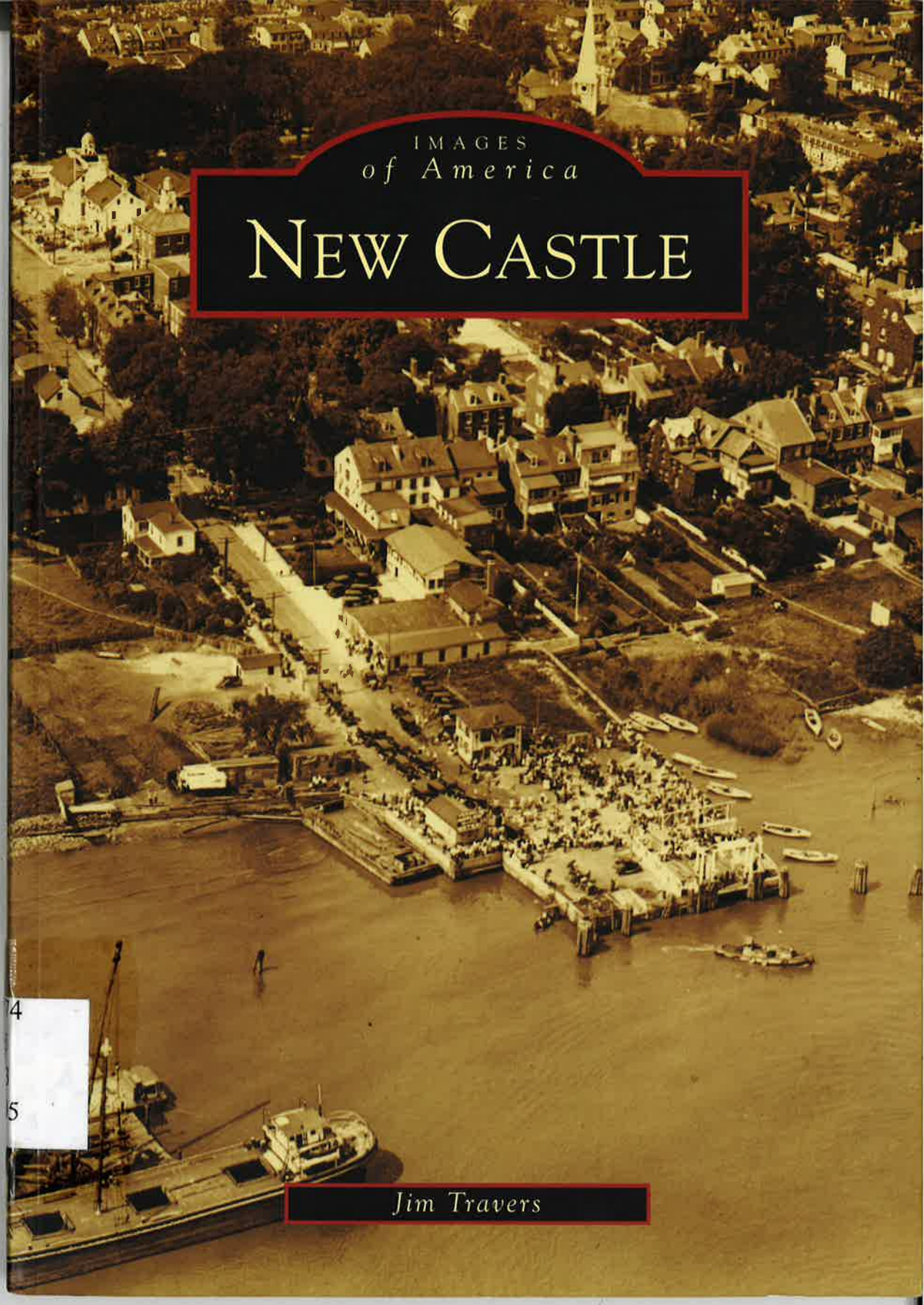


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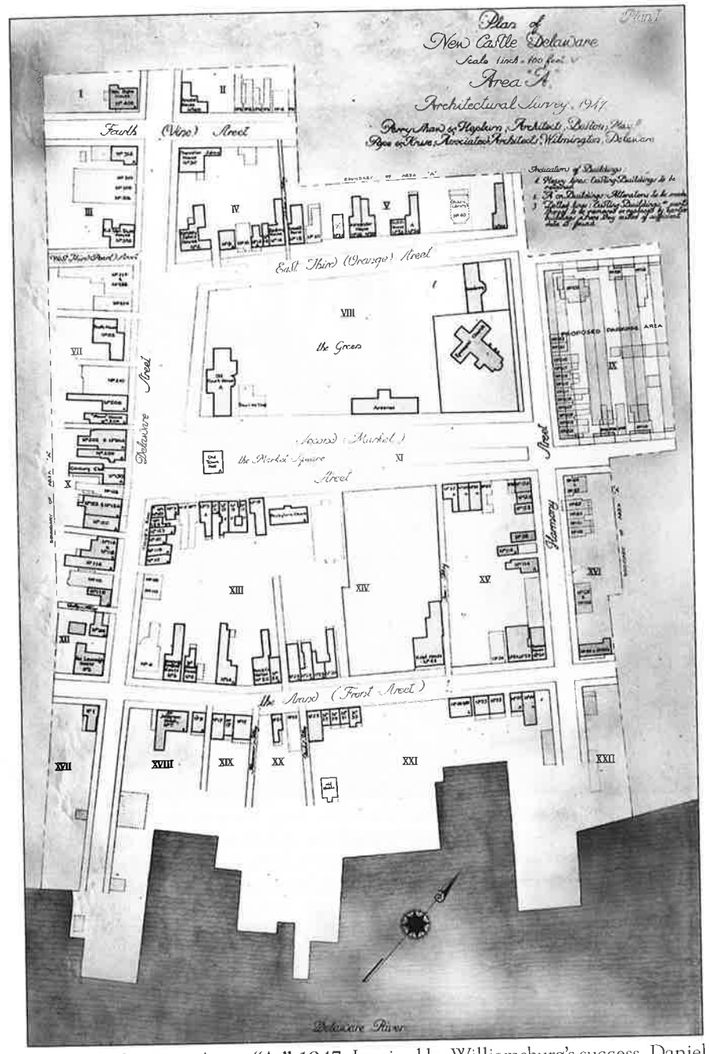
Flags of Four Nations. Holland, Sweden, England, and the United Sates have laid claim to Delaware and its first important town. Delawareans are most proud of the actions of the local courts and assemblies that followed—then rebelled against—English rule.



Center of Delaware's Arc. Commissioners of William Penn and George Calvert agreed on February 1, 1732, to measure the 12-mile arc of Delaware's border from this spire. After a 1771 fire, the roofline and cupola were changed to a Georgian style, as seen here. The west wing, to the left, is a fireproof replacement for a smaller 1765 wing, which cost about £220 and was used for offices and schoolrooms. The upper meeting rooms of the central portion have been used by numerous religious denominations. (Photograph by Gerald Carr.)



Chief of Police, 1915. Matthew Tobin stands in the east wing of the courthouse, where the city police had their office. The tradition of maintaining the peace at New Castle stretches back to the appointment of Edmund Cantwell as high sheriff in 1672. The county jail and sheriff's house, adjacent to the courthouse on the Green, were active until the late 19th century. Note the large safe, roll-top desk, and telephone. While the police force consisted of only two officers then, now it includes a staff of 15 patrolmen and detectives, plus a full-time chief, located in a new building just outside of town. (Courtesy of New Castle Court House Museum.)



Architectural Survey, Area "A," 1947. Inspired by Williamsburg's success, Daniel Moore Bates planned to eliminate many structures and turn New Castle into a 1830s outdoor museum. Those slated for removal are indicated here by dotted lines. On the right, only one building on the north side of Harmony Street between the Strand and Second Street would still be standing; the next block up would have been leveled for a parking lot. Also slated for destruction were the Old Library, the Opera House, the Sheriff's House, the David Finney Inn, and the Old Farmer's Bank, a total of over 50. Fortunately, funds for the project could never be raised. (Courtesy of Historical Society of Delaware.)

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Flying By and Passing Through



September 2, 1925. This view from the southwest shows the path of the long-abandoned New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad tracks leading from the river. They are now completely covered over in Battery Park. The crowd waiting to board the ferry is visible at far right, and the New Castle Court House is still clad in off-white stucco. Considering the extreme challenges of still photography in a moving aircraft, the clarity of the images from this old aerial sequence is remarkable. (Courtesy of Hagley Museum and Library.)