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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 Ox** – represents the importance of animal husbandry to the state economy.
- **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 Wheat Sheaf** – was adapted from the Sussex County seal and signifies the agricultural vitality of Delaware.
- **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 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.

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LENNI LENAPE
Original People
Pre-European

DOVER
Delaware ratifies
Constitution
1787

New Castle
Dover
Lewes
DELAWARE STATE
Delaware separates from England and Pennsylvania 1776

ZWAAENENDAEL
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