



# Middle Colonies

Delaware ♦ New Jersey  
New York ♦ Pennsylvania

# Colonies



- Charter Colony – Created through free enterprise under charters from the Crown (*Massachusetts*)
- Proprietary - Land granted to a family by a monarch (*Pennsylvania*)
- Royal Colony – Controlled directly by the king/queen (*New York, Virginia*)

# Physical Geography



- Climate was warmer → Longer growing season
- Soil is fertile and good for farming
- Some coastline → Ports for trading & moving goods



# Dutch

- Dutch settled New Netherland (now New York)
- Profitable fur trade
- Friendly with the Native American
- Trade weapons and other supplies with Native Americans
- Traded with British Merchants – This broke Mercantilism laws



# TIME FOR HISTORY

Lake Ontario

-  Territory of New Netherland  
1624AD to 1664AD
-  Territory of New Sweden  
1638AD to 1655AD

 **Fort Orange**  
Near Modern Albany

Hudson River

 **New Amsterdam**  
Near Modern New York

**Nya Korsholm**  
Near Modern Philadelphia

Delaware River

**Fort Kristina**  
Near Modern Wilmington

**Fort Nassau**



# Dutch-English Tension

- Don't like separation of colonies
- Mercantilism violations
- Puritans that settle in area are hostile/mean to Dutch people
- Soil is fertile and there may be \$\$\$

## Duke of York

- King Charles II brother
- If you can take over you may have it
- Warships – Takes it easily – **NEW YORK** after Duke





# Pennsylvania

- William Penn is Quaker
  - ALL people are connected to God – no ministers
  - ALL people are equal, including women
  - Against slavery
- Quakers persecuted in England



# Pennsylvania



- Penn is friends with King Charles II -  
Makes a deal
- Establishes PENNsylvania
- Hands out pamphlets promoting his colony in many languages.
- Establishes Philadelphia – City of Brotherly Love



# Pennsylvania



- Many came
- New colonist must purchase land from Native Americans
- Penn establishes an elected assembly
- Not perfect but best colony around

# Delaware

- First settled by Swedes
- Dutch took over
- England took over when it claimed New York.
- PENN now oversaw Delaware
- Setup an elected assembly there too.



# New Jersey

- First settled by Dutch
- Gained when England claimed New York
- Given to Quakers but when they went bankrupt and purchased by Penn and other Quakers



# Economic Activity



- Farming – grains, fruit, vegetables
- CASH Crop Farming – Grain (Wheat)
- Called the “breadbasket”
- Mills – grinding grain into flour  
Colonists eat 1 pound of grain/day

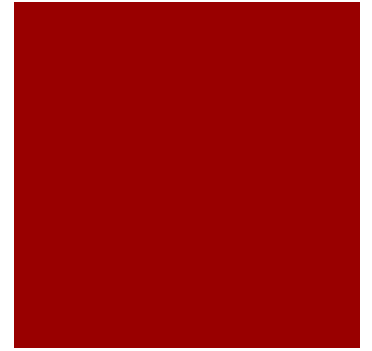
# Economic Development



- Manufacturing
  - Iron
  - Flour
  - Paper
- Artisans (*German*)
  - Shoemakers / Weavers / Carpenters / Masons
- Cooper – Barrel makers for flour / goods to transport

# People

- Live in Cities
  - Philadelphia –Delaware River
  - New York (was New Amsterdam)
- Large farms with villages



Area claimed by New York and New Hampshire



Albers Conic Equal-Area projection



# Backcountry

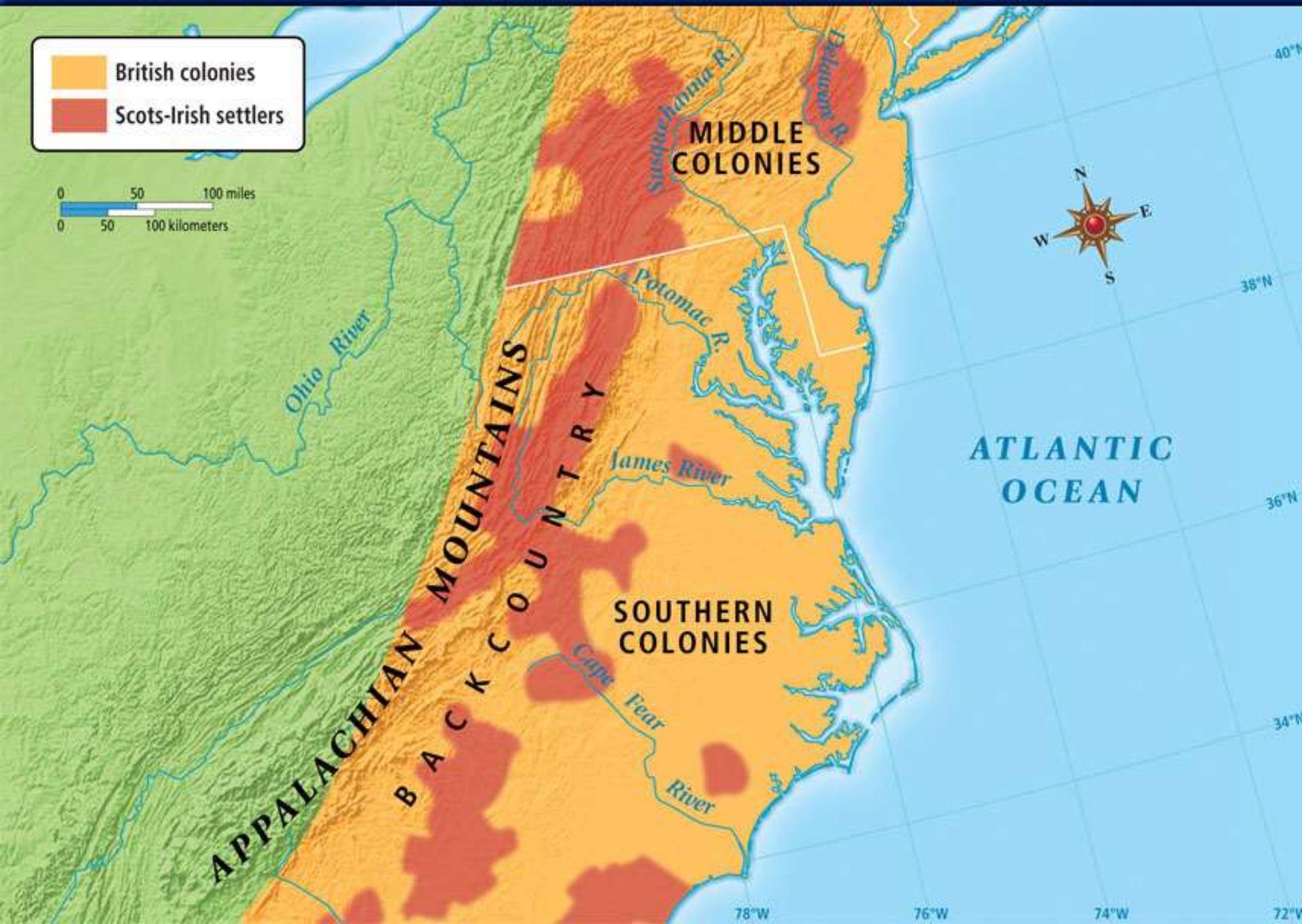
- Frontier region
- Extends from Pennsylvania to Georgia

## People

- Many NOT English
  - Scot-Irish / German (Deutsch)
- Often fought with Native Americans



# The Backcountry 1750



# Backcountry

- Traveled in covered wagons
- Area known as Great Wagon Road

