

Arrival of Africans and Women

In 1619, Africans arrived in Jamestown against their will. Portuguese sailors captured African men and women from what is present-day Angola. The status of these early African men and women as either servants or slaves in Virginia is unknown. The arrival of the Africans made it possible to expand the tobacco economy. They tended to work on plantations, tending to the tobacco crop.

In 1620, the arrival of additional women to Jamestown made it possible for more settlers to establish families; thus, a permanent settlement at Jamestown was created.