# 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.)

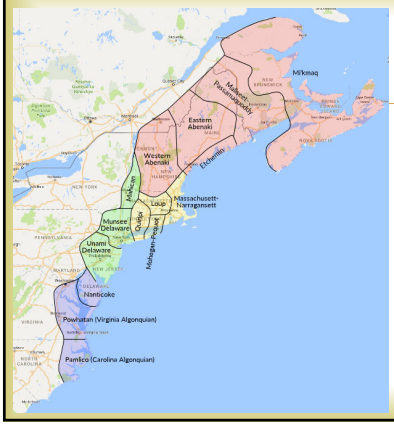
# Diplomacy, Alliance and Conflict

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



# Part II: Coexistence then Conflict

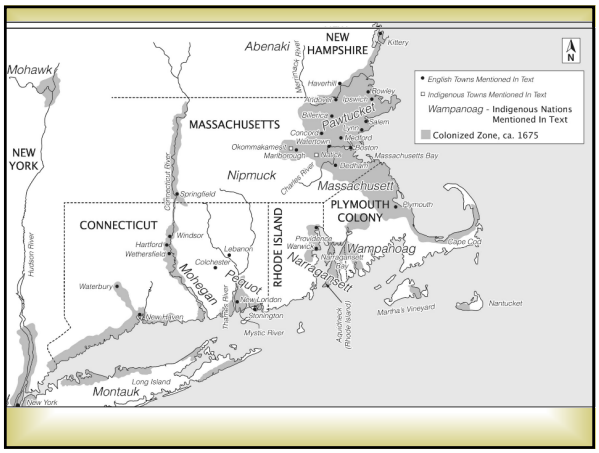
Southern New England 1643-1676

## 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

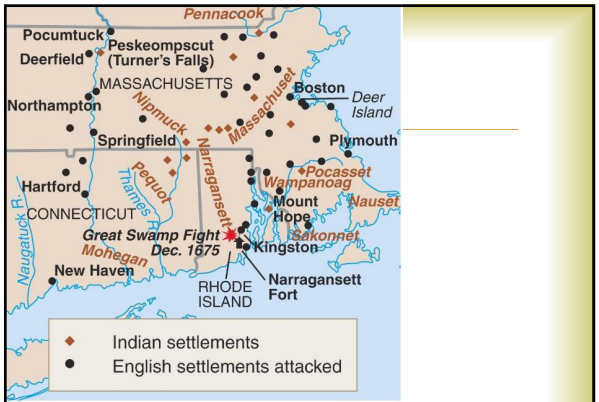
## Subjugation?

- 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

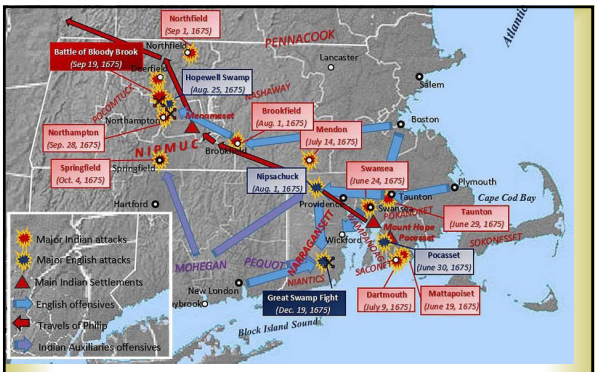



# War in 1675

- 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

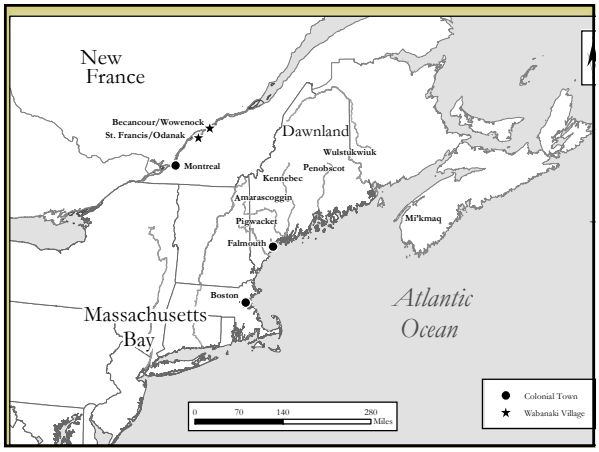
- Dec 1675/January 1676 Metacom and Wampanaogs winter camp attacked by Mohawks near Hudson River while seeking assistance from Schaghticoke Indians
- February-April 1676 Allied victories, destruction or abandonment of Pawtuxet, Providence, Warwick, Groton, Lancaster, Chelmsford, and Marlboro
- April 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



# Part III

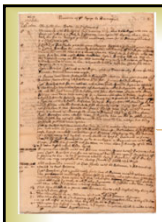
A Beginning, Not and End

The Great Upheaval in the Wabanaki Dawnland
1675-1727




## 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)



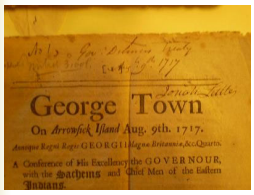


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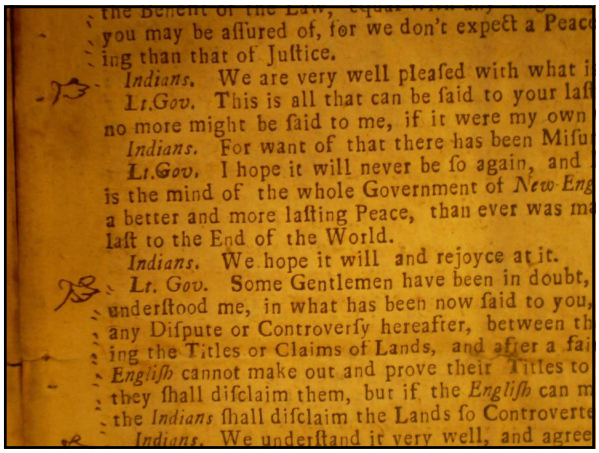
- 1677 Pemaquid
- 1678 Casco Bay
- 1693/4 "Submission"
- 1699 Casco Bay
- 1713 Portsmouth

## *Published* Treaties

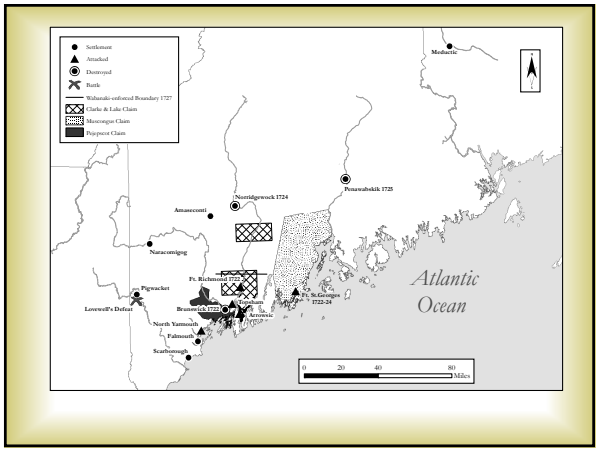
- 1717 Arrowsic
- 1726 Casco Bay
- 1727 Casco Bay

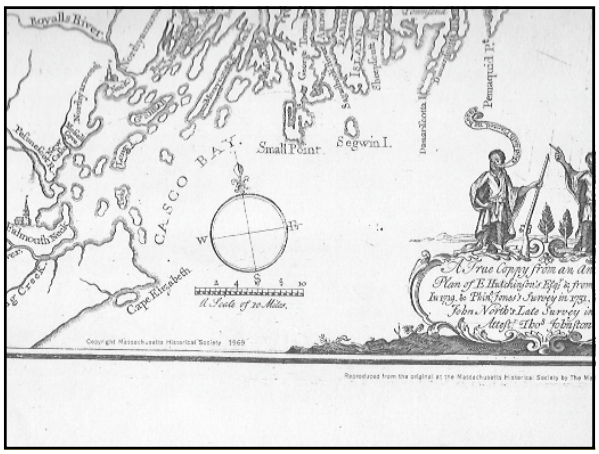




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# QUESTIONS?

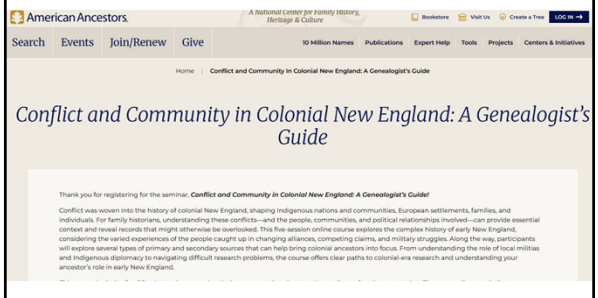
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