



George Whitefield

1714-1770 A.D.

British Methodist, revivalist, and follower of John Wesley, he was a key figure in the spread of Methodism among the colonies in America during the Great Awakening of Protestantism. He inspired the establishment of over 50 universities and colleges in the U.S..



Viscount Howe

1729-1814 A.D. English general who was victor in a number of battles during the Revolutionary War, but resigned and returned to England in 1778 after Burgoyne's defeat at Saratoga.



James Cook

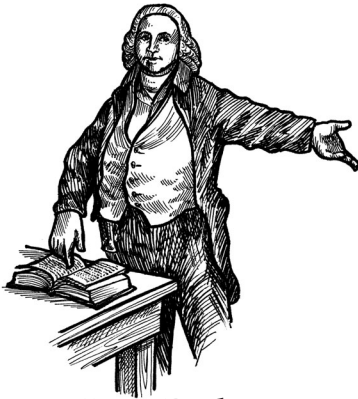
1728-1779 A.D.

Known as "Captain Cook," British explorer and navigator whose voyages of discovery included Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea, the coasts of Canada, and the coast of North America from the Antarctic region to the Bering Strait.



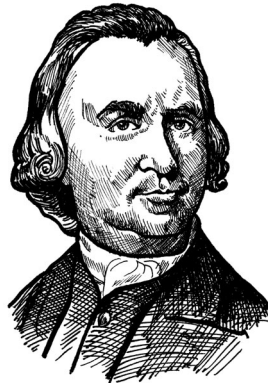
Blackbeard

died 1718 A.D. Originally known as Teach Edward, this English pirate converted a French slave ship into a 40-gun warship which bore the name *Queen Anne's Revenge*. He was notorious for his reign of terror off the coast of the American colonies and the Caribbean. Taken by surprise by a British naval fleet, his head was affixed to the bowsprit of his ship for display.



Isaac Backus

1724-1806 A.D. Although brought up in "pure" Congregationalism, his own convictions and in-depth research led to a life of preaching for baptism through a profession of faith. He was America's first Baptist historian.



Samuel Adams

1722-1803 A.D. American revolutionary leader and patriot whose opposition toward British rule and the Stamp Act encouraged Bostonians to rebel against England. A member of the Continental Congress and signer of the Declaration of Independence, he was also governor of Massachusetts from 1794-1797.



David Brainerd

1718-1747 A.D. A prayer warrior and American missionary to the Natives, his life was full of apostolic zeal, converting many to Christianity with the gospel. After his early death, his diary encouraged many to enter the missions field, such as William Carey, Robert McCheyne, and Henry Martin.



Robert Rogers

1731-1795 A.D. American frontiersman and soldier who headed the Rogers' Rangers on several dangerous missions during the French and Indian War. He was known for his knowledge of traversing treacherous terrain and his Native American fighting techniques.



Charles Wesley

1707-1788 A.D. British hymn writer, brother of John Wesley, and co-founder of Methodism. Included among his thousands of hymns are *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* and *Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today*.



Benjamin Banneker

1731-1806 A.D. African American astronomer and mathematician, he constructed a working, wooden clock based on sketches he made from a pocket watch. He predicted solar and lunar eclipses and published an almanac containing his ephemeris. He was a technical assistant in the surveying of the Federal District, which is now Washington D.C.