

Rhode Island



Rhode Island was called the
“sewer” by its Puritan neighbors.

Land of the Outcasts... Strongly Independent Minded
Not necessarily similar; they were just unwanted everywhere else.
Roger Williams and Anne Hutchison, for example.

They were against special privilege, enjoyed freedom of religion (even for Jews and Catholics), kept church and state separate, more men could vote here than in other colonies

“Little Rhody” was later known as “the traditional home of the otherwise minded.”

It finally secured a charter in 1644 from King Charles II.

PURITAN REBEL!

ROGER WILLIAMS

Minister in Salem, MA

Condemned MA Bay Charter for not compensating Natives for their land

Supported separation of church and state

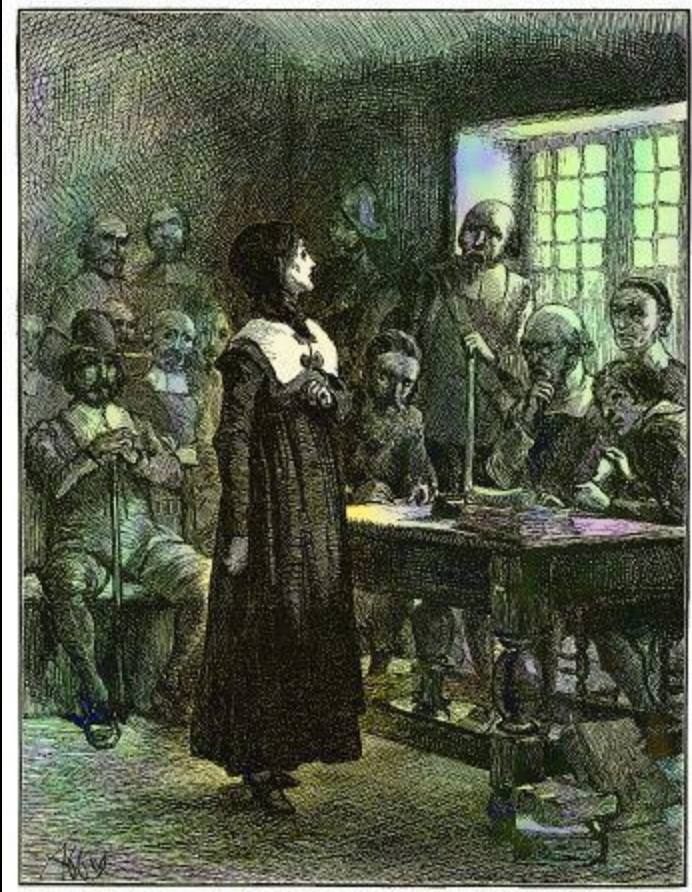
Exiled for preaching “new and dangerous opinions” in 1635, including
The Bloody Tenant of Persecution

Fled for Rhode Island with help from Natives, established first American Baptist Church in Providence



PURITAN REBEL

Anne Hutchison



Strong willed, extremely intelligent, outspoken woman, mother of 14

Challenge Patriarchy, supported separation of Church and State

Claimed that a holy life was no sure sign of salvation and that the truly saved so need not bother to obey the law of either God or man.

Brought to trial in 1638, where Anne boasted that her beliefs were directly from God.

She was banished from the colony and eventually made her way to Rhode Island.

She died in New York after an attack by Indians.