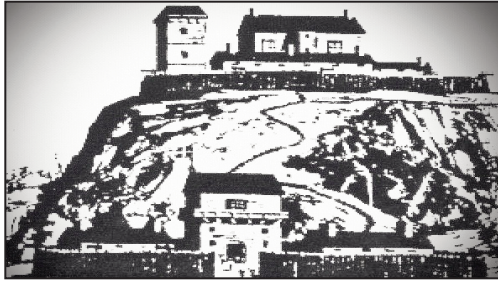


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BEFORE THE PILGRIMS European Exploration in Northeastern North America

For many decades American schoolchildren learned the European settlement of the east coast of North America began with the Plymouth Colony. Jamestown, if mentioned at all, was a distant second, and St. Augustine was forgotten. But this is a gross distortion. After the 1497 voyages of John Cabot a steady stream of Portuguese, Basques, Bretons, Normans, and interior French arrived in New France. They came for fishing, whaling, trading, and, occasionally, colonial settlement. The Native Americans met these newcomers with strategies that expressed their own interests, ranging

from alliances to armed conflict. For instance, the Norse settlement on Greenland was only finally abandoned in the 1440s, leaving the Inuit with a cen-



The Defeat of the Iroquois at Lake Champlain, 1608

centuries-old taste for iron that had to be met. By the time the Pilgrims arrived, even permanent European settlements had been in New France for 15 years. Historians and archaeologists have recently added to our understanding of the so-called

“Contact Period,” one that established many of the patterns of misunderstanding and flawed interaction that shaped later centuries. Dr. Kelley will sketch out some of the most important of these recent findings.

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