



VS 3 Jamestown & Beyond - The Later Years

Jamestown survived, even though in the early years it came very close to failure many times. By now Jamestown had grown beyond the fort and people were settled other parts of Virginia.

Back in 1614 John Rolfe introduced a variety of tobacco that in many ways saved the struggling colony. Tobacco is now a cash crop for many (a cash crop is a crop grown to sell to make cash or money \$\$).



Government- 1619 (General Assembly)

The royal governor (the governor was appointed by the king) called the first meeting of the General Assembly. At that time, only certain free adult men had the right to take place in the General Assembly. **They met as one legislative (law making) body that had 3 parts.**



This is the church in Jamestown where the first General Assembly met in 1619

The three parts of the 1619 General Assembly were:

One Legislative Body		
1. Two citizen representatives from each division of Virginia	2. The governor's council (appointed by the governor)	3. The royal governor (appointed by the King of England)
They were called burgesses .		

The General Assembly of 1619 was the first elected legislative body in English North America giving **some** settlers the opportunity to take part in controlling their own government.

Remember in 1619 they met as **ONE** legislative body that had 3 parts.

So what was Jamestown's system of government called?

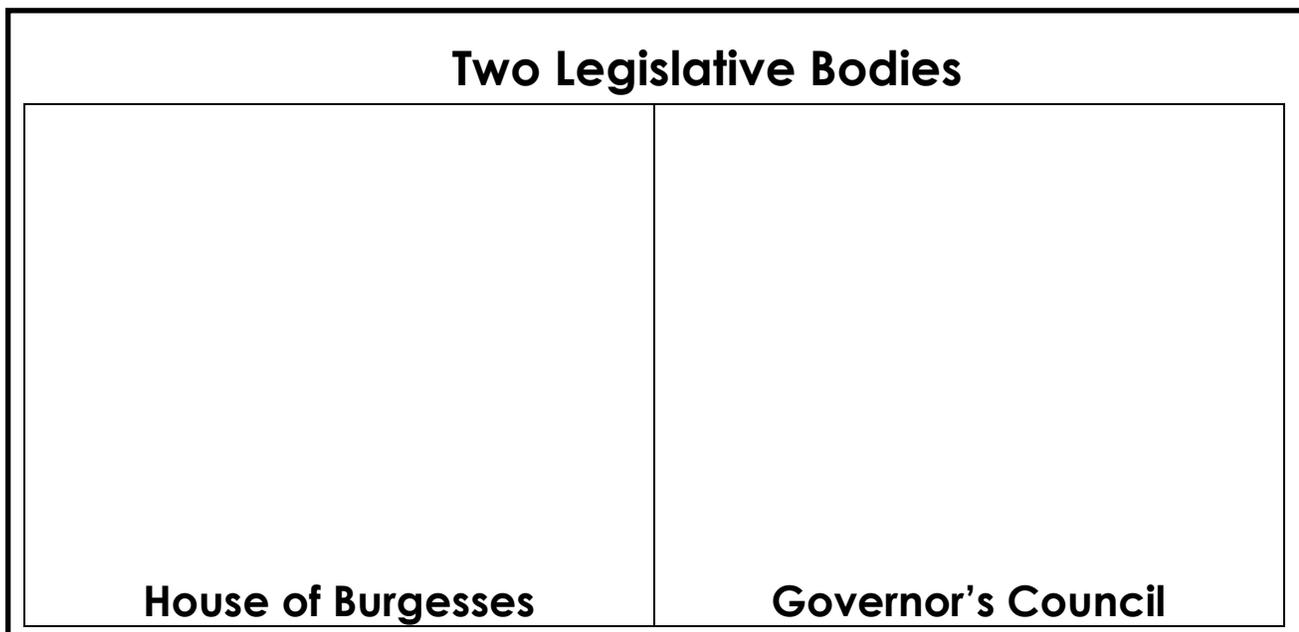


House of Burgesses 1640's

By the 1640s, the burgesses became a separate legislative body, called the **House of Burgesses**. They met separately from the Governor's Council as one of the **two legislative bodies** of the General Assembly.

The governor was no longer part of the General assembly.

1640's General Assembly



Virginia General Assembly-Today

Today we have the Virginia General Assembly. Our current Virginia General Assembly dates back to 1619 with the establishment of the General Assembly and its burgesses in Jamestown. The governor is still not part of the General Assembly today.

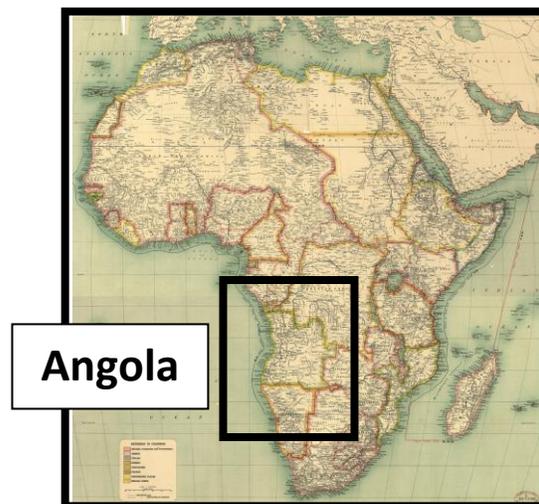


Arrival of Africans-1619

In 1619 the first Africans arrived in Virginia against **their will**.

How did the Africans get to Virginia?

Portuguese sailors captured African men and women from what is present-day **Angola** (see map below). The legal status of these early African men and women as either servants or enslaved persons in Virginia is unknown.



How did the arrival of Africans impact the Jamestown settlement?



The arrival of Africans made it possible to expand the tobacco economy. Tobacco was labor intensive and the Africans were a source of labor. Remember- it is not known if these early African men and women were servants or enslaved persons.

Arrival of Additional Women-1620

By this time, Virginia has become a more diverse colony.



Bride Ship-

In 1620 the first “bride ship” arrived in Virginia. It was called a “bride ship” because it brought single women to Virginia. These women chose to come to Virginia to marry single male colonists.



The arrival of women made it possible for settlers to start families and helped make Virginia a permanent colony.

The arrival of additional women in 1620 made it possible for more settlers to establish families and a permanent settlement in Virginia.

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