

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

## *Conventicles, Companies, Congregations, Dispersal*

### *Class 2: Clerical Companies*

#### **Suggested Reading**

The main source for material in this lecture is Roger Thompson, *Mobility & Migration: East Anglian Founders of New England, 1629-1640* (Amherst, Massachusetts, 1994). Thompson introduces his concept of migration companies, limiting his discussions to Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.

In *The Winthrop Fleet: Massachusetts Bay Company Immigration to New England, 1629-1630* (Boston, Massachusetts, 2012), I introduced the idea of Merchants' Companies and discussed in detail the migration process in 1629 and 1630. (See especially pages 3 through 57 and 699 through 709.)

An excellent depiction of the logistics of the migration process itself is David Cressy, *Migration and Communication Between England and New England in the Seventeenth Century* (Cambridge, England, 1987).

The extensive surviving papers of the Trelawney Company have been published as "The Trelawny Papers," Volume Three of the *Documentary History of the State of Maine* (Portland, Maine, 1884).

Some aspects of the migration associated with Thomas Hooker are examined in Robert Charles Anderson, "Thomas Hooker at Chelmsford, Essex, 1625-1631," *Essex Journal* 51 (2016):62-71.