

Mayflower 1620-2020

First English Settlements

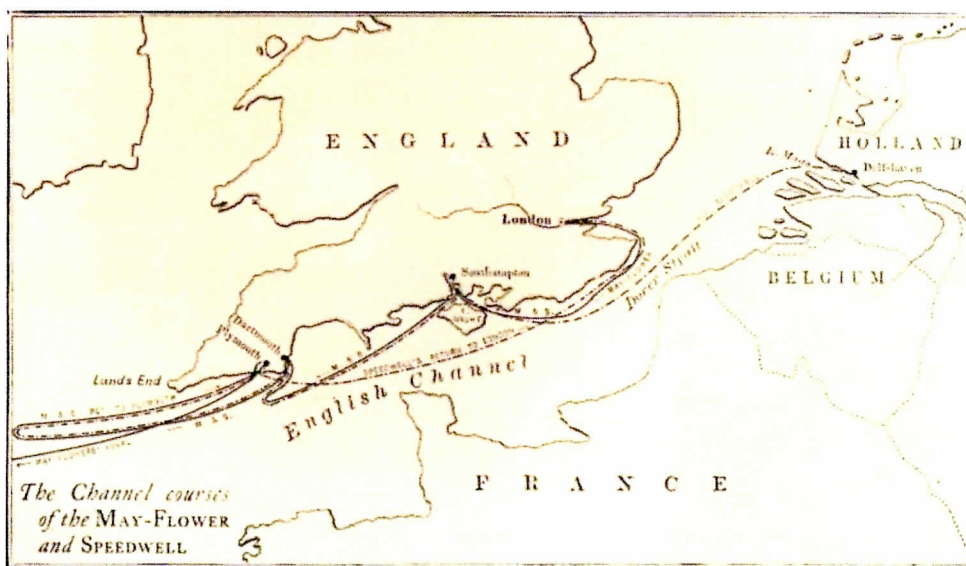
- 1585-1587 – Lost Colony of Roanoke Island, present day North Carolina
- 1607- 1699 – Jamestown Colony (London Company) – present day Virginia
- 1607 –1608 - Popham Colony(Plymouth Company), present day Maine
- 1620 – Plymouth Colony

Who were the Pilgrims?

Puritan Separatists – mostly from Leiden
Strangers

Departure – 2 Ships

Speedwell left Delfshaven Holland for Southhampton in July.
Mayflower left London for Southhampton about the same time.
Both departed from Southhampton and returned to Dartmouth for repair of Speedwell.
Both departed from Dartmouth in August and returned to Plymouth, Speedwell abandoned.
Mayflower departed from Plymouth on September 6.



Arrival and Exploration:

Charter was to settle in northern Virginia at mouth of Hudson River.
Cape Cod sighted on November 9th.
Sailed south and nearly became a shipwreck in the Pollack Rip.
Returned to Cape Cod Bay and safely anchored in Provincetown Harbor on Saturday November 11.
Mayflower Compact signed.
First day on shore -Monday November 13th.
3 exploring expeditions over the next month.
Decision made on December 20 where to build permanent settlement.
Storms delayed first work party until Saturday December 23rd.
First house construction began on Monday December 25th.

Recommended Reading: Salem Public Library

Of Plymouth Plantation, 1620-1647, William Bradford

Mayflower, 2006, Nathaniel Philbrick

American Ancestors, 2020 Your Guide to the Mayflower 400th Anniversary

(WVGS Periodical Collection)

The Shipwreck That Saved Jamestown : The Sea Venture Castaways And The Fate Of America, 2008, Glover

2020 Events - Websites:

<https://plymouth400inc.org/>

<https://www.mayflower400uk.org/>

<https://www.pilgrim-monument.org/provincetown-400/>

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/members-only/2020-commemoration>

<https://mayflower.americanancestors.org/>

<https://www.familytree.com/blog/400th-anniversary-of-the-mayflower-1620-2020/>