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from
New Castle

Facts About New Castle

EARLY NAMES OF OLDE NEW CASTLE

- Tamaconck (Indian name for beaver)
- Sand Hook
- Fort Casimir
- New Amstel
- New Castle

Over the years New Castle was known as:

- The Colonial Capital
- The State Capital
- The County Seat
- The Court Town
- The Seaport

It was a sophisticated culture occupied by Merchants, Landowning Lawyers, Judges and Physicians.

1626 - New Castle was discovered by a small group of Dutch fur traders. The Swedes also found it a pleasant place to stop; but the majority of the people were of Dutch origin.

1664 - The English took over the thriving colony when the British fired on Fort Casimir. They killed three (3) Dutch Soldiers and wounded ten, then they took the rest of the Soldiers prisoners and sold them together with negro slaves to the English in Maryland.

1669 - Long Flinn was the first case tried by English rules. It was declared that he be whipped, branded with the letter "R" (for Rebellion) and held until he was sold in Barbados.

1682 - William Penn received the papers for land that was to be a 12 mile circle around New Castle. Still today, the bounderies of Delaware with Pennsylvania reflect parts of the 12 mile circle.

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1699 - The ship "Sweepstakes", laden and lying just off the town was attacked one night by 13 pirate ships and was carried off.

1730 - William Kelsey was hanged for burning the New Castle court house to the ground.

1831 - One of the first railroads ran along a route that connected Philadelphia, Annapolis and Baltimore. An interesting note; the railroad was operated under horse power until an English Locomotive was imported, and it took over the horses task.

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