



John Carver
c. 1576-1621 A.D. English Pilgrim and elected first governor of Plymouth Plantation. He died shortly after and was succeeded by William Bradford.



Massasoit
c. 1580-1661 A.D. Wampanoag sachem whose friendly relations with the Pilgrims resulted in the signing of a peace treaty. He attended the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims, accompanied by 90 of his tribesmen.



Peter Minuit
1580-1638 A.D. Dutch colonial administrator who was legendary for his purchase of Manhattan Island from the Algonquin Canarsie tribe for a mere sixty guilders worth of trifles, the equivalent of \$24.



Miles Standish
c. 1584-1656 A.D. Englishman hired by the Pilgrims to accompany them on their journey to America in 1620. His assistance during the early years in the colony established him as a political and military leader.



Samuel de Champlain
1567-1635 A.D.
French navigator who explored the Great Lakes, Northern New York, Ottawa River, and Saint Lawrence River, founding Port Royal in Nova Scotia, and establishing a settlement in the territory that is now Quebec.



John Smith
c. 1580-1631 A.D. English explorer, writer, and colonist. Sent by The London Company, he mapped and journaled his explorations in the New England and Virginia territories. While in Jamestown, he was captured by Native Americans and condemned to death. According to legend, he escaped due to the intervention of Pocahontas.



William Brewster
1567-1644 A.D. English Pilgrim father and spiritual leader of the Plymouth Colony.

Virginia Dare

1587-c. 1587 A.D.
The first child born in America of English parents, she disappeared with the rest of the colony on Roanoke Island in Virginia.



John Winthrop
1588-1649 A.D.
The first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and a prominent Puritan founder in New England. He was involved in the court proceedings that led to the banishment of religious dissident Anne Hutchinson.



John Cotton
c. 1584-1652 A.D.
English-born clergyman whose criticisms from the English church regarding his Puritanism forced him to flee to Boston, Massachusetts, where he enjoyed a fruitful ministry.



Thomas Hooker
c. 1586-1647 A.D.
English colonizer and clergyman who founded Connecticut and helped establish its constitution, the *Fundamental Orders*.



George Calvert
c. 1580-1632 A.D. Also known as "Lord Baltimore," an English landowner who in 1632 acquired the territory of Maryland, but died before the charter was issued.