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All Citizens Invited to A Celebration of Citizenship

On September 16, 1987, America's schools will participate in a national tribute to the Constitution by conducting a day-long "teach-in" entitled "A Celebration of Citizenship." Curriculum materials have been distributed to over 100,000 schools to assist teachers with lesson plans and activities. More than 66 million students, teachers and administrators in this country as well as participants in American schools abroad will participate. At 1 PM EDT, President Reagan will lead the nation in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance broadcast over television and radio stations. Immediately following this historic event, former Chief Justice Warren Burger will lead Americans in a reading of the Preamble.

All Americans are invited to wear something red, white, and blue on the 16th, to display the flag, and to celebrate with bicentennial speakers and 1787 menus. At 4 PM EDT, all institutions with bells or chimes are asked to join in a ringing tribute to the Constitution with 200 seconds of sound to be followed by 200 seconds of silence.

This celebration of citizenship will commence the celebration of the Constitution's Bicentennial which lasts through the ratification of the Bill of Rights on December 15, 1991.



Bicentennial Murals

Delaware artist Jack Lewis of Bridgeville painted the ten episodes of Delaware history now hanging on the walls in Legislative Hall in Dover to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution and Delaware's ratification of it as "the First State." The project was commissioned by the 1986 Legislative Council of the General Assembly. See pages 8 through 10.

RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION BY DELAWARE

On Friday, December 7, 1787, thirty Delaware delegates, ten from each county, in Battell's tavern in Dover, signed the parchment document ratifying the United States Constitution. They voted to "fully, freely and entirely approve of, assent to, ratify and confirm the said Constitution." Delaware was the first state to ratify and one of only three to ratify unanimously. It is from this event that Delaware takes her identity as "The First State."

Harold Hancock

Dr. Harold B. Hancock, noted Delaware historian, died of a heart attack July 9, 1987. Dr. Hancock, a native of Delaware, and professor emeritus of history at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio, where he lives, was spending his summer in Delaware teaching and doing research as he has done for many years.

Dr. Hancock will be best remembered for his love of Delaware and his dedication to researching and writing about the history of "The First State." A prolific author, Dr. Hancock had completed, just days earlier, the index for his most recent book, *Delaware 200 Years Ago*, sponsored by the Delaware Heritage Commission. His works include a study of Delaware loyalists, *Liberty and Independence*, many town histories, and the introductions for both volumes of *Votes and Proceedings of the Delaware House of Assembly*, and hundreds of articles. The Delaware Heritage Commission deeply regrets the passing of Dr. Hancock, a dear friend who will be sorely missed.

Delawareans Ratify the Constitution

The Heritage Commission is providing facsimiles of Delaware's ratification document of 1787 to schools throughout the state. These unmounted ratification documents measure 30" x 40" and have room for a large group of signatures. Other organizations or businesses are encouraged to stop by the office to obtain free copies.

Note: "Fully, freely and entirely approve of, assent to, ratify and confirm" is the language Delaware's delegates used to ratify the United States Constitution.

Delaware 200 Years Ago

September 25, 1787

The Honorable George Read Esq.
Sir,

I received by Mr. Bassett, Yours of the 24th Instant, inclosed therein, A printed Copy of a System, for the General Government of the United States of America. from the Great Difference of habits, Interest and Local Circumstances among the Several States made it no doubt a most Arduous task, being now compleated and came forth with that Unanimity that Clearly Appears from the face of the proceedings, it is to be hoped it will not meet with much Opposition from any of the States, nor from the state of Delaware in any particular. I am Extremely Pleased with the System and shall give it every Aid in my power to the after proceedings which may be Necessary for the furthering into effect fully, the Constitution, Ordained [by the Convention.] I have now to give the Deputies from Delawar in some [way] and you Sr. in particular, my cenceer thanks for your faithfull and punctual Attendance in Convention, not doubting the Result of your wise and Deliberat Exposition [will be] the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity. Also inclosed Your Acctt. as one of the Deputies from Delaware State to the Convention of the United States of £102 requesting an Order on the Treasury. I have inclosed your Account with and Order thereon for the amount thereof on the State Treasurer.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Your Very Humble Servt.
Thos. Collins

Courtesy of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania



Election Riots

On October 10, 1987 the colorful Sussex County election riots of 1787 will be recreated at an 18th century fair at Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown. Under the direction of Marsha Faulkner and Nita Gary, the Possum Point Players will reenact this colorful and exciting episode of Delaware history. The large cast will include bell-couse men, townspeople, horsemen, and a fife and drum corps. S. Joseph Fantl is writing the script and Mimi du Pont is designing the set.

On October 1, 1787, annual legislative elections were held throughout Delaware. In New Castle and Kent counties, the elections went peacefully, but such was not the case in volatile Sussex, where riots prevented the election which was postponed until October 15. A legislative investigation voided those results, called a new election for November 26, and changed the site from Lewes to more neutral Vaughan's Furnace. The Constitutional ratifiers were chosen at this election which was once more hotly contested.

At the special election at Vaughan's Furnace on November 26, companies of "associators," mostly veterans, appeared with colors flying, armed with clubs, pistols, and swords. Petitions claimed that companies of armed men stationed near the polling place prevented Whigs from voting and intimidated many voters. A prejudiced Whig commentator, "Timoleon" [Dr. James Tilton], reported that upon that occasion "sundry persons were insulted and violently assaulted professedly because they were Whigs, Presbyterians or Irishmen; that one fellow in particular, after assaulting a Whig with several blows, swore his teeth had grown an inch on that day that he might eat Presbyterians and Irishmen; that some huzzaed for the King, and others expressed a hope that they might again come under the old government."

On October 10 we will relive one of the most colorful and exciting events in Delaware history and one which directly preceded our unanimous ratification of the U.S. Constitution. Despite the bitter differences which separated the Delaware factions, all supported our justly famed and long lived ruling document.

October 15, 1787 Sussex County election riot painting by Peggy Kane of the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs. This painting is on display in the Division's "Constitutional Documents of the First State" exhibit at the Dover Visitors Center.

Bicentennial Communities

Millsboro, Wilmington, and Wyoming have been recognized as official bicentennial communities!

The Town of Millsboro, under the direction of Mayor Melissa S. Richardson, will kick off bicentennial celebrations with a town picnic on September 19, raindate September 20.

The Town of Milford will commemorate the bicentennial with a series of events in September beginning on September 12 with a concert by the Air Force Band of McGuire Air Force Base at Milford High School, 2 pm. A Sound and Light Show will be held at the Parson Thorne Mansion at dusk on September 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20. On Saturday, the 26th, "The First Signal," an exhibition of Delaware's most significant historic documents, opens at the Milford Museum. A tour of homes, sponsored by the Milford Historical Society, has been arranged for September 27, "Old Milford Day," from 1-5 pm. Also in commemoration of the bicentennial, Milford will publish "Business and Industry of Milford, Delaware," with a grant from the Delaware Heritage Commission.

The Great Bicentennial Ladybug Launch

On June 4, 1987, on Legislative Mall, Governor Michael N. Castle and students from South Dover Elementary School opened a multitude of plastic bags and began the first official Great Bicentennial Ladybug Launch. Children and adults cheered as the tiny ladybugs, Delaware's official state bug, crawled their way out of clear sandwich bags. The first bug out of Governor Castle's bag eventually took off for the skies, but not without encouragement from the Governor as the little beetle crawled up a gubernatorial arm. Ladybugs were everywhere, on arms, legs, in hair, on the lawn, and in the sky.

The following day, this same delightful scene was replayed at 60 elementary schools throughout the state. All together, over a million ladybugs were launched as some of the youngest citizens of Delaware were educated about this significant bicentennial year. As one young student was heard to say, the Constitution gives us many rights, including "the right to have bugs."

Freshest Advices

Being a Collection, of the latest news and information, printed for the benefit of our Esteemed Readers:

The Red Clay School District under the direction of Charles Brogdon, who supervises social science for the schools, will showcase many constitutional performances and activities on Rodney Square each day, September 21-25. Stop by at lunch time to see the wealth of art exhibitions, dramatic presentations, musical performances, and other accomplishments of this foresighted school group.

The Delaware State during the American Revolution by Dr. Harold Hancock has been awarded the Stephen Taylor prize by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Dr. Hancock is the first Delawarean ever to receive this award.

Delaware's 100 year history as shipmaker will be recalled at Bethel on October 3, 1987. Festivities include a gala parade, ship museum trips, tour of the last of the Sailing Ram shipyards and first day sale of Dr. Marvel's book, *The Sailing Rams*. For more information call 875-5871.

The renowned Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale performed at Loudis Hall at the University of Delaware on June 12 as part of a tour of the thirteen original states. The program, "Let Freedom Sing," featured a variety of American music styles including spirituals, shaker-songs, and music of the American theatre. This lively program was well received by residents of "The First State."

The Delaware Folklife Project was reorganized recently with Justine Mataleno of Wilmington chosen to serve as president.

On July 16, a bicentennial mural created by Debra Davis, Robert Martin, and David Dutton, inmates of the Sussex Correctional Institute in Georgetown, was unveiled at an exhibition of prisoners' art in the Mayor's Reception Room in Wilmington. Participants in the ceremony were Mayor Daniel Frawley; Ruth Crossan, representing the Heritage Commission; Commissioner Robert J. Watson of the Department of Corrections; Kay Wood Bailey, Arts Program Director; and Barbara King, Executive Director, Wilmington Arts Commission.

Delaware artist Jack Lewis volunteered guidance for the 4' x 5' painting which will be hung in the SCI facility after a showing in Dover.

Delaware Film

Production of the film commemorating 200 years of Delaware history is moving along well. Scheduled for release in November, this colorful thirty minute film will capture the diverse and yet unified nature of the people of Delaware.

Christopher Sarson, producer of the film, describes the state he has been shooting as "a small state but with a wonderfully large number of stories." Those stories will trace Delaware's earliest settlements through the citification of New Castle County, the differences that appeared early on in the state's history between the lifestyles in the north and in the south, the emergence of the Brandywine Valley as the home of a school of painters, the development of the broiler industry in Sussex County, the rich legacy of John Dickinson and other Delaware patriots, and the significant events in Dover 200 years ago.

The common thread that will emerge from the film is the eight letter word that unifies the state. Delaware. Despite the magnitude of the diversity of the people who inhabit the small state, the film will reflect how Delawareans today unite behind common goals just as they did in 1787 when thirty Delawareans from the three counties put differences aside and united to "fully, freely and entirely approve of, assent to, ratify and confirm" the United States Constitution.

The film is being produced by WHYY under the direction of John Ford, Vice President of the station. Shooting has taken place statewide, covering Delaware from end to end. According to Mr. Ford, the Delaware film is "the most exciting project WHYY has undertaken in quite a while."

Speaker Brad Barnes Mourned

All Delawareans were saddened by the sudden death of B. Bradford Barnes, Speaker of the House of Representatives. Brad Barnes was popular as a politician and in his community and was very supportive of bicentennial activities. He was gracious in chairing the special meeting of the General Assembly addressed by Lord De La Warr during his recent visit. And it was by his request that the Jack Lewis bicentennial murals in Legislative Hall were included in this issue. The many good works of Speaker B. Bradford Barnes will be remembered, and he will be missed.

Opening of Constitutional Convention

AP/Wide World Photos



Jacob Broom, Richard Bassett, John Dickinson, George Read, and Gunning Bedford, Jr., Delaware's five delegates to the Constitutional Convention of 1787, returned to Philadelphia on May 24, 1987. Here portrayed on horseback by Paul Dunman, Tom Molin, Liz Molin, Sophie duPont, and Sylvia Brownlee, Delaware again made a triumphal entry into the City of Philadelphia. Even Rhode Island, which chose to stay home in 1787, participated this time. Horses and riders for all thirteen states were coordinated under the direction of Tom Molin, organizer of the Delaware Morgan Horse Guard.

At the invitation of the "We the People 200 Committee," all thirteen original states were invited to send five member delegations to participate in a series of conferences and events commemorating the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Constitutional Convention. Governor Michael N. Castle attended the festivities with Delaware's delegation which included Dr. Howard E. Row, Samuel L. Shipley, and Richard R. Cooch, all Heritage Commission members; Dr. Claudia L. Bushman, Executive Director of the Commission; and Kimberly Bowen, winner of the 1987 James T. McKinstry Scholarship program.

Lord and Lady De La Warr

During the first two weeks of June, the people of Delaware enjoyed the company of The Right Honorable Earl and Countess De La Warr. The Lord and Lady travelled the length and breadth of the state during their brief stay. Their hectic schedule included opening the Magna Carta exhibitions in Georgetown and Dover, visits to historic sites and museums, luncheons and teas with civic organizations, and a visit to a dairy farm in Sussex County. On June 6, the De La Warrs were the special guests at Salute '87, the air show where the Earl greeted members of the U. S. 82nd Airborne Division which relieved his unit during World War II.

He publicly thanked the Division for their assistance.

While in Delaware, Lord De La Warr was the recipient of two honorary degrees. On June 6, he received the degree of Associate in Applied Science from Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown. On June 9, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters was conferred by the University of Delaware.

Lord De La Warr addressed the Delaware General Assembly on June 10 at Legislative Hall. The Earl eloquently recalled the history of Delaware, and he spoke of the important bond between the United States and England today.



The Right Honorable Earl De La Warr receives an Honorary Degree at Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown.



Members of the Newark High School Yellow Jacket Band on their way to Independence Mall, Philadelphia, June 22.



Photo by Adriana Daniels

Dr. William B. Keene and Dr. Henry C. Harper of the Delaware Department of Public Instruction, and Robert P. Barnett, chairman of the Delaware Heritage Commission commemorate June 22 Delaware Day festivities aboard the Lady Christina.

"Delaware Day" in Philadelphia

On Monday, June 22, a day designated as "Delaware Day" by the "We the People 200 Committee," over 375 musicians and dignitaries traveled up the Delaware River from Wilmington to Philadelphia to participate in bicentennial festivities. Featured at the event were The First State Chorus, with over 100 singers from Delaware's three counties, and the Newark High School Yellow Jacket Band.

Early in the morning Delaware's colorful entourage boarded the Lady Christina at the dock in Wilmington. Three hours later, after a little musical practice and a lot of general merriment, the ship pulled into Penn's Landing in Philadelphia.

Upon arrival in Philadelphia, the delegation was met by two members of the Delaware Morgan Horse Guard. Tom Molin, organizer of the impressive Delaware horse unit, and his wife Liz were waiting on horseback when the ship arrived.

A parade formation was quickly assembled. The Yellow Jacket Band, dressed in black slacks and official Delaware bicentennial t-shirts, led the parade at a brisk pace. The band was followed by the First State Chorus attired in the 18th century style. Representatives from the General Assembly, including Tina G. Fallon, George R. Quillen, Jane Maroney,

and Joseph G. Di Pinto participated in the parade along with Dr. William B. Keene and Dr. Henry C. Harper from the Department of Public Instruction, Heritage Commissioners, members of Delaware's local bicentennial committees, representatives from the media, and an assortment of well-wishers. This large, energetic crowd from Delaware followed the musicians from Penn's Landing up to Independence Mall. The Delaware Morgan Horse Guard and a horse-drawn carriage followed the other members of the parade.

The colorful parade was a tremendous success and many local people and tourists seeing and hearing the festivities, followed along to Independence Mall. Delaware, the first state to ratify the U. S. Constitution, took first place status again in Philadelphia on this day. On June 22, 1987, Delaware became the first state to use the huge Judge Lewis pavilion built especially for the concert performances of all 50 states.

Willard G. Rouse, III, Chairman of "We the People 200," Hobart Cawood, Superintendent of Independence National Park, and representatives from the offices of Mayor Wilson Goode and Governor Robert Casey welcomed Delaware to Philadelphia. Governor Michael N. Castle made brief remarks about the significant role played by Delaware 200

years ago and presented a Delaware flag to the "We the People 200" committee. Robert P. Barnett, chairman of the Delaware Heritage Commission thanked the City of Philadelphia for the invitation to come and announced that Delaware had adopted an official bicentennial song, "We the People," the finale of the musical drama "Four Little Pages." Following Mr. Barnett's remarks, the First State Chorus, accompanied by twenty-five brass players, introduced the song.

Immediately following the brief ceremony, the Newark High School's Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Marching Band performed a series of moving and entertaining selections. The music was performed beautifully, under the direction of Lloyd H. Ross, and loud and sustained applause filled the air.

The First State Chorus looked particularly 1787ish in stunning, colonial attire. Under the direction of Evelyn Swensson, the Chorus sang a medley of patriotic favorites to the great delight of the audience. Several numbers were accompanied by the energetic performance of the Holidazzle Dancers.

At 6 pm the Newark High School Band performed again with great precision and skill to a smaller, but enthusiastic, crowd.

Living Legacy

Communities around the state are celebrating the bicentennial with the planting of trees and gardens in honor of this significant year. The Delaware Federation of Women's Clubs took an early lead in promoting the "Living Legacy" program with the planting of holly trees in 32 communities in the fall of 1986.

In other leafy news, the City of Wilmington and the Wilmington Garden Center are cooperating on the establishment of a Heritage Grove. The American Forestry Association sponsors this program in which seedlings from famous and historic trees are made available to local communities. The Heritage Grove will be dedicated on September 12 in a ceremony at the Wilmington train station, Front and French Streets. A reception open to the public begins at 6 pm with the ceremony following at 7 pm. The seedlings will be planted at the revitalized Valley Garden Park where they will stay for several years until they can be transplanted to a permanent site on the traffic island between Union and Lincoln at the southwest entrance to the city.

Also in commemoration of the bicentennial, a paved nature trail ½ mile long and accessible to the handicapped was dedicated at Blackbird State Forest in April. Sponsors of this project include the Forestry Section of the Department of Agriculture, the U. S. Forest Service, the Delaware State Federation of Women's Clubs, and the USDA-Soil Conservation Service.

In Bridgeville, a community park has been established on the corner of Main Street and Market Street thanks to the efforts of the Forestry Section of the Delaware Department of Agriculture, the Sussex County Soil Conservation Service, the Town of Bridgeville, the local Lions, Kiwanis, and 4-H clubs, Moose Lodge #1728, Woodbridge High School, and the U. S. Forestry Service.

The City of Milford and United Way of Dover have established bicentennial gardens with assistance from the Heritage Commission challenge grant program. For information on participation in the "Living Legacy" program, call the Commission office, 652-6662.

Lawyers and the 200th



William E. Wiggin
Executive Director
Delaware State Bar Association

Members of the legal profession in Delaware have joined in marking the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution. The organized Bar sees the Bicentennial as an educational experience to increase public gratitude for the Constitution and recognition of its importance in our lives.

In March, the Delaware Bar Foundation, the Heritage Commission, and the Historical Society of Delaware sponsored a mock Constitutional Convention attended by high school students throughout the state. Members of the bar, working with distinguished laymen, have also served as judges of a national student essay contest on the topic "Separation of Powers."

The Bar Association Bicentennial Committee, co-chaired by Henry Herndon and former Supreme Court Justice William T. Quillen, has embarked on a series of projects to increase public knowledge of the Constitution, including publication of a special issue of DELAWARE LAWYER,

the establishment of a speakers' bureau to address lay groups on Constitutional issues, and the production of Bicentennial radio messages.

On September 25, the Delaware Law School of Widener University will hold a convocation, which will include a replay of the argument in *Madison v. Marbury*, the seminal decision on judicial review of legislation challenged on Constitutional grounds.

Later this year the Bar and the Delaware Theatre Company will present a play on Constitutional themes intended for high school students. Major funding for this program was provided by the Bar Foundation and the Delaware Heritage Commission.

On November 30, the Bar Association and the Bar Foundation will sponsor a luncheon in the Gold Ball Room of the Hotel duPont in Wilmington, to which the public is cordially invited. For more information on this and other bicentennial Bar Association programs, call the Delaware State Bar Association at 658-5278.

Challenge Grants

The Delaware Heritage Commission recently approved grants to the following organizations.

Magna Carta Committee, Georgetown, \$500 for a reception.

Dover Heritage Trail, \$150 for a bicentennial program.

The American Wind Ensemble, \$1,500 for a bicentennial concert.

Alice Chen Pattison, \$1,380 for framing a series of bicentennial watercolors.

Delaware State Education Association, \$1,000 for bicentennial bookmarks.

Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown, \$2,700 for the Olde Fashioned 4th of July celebration.

The Town of Townsend, \$215 for a Townsend history booklet.

The United Way, \$300 for a garden for the handicapped.

The Milford Historical Society, \$3,980.71 for a book on the business history of Milford.

The City of Wilmington, \$2,500 for the 4th of July celebration.

The Town of Odessa, \$2,000 for a bicentennial celebration.

The Music Department of the University of Delaware, \$1,000 for a colonial dance and music project.

The Helen Chambers Memorial Foundation, \$2,000 for projects relating to Goree Island.

The Newark Symphony, \$1,000 for a Bicentennial concert.

The Colonial State Knitters, \$50 for a Delaware coverlet.

The Nanticoke Indian Association, \$414.57 for a tepee.



Governor Elbert N. Carvel portrayed George Washington on the 200th anniversary of Washington's journey through Delaware to attend the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. Here he reviews the Delaware First Regiment of the Delaware National Guard.

Photo by Adriana Daniels

Bicentennial Murals

Photos by Gary Emeigh



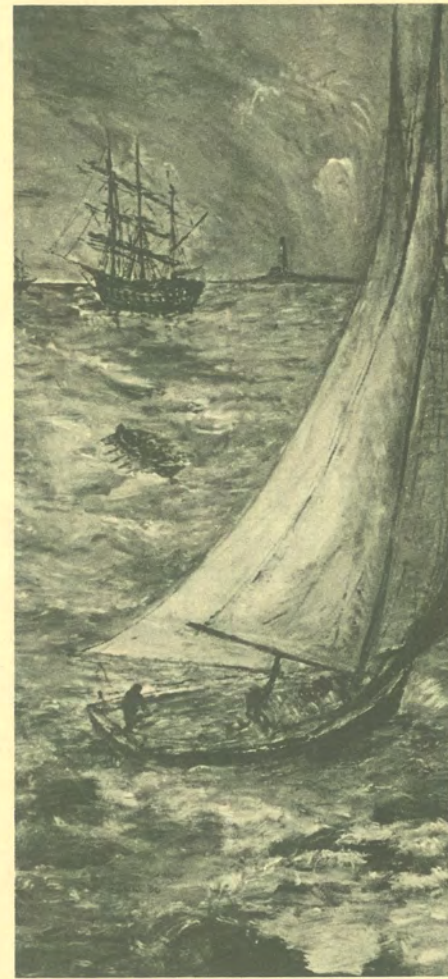
THE BATTLE OF
COOCH'S BRIDGE

The Battle of Cooch's Bridge on September 3, 1777 was Delaware's only engagement in the Revolutionary War. British troops landed in Maryland headed for Philadelphia. Advance units skirmished with those of General Washington's army near Newark and obliged them to retreat. The armies met at the Battle of the Brandywine on September 11 where Washington was defeated again.



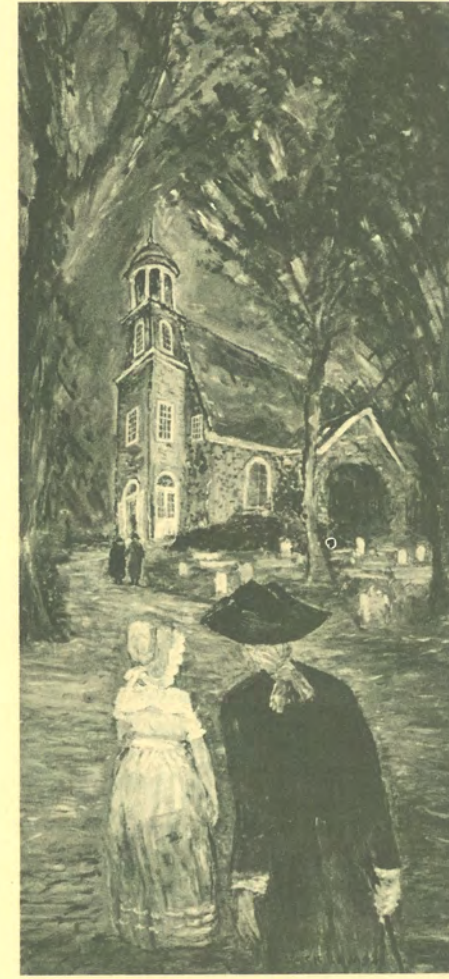
BARRATT'S CHAPEL

Methodism in America was founded in Barratt's Chapel, near Frederica in November 1784, when an ordained Methodist preacher, with the consent of John Wesley, first administered the sacraments to the Delaware faithful. The chapel was named for Philip Barratt, a Methodist convert, who donated the land and built the church. The sect grew quickly in Delaware after the Revolution.



THE PILOTS OF LEWES

Ocean ships arriving in Lewes needed the help of expert pilots to navigate the shoals and rock ledges in the Delaware Bay and River. Small, shallow-draft pilot boats with fiercely competitive captains raced to the vessels to bring them in. They reckoned with the help of the two cape lighthouses on Cape May and Cape Henlopen. The latter was first constructed in 1764.



OLD SWEDES CHURCH,
WILMINGTON

The foundation stones of Holy Trinity Church, generally known as "Old Swedes," were laid on May 28, 1698, under the direction of Swedish Lutheran pastor Eric Bjork. Although the church has gone through many architectural changes and is now an Episcopal Church, it has been in almost continual use since its construction in 1699.



THE DICKINSON
PLANTATION

Built by Judge Samuel Dickinson and completed in 1740, the Dickinson Plantation was the country home of John Dickinson, Delaware's foremost political man of letters and one of the framers of the U. S. Constitution. The house was destroyed by fire in 1804 and restored with a different roof line. Restoration of the plantation as an 18th century farm is a major bicentennial project of the state.



CAESAR RODNEY'S RIDE

In July of 1776, Caesar Rodney made the most famous ride in Delaware history, travelling "through thunder and rain" from Sussex County to Philadelphia to cast his vote for Independence. The Delaware delegation was deadlocked with Thomas McKean voting in favor and George Read against. Read changed his vote on Rodney's arrival, and all three signed the Declaration of Independence.

THE LANDING
OF THE SWEDES

The first Swedish colonists in two ships, the Kalmar Nyckel and the Vogel Grip, landed on the banks of what was named the Christina River (after their queen) in March 1638. Their leader Peter Minuit purchased land from the Indians and established trade. Construction of Fort Christina was soon begun.



THE NEW CASTLE STRAND

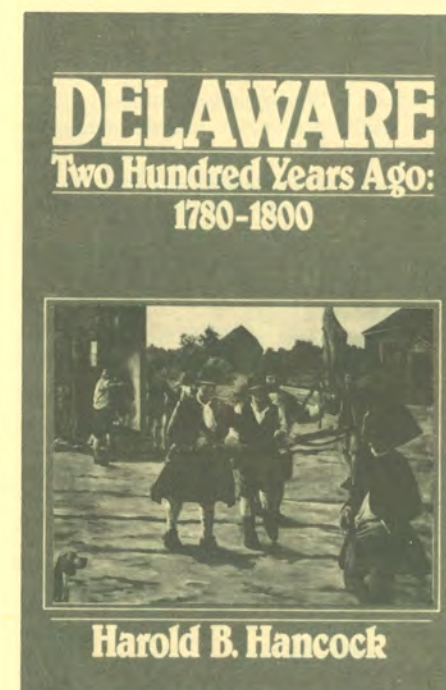
The Strand, the street nearest the river in New Castle, is lined with picturesque Georgian houses, foremost of which is the George Read house built in 1797 by the son of the Constitutional signer. Packet Alley, half way along the street, is supposedly the pathway taken by William Penn on his arrival in 1682.

GEORGE WASHINGTON
AT NEW CASTLE

General George Washington attended the wedding of Ann Van Dyke and Kensey Johns, a Constitutional ratifier, in the Amstel House in New Castle on April 30, 1784. According to contemporary accounts, Washington stood on the hearthstone and kissed the pretty girls, "as was his wont."

Books, Books, Books

The history of Delaware is being recorded throughout the state in numerous books, booklets, and pamphlets. The Heritage Commission has sponsored the publication of four new books in com-



memoration of this bicentennial year. The much-in-demand *Delaware, The First State* by Dr. Carol Hoffercker, a Delaware history textbook for fourth grade students, is now available from Middle Atlantic Press, 848 Church Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, (302) 654-9921. Also in the process of being published by Middle Atlantic Press are *Delaware 200 Years Ago*, a social history of 1787 Delaware by the late Dr. Harold Hancock and *The Delaware Heritage Cookbook* by Aloah Hatz. Both of these exciting publications will be available this fall.

The long-awaited second volume of *Votes and Proceedings of the House of Assembly*, covering the years 1781-1792, will be available soon from Associated University Presses, 440 Forsgate Drive, Cranbury, NJ 08512. The two volume set provides a detailed history of the day-to-day legislative activities in Dover from 1770 through 1792. Edited by Claudia L. Bushman, Harold B. Hancock, and Elizabeth Moyne Homsey, this extensive record includes biographies of the legislators, a full list of bills passed, and a valuable index of names, subjects, and places of the period.

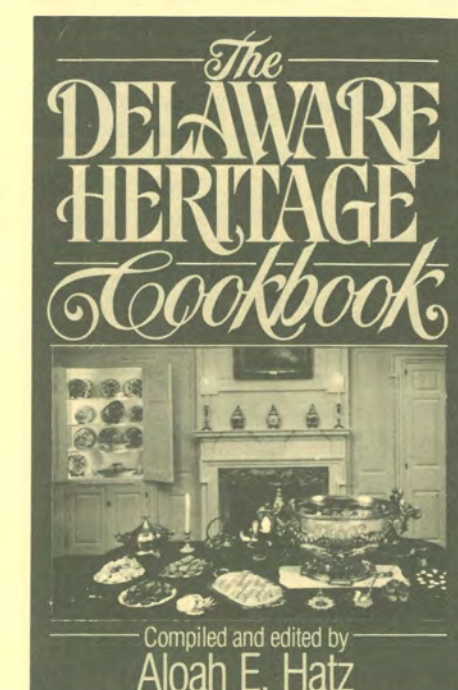
The Heritage Commission has sponsored a number of publications through its Challenge Grant program. Two recent works are *A Legacy of Delaware Women*, Legacy Project, Chesapeake Bay Girl Scouts Council, 1503 West 13th Street, Wilmington, DE 19806, \$25.95 (hard cover), \$14.95 (soft cover), and *A Kaleidoscope of Delaware Arts and Letters*, the Diamond State Branch of the National League of American Pen Women, c/o D. Flood, 403 Superfine Lane, Wilmington, DE 19802, \$7.45. Other publication projects sponsored through the Challenge Grant program



include: "200 Years of Black Achievement in Delaware: A Current and Retrospective View" by the Afro-American Historical Society of Delaware; "Townsend Today" by the Townsend Bicentennial Committee; a 24 page guide to the Bethany-Fenwick area by the local Chamber of Commerce; "Minutes of the Delaware Privy Council, 1778-1792" by the Historical Society of Delaware; "John Clowes, Esq., Broadkill's Outstanding Patriot" by the Milton Historical Society; the reprinting of Benjamin Ferris' *Early Settlements on the Delaware*; and the reprinting of Dr. James E. Marvill's *Sailing Rams*.

Additionally, the Heritage Commission has supported and endorsed a number of noteworthy publications, including two im-

portant works by noted Delaware historian John A. Munroe, *How Delaware Became a State*, a short but significant pamphlet, and the recently republished *Federalist Delaware*, both available at



the University of Delaware bookstore. *The First State: An Illustrated History of Delaware* by William H. Williams and *Delaware: A Photographic Journey* by Michael Biggs are a great addition to every home library.

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"Fully, Freely, & Entirely" is sent free of charge to organizations and individuals interested in the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution and Delaware's ratification of it. In order to reach the public, we have borrowed mailing lists from related organizations. If you want to receive future copies, please let the Commission office know. If you receive extra copies, please pass them on to interested friends.

Commemorative Items for Sale

Support the Bicentennial! Give Bicentennial Gifts for Christmas, birthdays, any occasion! Decorate your home with these attractive commemorative items!

Delaware Poster Series

The Heritage Commission poster series telling the story of Delaware's role in the framing and ratification of the Constitution is available for sale. The complete four poster set, unmounted, \$20. A single copy of the "Blessings of Liberty" poster, \$7.

Bicentennial Neckties

Produced for the Delaware Heritage Commission. The handsome navy blue silk and polyester tie features the now familiar inkwell and quill pen design. Supply is limited. Men's tie \$15, Women's tie \$12. Send check or money order to:

Delaware Heritage Commission
Carvel Building, 3rd Floor
820 N. French Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Bicentennial Gifts

Kent-Sussex Industries, a sheltered workshop in Milford, has a number of attractive bicentennial gift items available. All items bear the official bicentennial logo. Prices include shipping and handling.

A set of two 8 ounce pewter cups available in either polished or oxidized finish, \$53.75.

A similar two ounce pewter cup, available also in polished or oxidized finish, \$13.95.

A ceramic inkwell in Delaware blue comes complete with a quill (ballpoint) pen for \$18.50.

A marble and pewter paperweight, \$5.95.

A pewter keychain, \$4.60.

Send orders to:
"Bicentennial"
Kent-Sussex Industries, Inc.
P.O. Box 839
Milford, DE 19963

Or call toll free 1-800-368-2265. Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery.

Delaware Gift Emporium, Wilmington, and Leggetts in Dover and Milford have for sale a number of bicentennial items including the logo pin, license plate, T-shirts, flags, posters, drinking glasses and baseball caps. 656-0511.

License Plate

The Delaware Heritage Commission Logo has been adapted by the Delaware Development Office for a front-end license plate commemorating Delaware's Constitutional Bicentennial. This special license plate is available for sale at auto dealerships, gift and specialty shops, and at the Department of Motor Vehicles. \$8.95.

Bicentennial Floor Mats

Delaware floor mats, in horizontal style similar in design to the bicentennial license plate, are available in the following sizes:

18" x 27"	\$19.95
2' x 3'	44.95
3' x 4'	59.95
3' x 5'	79.95
4' x 6'	99.95

Mention on your order that you read about the floor mats in "Fully, Freely & Entirely" and save an additional 20%! For ordering send check or money order to:

Thurston Moore Country, Ltd.
204 Slayton Drive
Madison, TN, 37115
(615) 868-7448

Bicentennial Flags, Banners, Wind Socks, T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts

As seen in the pages of this newsletter, are available at retail outlets. Bulk orders available, for information contact:

Metro Flag & T-Shirt Corp.
47 Bassett Highway
Dover, NJ 07801
(201) 366-1776

Delaware: A Photographic Journey

By Michael Biggs, with an introduction by Dr. Barbara Benson, contains over eighty color photographs of the history, the land, and the seashore of Delaware. All photographs are 8" x 10" and frameable. \$29.95 at retail outlets. To order send check or money order to:

The Jared Company
833 Locust Street
P.O. Box 1948
Wilmington, DE 19899
(302) 654-0701

Bicentennial Pins

Delaware's handsome yellow and blue bicentennial lapel pin, featuring the Heritage Commission logo, is on sale at the Eclectic Depot in Wilmington, the Visitors' Center, Dover, and other retail outlets. Members of the Delaware Federation of Women's Clubs are also selling the pins.



Photo by Adriana Daniels

Calendar of Events

"Fully, Freely & Entirely" will publish a calendar of bicentennial and heritage events in each issue. If your organization is planning a special event in connection with the ratification of the United States Constitution, let everyone know via these pages. Send your items for the Heritage Calendar to the Commission office. Be sure to include a telephone number we can call for confirmation.

Deadline for winter issue:
October 1, 1987

August 29

Bicentennial Celebration

South Bethany, Town Hall, 4:30 pm, 539-3653.

September 3

210th Anniversary of the Battle of Cooch's Bridge
Newark, 652-3641.

September 3, 4, 6, 7, 25

Concerts

Rehoboth Beach Bandstand, 8 pm, 422-8168.

September 5

Diamond State Band Concert
Arden Fair, 1-3 pm, 388-1593.

September 12

Town Festival

Including a farm wagon ratification debate by Whig and Federalist partisans in costume, bonfire, ox roast, fife and drum music, tradesmen of the period in colonial dress, 378-2789, 834-5047. (Raindate Sept. 13)

September 12

Milford Bicentennial
Celebrations begin, 422-5026.

Sept. 12 — Concert by the Air Force Band of McGuire Air Force Base, Milford High School, 2 pm.

Sept. 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 — Milford Sound and Light Show, Parson Thorne Mansion, dusk.

Sept. 27 — Tour of Historic Homes

September 12, 13

Nanticoke Indian Pow Wow
Millsboro, 674-4689.

September 16, 17

Concerts by the USA Army Jazz Ambassadors

7:30 pm, free, sponsored by the News Journal, 573-2260.

16 — Lake Forest High School, Felton

17 — Brandywine High School, Wilmington

September 17

Constitution signed, Philadelphia, 1787.

September 17

Bicentennial events in Philadelphia

Including an all day parade beginning at 9 am

with over 1,000 entries. "The Picnic," the largest public picnic ever held, will commence along Delaware Avenue between Vine and Washington Streets. Admission to "The Picnic" is free, with live entertainment, large screen viewing of events, a flotilla of boats, street performers, and an evening concert by Kool and the Gang. Refreshments available from local vendors. Following the concert, twelve barges will launch a major fireworks display and the Ben Franklin Bridge will be lighted. "The Picnic" hours are noon to midnight, September 17th, and noon-10, September 18-20, (215) 597-1787.

September 17

Constitution Day Picnic

Delaware State Federation of Women's Clubs, Blackbird State Forest, 11:30-2:30, 653-7227.

September 17

"Keep Delaware First"

Events at Old Town Hall, 512 Market Street Mall, Wilmington. Sponsored by the Historical Society of Delaware, notables from "The First State" will sign a document reaffirming Delaware's support of the U. S. Constitution. 9-5, 655-7161.

September 17, 18

Media Workshops

Sponsored by the News Journal, topics include freedom of the press, 573-2260.

17 — Delaware Technical & Community College, Georgetown, 1-3:30 pm.

18 — Clayton Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, 8:30-12 noon.

September 18-20

Delaware Saengerbund and Library Association's Oktoberfest

Fri 6-12 pm, Sat 12-12, Sun 12-6, 46 Salem Church Road, Newark, 994-8349.

September 19

Governors Day

Celebration and parade in Milton, honoring the 5 Delaware governors who came from Milton, 684-1101.

September 19

Wyoming Bicentennial Town Picnic
(Raindate Sept. 20).

September 19-20

Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour

Odessa-Port Penn to Lewes. Cyclists must raise pledges. 571-9956.

September 21-25

Red Clay Consolidated School District Bicentennial Celebration

Rodney Square, Wilmington, featuring artwork, plays, music, and speeches, 11:30-1:00 daily, 651-2618.

September 24

Constitutional Lecture

Historical Society of Delaware, 5:30 p.m., Wilmington.

September 25

Delaware Law School Convocation Ceremony

Reenactment of the Marbury vs. Madison debates, presentation of the Fred Friendly constitutional films to high school students, 478-5280. (Prof. Rodney Smith).

October 1

Annual legislative elections prevented by riots, Sussex County, 1787.

October 1

Constitutional Lecture

Historical Society of Delaware, 5:30 p.m., Wilmington.

October 1-2

Freedom Fettered: Blacks and the

Constitutional Era in Maryland 1776-1810

A conference at Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD, (301) 444-3344.

October 2-4

Dagsboro Bicentennial Celebration

Including issuance of newly written Dagsboro town history, crafts, pictures and document display, 732-6712, 732-3777.

October 3

Delaware Maritime Celebration

School Building, 10-4, Bethel, 875-5871.

October 3

Bicentennial Ball

Rehoboth Beach Convention Center, 8:30-11:30 pm. Tickets \$10, 422-8161.

October 3-4

Delaware City Days and Fire Company Arts and Crafts Fair

834-4573.

October 4

Coast Day

College of Marine Studies, 11-5, Lewes, 645-4346.

October 4

Fire Prevention Queen Contest

Parade in Hartly, featuring a bicentennial theme, mid to late afternoon, 429-3449.

October 8

Constitutional Lecture

Historical Society of Delaware, 5:30 P.M.

October 10

18th Century Fair

Reenactment of Sussex County Election Riots by the Possum Point Players and Delaware Technical and Community College, Georgetown.

October 11-November 30

"Great Concepts of the U.S. Constitution" A competitive collegiate art exhibition. Clayton Hall, University of Delaware, free, 451-8841.

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The Magna Carta came to Delaware in this large colorful van and is now touring the United States thanks to the gracious generosity of Lincoln Cathedral in connection with American Express and the U. S. Constitution Council.

October 15
Election for legislature, Sussex County, 1787.
October 15-18
St. Peter's Art Gallery and Sale
 St. Peter's Church, 22 N. Union St., Smyrna, 653-7444.
October 15-February 15, 1988
"Creature of Their Own Will: The Formative Years of the Constitution"
 Exhibition at Morris Library, University of Delaware, special collections, 451-2965.
October 17
"We the People" Day
 Port Penn, 834-7519.
October 17
"Evening with the Stars"
 Dover, 734-0556.
October 23-25
Fall Harvest
 Delaware Agricultural Museum, Dover.
October 24
Opening of Benito Cereno
 Delaware Theatre Company, Wilmington. Play runs through November 7, evening performances at 8, matinees Wed. at 1 pm, Sat. and Sun. at 2 pm. Student Festival Week Nov. 9-13, 594-1100.
October 24
U. S. Constitution read to Delaware House of Assembly, 1787.
October 28
Milford Bicentennial Parade
 7 pm, 422-7017.
November 1
Milford Stamp and Coin Club Annual Show
 Carlisle Fire Company in Milford, 10-5, 422-3552.

November 5-8
Very Special Arts Festival
 Showcasing visual and performing arts of the disabled, Dover Mall, 451-2084.
November 6-7
"Philadelphia as Cultural Capital: 1750-1800"
 A conference at Winterthur, 656-8591, ext. 249.
November 7
Sussex County election voided, 1787.
November 9
203rd Anniversary of the founding of American Methodism
 Barratt's Chapel, Frederica, 335-5544.
November 14
Harvest Candlelight Tour of 18th Century Homes
 Camden, 697-2299, evening.
November 14, 20, 21
"Don Giovanni"
 OperaDelaware, Grand Opera House, 8 pm, tickets \$18-\$30, students \$6, 658-8063.
November 26
Delegates elected to state ratifying convention. Election riots in Sussex County, 1787.
November 29
"All Aboard America: See What You Started, Delaware"
 Concert by the Performing Arts for Children in Delaware, Grand Opera House, 2 p.m., 652-5577.
November 30
Delaware State Bar Luncheon
 Hotel Du Pont, 652-5577.
November 30-December 5
Salute to Newark
 Culminating in "We the People Craft Fair" on Sat., December 5th, 366-7060.

December 2
 Sendoff of 30 delegates from their local towns to the ratification convention in Dover.
December 3
 Ceremonial arrival of delegates in Dover. Reenactment of the ratification drama.
December 3
Delaware ratification convention meets in Dover, 1787.
December 4
"200 Years of Black Achievement in Delaware: A Current and Retrospective View"
 Exhibition opens at Howard High School in Wilmington, 658-7007.
December 4
Delaware Symphony Orchestra Bicentennial Concert
 Opera House in Wilmington, 8 p.m.
December 5
Delaware Symphony Orchestra Bicentennial Concert
 Seaford High School, 8 p.m.
December 5, 6
Christmas in Odessa
 Tour of Historic Homes, Sat. 5-9 p.m., Sun. 10-5, 378-4900.
December 5
Dedication of Dickinson Plantation
 Including tours, demonstrations, 18th century crafts, brief dramas.
December 6
A Day of Thanksgiving
 Non-denominational religious service in Dover at 2 p.m. Wreath laying on graves of ratifiers and signers.
December 6
"Architects of Freedom"
 Drama sponsored by the Masonic Fraternity,

2 p.m., Scottish Rite Cathedral, 20 W. Lea Blvd, 655-5254, followed by a candlelight tour of Lombardy Hall, 3-8 pm, free and open to the public, 475-3835. Donations accepted.

December 6
Bicentennial Celebration in Gumboro
 Featuring a display of antique firefighting equipment at the Gumboro Fire Station open house in the morning and a parade in the afternoon, 238-7264.
December 6
Old Fashioned Christmas in Sussex County
 Delaware State Federation of Women's Clubs, Redden State Forest, 1-5, 653-7227.
December 6
Delaware Symphony Orchestra Bicentennial Concert
 Central Middle School, Dover 8 p.m.
December 7
Delaware Day
 Celebrations in Dover include dedication of a plaque on the restored Battell's Tavern and of

the major artwork in Constitution Park, the ringing of church bells all over the state, a parade, a public program with color guard, choir and band, and a Dinner and Ratification Ball.

December 7
Delaware Day
 Parade and flag festival in Newport, 994-6403.
December 7
Delaware Convention ratifies U.S. Constitution, 30-0, 1787, as The First State.
December 12-13
Farmer's Christmas
 Delaware Agricultural Museum, Dover, 734-1618.
December 12
Pennsylvania ratifies U.S. Constitution, 1787, The Second State.
December 18
New Jersey ratifies U. S. Constitution, 1787, The Third State.

Smyrna Saluted America on April 5, 1987 in a highly praised bicentennial extravaganza. Music filled the air in the high school auditorium as the audience joined the Smyrna/Clayton Community Chorus and the Smyrna Bicentennial Band in a medley of patriotic selections.



Bicentennial Community Improvement Fund

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The Rehoboth Railroad Station Preservation Society was awarded \$15,750 for a relocation and restoration project.
The Rockwood Museum was awarded \$20,000 for barn restoration.
The St. Georges Historical Society was awarded \$77,850 for renovations of St. Georges Presbyterian Church.
The Seaford District Library was awarded \$15,000 for a building addition.
The Selbyville Public Library was awarded \$20,000 for restoration.
The Town of South Bethany was awarded \$10,000 for an addition to town hall.
The Wilmington Rowing Club was awarded \$9,500 for a boathouse.
The Winterthur Museum was awarded \$3,900 for a flagpole.
The YWCA of New Castle County was awarded \$50,000 for building rehabilitation and new construction.

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"The Commission shall plan, encourage, develop, coordinate and implement observances and activities pertaining to the achievement in Delaware of liberty and independence through a constitutional government, and the significant historical events that occurred in Delaware or involved Delaware citizens during the years preceding and following the ratification and adoption of the Constitution of the United States."

29 Del. C. § 3203

Bicentennial Community Improvement Fund

The Bicentennial Community Improvement Fund met on May 7, 1987 and voted awards totaling more than \$1 million. This final meeting of the BCIF committee brought to an end Governor Michael N. Castle's three year capital improvement program in honor of the bicentennial. The following grants were approved.

The Afro-American Historical Society of Delaware was awarded \$5,200 for a museum at the former Howard High School.

Blackbird Community Center, Inc. was awarded \$1,000 for a paving project.

The Brandywine Zoo was awarded \$15,000 for the education building.

The Camden Bicentennial Committee was awarded \$300 for plaques at historic sites.

The Center for the Creative Arts was awarded \$6,925 for a wheelchair ramp, rails and entry door.

The Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council, Inc. was awarded \$32,145 for renovations of a campsite in Hockessin.

The Community Legal Aid Society was awarded \$10,400 for renovations of its Georgetown office.

The Dagsboro Bicentennial Committee was awarded \$2,000 for upgrading of street lighting.

The City of Dover was awarded \$375,000 for the "Constitution Place" project.

The Dover Century Club was awarded \$8,050 for building repairs and improvements.

The Elsmere Community Center was awarded \$5,000 for renovations.

The Felton Memorial Park was awarded \$1,237 for improvements.

Girls Clubs of Delaware, Inc. was awarded \$10,000 for the Annie Jump Cannon Library in Newark.

Greenbank Mill Associates was awarded \$25,000 for restoration of an historic mill.

The Greenwood Public Library was awarded \$25,000 for a new building.

The Hagley Museum was awarded \$9,900 for building restoration.

The City of Harrington was awarded \$33,127 for a town multipurpose building.

Historic Red Clay Valley was awarded \$50,000 for bridge and trestle repairs on the Wilmington and Western Railroad.

The Indian River Senior Center was awarded \$32,000 for building improvements.

Lombardy Hall was awarded \$7,500 for restoration of the home of Gunning Bedford, Jr.

The City of New Castle was awarded \$72,000 for underground electrical lines in the town's historic district.

Odessa Historic Houses was awarded \$6,500 for a visitor service center.

OperaDelaware was awarded \$10,000 for renovations.

The Milford Historical Society was awarded \$5,000 for repairs of the Parson Thorne Mansion.

The Port Penn Historical Society was awarded \$12,105 for the shad skiff project.

The Possum Point Players was awarded \$10,000 for building renovations.

The City of Rehoboth Beach was awarded \$7,500 for bandstand renovations.

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