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A Summary of Cultural Characteristics, ca. 1700-50

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Location

Hearth	Massachusetts	Virginia	Delaware Valley	Back-country
Region	Greater New England	Tidewater South	N.J. PA. DE.. N.MD	Southern Highlands

Language & Literacy

Dialect	Northern	Southern Coastal	Midland	Southern Highland
Literacy (S)(M/F)	80% / 50%	50% / 25%	65% / 33%	n.a.
Materials	Wood frame	Wood & Brick	Stone & Brick	Earth & log
Style	Saltbox, Stretched Box	Hall & parlor	Quake plan	Cabin style

Family

Identity	Strong nuclear	Extended	Moderate nuclear	Clan & derbfine
Cohesion	High	LOW	Moderate	Moderate
Complete	7	3	5	n.a.
d size (F)				
Servants (mean)	0-1	4-5	1	n.a.
Ceremony	Civil Contract	Sacred ceremony	Meeting & agreement	Abduction Rituals
Mean Age (Ma) (m/l)	26 / 23	24 / 18	27 / 24	20 / 19
Adults never wed (m/f)	2% / 6%	25% / 2%	12% / 16%	n.a.
Male dominance	Moderate	High	Moderate	Very High
Preuptial Pregnanc	Low (10-20%)	High (20-40%)	Very low (5-15%)	n.a.

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Rate				
(PPR)				
Bastardy rates (B)	Low (7-10)	High (28 - 118)	Low (1-7)	Unknown
Child Naming, Child Nature/Nurture				
Origin of Names	Biblical	Norman / Teuton	Mixed Biblical	Saints Names
Bible Names (NB)	90%	50%	70%	65%
Descent of names	2 generations nuclear	3 generations extended	3 generations bilateral	3 generations
Parent Names (Np)	60 - 70%	20 -30%	20 - 30%	20 - 30%
Child nurture	Will-break ing	Will-bendi ng	Will-braci ng	Will-buildi ng
Sending out	Yes	Mixed	No	mixed
Old Age, Death				
Age ideals	Elder-Saint	Elder-Patriarch	Elder-Teacher	Elder-Thane
Age Ideology	Veneration	Patriarchy	Elderly	Tanistry
Age heaping (A)	Old age bias	Seniority bias	no census data	Mixed
Death Ways	Activist-Fatalist	Stoic-Fatalist	Optimist-Fatalist	Nescient-Fatalist
Burial Customs	High austerity	High ceremon	Extreme austerity	Folk ritual
		y		
Religion & Magic				
Demonination	Worship	Congregational	Anglican	Quaker
				Presbyt. etc.
	Lecture-entered	Liturgy-entered	Spirit-centred	Field mtg. &

Definitions of Quantitative Indicators:

- Age Bias, computed as a ratio of the reported age to expected age.
- Voting participation as a proportion of adult white males.
- Bastardy rate, illegitimate births per 1000 total births.
- Crime index, ration violent crimes against persons to crimes against property
- Mean years enrolled
- Completed family size, mean number of children born to all families
- Gini(?) ratio, ranging from .00 (perfect equality) to .99 (perfect inequality, the uppermost percentile owns all)
- Land grants, mean size in acres
- Mean age at first marriage
- Naming patterns, proportion of biblical names
- Proportion of first-borns children named for parents
- Crimes against order, as a proportion of all crimes
- Prenuptial pregnancy rate, proportion of first births within 8 months of marriage
- Refined persistence rate, percent of living adults persisting through 10 years.
- Signature/Mark literacy rates, percent signing by mark
- Season of marriage, the timing of major peaks in the annual marriage cycle

Note: These two (hand-in-hand) pages really are notes taken during a class while I attended college around 1997. At the time, I just knew this was information that led to a general insight when it comes to genealogy. -Peg