

Delaware — Wilmington

**325th
anniversary**

FIRST PERMANENT
SETTLEMENT

**WILMINGTON
DELAWARE**

Swedish Expedition
Under Peter Minuit

**MARCH
1638**

RE-DEDICATION
FORT CHRISTINA
MONUMENT

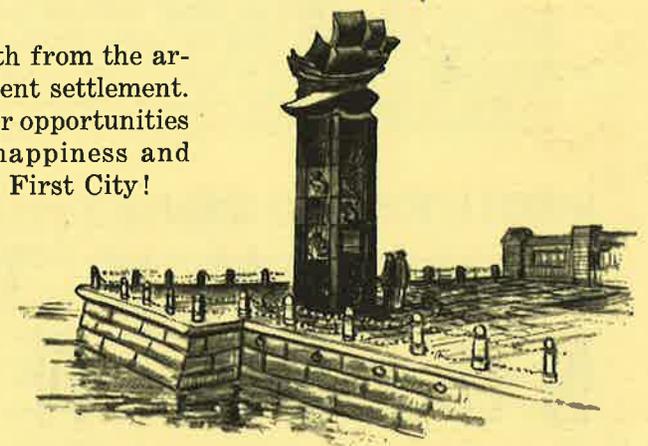
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Welcome to **NEW SWEDEN**

See 325 years of history unfold in the shrines and museums which trace the progress of a people endowed with the virtues of immigrants who struggled for peace and freedom in the New World.

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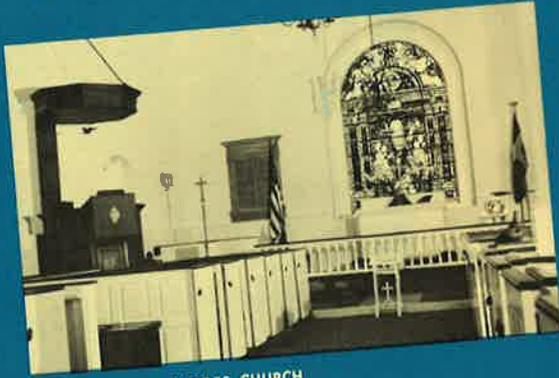
Wilmington dates its birth from the arrival of this first permanent settlement. You are invited to consider opportunities which may bring you happiness and prosperity in Delaware's First City!



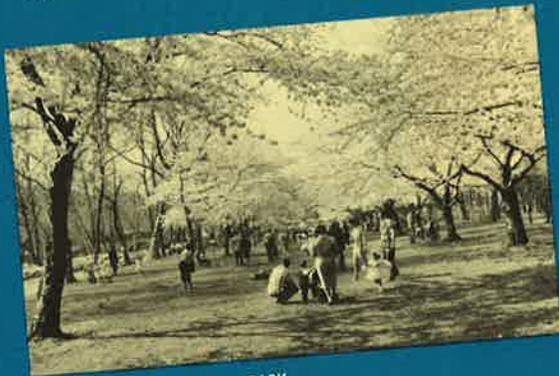
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FORT CHRISTINA MONUMENT



INTERIOR—OLD SWEDES CHURCH



SPRING IN BRANDYWINE PARK



WILMINGTON MARINE TERMINAL



CHRISTMAS IN RODNEY SQUARE

The city of Wilmington traces its origin to the first permanent settlement established on the banks of the Christina River in March, 1638. The 23 soldiers and officers who arrived with Peter Minuit's New Sweden Company on the Kalmar Nyckel and Fogel Grip remained to become the nucleus of that settlement. During the next five years the Colony expanded with Lt. Col. Johan Printz becoming Governor.

Shipwrecks and slow communications caused Governor Printz to feel that he had been forgotten by his young Queen—Christina, for whom the river was named. No new expeditions arrived between 1648 and 1653, so Printz decided to resign and return home.

In the interim, the largest expedition of all was organized by Johan Rising. He sailed from Sweden with 300 new settlers and soldiers in February, 1655 and arrived the following May. Meanwhile, the Dutch had built Fort Casimer at nearby New Castle on the Delaware River. On arrival, Rising challenged the fort and caused it to surrender. He proceeded to Fort Christina and became the new Governor. Since the community had grown it was now known as Christinaham.

English forces eventually invaded and captured the area after William Penn received his grant in 1683. The little community prospered, so by 1731 Thomas Willing, an Englishman, laid out new streets and started a new development called Willington. Later this was changed to Wilmington in honor of Spencer Compton, Earl of Wilmington. The city of 7,128 souls was incorporated in 1832.

Today Wilmington's population is estimated at 95,000 people. It has become known as the Chemical Capital of the World. It is the home of some of the world's most distinguished scientists.

It is home base for E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. (Inc.), Hercules Powder Company and Atlas Chemical Industries, Inc. It is also the world center for manufacturing of vulcanized fibre, morocco and kid leathers and boasts the largest single cotton dyeing and finishing plant in the world—Joseph Bancroft & Sons Company.

Wilmington Marine Terminal is the first inbound port on the Delaware River. A number of industries cluster around the harbor, which has excellent warehouses, including large refrigerated units. Its quay type wharf can accommodate seven sea-going vessels which anchor without benefit of tugs.

Nearby are famous Winterthur and Hagley Museums. The first traces American culture from 1640 to 1840. Industrial exploits of that period are graphically illustrated at Hagley. Old Town Hall has a fine Lafayette collection, while Delaware Art Center features a pre-Raphaelite collection and works of local artist Howard Pyle.

There is a good park system, with Brandywine Park cutting into center city. Schools are modern and five hospitals serve the area. Flat and harness racing are enjoyed at nearby tracks. (Dates on request.) Fishing and boating are available the year-round.

Wilmington, Delaware is a friendly city with a future. Planning for that future is the prime object of the present city government.

You are cordially invited to work, play and live here in the hub city of the East with its access to great metropolitan areas. Plan to visit us soon.

The Mayor and Council

Public Building • Wilmington

325 YEARS OF PROGRESS



JOHN E. BABIARY
MAYOR

City of Wilmington
Delaware



Office of the Mayor

Med Hälsning Till Alla!

Vi sänder härmed en innerlig inbjudan till Sveriges folk och särskilt till invånarna i vår systerstad Kalmar att besöka oss vid detta historiska 325 årsjubileum till minne av edra förläders framgångsrika resa till Amerika.

Hans Excellens, Elbert N. Carvel, Delawares Guvernör, förenar sig med mig i den förhoppning att våra vänskapabånd skall förnyas under detta historiska år gäms utbyte av besök så att våra folk får tillfälle att närmare lära känna varandra.

Vi är djupt tacksamma att HMK Konung Gustav VI Adolf har möjliggjort ett besök av HMK Prins Bertil för att tillsammans med oss fira uppförandet av den företa permanenta kolonin på våra stränder.

Vi ser med glädje fram emot att fortsätta våra lyckosamma utbyten nu och för framtiden.

Högakningsfullt,

John E. Babiary

Borgmästare John E. Babiary

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