



Henry Hudson

died 1611 A.D.

English explorer and navigator whose expedition for the East India Company on the ship *Half Moon* led to the discovery of the Hudson River. He set sail again in 1610-11 on the *Discovery* and reached Hudson Bay.



House of Burgesses

1619 A.D. The first assembly representing the colonists in the New World, formed by Governor George Yeardley. The 22 burgesses eventually included Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington.



Squanto

died 1622 A.D. Originally known as "Tisquantum," this Pawtuxet served as an advisor and interpreter between the Pilgrims and Massasoit. An example of God's providence, he taught farming techniques to the Pilgrims, which assured the survival of much of the colony.



James II

1633-1701 A.D. King of England, Ireland, and Scotland who published the *Declaration of Indulgence* in 1687, offering freedom of worship to Catholics and Nonconformists. He was overthrown at the Battle of Boyne by William of Orange.



Mayflower Compact

1620 A.D. Signed on board the Mayflower, this document provided an agreement of a temporary government for the Plymouth colony. Its purpose was to establish fair laws for the benefit of the entire colony.



The First Thanksgiving

1621 A.D. After a harsh winter of starvation for the Plymouth Pilgrims, the following autumn's abundant harvest led to an observance to show thanks to God for His provision. Besides the colonists, the neighboring Wampanoag tribe also shared in the feast, with the festivities lasting 3 days.



Massachusetts Bay Colony

1630 A.D. With Salem, and later Boston, as the capital for the newly reorganized Massachusetts Bay Company, a Puritan migration of 900 settlers was led and governed by John Winthrop. For the following 50 years the "Bay Colony" was self-governed as a private company.



Charles II

1630-1685 A.D. King of England, Ireland, and Scotland whose restoration to his father's throne ushered in the Restoration Period. Although compelled by Parliament to enforce Presbyterianism in England, he made a deathbed acknowledgement of his Catholic convictions.



Harvard University

1636 A.D. Established in "New Towne" (Cambridge), Massachusetts and the first university in America. When John Harvard passed away in 1638, he bequeathed half of his estate and his books to the college that now bears his name.



The Pilgrim Voyage on the Mayflower

September 6 - December 21, 1620 A.D. During the time of the Reformation, the Pilgrim Separatists broke away from the Church of England with hopes to escape persecution for their faith. After an unsuccessful attempt to settle in Amsterdam, they emigrated to America. Voyaging on the Mayflower, the small, overcrowded ship harbored at Plymouth Rock, becoming the first permanent European settlement.