



The Massachusetts Bay Colony: The History and Legacy of the Settlement of Colonial New England (Paperback)

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The first successful American colony in North America was settled in 1607 at Jamestown, Virginia. Though the Virginian colonists had difficulty in the beginning, by the late 1620s the Chesapeake area was thriving, having become a haven for those seeking economic opportunity in the new world. Pressures in England were growing as King Charles I was on the throne. Though Charles I himself was an Anglican, many suspected him of Catholic sympathies, a suspicion not alleviated by Charles I marriage to a French Catholic princess. Many Protestants had a growing desire to practice their faith and conduct their lives away from the mother country, and sought refuge in a destination called New England. The land chosen by this group, who could pay their own way across the Atlantic in contrast to the poorer settlers of the Chesapeake region was colder, less abundant, but far healthier than Virginia. Alan Taylor...



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