

William Penn

b. London, 10/14/1644; d. Buckinghamshire, 7/30/1718.

After being jailed in England for his Quaker faith, Penn founded Pennsylvania as his "Holy Experiment". He dealt fairly with the Lenape Indians, who called him "Brother Miguon". The Liberty Bell's inscription likely honors Penn's ideas of religious tolerance and self government expressed in the Charter of Privileges for Pennsylvania. This experiment succeeded and Philadelphia- the City of Brotherly Love - became the largest city in America.

"Let us then try what love will do."