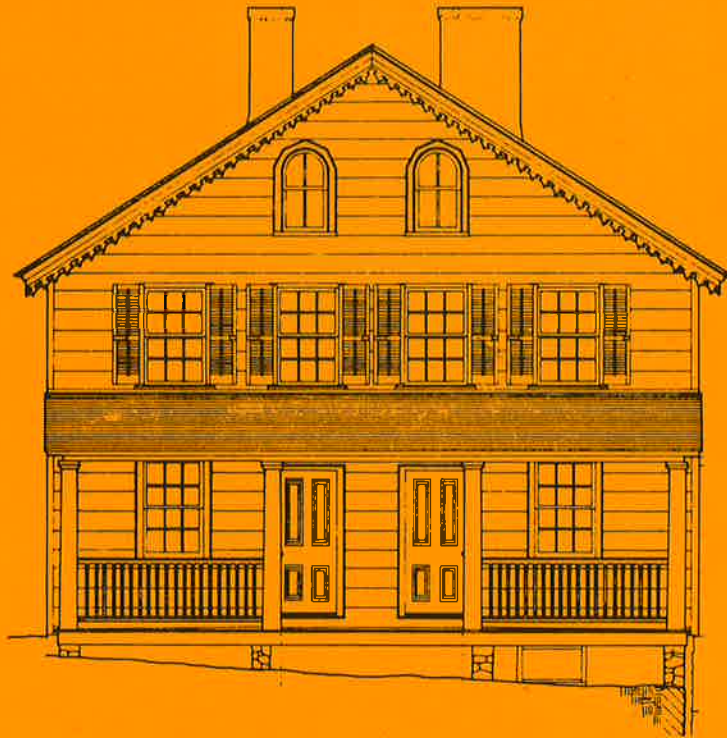




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## Appendix A:

## Catalog of Known Ship and Boat Yards in Delaware

Number of vessels greater than (&gt;) 20 tons; number of vessels less than (&lt;) 20 tons

Wilmington (Steel/Iron Ships)	236
Wilmington (Wooden Ships)	98
Milford	68 > 20T; 59 < 20T
Bethel	24 > 20T
Bowers	93 < 20T
Milton	25 > 20T; 2 < 20T
Frederica	20 > 20T; 5 < 20T
Little Creek	2 > 20T; 34 < 20T
Seaford	8 > 20T; 15 < 20T
Smyrna	1 > 20T; 1 < 20T
Barkers' Landing	1 > 20T
Brandywine	2 > 20T
Dover	2 > 20T; 2 < 20T
Harrington	3 < 20T
Holly Oak	2 > 20T; 1 < 20T
Indian River	1 > 20T
Lebanon	5 > 20T
Lewes	3 > 20T
Magnolia	1 > 20T
Mahons	2 < 20T
Millville	1 > 20T
New Castle	1 > 20T; 3 < 20T
Richardson Park	2 < 20T
Drawbridge	1 > 20T
Odessa	2 < 20T
Delmar	1 < 20T
Cranston Heights	2 < 20T
Townsend	1 < 20T

## Milford--Ships over 20 Tons

*Ships with identified builder (Master Carpenter):*

James W. Abbott - 1874, 1881  
 Wm. J. Reville - 1886  
 Simpler & Reville - 1883  
 J. H. Harper - 1881, 1882, 1883  
 John R. Cahill - 1882 (3)  
 Thomas Carlisle - 1877, 1887  
 Wm. G. Abbott - 1887, 1888, 1892 (6), 1893 (3), 1894 (3), 1898, 1901 (2), 1904, 1909, 1911, 1912 (2), 1913, 1914 (2), 1915, 1919  
 Williams & Lank - 1891  
 Wm. G. Abbott & Sons - 1891 (2)  
 J. W. Abbott & Sons - 1874, 1879, 1880, 1884, 1885, 1891  
 G. A. Abbott - 1896  
 Wilson M. Vinyard - 1907, 1908, 1911, 1919, 1920 (2), 1921, 1923

Vinyard constructed his first ship in a yard in New London, Wisconsin in 1898--a 95 ton steamer named the "Delaware." Although Vinyard is listed as a resident of Milford in this year, he is also listed as a Master Carpenter of New London. Vinyard's Delaware ships seem to approximate this vessel in size.

tons/139 feet, and 353 tons/135 feet; W. W. Smith also active in 1872 raising a three-masted schooner of almost 500 tons; and A. L. Limlins who built a single 250 ton schooner in 1875. The American Car and Foundry Company constructed twelve vessels--one each in 1906, 1911, two in 1912, one in 1916, one in 1918, two in 1917, two in 1919, one in 1929, and one in 1930. M. M. Davis and Son erected a single vessel in 1912, and Wm. A. Thatcher laid the keels of the "Emma" and "Alice" in 1866. A. L. Tomlinson raised a single vessel in 1875.

Information regarding small boats within the city is elusive. While the firm of Thomas Dreire and Son appear on the 1870 Census of Manufactures as "Small Boat Builders," no ships' registry papers carry their name. Builders of vessels under twenty tons include a gas-powered, screw by Wilhelm A. Brosch in 1936; Joe Piersen in 1909; B. F. Anderson in 1915; George C. King in 1919; Broddus Jones in 1935; as well as two unidentified builders both working in 1896. The American Car and Foundry Company built a single vessel under twenty tons, a steam yacht for the E. I. duPont Company, in 1939.

#### **Dover--Ships over 20 Tons**

*Ships with identified builder (Master Carpenter):*

Thomas Draper - 1881

*No identified builder:*

1886

#### **Dover--Ships under 20 Tons**

*Ships with identified builder (Master Carpenter):*

Irvin S. Lynch - 1931

#### **Holly Oak--Ships under 20 Tons**

*Ships with identified builder (Master Carpenter):*

George C. Morris - 1908, 1931

#### **Holly Oak--Ships over 20 Tons**

*Ships with identified builder (Master Carpenter):*

Samuel Banner (listed as "boatbuilder") - 1893

#### **Millville--Ships over 20 Tons**

*Ships with identified builder (Master Carpenter):*

John G. Collins (listed as "boatbuilder") - 1893

#### **Bethel--Ships over 20 Tons**

*Ships with identified builder (Master Carpenter):*

John M. C. Moore - 1889, 1891 (3), 1892, 1893 (2), 1894 (2), 1895, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1900 (2), 1901 (2), 1902 (2), 1903, 1904, 1907, 1908

John M. C. Moore is also listed as a Master Carpenter for a yard in Sharpstown, Maryland. Moore's ships are consistently schooners of about 190 tons and ranging in length from 120 to 150 feet. The vessel constructed by Moore in 1901 is one of the largest ever floated in southern Delaware--a barge of 703 tons.

Smith & Terry - 1917