

## 1492--1626

#### SETTLEMENT OF NEW YORK



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WHEN COLUMBUS DISCOVERED AMERICA, THE NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS WERE THE ONLY INHABITANTS OF THIS YAST COUNTRY. FROM THEM THE EARLY SETTLERS PURCHASED VALUABLE LAND FOR ALMOST NOTHING. MANHATTAN ISLAND, ON WHICH THE CITY OF NEW YORK RESTS, WAS BOUGHT FROM THE INDIANS BY THE DUTCH GOVERNOR, PETER MINUIT, IN 1626, FOR ABOUT TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS.

#### SETTLEMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS



STATUE OF THE PURITAN AT SPRINGFIELD, MASS., BY AUGUSTUS SAINT GAUDENS

IN 1630, A LARGE COMPANY OF ENGLISH PEOPLE, KNOWN AS PURITANS, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF GOVERNOR JOHN WINTHROP, SETTLED BOSTON, NAMING IT AFTER BOSTON, ENGLAND.

THIS SETTLEMENT WAS CALLED THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY, MASSACHUSETTS BEING THE INDIAN NAME FOR THE BLUE HILLS NEAR BOSTON.

MANY YEARS AFTERWARDS THIS COLONY AND THE PLYMOUTH COLONY WERE UNITED, FORMING THE BEGINNING OF THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

#### SETTLEMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA



STATUE OF WILLIAM PENN, ON CITY HALL, PHILADELPHIA.

ABOUT HALF A CENTURY LATER, THE QUAKERS SETTLED WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, NAMED BY CHARLES II, IN HONOR OF ADMIRAL PENN, THE FATHER OF WILLIAM PENN. THIS TRACT OF LAND WAS GRANTED TO PENN BY THE KING IN SETTLEMENT OF A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY, WHICH THE ENGLISH GOVERNMENT OWED HIM.

1773
BOSTON TEA PARTY



AS TIME WENT ON, THE BRITISH DOMINATED THE NEW COUNTRY; BUT THE COLONISTS REVOLTED AND THREW OFF ENGLISH RULE. PRECEDING THE REVOLUTION, THE ANGRY CITIZENS OF BOSTON EXPRESSED THEIR DEFIANCE BY THROWING INTO THE HARBOR 342 CHESTS OF TEA, CONSIGNED TO BOSTON MERCHANTS, AND BEARING A BRITISH TAX.

#### THE PIONEERS



THE OLD FORT AT VINCENNES, IND., "REPRODUCED BY PERMISSION OF HEIRS OF DR. HUBBARD M. SMITH, AUTHOR OF 'OLD VINCENNES' ".

WE ASSOCIATE THE IMPORTANT OPERATIONS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR WITH ATLANTIC COAST STATES, BUT VAST TERRITORY WAS WON BY THE BOLD KENTUCKIANS, WHO IN 1778, UNDER CAPTAIN GEORGE ROGERS CLARK, WRESTED FROM THE BRITISH AND THEIR INDIAN ALLIES, THE COUNTRY NOW KNOWN AS THE MIDDLE WEST, GIVING THE UNITED STATES CLAIM TO ALL THE TERRITORY LYING EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

#### LOUISIANA PURCHASE



NOT ALL OUR COUNTRY WAS ACQUIRED BY WAR, HOWEVER, FOR IN 1803, PRESIDENT JEFFERSON BOUGHT FROM FRANCE THE REGION BEYOND THE MISSISSIPPI, THEN KNOWN AS LOUISIANA, SINCE DIVIDED INTO TEN OR MORE STATES. THE TRANSACTION IS KNOWN AS THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE, AND COST THE UNIFED STATES \$15,000,000.

#### THE NORTH WEST



BY EXPLORATION AND ADVENTURE, THE GREAT WEST WAS ADDED TO OUR POSSESSIONS. PRESIDENT JEFFERSON SENT THE EXPLORERS, MERRIWEATHER LEWIS AND WILLIAM CLARK, TO EXAMINE THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE LOUISIANA PURGHASE, AND TO PUSH ON TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN. THEY EXPLORED WHAT WAS THEN KNOWN AS THE OREGON COUNTRY, REACHING THE PACIFIC OCEAN IN 1805.

#### FORTY NINERS



THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS GREAT WESTERN COUNTRY WAS HASTENED, BY THE DISCOVERY OF GOLD IN CALIFORNIA. MANY CROSSED THE CONTINENT, FINDING MOT ONLY GOLD BUT UNTOLD WEALTH IN NATURAL RESOURCES. THESE EARLY SEEKERS FOR WEALTH IN CALIFORNIA WERE CALLED THE "FORTY NINERS."

#### EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION



STATUE OF LINCOLN BY AUGUSTUS SAINT GAUDENS

OUR FATHERS THUS FOUNDED A MIGHTY NATION, RICH, POWERFUL AND SELF-SUFFICIENT. THE CIVIL WAR FAILED TO DIVIDE IT. ABRAHAM LINCOLN PROCLAIMED THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY, WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1, 1863. IN THE HALF CENTURY FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE CIVIL WAR, OUR COUNTRY HAS INCREASED IN POPULATION, PROSPERITY AND POWER, AND OUR FLAG WAVES OVER THE GREATEST COMMERCIAL NATION THE WORLD HAS SEEN.



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