

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
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History 625

(American Social History, 1607-1865)

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I. The Extension of English Society

The New World: Image as History and History as Image
English Social Structure in the 1600s
Transfer of Social Structure to the Colonies
Evolution of Colonial Government and Economy
Optional Reference: Clarence Ver Steeg, The Formative Years, Chap. 1-4.

II. The Colonial Community

The Puritan Ideal of Community: Winthrop in Curti, Thorpe, and Baker, American Issues: The Social Record, vol. 1, pp. 53-57; Kenneth Lockridge, New England Town, pp. 1-90.
The Puritan Community in Practice: Summer Powell, Puritan Village
Change and Continuity in the Colonial Community: Lockridge, op. cit., pp. 91-180.

III. Social Stratification and Mobility in the Colonies

The Idea and Practice of Social Class: Gary Nash, Class and Society in Early America, pp. 1-48, 75-194, skim pp. 49-74.
Was There Social Mobility?

IV. Politics and Social Structure

Virginia as Example: George Sydnor, American Revolutionaries in the Making

V. Change and Continuity in Colonial Society and Culture

Expansion, Immigration and Population in the Colonial Period: Maldwyn Jones, American Immigration, pp. 6-63.
Education and the Family: Edmund Morgan, Puritan Family; Bernard Bailyn, Education in the Forming of American Society, pp. 3-49.
Religion and the Great Awakening: Winthrop Hudson, American Protestantism, pp. 1-33; Edwards and Chauncy in Curti, pp. 18-25.
Social Differentiation in the Colonial Period and the Problem of an American Society and Culture
Optional Reference: Ver Steeg, The Formative Years, Chap. 5-12.

VI. Republicanism and Revolution

America as a New Nation: Ideology and the National Identity; Grevecoeur, Ramsay Webster in Curti, pp. 104-15, 134-37.
A Republican Society: Jefferson and Adams, Maclay in Curti, pp. 116-26, 175-81.
Separation of State and Society in Polity and Religion: Hudson, American Protestantism, pp. 1-48; Sidney Mead, Lively Experiment, Chap. 2-4.

The Constitution, Political Parties and Society - Another Level of Social
Integration: Federalist in Curti, pp. 116-26.

Was there a Social Revolution? Assigned Reading

The Revolution in Analytical Perspective

Optional Reference: Russell Nye, The Cultural Life of the New Nation, Part I.

VII. From Republicanism to Democracy in Ideology

The Ideological Transformation and American Ideals: Kent, Cooper, Tocqueville,
Jackson, Whitman in Curti, pp. 198-213, 241-46, 319-29.

The Frontier as Ideological Geography: Dwight and Flint in Curti, pp. 266-74

Religion and the Democratic Heaven: Hudson, pp. 49-108; Mead, Chap. 5-7.

Relation of Religion, Revivalism, and American Society

Optional Reference: Nye, Cultural Life of the New Nation, Part II.

VIII. Immigration Before the Civil War

Internal Migration and Population

Nature and Distribution of Immigrants: Maldwyn Jones, American Immigration,
pp. 64-176.

Ambivalent Attitudes Toward Immigration: Morse and Schurz in Curti, pp. 330-44.

The Problem of the Irish as Example: Oscar Handlin, Boston's Immigrants

IX. Urbanization, Industrialization and the American Dream Before 1870

Attitudes Toward Urbanization and Industrialism: Hunt, Crockett, Lowell Offering,
Melville in Curti, pp. 257-60, 408-12, 427-33.

Social Class and Mobility in The North: Stephen Thernstrom and Richard Sennett,
eds., Nineteenth-Century Cities, pp. 49-124, 165-208, 245-96.

Relation Between Industrialization and Urbanism Before 1870

Social Differentiation in the Northern United States before the Civil War

X. Ante-Bellum Reform: Motivation, Means, and Accomplishment

Reformers' Goals and Views of American Society: Higginson, Wright, Whittier,
Fuller, Dix, Mann, Temperance Songs, Brisbane in Curti, pp. 389-76,

480-84; Alice Tyler, Freedom's Ferment; David Davis, ed., Ante-Bellum Reform

Techniques and Organization of the Reformers

Accomplishment: What and How Measured?

XI. Slavery, Sectionalism, The Civil War and American Society

The Effect of Slavery Upon the Black man: Allan Weinstein and Otto Gatell, eds.,
American Negro Slavery

The Effect of Slavery Upon the White Man: Social Stratification and Mobility
in the South

Comparison of the North and the South: Ideology and Social Structure

The Civil War and American Society: Cause or Consequence?

XII. The American Dream as Ideal and Reality, as Heritage and as History