

## Significant Dates

- 1609** Henry Hudson sailed into the Delaware Bay.
- 1631** Delaware's first settlement began and lasted two years.
- 1683** A jury of twelve women at a court in Lewes found John Johnson Sr. not guilty of murdering his wife.
- 1690** Pirates raided Lewes.
- 1700** The famous pirate, Captain Kidd, visited Lewes and conducted business with several Lewes residents.
- 1730** A courthouse was built in Lewes, the county seat.
- 1776** The English vessel, *Roebuck* anchored off the coast of Lewes and many believed the crew burned the interior of the Cape Henlopen Lighthouse.
- 1798** HM Brig DeBraak sank 1 mile off Cape Henlopen in a sudden violent storm.
- 1813** Lewes was bombarded by English ships on April 6-7 1813.
- 1926** The Cape Henlopen Lighthouse fell into the Atlantic.
- 1941** Fort Miles was built at Cape Henlopen as United States Coastal Defense.
- 1945** In May, the German submarine U-858 surrendered and anchored at Cape Henlopen. The Crew, including 5 officers and 56 sailors, stayed in a camp in Lewes for several weeks.