

The 17th-Century Great Migration to New England and Beyond

Conventicles, Companies, Congregations, Dispersal

Class 1: Conventicles and Godly Households

Additional Reading

Classis system and Dedham Classis:

Conferences and Combination Lectures in the Elizabethan Church: Dedham and Bury St. Edmunds, 1582-1590, Church of England Record Society, Volume 10, ed. Patrick Collinson, John Craig, and Brett Usher (Woodbridge, Suffolk, 2003).

Livings:

A. Hamilton Thompson, *The English Clergy and Their Organization in the Later Middle Ages* (Oxford, England, 1947).

Christopher Hill, *Economic Problems of the Church from Archbishop Whitgift to the Long Parliament* (Oxford, England, 1956). Strong emphasis on the church's sources of revenue and how the ministry were paid.

John Winthrop:

Francis J. Bremer, *John Winthrop: America's Forgotten Founding Father* (Oxford, England, 2003).

Godly Households:

A cursory search for "godly households" at Google Books gives examples only in the 16th and 17th century puritan literature and in modern scholarly comment on that period.

Claire Cross, *The Puritan Earl: The Life of Henry Hastings, Third Earl of Huntingdon, 1536-1595* (New York, 1966). Especially Chapter 2, "The Godly Household."

Andrew Cambers, *Godly Reading: Print, Manuscript and Puritanism in England, 1580-1720* (Cambridge, England, 2011), 87-93.

Puritan Diaries:

The Diary of Samuel Rogers, 1634-1638, Church of England Record Society, Volume 11, ed. Tom Webster and Kenneth Skipps (Woodbridge, Suffolk, 2004). Samuel Rogers was member of a major ministerial family, several members of whom came to New England, including his uncle Ezekiel Rogers. Samuel thought seriously of migrating but never did.

William Whiteway of Dorchester, His Diary 1618 to 1635, Dorset Record Society, Volume 12 (Dorchester, Dorset, 1991). A wealthy Dorchester merchant, Whiteway kept a journal of social and political events in the town, including the activities of the New England Company (of which he was a member) and notices of the departure of some town residents for New England.