

Timeline of 17th Century Events

- 1580 Massasoit (Osamequin) is born
- 1600 King Charles I of England born
- 1607 Virginia Company of London settles 120 colonists in Virginia
- 1608 Champlain founds a French settlement in Quebec
- 1610 Henry Hudson discovers Hudson's Bay; Galileo sees the moons of Jupiter through his telescope
- 1611 King James Bible published
- 1612 Dutch use Manhattan for fur trading; first tobacco planted in Jamestown
- 1614 Pocahontas marries John Rolfe in Jamestown and sails to England in 1616
- 1616 European traders bring yellow fever to Indigenous people in New England; Shakespeare dies
- 1618 Thirty Years' War begins in central Europe
- 1619 First African enslaved people brought to Virginia
- 1620 Pilgrims sail from England and found Plimoth Colony in December
- 1621 Myles Standish appointed Commander of Plimoth; Wampanoag Treaty signed on March 22nd; Winslow visits Sowams
- 1622 William Bradford becomes governor of Plimoth Colony until 1652
- 1623 First English settlement established at Little Harbor, NH; Winslow cures Massasoit at Sowams
- 1624 England declares war on Spain; Dutch settle New Amsterdam (New York)
- 1625 Charles I of England and Scotland succeeds King James I
- 1626 Naumkea (later Salem) settled by Roger Conant
- 1629 Massachusetts Bay Company issued a charter in London
- 1630 John Winthrop and 1,000 Puritans land at Boston; Warwick Patent granted to William Bradford
- 1631 Dutch West India Company settles at the Delaware River; first ship built in Massachusetts; Taj Mahal construction begun
- 1632 Trading post built in Sowams; John Eliot starts missionary work with Native people in Massachusetts; Maryland settled

- 1633 Massasoit flees to Plimoth to escape capture by the Narragansetts; Edward Winslow becomes Plimoth Colony governor
- 1635 Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield, Connecticut settled by people from the Massachusetts Bay Colony
- 1636 Roger Williams banished from Salem, MA travels to Sowams, and settles Providence; Harvard College founded
- 1637 Pequot War begins; colonial forces kill 300-700 Pequot including women and children
- 1638 Anne Hutchinson banished from Boston, settles in Portsmouth, RI; Sowamset granted to Bradford; Metacomet is born
- 1639 Massasoit renews original treaty with Plimoth; first printing press in North America operates in Cambridge
- 1640 Massachusetts Bay Colony population grows to 20,000; Taunton purchased by John Brown and others
- 1641 Rehoboth, a tract "eight miles square" but actually ten, purchased
- 1642 English Civil War begins (ends in 1646)
- 1643 Uncas kills Miantonomi; New England Confederation formed; *Key Into Language of Americas* published by Rgr. Williams
- 1644 Roger Williams submits the Narragansetts's act of submission to the English King
- 1645 Wannamoisett (present day Barrington and East Providence) purchased from Massasoit by John Brown
- 1648 Ninigret becomes head of Narragansett and Eastern Niantic confederation
- 1649 Charles I beheaded; England declared a Commonwealth; Society of Friends' George Fox begins preaching in England
- 1650 Harvard College granted charter
- 1651 John Sassamon appointed schoolmaster of John Eliot's praying town in Natick, MA
- 1652 Maine joined to Massachusetts Bay Colony
- 1653 Sowams purchased; John Eliot prints the first book in Algonkian language; John Sassamon attends Harvard College
- 1658 Rampage against Quakers in Connecticut and Long Island; Oliver Cromwell dies; Puritan government collapses
- 1660 Massasoit dies at the age of 80; Wamsutta (Alexander) succeeds him; Mashpee designated as a "Praying Town"

- 1661 Rehoboth North Purchase (Attleborough, North Attleborough, & Cumberland); John Eliot translates Bible into Algonkian
- 1662 Alexander dies; Metacomet (Philip) succeeds him; Sassamon becomes Philip's interpreter; Philip renews Massasoit treaty
- 1664 British annex New Netherlands from Connecticut to Delaware; New Amsterdam renamed NY; Newton discovers gravity
- 1665 Great Plague of London begins, killing 68,596
- 1666 French and Dutch declare war on England; Great Fire of London
- 1667 First Baptist Church in America established at Nockum Hill, Barrington, RI
- 1668 New Meadow Neck in Barrington purchased as part of the Sowams deed
- 1669 Hugh Cole purchases 500 acres of land in Swansea on the west side of Cole's River (Touisset)
- 1670 Hudson's Bay Company incorporated by royal charter
- 1673 Present-day Warren purchased from Totomommuck by Swansea
- 1675 King Philip War begins in present day Warren on June 19th; Nearly 1,000 killed at Great Swamp massacre in December
- 1676 King Philip War ends with the death of Philip on August 12th and the capture of Anawon on August 28th
- 1676 Increase Mather publishes *The Troubles That Have Happened in New England* in London
- 1679 New Hampshire becomes a Royal Colony
- 1682 William Penn founds Pennsylvania as a refuge for Quakers
- 1684 Massachusetts Bay charter revoked; Massachusetts becomes a Royal Colony
- 1685 Charles II of England dies and is succeeded by brother James II (who will be overthrown in 1688)
- 1690 King William's War (ends in 1697)
- 1692 Nineteen people tried and hanged as witches in Salem, MA
- 1698 Papermaking begins in North America
- 1699 French settlers move into Mississippi and Louisiana