Conflict and Community in Colonial New England

Class 2: Diplomacy, Alliance, and Conflict: Indigenous Nations and Colonial New England

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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation** (60 mins.)
  - Early events
  - Coexistence, then conflict
  - A beginning, not an end

- **Q&A** (30 mins.)

Diplomacy, Alliance and Conflict



Indigenous Nations and Colonial New England

Algonquian Language Family





Eastern Algonquian Languages

Part I: Early Events



c. 1480-1510s Basque and other Euro cod fishing fleets engage in trade off Newfoundland. Trade increases over 1500s

1524 European voyages to Narragansett and Casco Bay

1580s French presence in St. Lawrence intensifies

1600-1615 Mi'kmaq wars on maritime coast

1616-19 coastal pandemic

1630 large scale English colonization begins

1633-6 Smallpox pandemic in American northeast

1636-1638 Pequot War

1643 United Colonies of New England formed



Southern New England, c. 1630 with approximate tribal locations


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Part II: Coexistence then Conflict

Southern New England 1643-1676

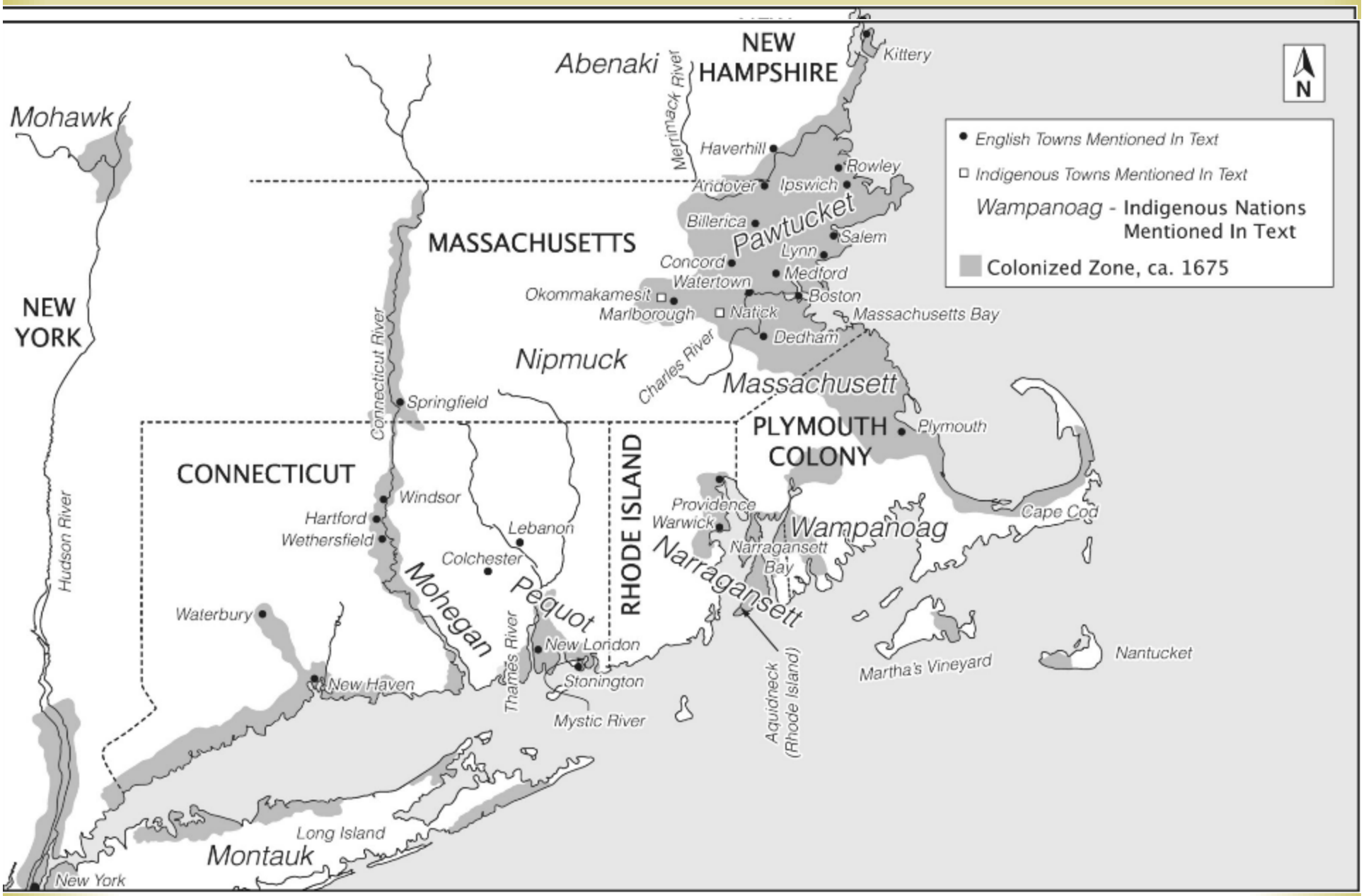
Part II: Coexistence?



- c. 1640-1675 rise in Indigenous conversions to Christianity, formation of "Praying Towns totaling c. 15% of southern New England Native population by 1675
- rising economic integration of Native and colonial New England
- 1663 publication of "John Eliot Bible"
- Praying Town of Natick granted livestock brand

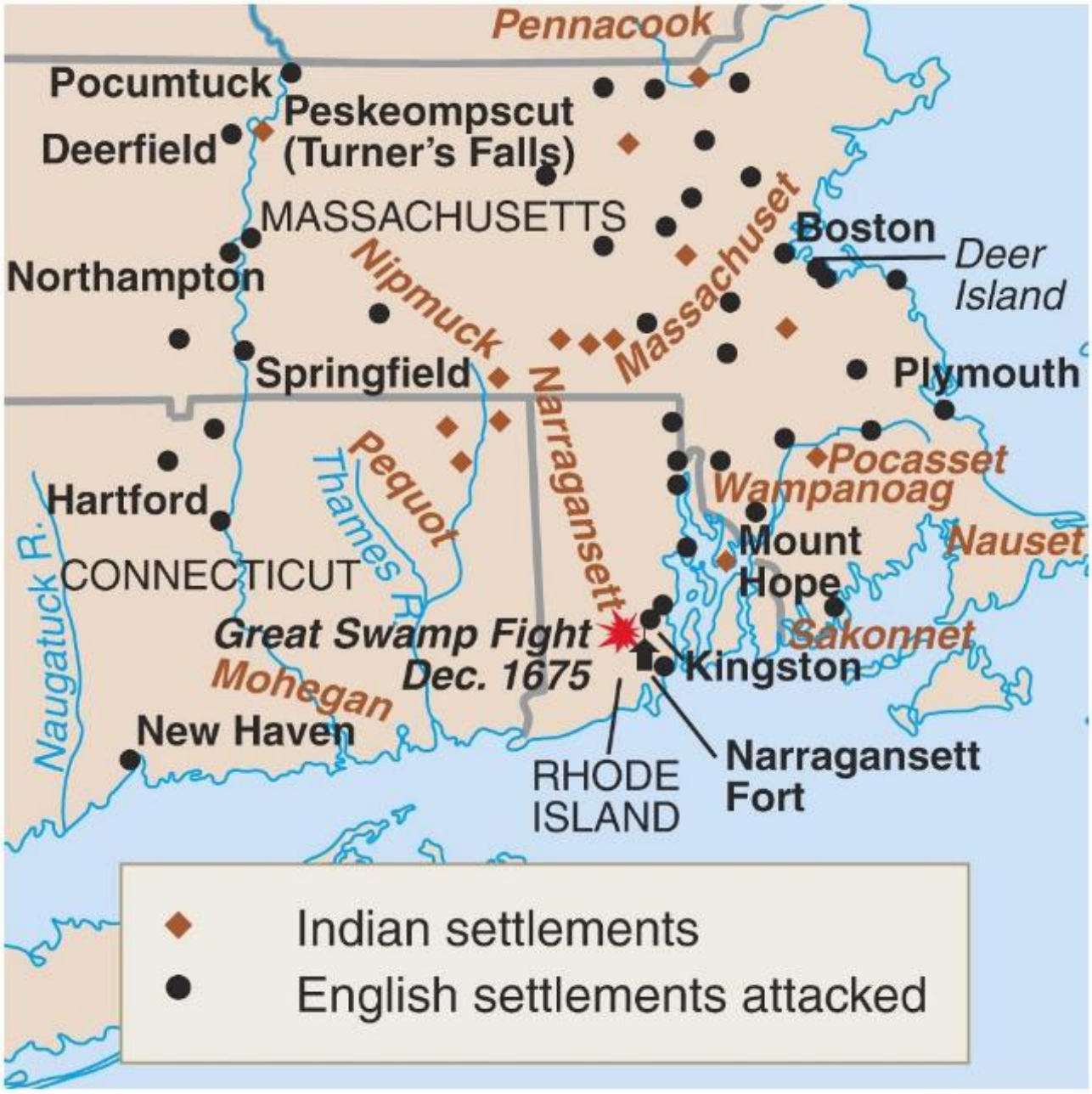
Subjugation?

- 1660s decline of both wampum and fur trades
- rise in Native land sales for debt
- 1669 Algonquian alliance decisively defeated by Mohawks (also recent allies of the English)
- 1671 Wampanoag sachem Metacom forced to submit to Plymouth, turn over nation's firearms

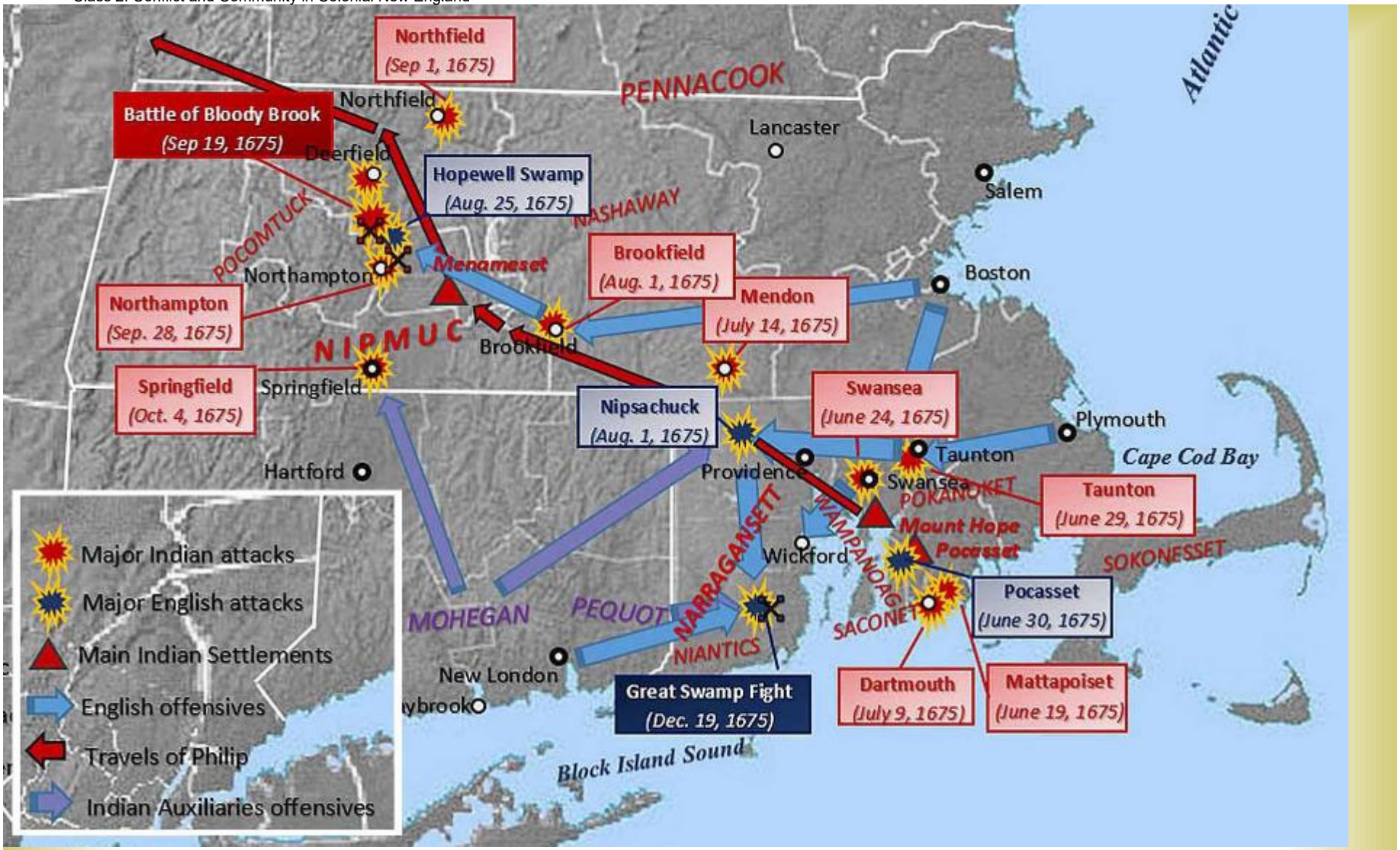

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Abenaki
Kittery
Merrimack River
Haverhill
Rowley
Andover
Ipswich
Billerica
Pawtucket
Salem
Lynn
MASSACHUSETTS
Concord
Medford
Watertown
Boston
Okommakamesit
Marlborough
Natick
Massachusetts Bay
Dedham
Charles River
Nipmuck
Massachusett
Mohawk
NEW YORK
Connecticut River
Springfield
PLYMOUTH COLONY
Plymouth
CONNECTICUT
RHODE ISLAND
Windsor
Hartford
Wethersfield
Lebanon
Colchester
Providence
Warwick
Wampanoag
Narragansett Bay
Narragansett
Cape Cod
Hudson River
Mohegan
Pequot
Waterbury
Thames River
New London
Stonington
Mystic River
New Haven
Aquidneck (Rhode Island)
Martha's Vineyard
Nantucket
Long Island
Montauk
New York
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English Towns Mentioned In Text
Indigenous Towns Mentioned In Text
Wampanoag - Indigenous Nations Mentioned In Text
Colonized Zone, ca. 1675

War in 1675

- Feb 1675 John Sassamon's body found
- June 1675, three Wampanoags tried and executed for murder in Swansea. Some Wampanoags retaliate and attack the town.
- July 1675 More Wampanoag attacks on Plymouth towns, Metacom & followers escape Plymouth attack on Mt. Hope
- August-October fighting spreads northwest to central and western MA as Nipmuc, Pocumtuc, and "River Indians" join allies
- Nov 1675 Algonquian allies force some "Praying Indians to join them
- Dec 1675 Great Swamp Fight, Narragansetts join allies



A map depicting all major communities attacked in southern New England 1675-76



Course of the Fighting in 1675

War in 1676

- Dec 1675/January 1676 Metacom and Wampanaogs winter camp attacked by Mohawks near Hudson River while seeking assistance from Schaghticoke Indians
- February-April 1676 Allied victories, destruction or abandonment of Pawtuxet, Providence, Warwick, Groton, Lancaster, Chelmsford, and Marlboro
- April 1676 turning points: killing of Canonchet, Narragansett sachem, and Native morale decline after their Sudbury victory
- May 1676 Colonial forces destroy allied headquarters at Great Falls (aka Turner Falls)
- June-July Colonial victories and rise in surrender of Algonquian allies
- August 1676 Metacom killed, final surrenders of Algonquians

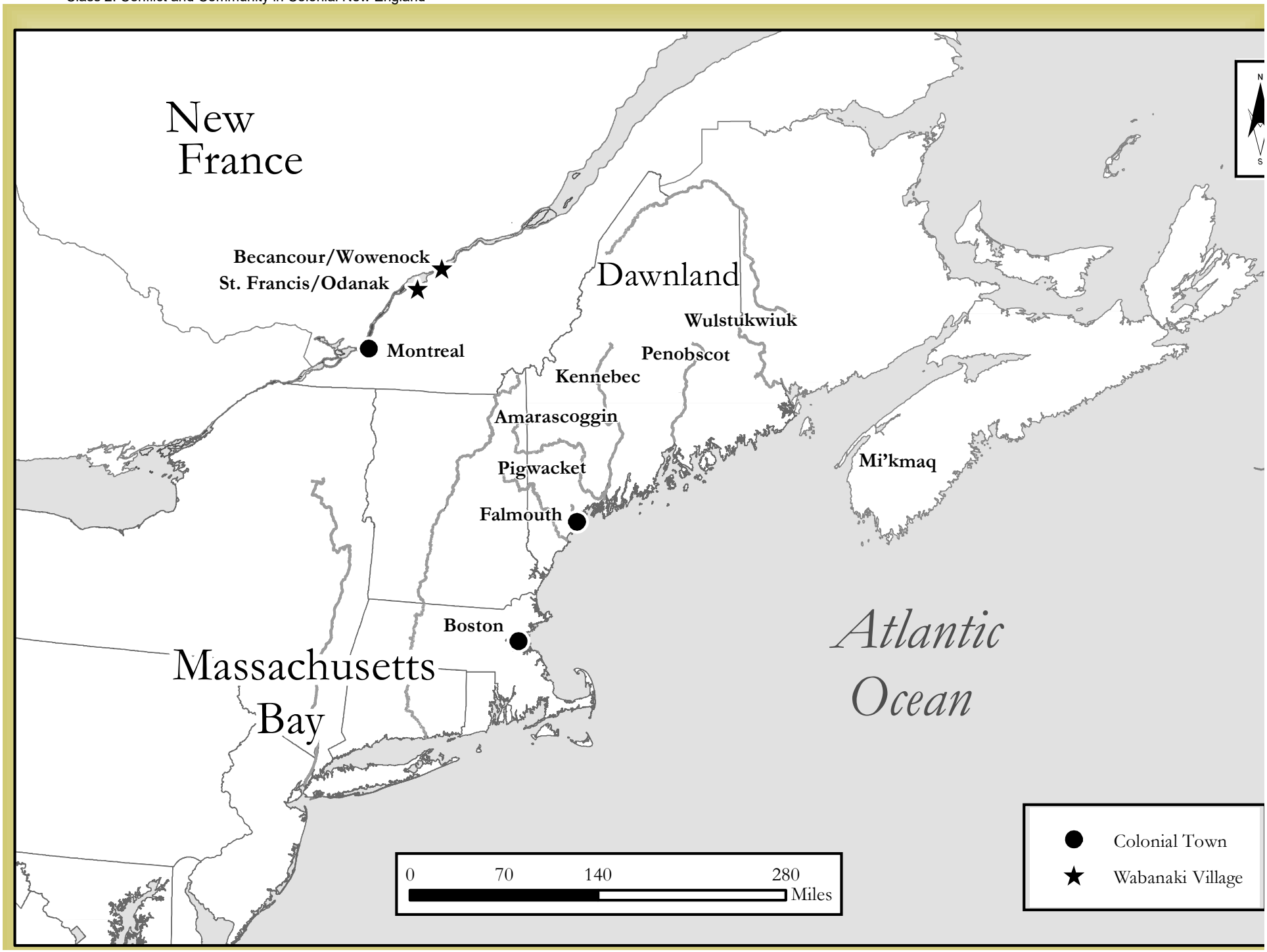

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Part III



A Beginning, Not and End

The Great Upheaval in the Wabanaki Dawnland 1675-1727


New France
Becancour/Wowenock
St. Francis/Odanak
Montreal
Dawnland
Wulstukwiuk
Penobscot
Kennebec
Amarascoggin
Pigwacket
Falmouth
Mi'kmaq
Boston
Massachusetts Bay
Atlantic Ocean
0
70
140
280
Miles
Colonial Town
Wabanaki Village

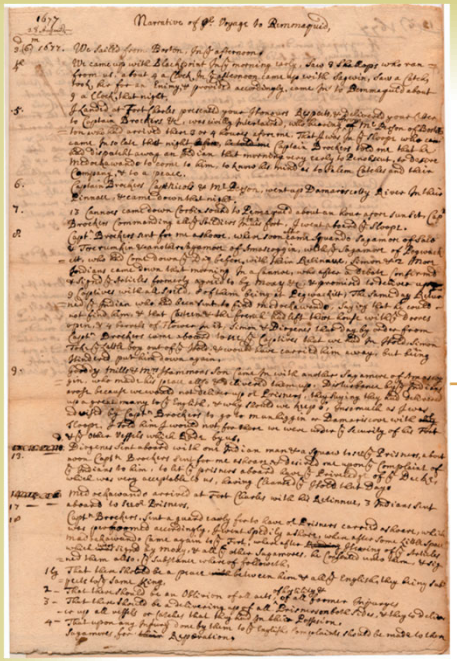
Wars

1st Anglo-Wabanaki War (1675-1678)

2nd Anglo-Wabanaki War [& French] (1688-1699)

3rd Anglo Wabanaki War [& French] (1703-1713)

4th Anglo Wabanaki War (1722-1727)





Treaties

- 1677 Pemaquid
- 1678 Casco Bay
- 1693/4 “Submission”
- 1699 Casco Bay
- 1713 Portsmouth

Published Treaties



- 1717 Arrowsic
- 1726 Casco Bay
- 1727 Casco Bay



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of the PEACE, held at *Falmouth* in *Caſco*
in *July* and *Auguſt*, 1726.

Falmouth, in **Caſco-Bay**, July 16.

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Commander in Chief, in and over His Majeſty's Provi

the Benefit of the Law, equal with any
you may be aſſured of, for we don't expect a Peace
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Indians. We are very well pleaſed with what is

Lt.Gov. This is all that can be ſaid to your laſt
no more might be ſaid to me, if it were my own

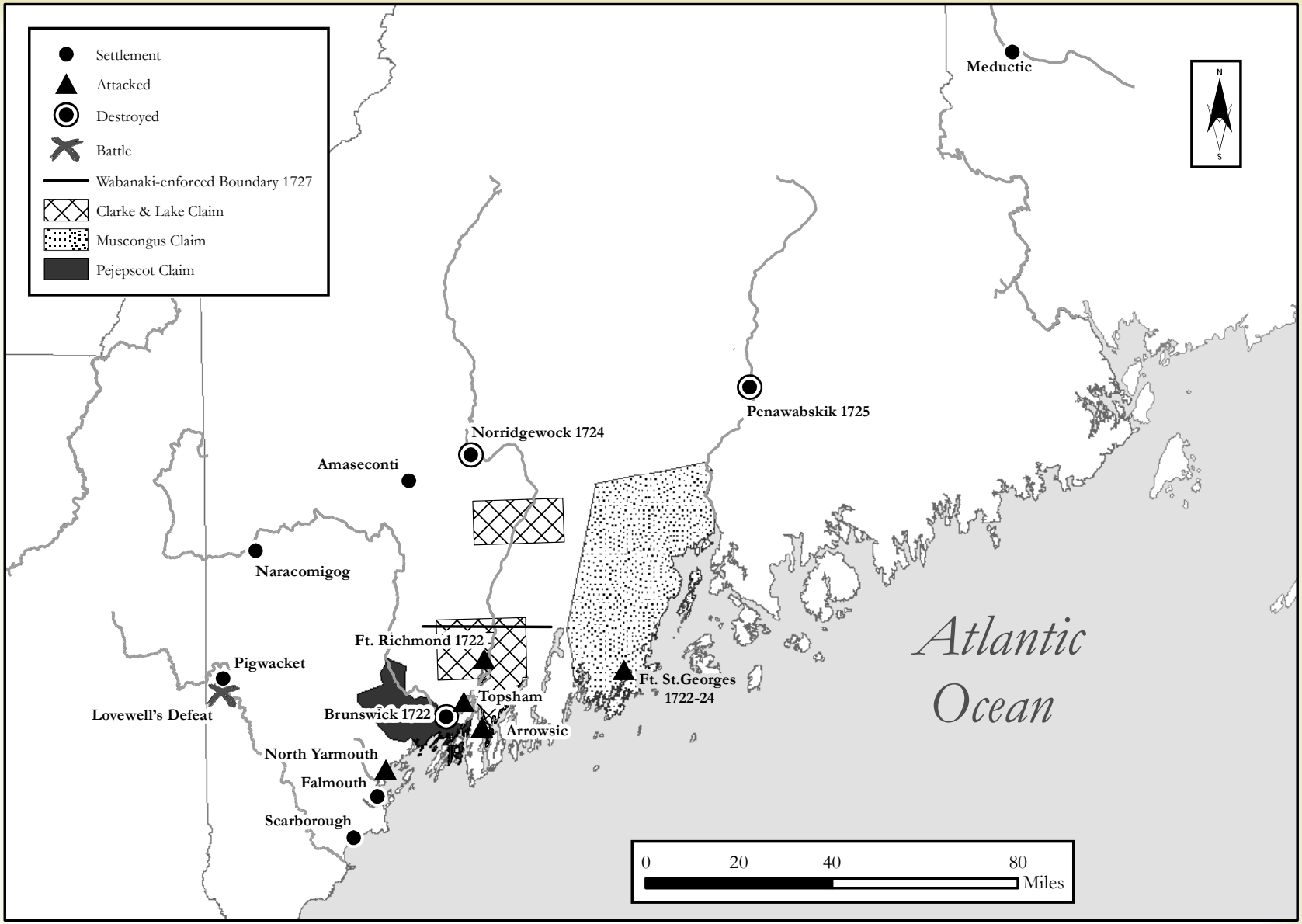
Indians. For want of that there has been Miſun

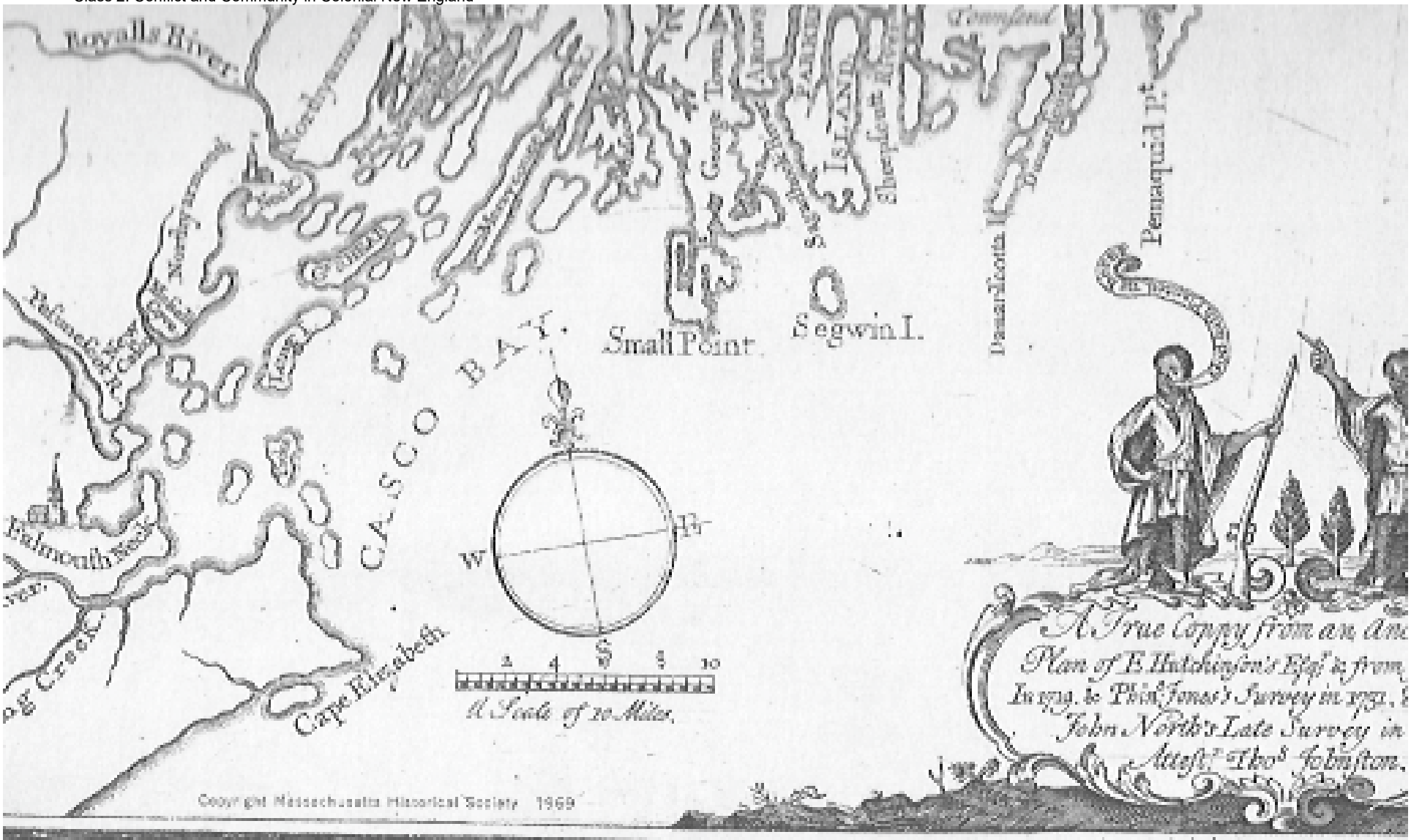
Lt.Gov. I hope it will never be ſo again, and I
is the mind of the whole Government of *New-Eng*
a better and more laſting Peace, than ever was ma
laſt to the End of the World.

Indians. We hope it will and rejoyce at it.

Lt. Gov. Some Gentlemen have been in doubt,
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the *Indians* ſhall diſclaim the Lands ſo Controverte

Indians. We underſtand it very well, and agree


Settlement
Attacked
Destroyed
Battle
Wabanaki-enforced Boundary 1727
Clarke & Lake Claim
Muscongus Claim
Pejepscot Claim
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S
Meductic
Penawabskik 1725
Norridgewock 1724
Amaseconti
Naracomigog
Ft. Richmond 1722
Pigwacket
Lovewell's Defeat
Brunswick 1722
Topsham
Arrowsic
Ft. St.Georges
1722-24
North Yarmouth
Falmouth
Scarborough
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Ocean
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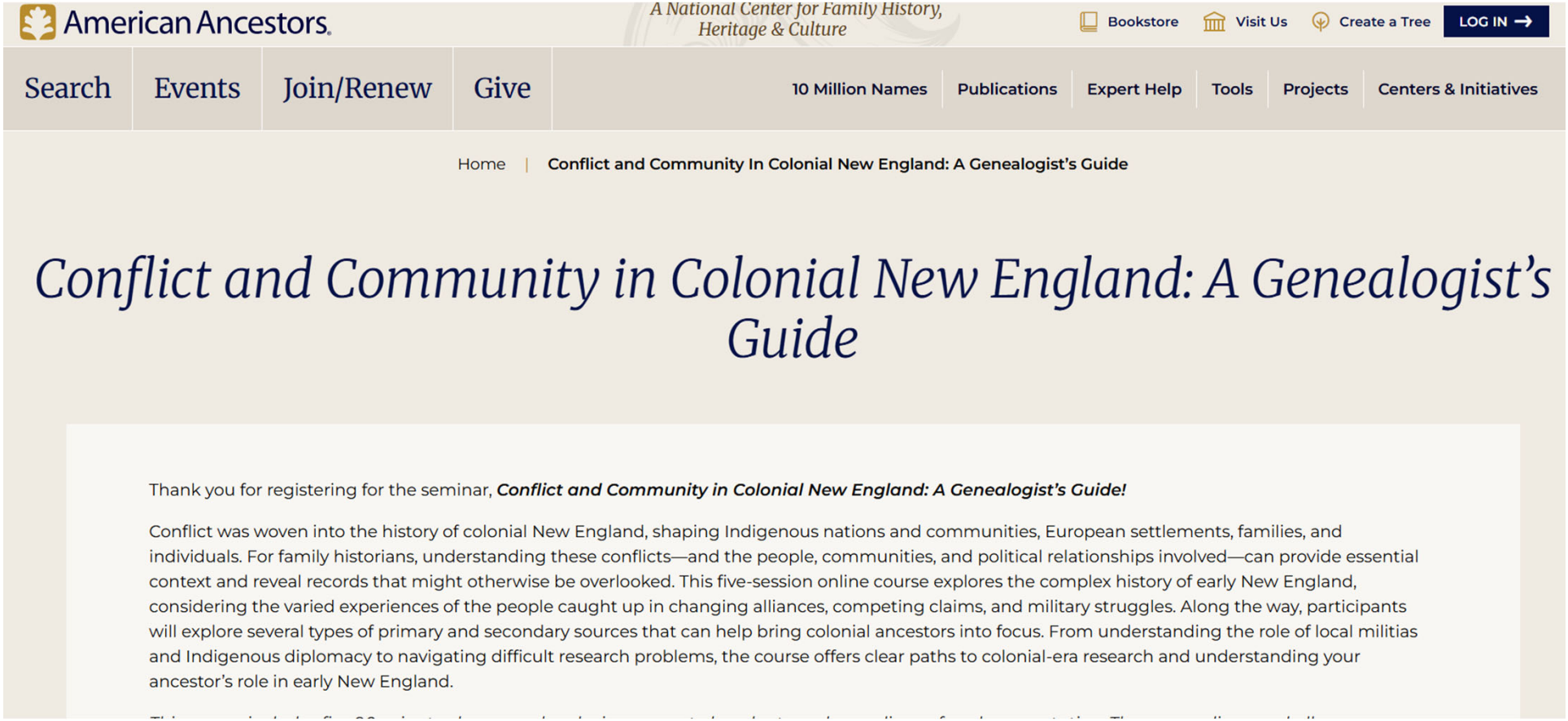


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