The Original Settlers

"These 42 persons were the first of our nation that came to this country."

From The Sheftall Diaries, a magnificent first-hand account of the life of the infant Congregation Mickve Israel as written by a founder, Benjamin Sheftall, and continued by his son Benjamin and his son Levi.

1. Dr. Samuel Nunes Ribiero [in America, Nunez]
2. Zipporah, his mother [Editor’s note: Mother Nunez had died by 1703; this likely was his wife, Rebecca [Gracia Caetana da Veiga]
3. Daniel [Andre] Nunes, his son
4. Moses [Mandel] Nunes, his son
5. Maria Catena [Zipporah or Sipra] Nunes, his daughter
6. Shem Noah, his servant
7. Isaac Nunes Henrques
8. Abigail Sequeira Henriques, his wife
9. Shem Henriques, their son
10. “their other child dyed on board the ship”
11. Raphael Nunes Bernal
12. Rachel Bernal, his wife
13. David Lopez D’Olivera
14. Jacob Lopez D’Olivera
15. Judith D’Olivera, his wife
16. David D’Olivera, their son
17. Isaac D’Olivera, their son
18. Leah D’Olivera, their daughter
19. Aaron De Pivia [De Paiba]
20. Benjamin Gideon Abudiente
21. Jacob Lopez De Crasto
22. David Lopez De Pass
23. Zipporah De Pass, his wife
24. Isaac Da Costa Villareal
25. Abraham De Molina
26. Isaac Rodrigues de Miranda
27. Jacob Rodrigues de Miranda
28. David Cohen Delmonte
29. Rachel Delmonte, his wife
30. Isaac Delmonte, their son
31. Abigail Delmonte, their daughter
32. Hannah Delmonte, their daughter
33. Grace Delmonte, their daughter
34. Abraham Minis
35. Abigail Minis, his wife
36. Leah Minis, their daughter
37. Esther Minis, their daughter
38. Simon Minis, his brother
39. David Yowel [Joel?]  
40. Benjamin Sheftall
41. Perla Sheftall, his wife
42. Abraham De Lyon