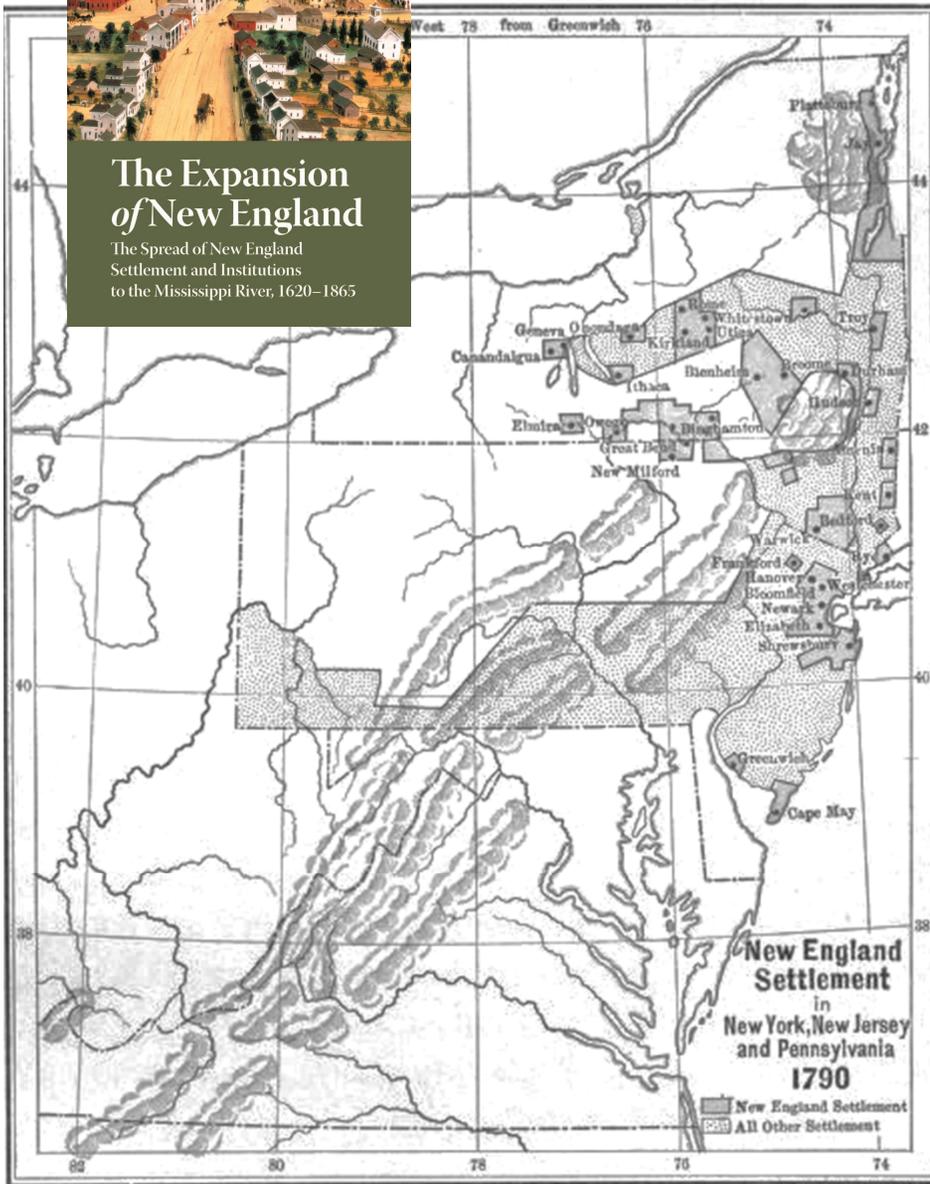
- Vast flow out of New England to New York & West
- New England completely settled
  - except northern Maine & remote mountains
- Growth of cities & commerce in southern New England and New York
- Exodus from rural northern to urban southern New England and New York
- New immigrants
  - Irish, French-Canadians, Italians, Poles, Portuguese, etc.
- Immigrants replaced Yankees moving West



## The Expansion of New England

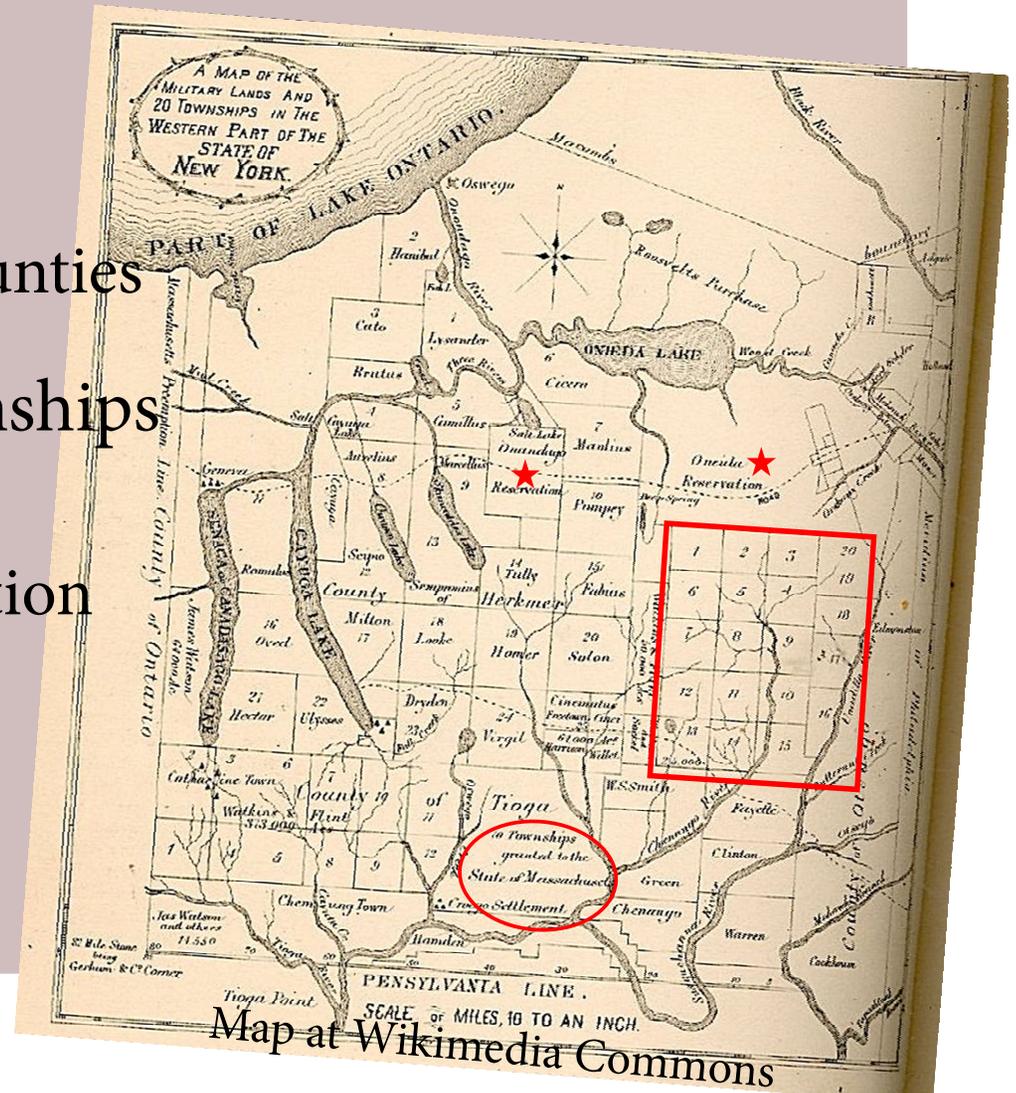
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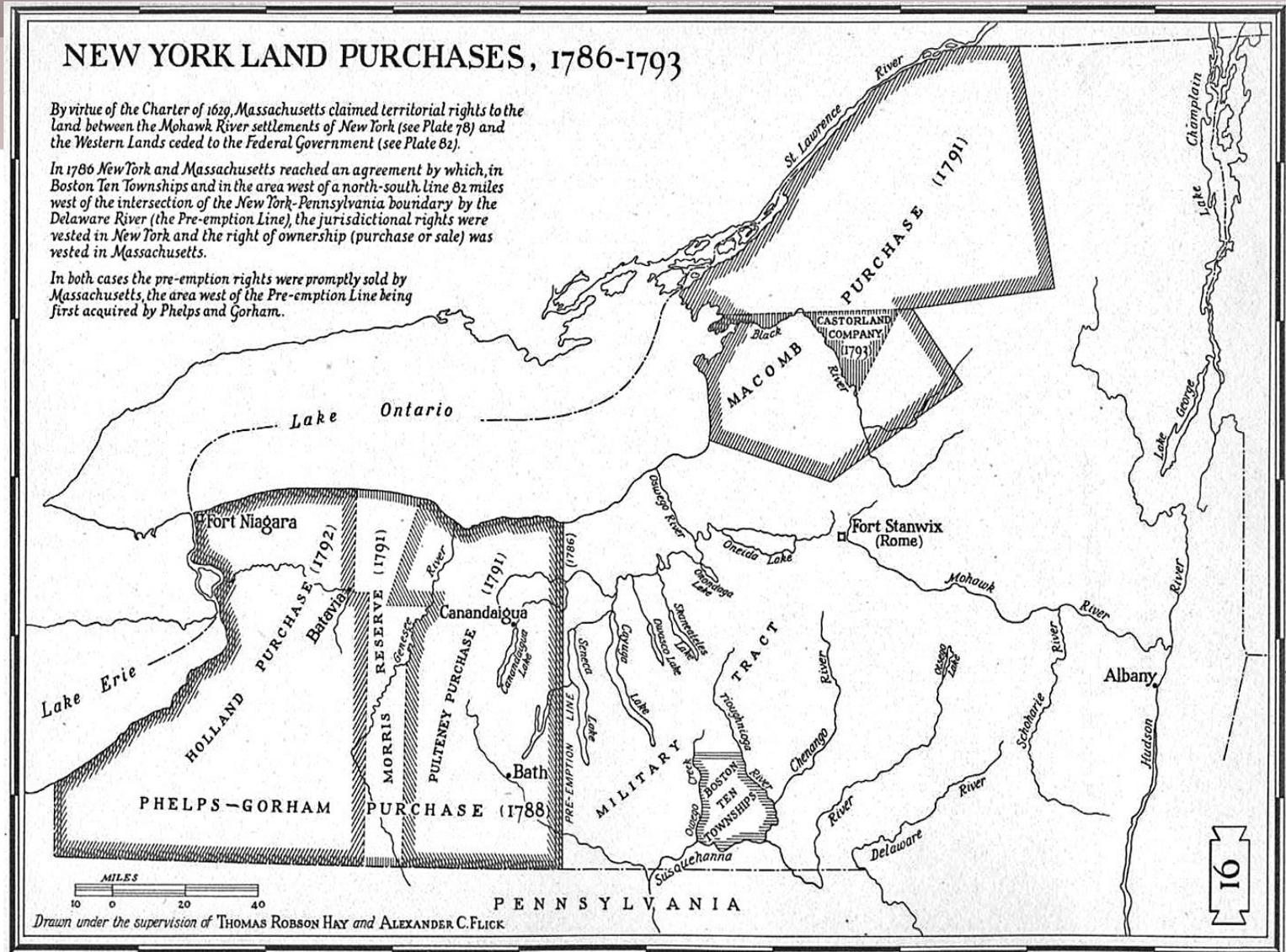
# Central New York

- Military Tract
  - Cayuga, Cortland, Onondaga, Seneca Counties
- Chenango Twenty Townships
  - “Clinton’s Purchase” below Oneida Reservation
- Boston Ten Towns
  - MA right to sell, NY jurisdiction



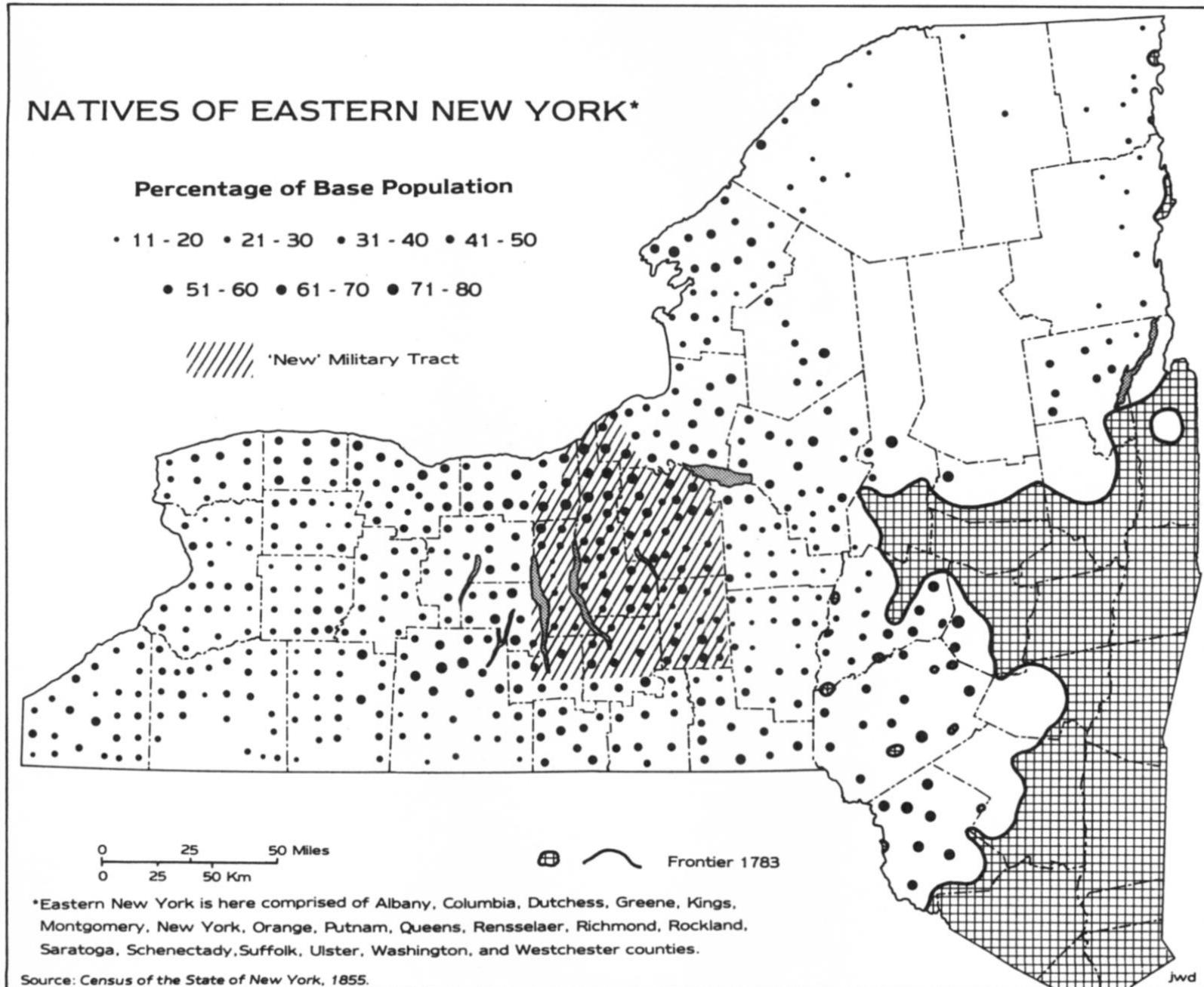
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- Phelps-Gorham Purchase
- Morris Reserve
- Holland Land Co.
- Macomb Purchase

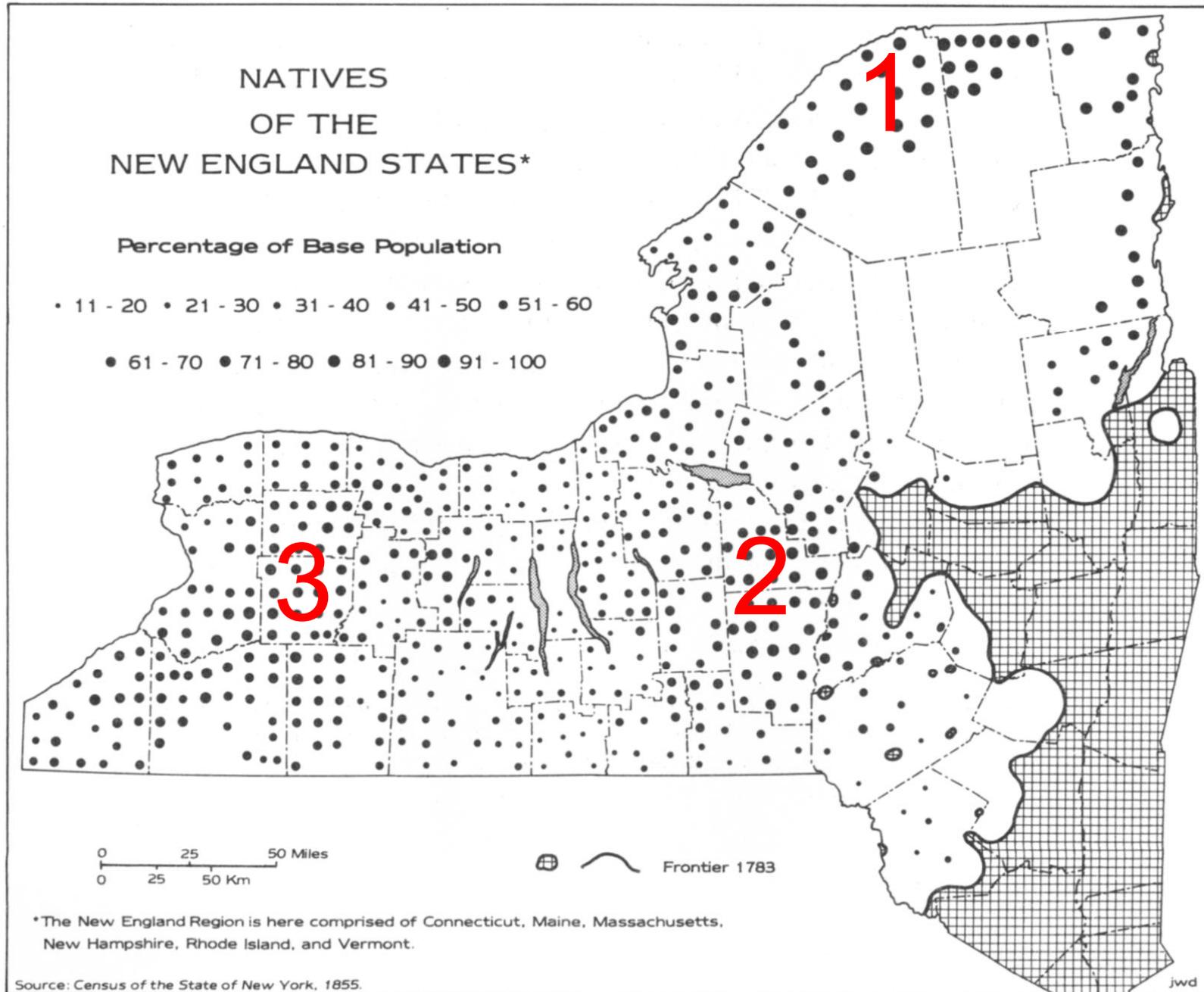


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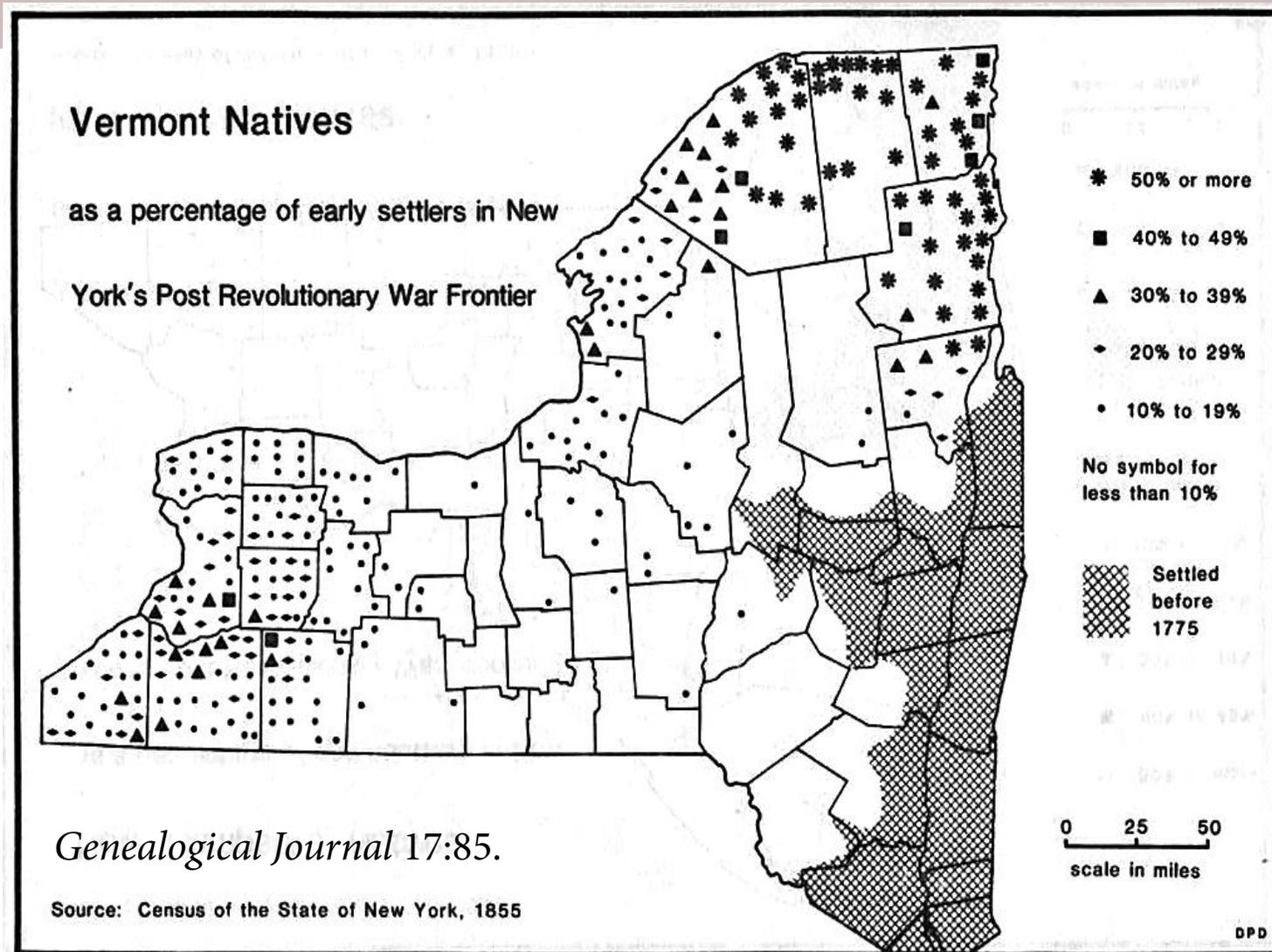


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# New England to New York trends

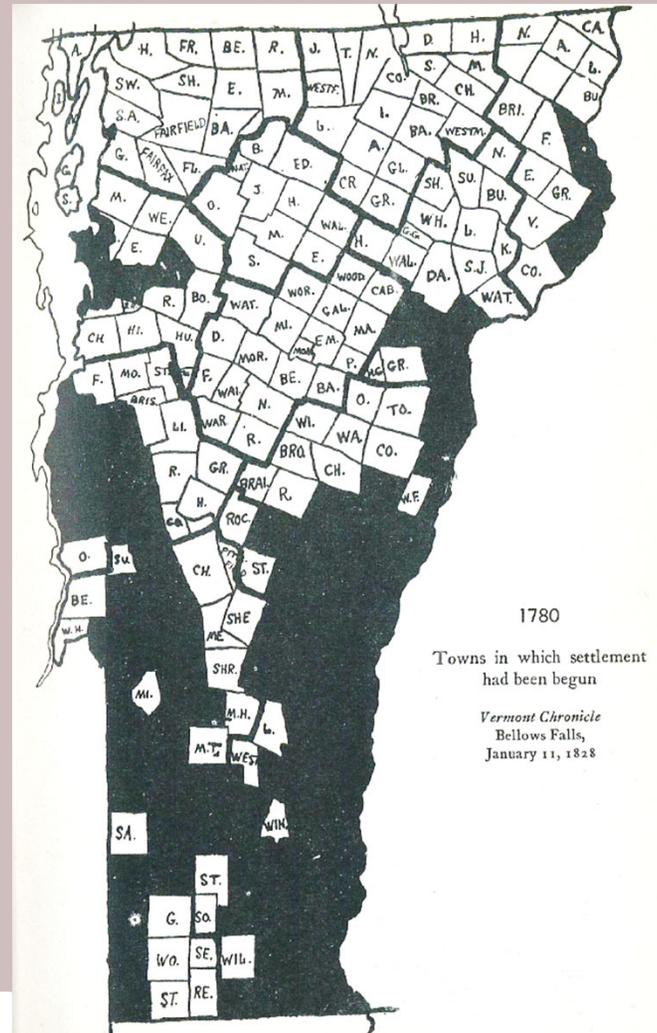
- East to west along parallel lines of latitude
- New Englanders in New York:
  - **CT**: Long Island, Putnam & Orange Co., Chenango 20 Townships, Black River Valley, Genesee country
  - **MA** (and **ME**): Boston 10 Towns, MA Reserve, St. Lawrence County area
  - **RI**: Oneida factories, Chenango 20 Townships
  - **NH**: through VT to North Country
  - **VT**: North Country, Holland Land Company

# Vermont to New York

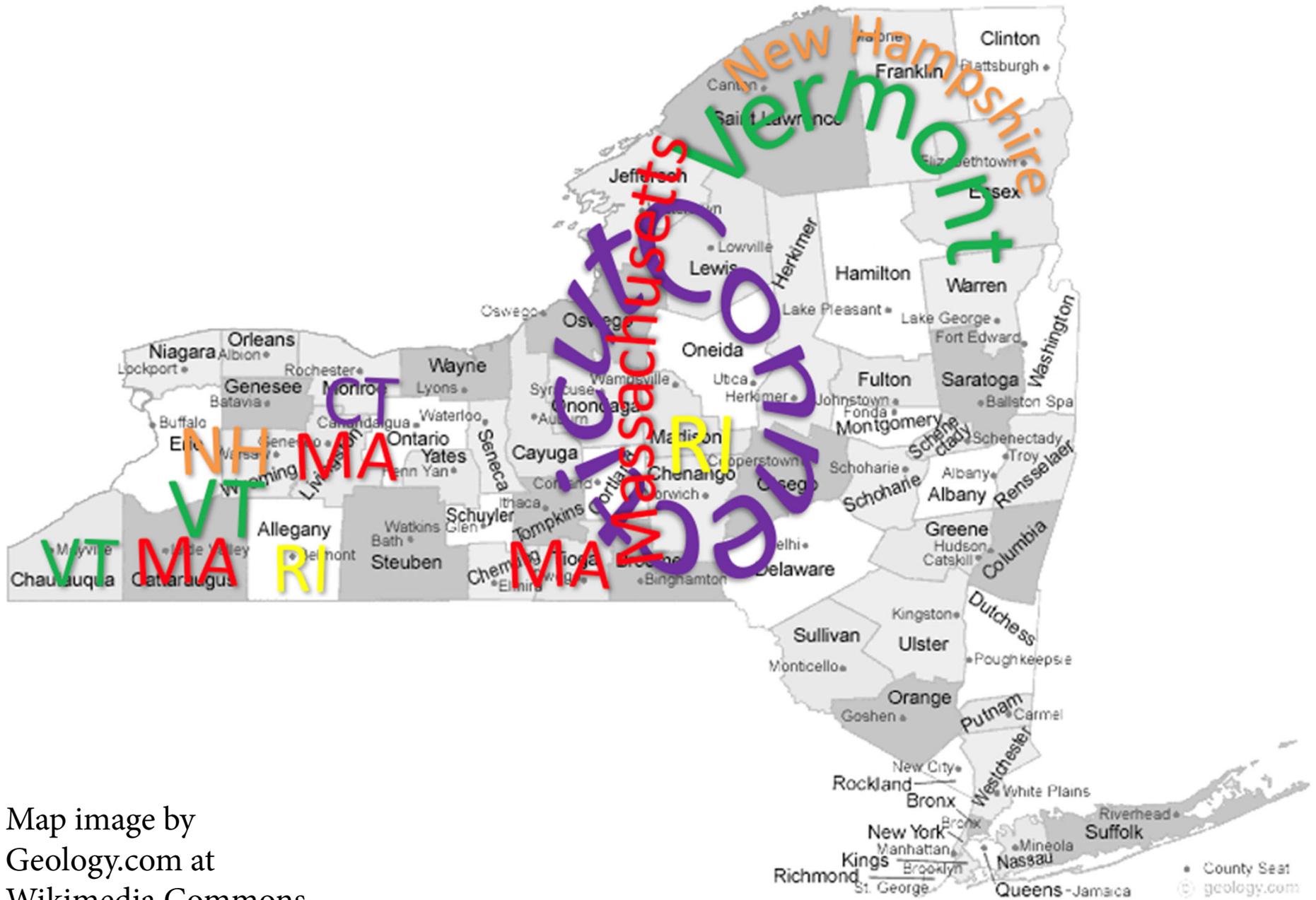


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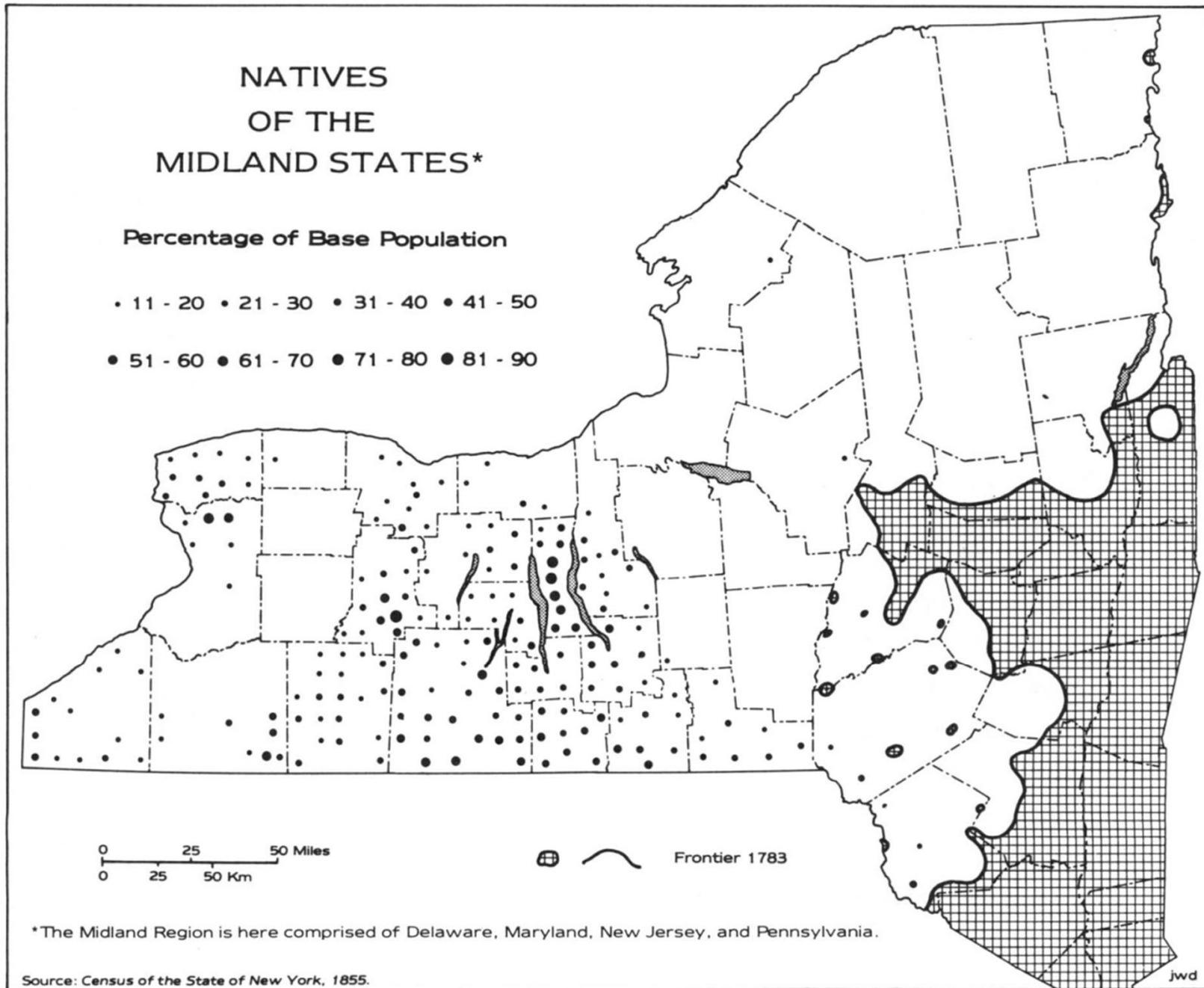
- Connecticut
  - Tolland & Windham Co. to east
  - Litchfield Co. to west
- Massachusetts
  - Southeastern through CT or RI
  - up Connecticut River
- New Hampshire
- New York
  - Dutchess, Westchester, Putnam Co.
  - up Hudson River



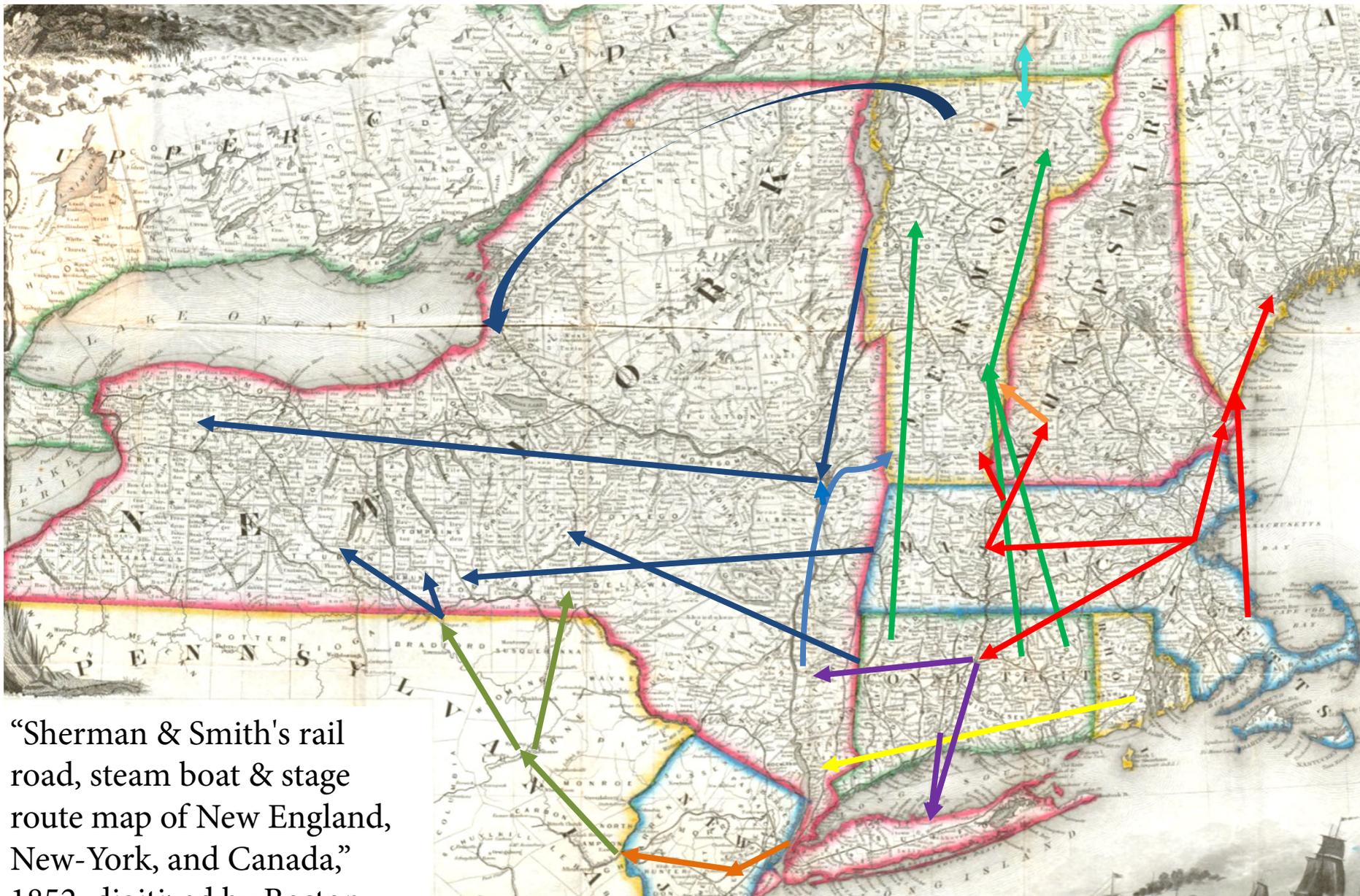
Lewis D. Stilwell, *Migration from Vermont* (1948), 78.



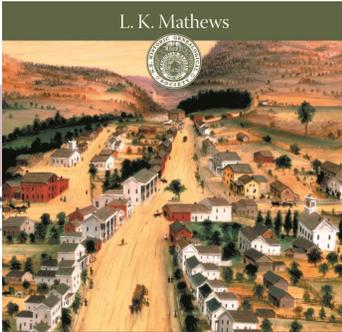
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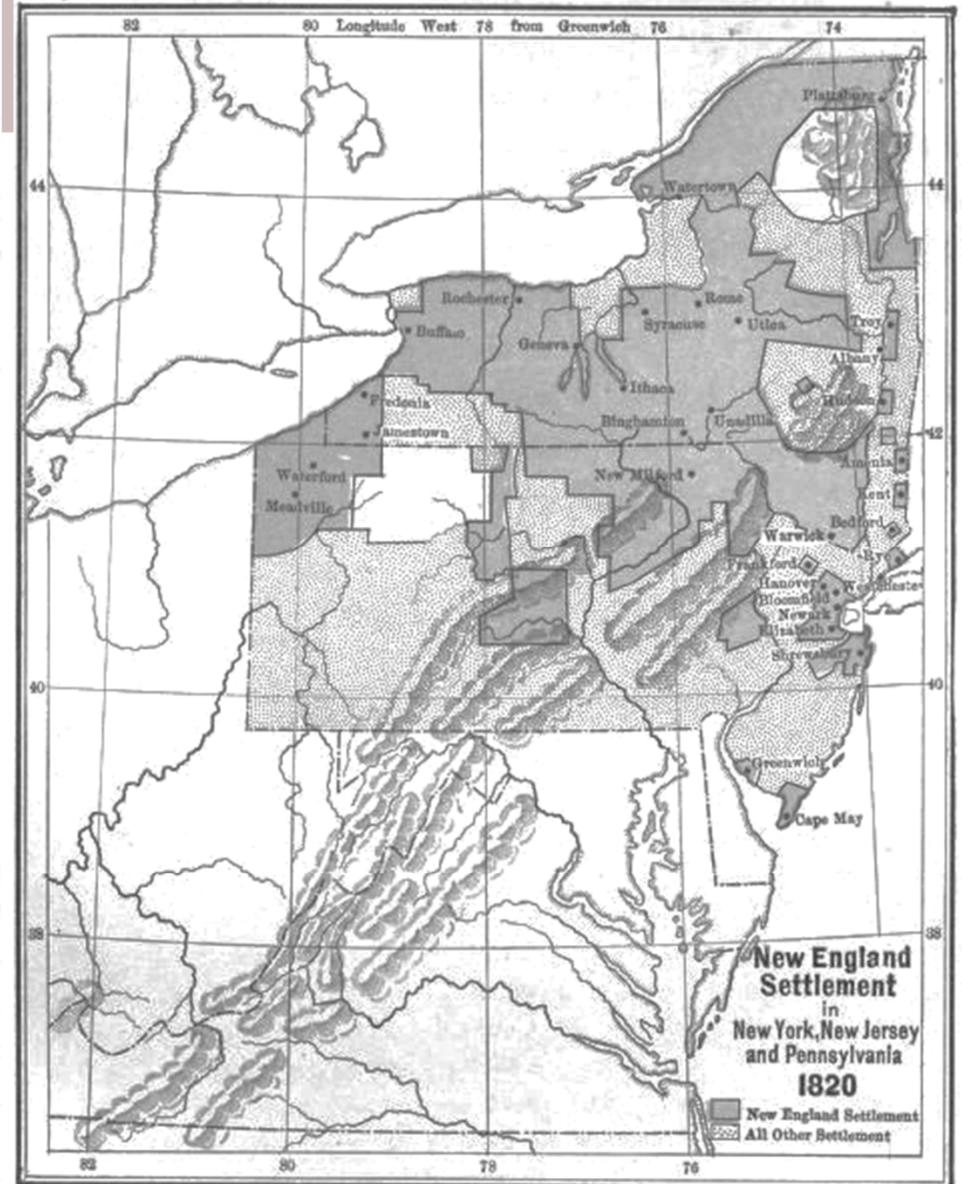
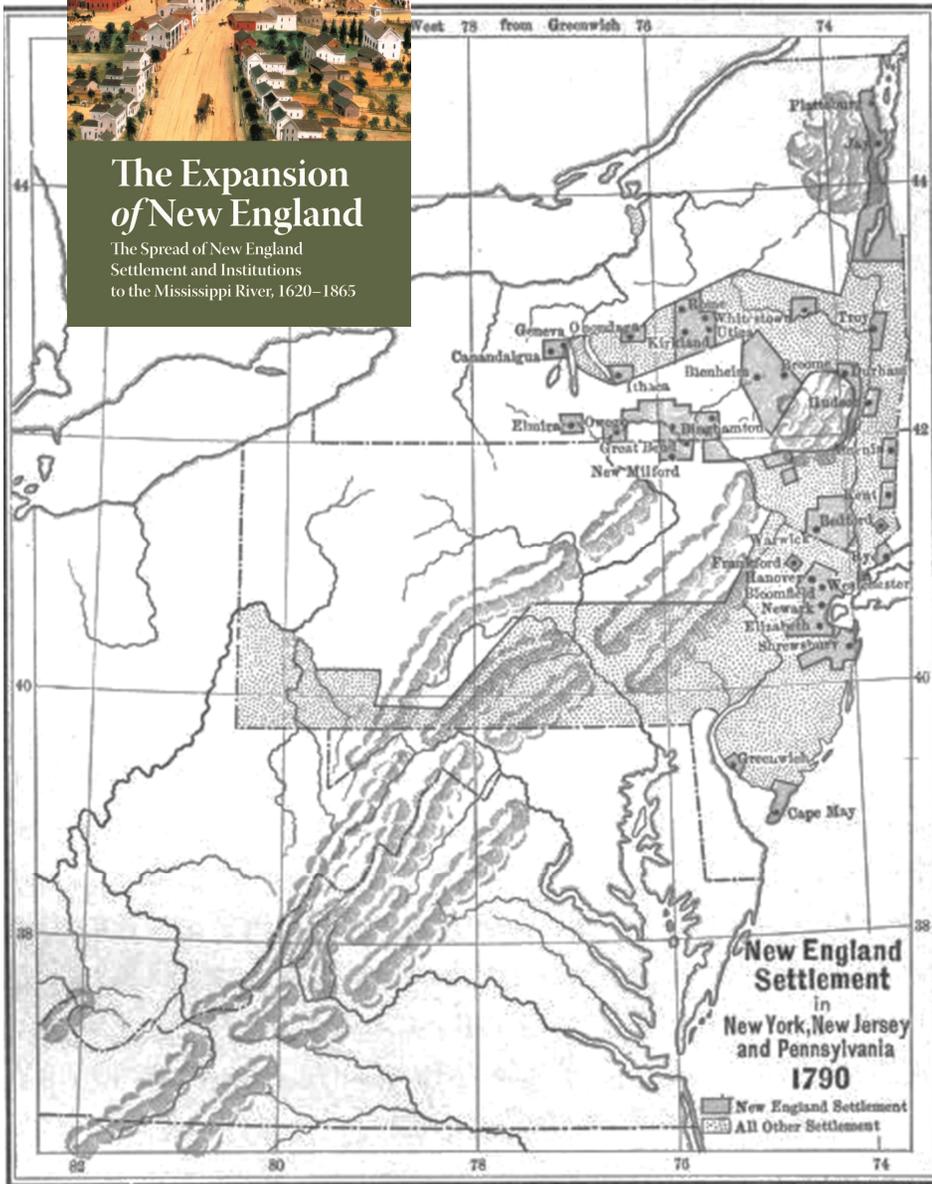
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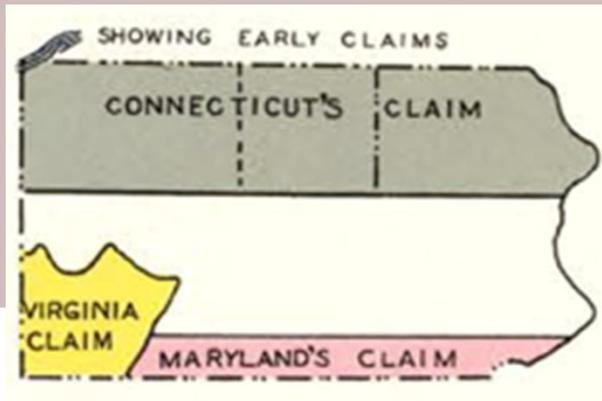
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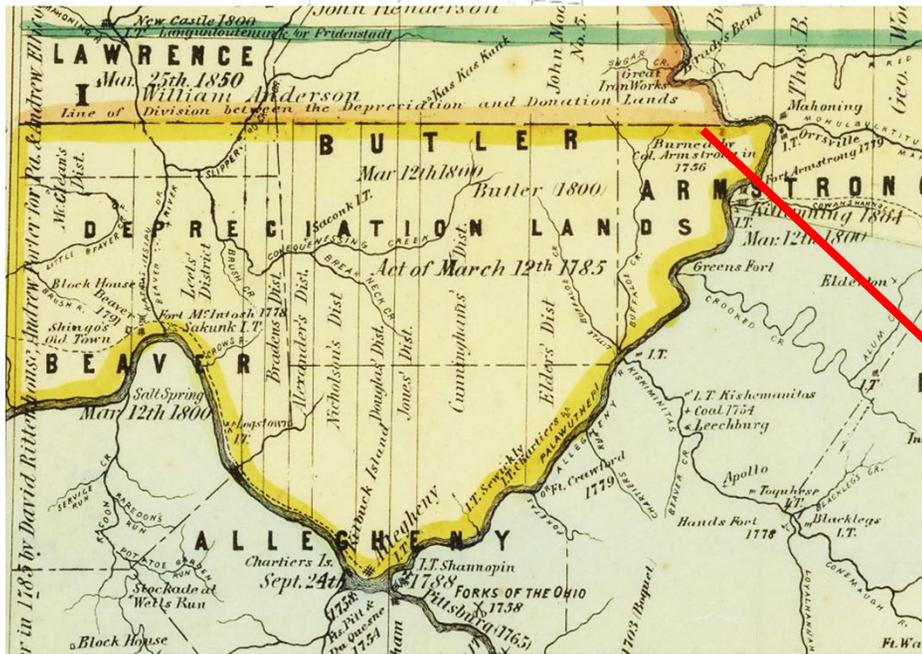
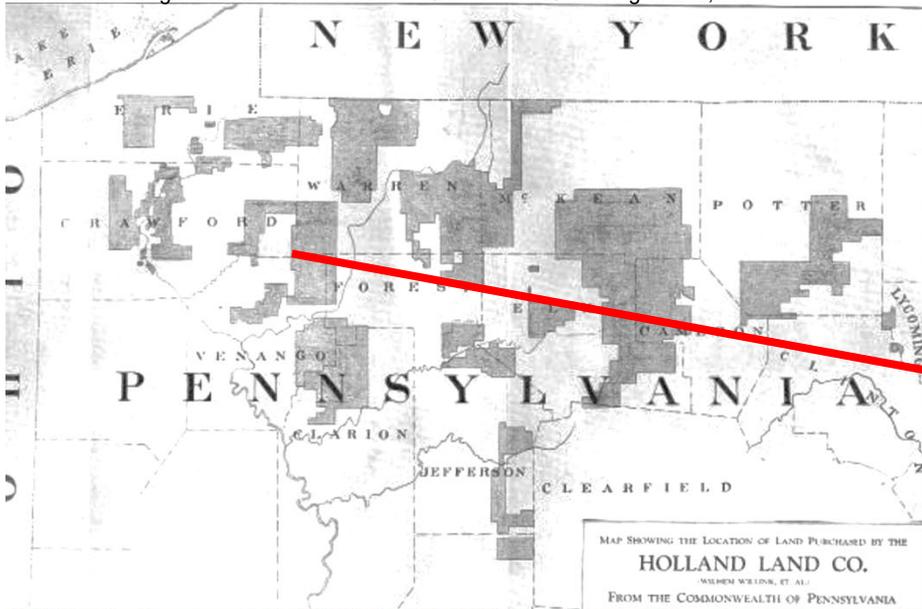


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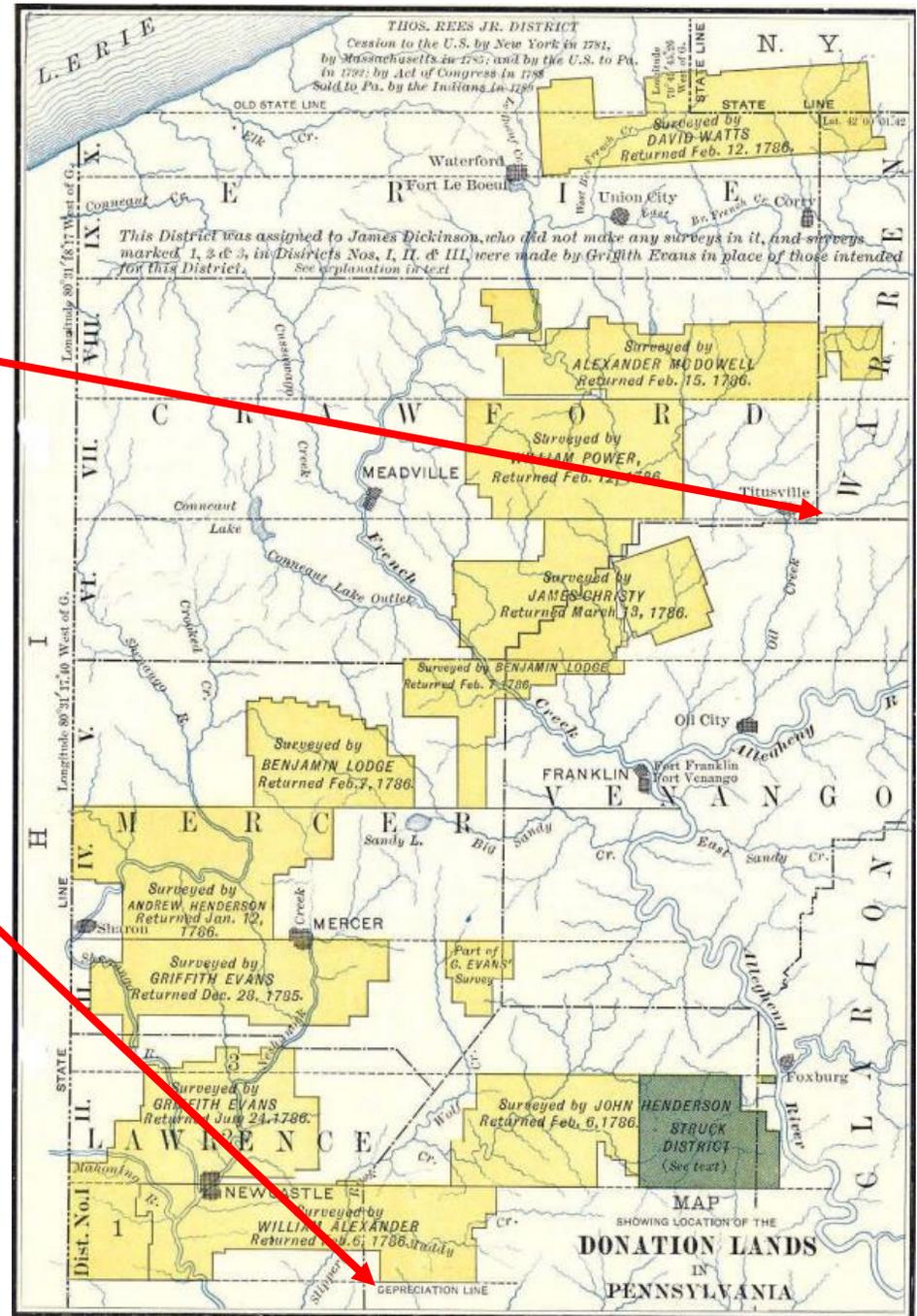
- Wyoming Valley
  - CT claims
  - PA claims
- Northern Tier
  - Tioga County
- Southwest corner
  - VA claims
- Last Purchase of 1784
  - Donation Lands
  - Depreciation Lands
  - Military Tracts
  - Holland Land Company
- Erie Triangle 1792



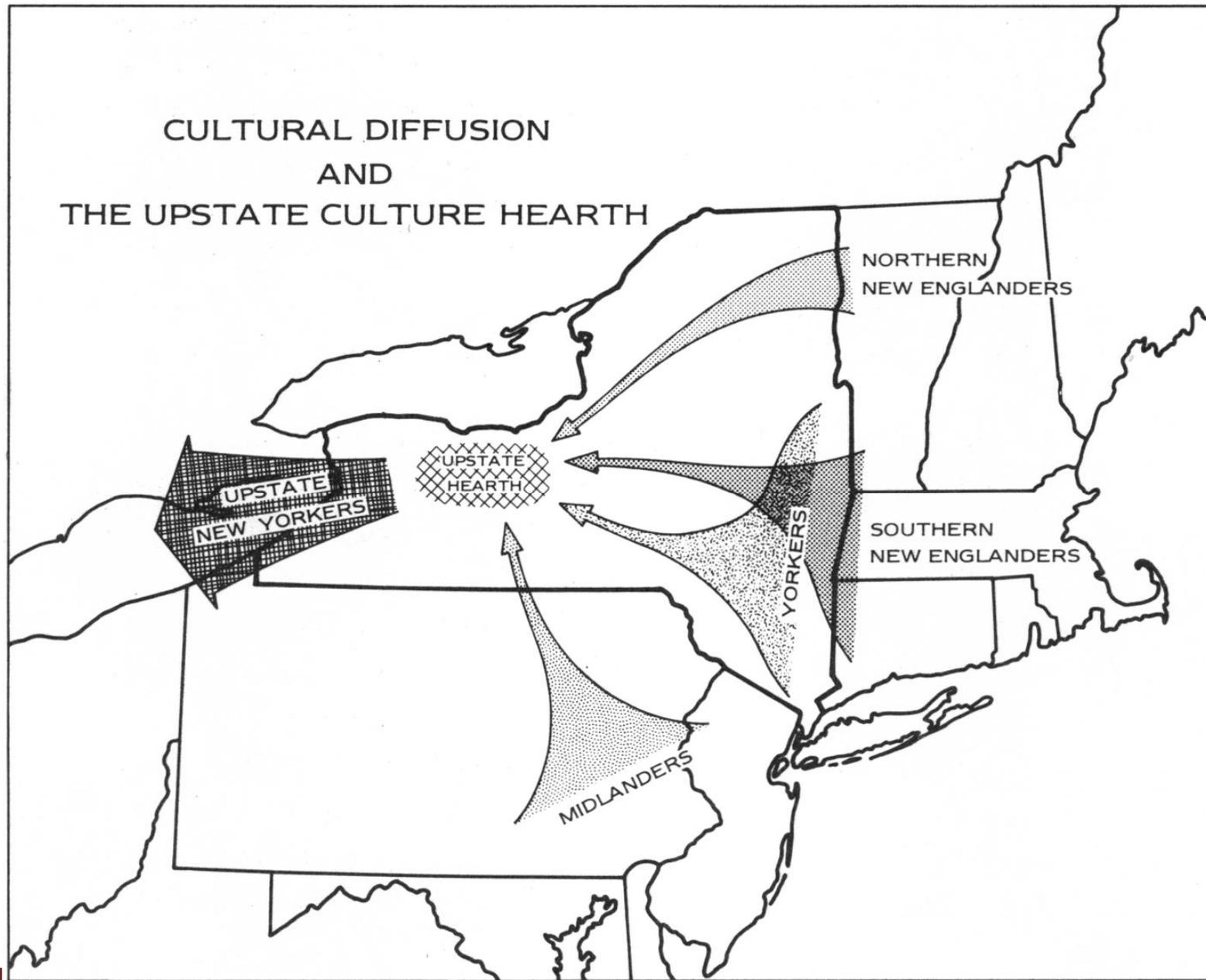
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Lands of Last Purchase 1784

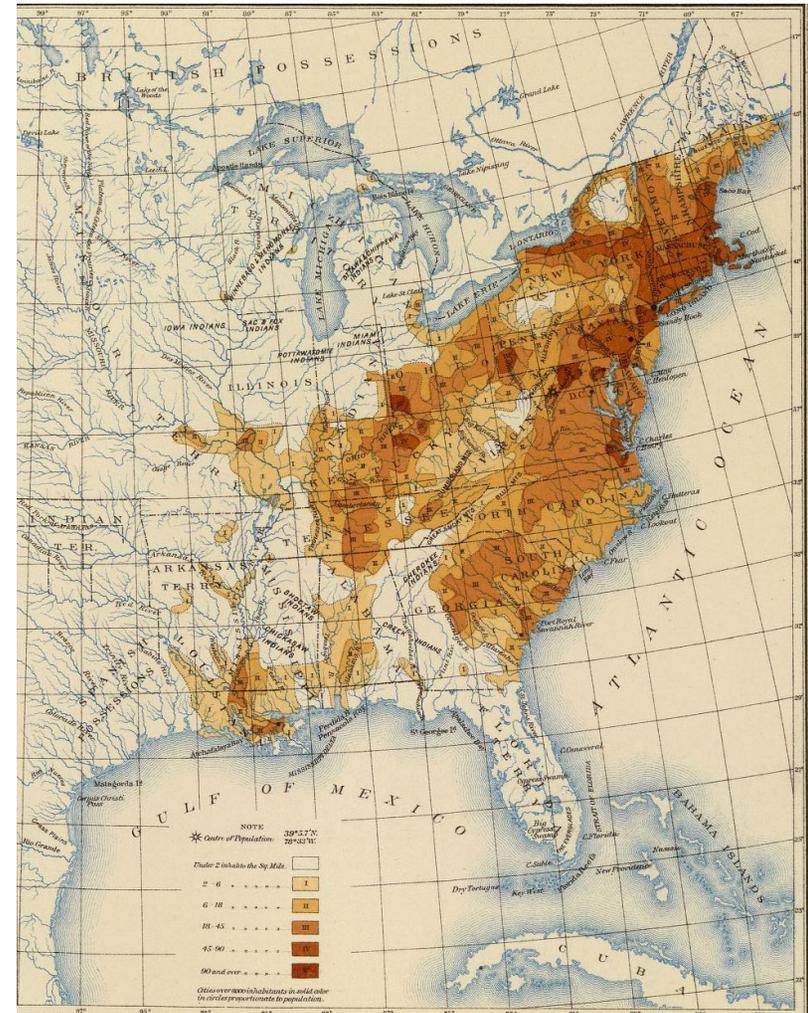
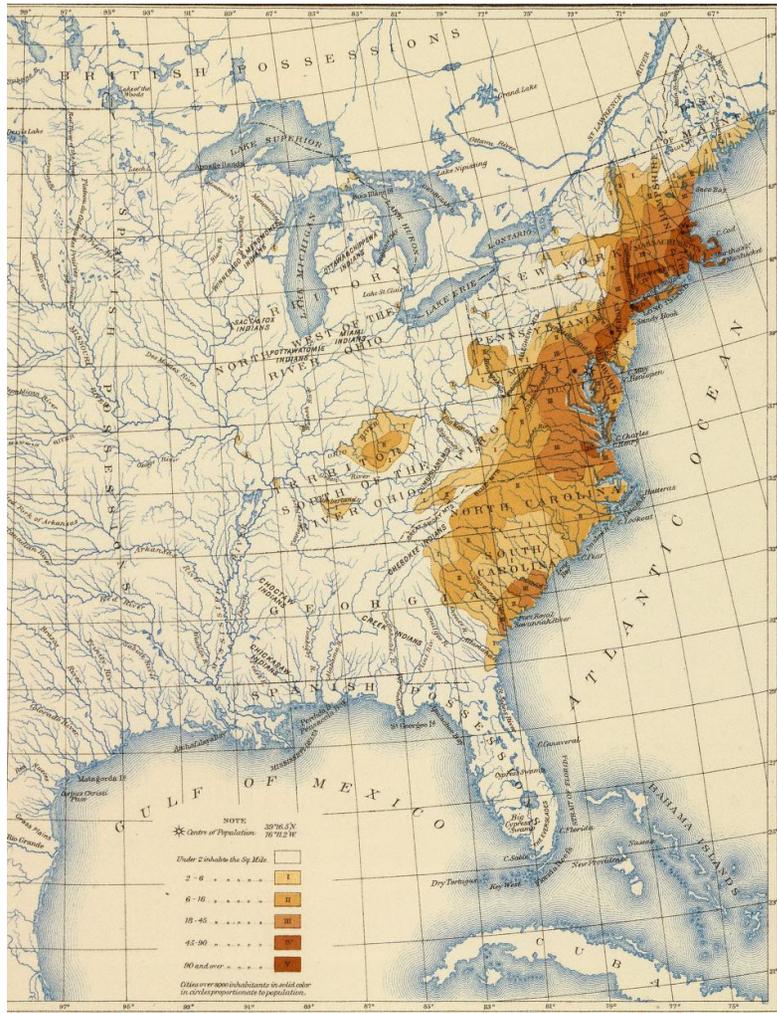


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# U.S. Population Density 1790-1820



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# Origin Clues



Town name



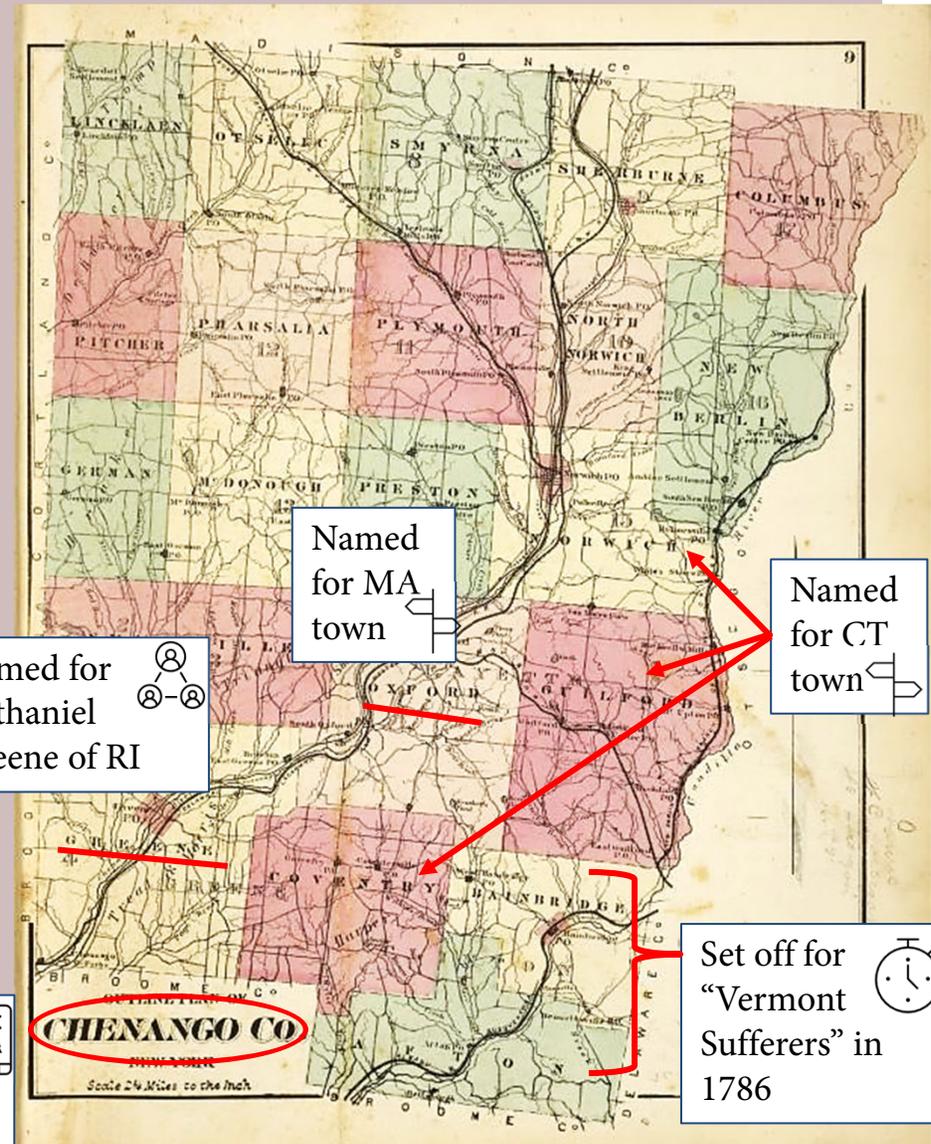
Region



Time period



Surname



Named for MA town

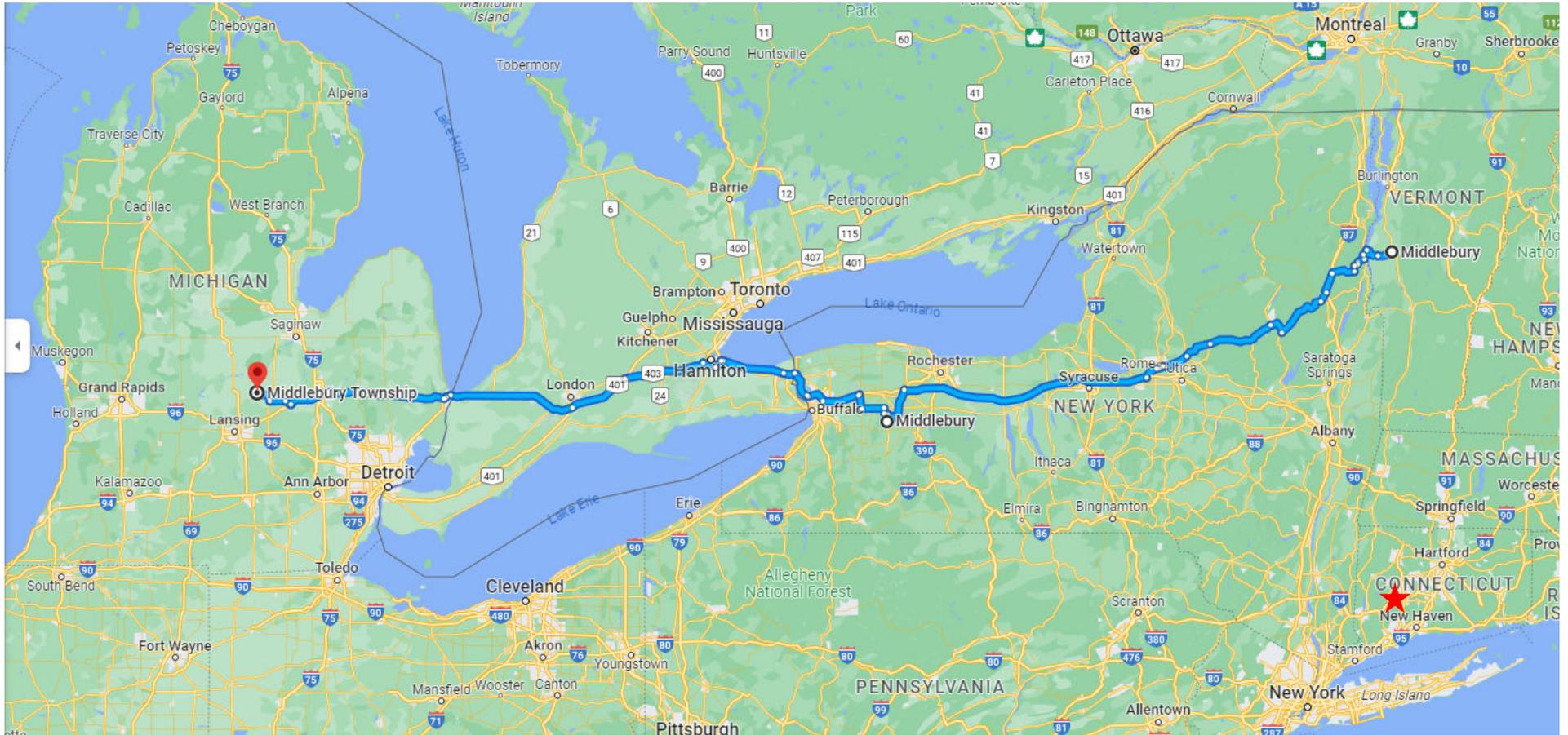
Named for Nathaniel Greene of RI

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Set off for "Vermont Sufferers" in 1786

Region of Chenango Twenty Townships

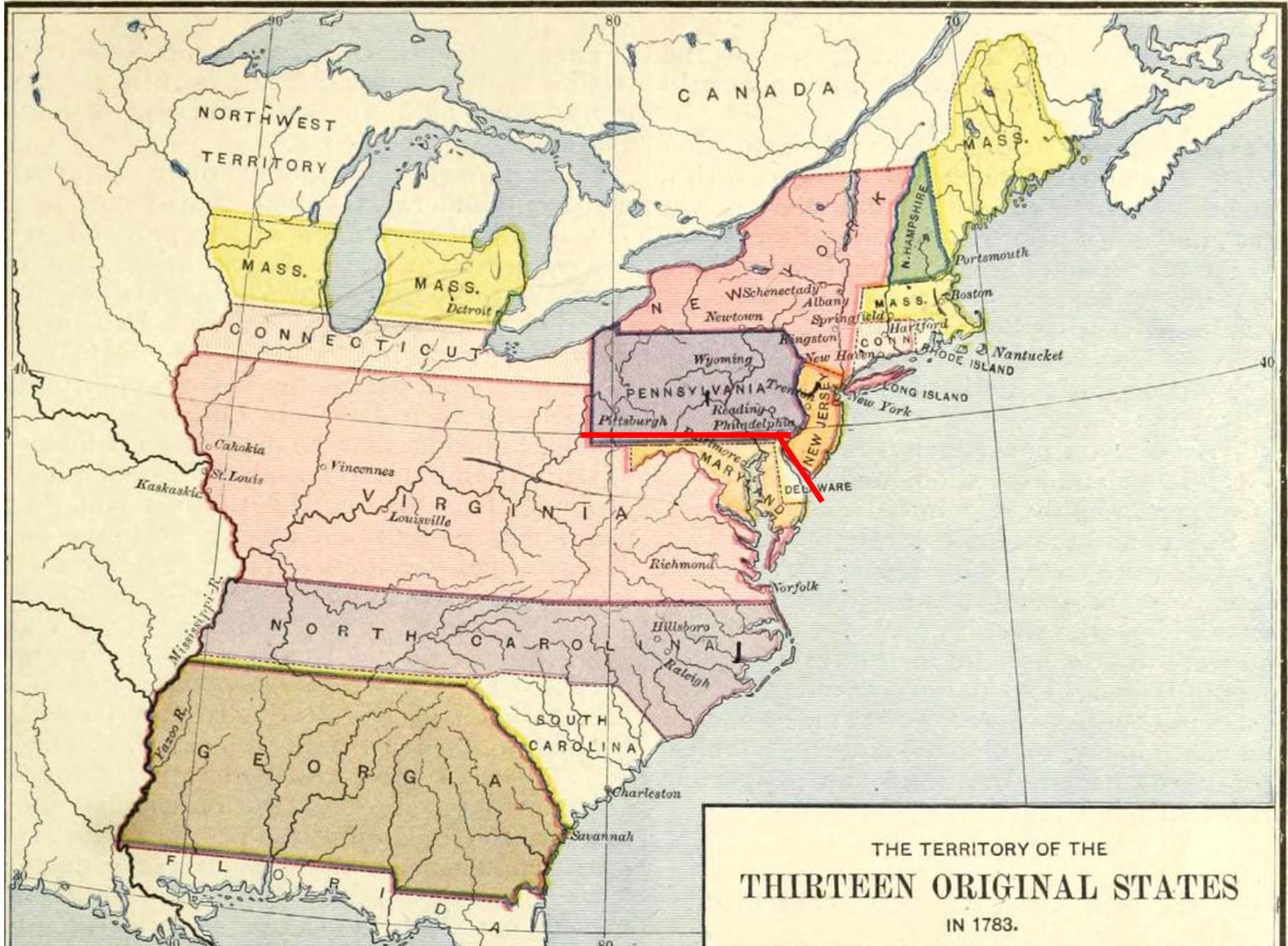
Atlas of Chenango Co., N.Y. (1875)



## Middlebury migration

Robert Labberton, *New Historical Atlas and General History* (1886).  
1783—1803 A. D.

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