1641 - Shipbuilder Nehemiah Bourne, in Boston on special permit from England, launches the Trial, 160-ton ship which plies the trade to the Azores and West Indies.

1642 - John Harrison invited to Boston to set up cordage business

1642 - English Civil War reduces immigration to the colonies, creates economic pressures, allows Boston to establish trade routes with West Indies

1642 - John Harrison in Boston