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Founding Of The Colony

New Jersey was founded by Lord Berkley and Sir George Carteret. New Jersey was founded in 1664. But in 1702 with the help of Lewis Morris New Jersey became a royal colony.

Lewis Morris was the governor of New Jersey when it was a colony. Lewis Morris served as New Jerseys governor until death and he made NJ a royal colony in 1702.

The landscape of New Jersey is flat because there are a lot of farms and fields where corn grew and live stock can graze.

The settlers of New Jersey came from many places. Two of those places are the Netherlands and England. In the Netherlands and England it was very crowded and there were not many jobs so they came to New Jersey to start a new colony.



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Products and Crops

One of the most important crops to New Jersey was corn. Corn was so important because it could be used for many things. Some of those things were beds, pipes, food for them and food for their animals. Live stock was also very important. Live stock could be used for milk, food, transportation or you could sell or trade it.

Early Industries

One of the most popular industries of the New Jersey colony was the iron works. This would be a good place to work because many people needed things that were made out of iron. Some examples of that would be blacksmiths needed pig iron.



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Women's Jobs

The women in the New Jersey colony did a lot. Some of the jobs they had were cooking, cleaning, and making the clothes. With their cooking they always had some thing to make. If they weren't cooking they could clean up the house or wash the clothes.



Women working

Men's Jobs

While the women were cleaning and cooking the men would get crops planted. Planting crops was very hard work because the soil was rocky and they had poor farming tools. They would have to clear fields of trees with just an axe and it was very hard work.



Men working

Kids Roles

House hold work started at a very early age in the colonies. Children of 3 or 4 could rock their baby brother or sister. But by the time they were 6 or 7 chores were a part of their daily routine. What kind of work they got depended on how tall and strong the child was. Kids of 9, 10, or 11 could to the simple task of churning butter.



Butter Churn

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