

Ch 2 Section 4 Settlement of the Middle Colonies

The Dutch Found New Netherland

A Diverse Colony

- In 1621, the Dutch West India Company colonizes **New Netherland**
- Settlers from other European countries and Africa welcomed
- Dutch trade for furs with Native Americans

English Takeover

- In 1664, duke of York becomes **proprietor** (owner) of New Netherland
 - renames colony New York
 - later gives part of land to friends, names it New Jersey

The Quakers Settle Pennsylvania

Penn's "Holy Experiment"

- In 1681, **William Penn** founds Pennsylvania on Quaker principles
- **Quakers** ideas: social equality, cooperation, religious toleration, pacifism
- Pennsylvania meant to be a "holy experiment"
 - adult males get 50 acres, right to vote
 - representative assembly
 - freedom of religion

Native American Relations

- Penn treats native people fairly; over 50 years without conflict

A Thriving Colony

- Penn recruits immigrants; thousands of Germans go to Pennsylvania
- Quakers become minority; slavery is introduced

Thirteen Colonies

- Lord Baltimore, a Catholic, founds Maryland; has religious freedom
- James Ogelthorpe founds Georgia as haven for debtors
- By 1752, there are 13 British colonies in North America