

HISTORY

IMPORTANT PEOPLE:

The Pilgrim Fathers set sail from England to settle in America in 1620. Some of them were members of the English Separatist Church and had already fled to The Netherlands to escape persecution at home. At first they were known as the Old Comers but the discovery of a manuscript referring to them as *pilgrimes* led the orator Daniel Webster to refer to them as Pilgrim Fathers at a bicentennial celebration in 1820.

Abraham Lincoln made the speech called the Gettysburg Address on Nov 19th 1863. He presented it at the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery, on the site of the previous July's Civil War battle, as a tribute to those who died for *a new birth of freedom*.

The Watergate Scandal (1972-1975) brought down President Richard Nixon. This major political scandal began with the burglary and the wiretapping of the Democratic party's campaign headquarters following the revelation of illegal activities during Nixon's 1972 election campaign.