

## Powell — New & Old Country Narratives (1630–1640)

### Line: Emily York

**Use with:** 1630–1640 decade pages (Life & Context, Massachusetts Bay, Pequot War, New Country, Old Country) and the companion **1630–1640-AddiePowell-EmilyYork-Ancestral-Lives**.

### Headcounts (Emily York line visible in the 1630s)

- **Old Country (Europe) — ~18–22 named ancestors in place**
  - **Yorkshire / Huntingdonshire:** *William York* (b. **1632** Goulthwaite), *William Whitaker* (b. **1612** Holme), Whitaker kin on the fen/cloth rim.
  - **Bedfordshire / Cambridgeshire (East Anglia):** *Mary Smith* (b. **1622**), *William Kidd*, *Thomas Nethorcote* families in literate Puritan parishes.
  - **Isle of Wight / Hampshire:** *Sir John Lisle* (b. **1600** Wootton) & *Alice Beconshaw* circles near Solent ship lanes.
  - **London & Middlesex:** *Edward York* (b. **1605**), *John Nuthall* (b. **1620**), *Thomas Sprigg* (b. **1604**)—urban/legal and mercantile networks.
  - **Northamptonshire:** *Catherine Griffin* (b. **1610** Kettering).
  - **Edinburgh, Scotland:** *James Cunningham Wilson* (b. **1613**) amid looming Covenant politics.
  - **France (Provence/Normandy):** **Brasseur** Huguenot line (pre-migration).
- **New Country (Americas) — few in place yet; several poised to arrive**
  - Chesapeake slots are opening in **Maryland (chartered 1632; settled 1634)** and **Virginia** for **Nuthall, Sprigg, Griffin, Brasseur** and allied families later in the century.

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## New Country — the world this branch is heading into

### Chesapeake (Virginia & the new Province of Maryland)

- **Tobacco** drives land grants and **headrights**; riverfront patents become family capital.

- **Maryland (1632–1634)** creates a second proprietary corridor beside Virginia, offering county courts, vestries, and posts that reward newcomers with London ties.
- **Why this matters to Emily York's kin:** London-trained and parish-literate people (Nuthall, Sprigg, York/Smith/Kidd/Nethorcote associates) translate quickly into clerks, planters, and churchwardens. Huguenot strands (Brasseur) find space amid patchy toleration.

### **New England (Massachusetts Bay) & the Pequot sphere**

- East-Anglian religious culture (Kidd/Nethorcote/Smith country) is exported wholesale; the **1636–1637 Pequot War** resets Native-colonial power and trade paths that later shape inter-colonial exchange.

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### **Old Country — settings your people are in right now**

- **Yorkshire & the Dales / Huntingdonshire fens** — mixed husbandry, small market towns, and cloth; **Whitaker/York** households sit on routes that feed both London and East Anglia.
- **East Anglia (Beds/Cambs)** — **Smith, Kidd, Nethorcote** in sermon-heavy, bookish parishes; habits of record-keeping and catechism that reappear in Chesapeake vestry minutes.
- **Isle of Wight & Hampshire** — **Lisle/Beconshaw** near naval provisioning and timber; close to Solent traffic that supplies fleets and colonies alike.
- **London & Middlesex** — **York, Nuthall, Sprigg** touch courts, companies, and wharf-side credit; these are the ladders into Maryland land and office.
- **Edinburgh** — **Wilson** comes of age as Scotland turns covenantal, seeding later movement.
- **Provence/Normandy** — **Brasseur** stands in a tightening climate for Reformed families, nudging Atlantic options.

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### **Drivers (push & pull felt by this branch)**

- **Land & labor:** headrights + tobacco profits reward patrons who can move servants and artisans.

- **Religion & conformity:** Laudian pressure (England), **Scottish Covenant (1638)**, and uneven toleration for **Huguenots** increase churn.
  - **Trade ladders:** London/Solent ports tie Isle of Wight, East Anglia, and Yorkshire to the Chesapeake.
  - **Patronage & office:** proprietary Maryland offers county posts; families like **Sprigg/Nuthall** step into them.
  - **Chain migration:** once a cousin holds river frontage, kin follow on known ships and credit.
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#### Timeline (1630–1640) with Emily-York hooks

- **1630** — Great Migration to **Massachusetts Bay**; East-Anglian parish culture mirrors **Kidd/Nethorcote/Smith** origins.
- **1632–1634** — **Maryland** charter and settlement; London networks (York/Nuthall/Sprigg) notice the opening.
- **1634–1636** — Tobacco cycles boom; headright imports rise; planter slots await your future Chesapeake arrivals.
- **1636–1637** — **Pequot War** alters New England trade and alliance maps.
- **1637–1640** — **Ship Money** fights and Laudian reforms roil England; **1638–1640** Covenanter upheaval in Scotland shapes **Wilson's** world.
- **Nov 1640** — Long Parliament begins; migration pressure will spike.