

Palatinate Migration: Boat People of the 1700s

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Origin of Palatinate

Role of the Roman Empire

Count Palatine

Thirty Years War

Palatine surrounded by French Catholics on west and German Catholics on the east Palatine was predominately Roman Catholic, but Calvinism accepted in the 1560's

Role of William Penn

Deeded 40,000 acres in Pennsylvania in 1681 to pay father's bill of King Charles II
Penn went to Rhine region to encourage migration to Pennsylvania.

War of the Palatinate 1688-1697 between mainly France and Germany

Palatinate region was ravaged by the armies of Louis XIV of France and Germany

Spanish Succession War of 1701-1709

Grand Alliance of England, Netherlands, and the Austrian Habsburgs against Louis

XIV Severe Winter of 1709 and the beginning of mass migration to America

Many died of starvation others were seeking food

Queen Anne offered settlement in England but the country was soon overwhelmed
1000 per week arrived in England and by November 1709, 32,000 were in England
1/3 stayed in England, 1/3 went to Ireland and the rest went to America

Trip to America

Indentured or passage payed to ship captain

Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Abjuration

Passenger lists of each group did not always compare because of language

Port of Cowes in England and on to Nova Scotia and Philadelphia

Ireland went to New York, Canada and Pennsylvania. English to Pennsylvania
Germans to Pennsylvania "Pennsylvania Dutch"