

The Pennsylvania Colony

Founded in
1681
by William Penn



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This website is here as a resource tool to give to the public a brief overview into the history of the Keystone State, Pennsylvania.

Founding of the Colony

Back in the mid sixteen hundreds, many countries besides England had made attempts to colonize the land

The state motto of Pennsylvania is “The

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to colonize the land that is now the state of Pennsylvania. The Netherlands were a major part of the colonization of Pennsylvania. They even had New York under their control. The capital of “New Netherlands” was called “New Amsterdam”. New Amsterdam is now present day New York City. After the Dutch, came the Swedes. The Swedish people colonized Pennsylvania even further, naming it “New Sweden”. Johan Printz, a founder of New Sweden, is considered to be one of the most important people in the founding of Pennsylvania, maybe even more important than William Penn?

**is the
Keystone
State”. A
keystone is the
last and most
important
stone set in the
making of an
arch. A
keystone holds
the arch
together and is
the support for
all of the
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Crops

In the Pennsylvania, some of the earliest crops were corn and wheat. These were very helpful and useful in colonial times, but the most important thing of all was cattle. Everything was used for something, but the meat and hide were especially prized.



Jobs

Due to the major farming in Pennsylvania during the Colonial Period, obviously a very high paying job was being a farming and selling your good.

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Inside the Home

The homes in colonial Pennsylvania looked very much like the one shown above. They were plain and undecorated, but a home none-the-less. Inside the house would be very basic furnishings such as a dining table, chairs/stools, benches, and up in the northern states, there would be a fireplace in the center of the home.

Daily Jobs

Inside the home, the families had everyday jobs that needed to be done. In terms of cooking, that was usually done by the wife, with some help from the children such as butter churning. The men of the house were to work in the fields and chop wood to stoke the fire. These were the main roles of family members in Colonies back then.

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