

# The 13 American Colonies

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# Who Claimed What?

- Spain= Present day Mexico, Central America, and South America
- Spain found gold, spread diseases, and wiped out the Incas & Aztecs
  
- France=Present day Canada, areas along the Mississippi River
- France found fur, befriended the Native Americans, only sent men
  
- England= Present day United States specifically the East Coast
- England sought new life & freedom of religion, farming & lumber

# colony:

- **Colony: an area under the control of another country**
- **Why colonize?**
  1. **Money: some countries found gold**
  2. **Crops: more crops grown for the home country**
  3. **More land: people moved to the New World and had more space**
  4. **More trade: there were new people groups to trade with**
  5. **Competition: European powers were competing against each other**

# New England Colonies (Northern Colonies)

- Dominantly Puritan: the town and church should manage their own affairs
- You must work hard to survive and earn everything
- Town Meeting: an assembly of townspeople that decides local issues
- Economy: leather making, fishing, ship building, little farming



# massachusetts

- Second colony (Plymouth)
- Mayflower Compact (first time Americans claimed self government)
- Very religious- Puritans
- First Thanksgiving
- Salem Witch Trials





# Rhode Island

- Founded by Roger Williams
- Williams disagreed with the Puritans of Massachusetts
- Forced out of Massachusetts moved south and purchased land from Native Americans
- In 1644 they received a charter to govern themselves
- Established religious toleration
- Toleration: recognition that other people have the right to different opinions

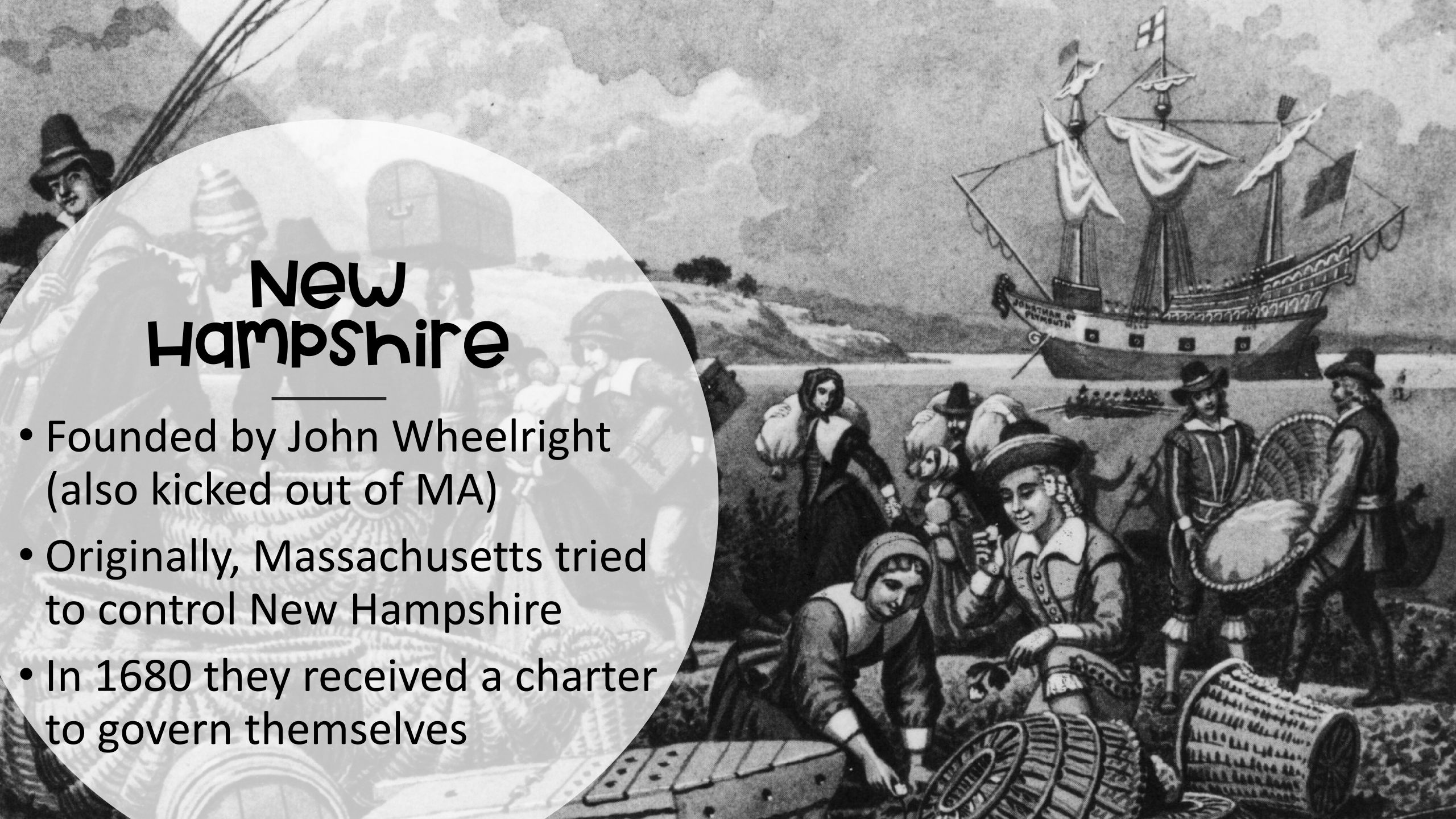
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- Founded by Thomas Hooker
- He also disagreed with the Puritans of Massachusetts
- In 1636 he founded Hartford
- Hundreds followed and formed Connecticut



# New Hampshire

- Founded by John Wheelwright (also kicked out of MA)
- Originally, Massachusetts tried to control New Hampshire
- In 1680 they received a charter to govern themselves





# Middle Colonies

- Cash Crop: a crop produced for sale on a large scale rather than for use by the grower/farmer
- Cash crop of Middle Colonies: wheat
- Economy: iron, flour, paper, shoemaking, carpentry, masonry, and weaving
- Most diverse and religiously tolerant cities



# New York

- Was the Dutch colony of New Netherland
- Hudson River valley created good farmland
- In 1664 the British took “New Netherland” from the Dutch
- It was renamed New York after the Duke of York





# New Jersey

- New Jersey was formed in 1665 when part of New York broke off to form its own colony
- New Jersey began as a proprietary colony
- Proprietary Colony: a colony created by a grant of land from a monarch to an individual or family
- By 1702 New Jersey became a royal colony (controlled by the King)

# pennsylvania

- Founded by William Penn
- Started with Philadelphia which means “City of Brotherly Love”
- Haven for Quakers
- He was friends with King Charles II who granted him a charter





# Delaware

- People from Sweden first settled along the Delaware River
- The Dutch took control in 1650 but lost it along with New York
- Originally it was included with William Penn's land
- He eventually let them separate in 1704

# The Southern Colonies

- Economy: FARMING-plantation system develops
- Plantation: a large farm used to grow cash crops
- Slavery takes root in the Southern colonies because of the plantation system



# virginia

- The first colony (Jamestown)
- Tobacco became a cash crop
- Cash Crop: a crop produced for sale on a large scale rather than for use by the grower/farmer
- Formed the House of Burgesses (first Rep Gov in America)





# Maryland

- Led by Lord Baltimore
- Haven for Catholics but religiously tolerant
- Economy: Tobacco and fishing
- Passed Act of toleration in 1649 giving religious freedom to all in the colony



# The Carolinas

- The northern part had smaller farms and built ships/fished
- The southern part grew sugar cane
- The largest city in the Southern colonies became Charles Town (now Charleston)
- Eventually the two parts divided into North and South Carolina





# Georgia

- The last of the 13 Colonies
- Founded by James Oglethorpe
- Founded for 2 reasons-  
protection and prison
- Protected the other colonies  
from Spanish owned Florida
- "Prison" or place for colonists  
to go and work off their debts