

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

Conventicles, Companies, Congregations, Dispersal

Class 4: Congregations

Additional Reading

Stephen Foster, *The Long Argument: English Puritanism and the Shaping of New England Culture, 1570-1700* (Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1991). A broad study of the roots of New England puritanism from both the religious and political perspectives.

David Grayson Allen, *In English Ways: The Movement of Societies and the Transferal of English Local Law and Custom to Massachusetts Bay in the Seventeenth Century* (Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1981). Examination of the customs carried over from old England to New England based on detailed studies of the early years of Rowley, Hingham, Newbury, Ipswich, and Watertown.

Roger Thompson, *Sex in Middlesex: Popular Mores in a Massachusetts County, 1649-1699* (Amherst, Massachusetts, 1968). This volume plus the next three on individual towns derive from Thompson's deep dive in the Middlesex County Court Records.

Roger Thompson, *Divided We Stand: Watertown, Massachusetts, 1630-1680* (Amherst, Massachusetts, 2001).

Roger Thompson, *Cambridge Cameos: Stories of Life in Seventeenth-Century New England* (Boston, Massachusetts, 2005).

Roger Thompson, *From Deference to Defiance: Charlestown, Massachusetts, 1629-1692* (Boston, Massachusetts, 2012).

Francis J. Bremer, *Lay Empowerment and the Development of Puritanism* (New York 2015). General emphasis on lay puritans with many examples of women active in puritanism.

Virginia DeJohn Anderson, *New England's Generation: The Great Migration and the Formation of Society and Culture in the Seventeenth Century* (Cambridge, England, 1991). Analysis of passengers on seven passenger lists, three from 1635, three from 1637, and one from 1638, all from outports, including the *Confidence*.

Sumner Chilton Powell, *Puritan Village: The Formation of a New England Town* (Middletown, Connecticut, 1963). A deep dive on the early years of the town of Sudbury, Massachusetts, with extensive work in English records, including the church courts.