**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.