

Pequot War

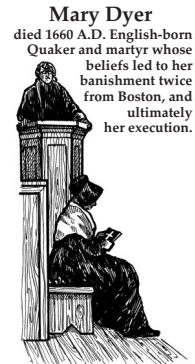
1637 A.D. The first serious conflict between the Native Pequot tribe and the Southern Connecticut settlers that erupted due to a variety of disputes over property, crops, and hunting. After the Pequot captured and killed a trader, John Oldham, the settlers soon raised up a militia and destroyed the villages, killing over 500 Native Americans.



Adam Roelantsen
c. 1638 A.D. Swedish teacher who founded the first school in New Amsterdam.



William Penn
1644-1718 A.D. An English Quaker, statesman, and colonizer of Pennsylvania (Penn's Woods) in 1681, he sanctioned it a refuge for Nonconformists. He also supervised the establishment of Philadelphia.



Mary Dyer
died 1660 A.D. English-born Quaker and martyr whose beliefs led to her banishment twice from Boston, and ultimately her execution.



New England Passes Law

1647 A.D. A mandate was given that cities must provide schools for children. *The New England Primer*, published some time before 1690, was compiled by Benjamin Harris, an English printer who had emigrated to Boston.



Mary Read & Anne Bonney
mid-1670s-c. 1721 & 1697-? A.D. Two infamous female pirates who cursed the seas of the Western Hemisphere. Irish-born Bonney and English-born Read were both notorious for their ferocity, violent tempers, and scandalous living.



The Puritan Revolution

1642-1649 A.D. The contention between King Charles I and England's subjects who supported Parliament (also called Roundheads) that climaxed after England's Civil War with the subjugation and execution of the king and the establishment of a republican commonwealth.



Samoset
died c. 1653 A.D. Native American leader of the Abenaki tribe and steadfast friend of the Plymouth Pilgrims, he surprised them with an English greeting and later introduced them to the Wampanoag leader, Massasoit.



Cotton Mather
1663-1728 A.D. Staunch Puritan clergyman and prolific writer whose writings fanned the flames of the Salem witchcraft trials and executions.



Susanna Wesley
1669-1742 A.D. Mother of John and Charles Wesley, founders of the Methodist church. Pious from infancy, her faith was steadfast through her turbulent history.