

Timeline of the Founding of the Thirteen U.S. Colonies Chronological Copywork

1585: Roanoke colony is established

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1606: The Virginia Company of London obtains a charter to start a colony in North America

1607: The colony of Jamestown, Virginia, is established

1619: The first legislature in the colonies is established

1620: The Pilgrims found Plymouth, Massachusetts

1621: The Dutch West India Company is granted a charter in the Netherlands

1623: A trading settlement is established in the area that will become New Hampshire

1624: Virginia is made a royal colony

1624: Fort Orange is established by the Dutch, the first permanent European settlement in what is now New York

1626: The island of Manhattan is purchased, and Peter Minuit founds the colony of New Amsterdam

1629: The Massachusetts Bay Company is given a charter

1630: The Massachusetts Bay Colony is established

1631: The Dutch establish the settlement of Zwaanendael in what is now Delaware

1632: The area between the Potomac River and the 40th parallel is given to George Calvert, 1st Baron Baltimore

1634: Settlers found St. Marys City on the Potomac River

1636: The colony of Rhode Island is founded by Roger Williams

1636: Harvard College is founded, the first college in the colonies

1638: Pocasset (Portsmouth) is established

1638: The colony of New Sweden is established

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