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DELAWARE

The First State

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FLAG	DATE	WHY IT IS IMPORTANT
	1631 Dutch	Settle Zwaanendael
	1638 Swedish	Settle and build Ft. Christina
	1651 Dutch	Build Ft. Casimir
	1654 Swedish	Capture Ft. Casimir and name it Ft. Trinity
	1655 Dutch	Recapture Ft. Casimir and name it New Amstel
	1664 English	Capture New Amstel and name it New Castle
	1681-1682 English	Penn received patent for Pennsylvania and Three Lower Counties and came to New Castle
	1704 English	First Assembly of Three Lower Counties meet in New Castle
	1776 American	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Lower Counties separate from Pennsylvania and England • Colonies declare independence • First Delaware Constitution
	1787 American	Delaware is first to ratify the U.S. Constitution

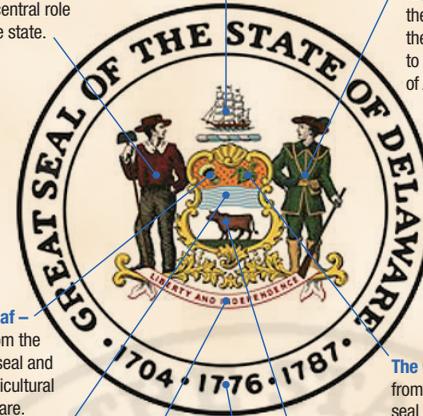
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SYMBOLS OF THE DELAWARE STATE SEAL

The Ship – a symbol of New Castle County's ship building industry and Delaware's extensive coastal commerce.

The Farmer – with the hoe represents the central role of farming to the state.

The Militiaman – with his musket recognizes the crucial role of the citizen-soldier to the maintenance of American liberties.



The Wheat Sheaf – was adapted from the Sussex County seal and signifies the agricultural vitality of Delaware.

The Corn – is taken from the Kent County seal and also symbolizes the agricultural basis of Delaware's economy.

The Water – stands for the Delaware River, the main stay of the state's commerce and transportation.

The Ox – represents the importance of animal husbandry to the state economy.

The Motto – was derived from the Order of Cincinnati, and approved in 1847.

The Dates – 1704, the year that Delaware established its General Assembly; 1776, the year that our independence was declared; and 1787, the year that Delaware became "the First State" by being the first colony to ratify the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL NOTES



New Castle Court House

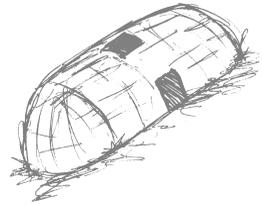
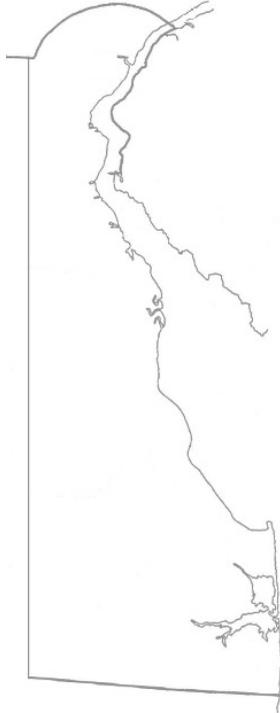
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DATE _____

PLACE OF ORIGIN _____

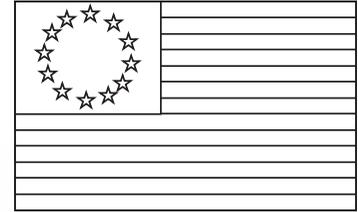
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Original People
Pre-European



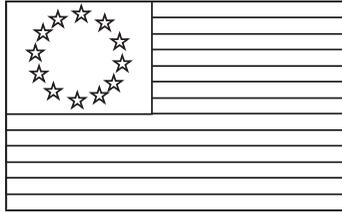
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Delaware ratifies
Constitution
1787



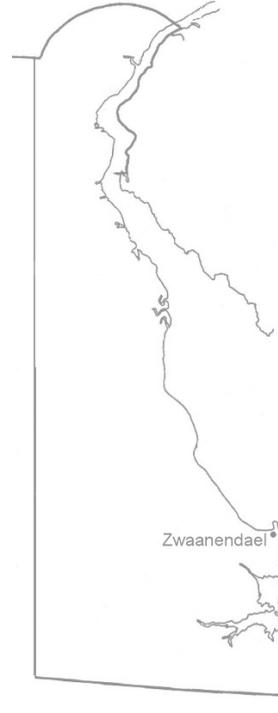
DELAWARE STATE

Delaware separates from
England and Pennsylvania
1776



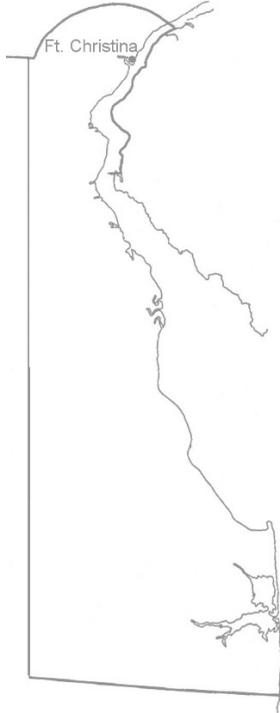
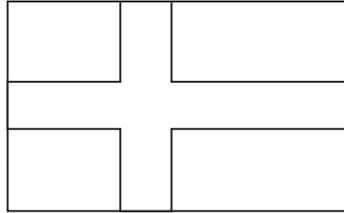
ZWAANENDAEL

Dutch built fort
1631



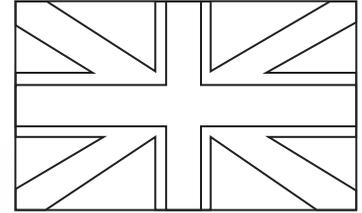
FORT CHRISTINA

Swedes built fort
1638



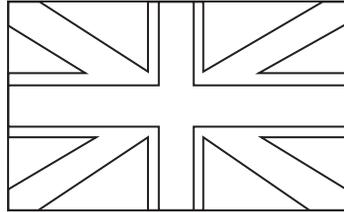
NEW CASTLE

Court House built
1732



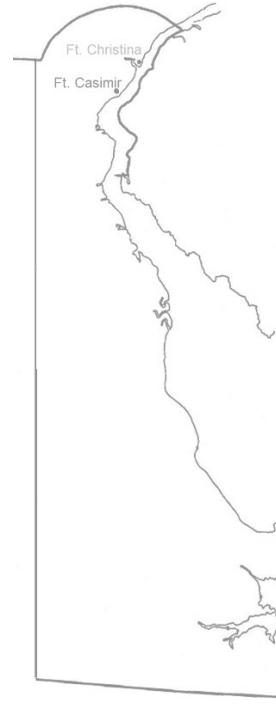
NEW CASTLE

William Penn arrives 1682
First Assembly in
Delaware 1704



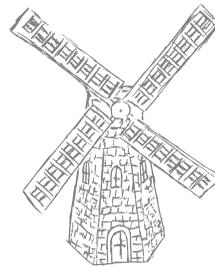
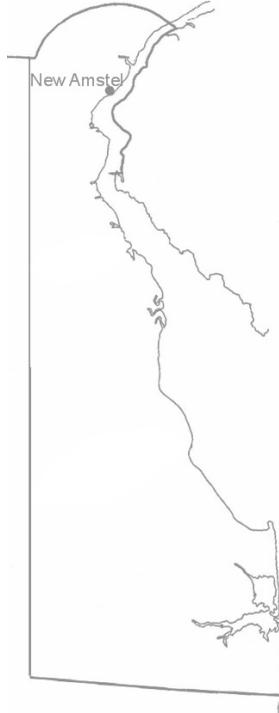
FORT CASIMIR

Dutch built fort
1651



NEW AMSTEL

Town named
1657



NEW CASTLE

British capture
and rename town
1664

