

POINTS OF INTEREST HISTORICAL — Wilmington

Old Town Hall, 1798, 512 Market St., now occupied by Historical Society of Delaware. Hours, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rodney Square, civic center, Market to King and Tenth to Eleventh Streets, Statue of Caesar Rodney, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Fort Christiana State Park, 928 E. 7th Street. Monument marking original landing of the Swedes in 1638.

Old Brandywine Academy, 5 Vandever Ave. 18th Century schoolroom. Open as a museum every Saturday 10 a.m. to noon; 4th Sunday of the month, 2-4 p.m. Guides furnished.

Delaware Academy of Medicine, 1816 Lovering Avenue and Union Street. Early medical and dental memorabilia; open weekdays.

HISTORICAL — New Castle County

Hagley Museum, historic site of first powder mills on the Brandywine. Original duPont industry in America (1802).

Cooch's Bridge, near Newark marks the spot where the American Flag, made by Betsy Ross, was first unfurled in battle.

Winterthur Museum, 6 miles northwest of Wilmington, Route 52. Museum of American interiors, furniture and decorative accessories used by Americans from 1640 to 1840. Over 100 rooms.

Fort Delaware State Park, Pea Patch Island, in the Delaware River. Former prison for Confederate soldiers. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day. Boats leave Delaware City on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, noon-7 p.m. Fee charged.

Historic Old New Castle. Forty-one points of interest including churches, homes and public buildings. Many of these buildings are completely restored, furnished and open to the public daily or periodically. A pageant entitled 'A Day in Old New Castle,' is held annually on the third Saturday of May. The pageant features colorful dress of colonial times, ceremonies and tours. For further information write the Chairman, A Day in Old New Castle, P.O. Box 166, New Castle, Delaware 19720.

Buena Vista, built in 1874, was once the home of John N. Clayton, President Zachary Taylor's Secretary of State, and later the home of Delaware Governor C. Douglass Buck. It is located 8 miles south of Wilmington on U.S. 13 and is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m.

Historic Odessa. Three historic buildings on the Appoquinimink Creek. Open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 2-5 p.m. Special tours for groups.

Iron Hill Museum, Old Baltimore Pike, Newark. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-9 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

HISTORIC CHURCHES — Wilmington

Asbury Methodist Church, 1766, Third and Walnut Streets.

Cathedral Church of St. John, Concord Avenue and Market Street, "Farnese Investiture," by Titian, in Chapel of Holy Innocents.

Old Swedes Church (1698, restored 1842). Seventh and Church Streets. Oldest Protestant church in America still being used as a house of worship.

Old Friends' Meeting House, 1816, 4th and West Streets.

First Presbyterian Church, 1741, Park Drive and West Street.

ART — Wilmington

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, 838 Market Street. Mural by N. C. Wyeth, "Apotheosis of the Family."

Delaware Art Museum, Park Drive and Woodlawn Avenue. Howard Pyle paintings; Bancroft collection of pre-Raphaelite paintings.

NATURE — Wilmington

Brandywine Park, extending from Market Street westward along the Brandywine Creek, is considered by many as one of the finest parks in the country.

NATURE — New Castle County

Brandywine Creek State Park, Route 100 north of Wilmington. Open daily, May-October.

Brandywine Springs State Park, Route 41 west of Wilmington. Picnicking and recreation. May-October.

Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa., 12 miles northwest of Wilmington. World's largest private conservatories. Open air theater and fountain display. Open daily.

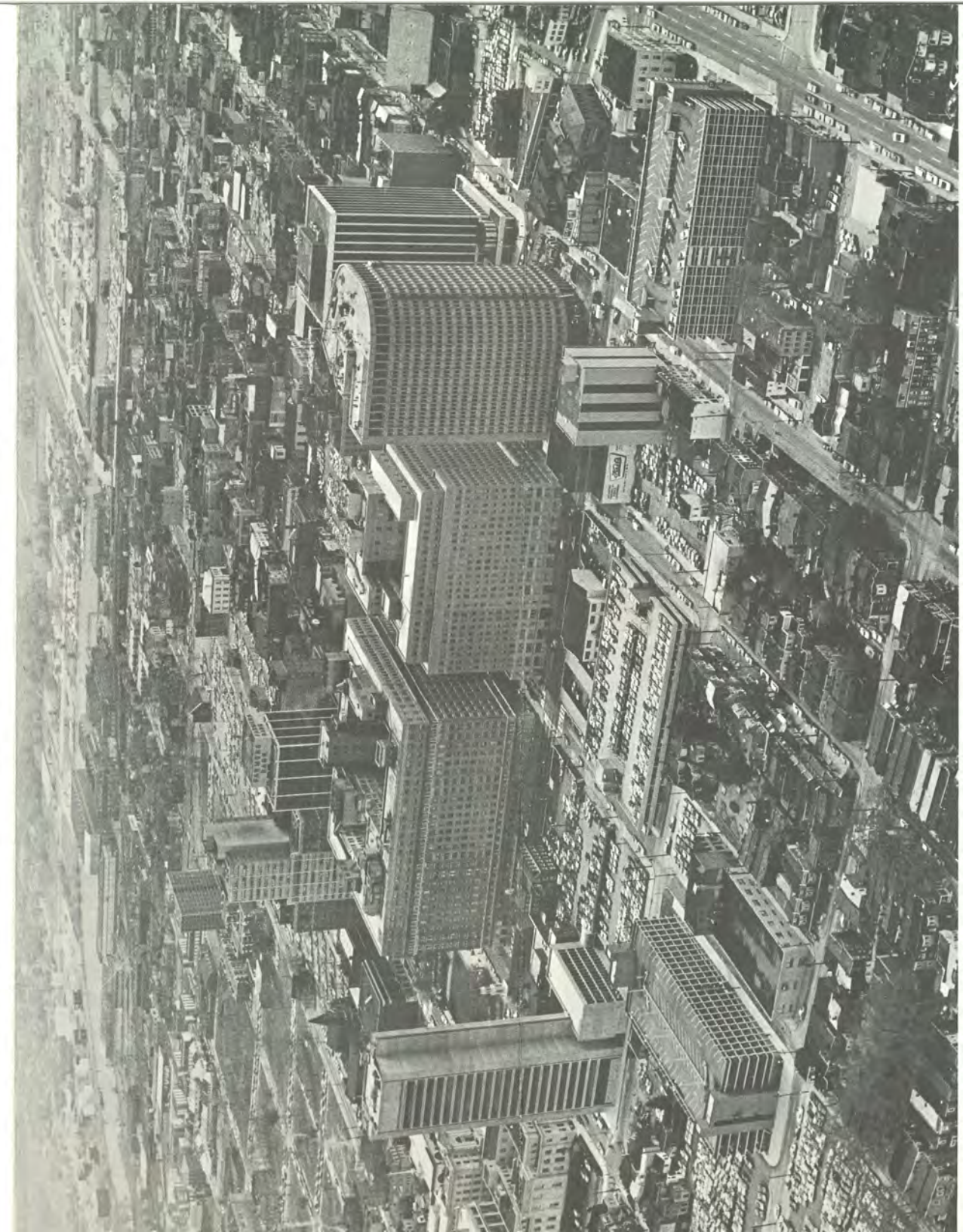
Lums Pond State Park, located on Route 896 south of Wilmington. A popular recreational facility.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY — New Castle County
Mt. Cuba Astronomical Observatory, Inc. Hillsdale Road, Mt. Cuba. Open to public first Monday of each month. Guided tours provided. Write Box 3918, Greenville, Delaware 19807 for reservations.

Chrysler Corporation Assembly Plant, South College Avenue, Newark. Tours, Monday and Friday at 1 p.m. No fee. Reservations required.

General Motors Corporation Assembly Plant, Boxwood Road, Prices Corner, Wilmington. Tours 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. No fee. Call for information.

Wilmington and Western Railroad. Scenic ride through Red Clay Valley, 4 miles west of Wilmington. Open May-October, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Fee charged.



WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, "Chemical Capital of the World"



A chemically oriented experimental facility — just one example of the chemical industry's many plants which help give Wilmington the nickname "Chemical Capital of the World."

INTRODUCTION: The Standard Statistical Metropolitan area of New Castle County, Delaware, includes the major cities of Wilmington, Newark, Elsmere, New Castle and the nearby areas of Salem County, New Jersey, and Cecil County, Maryland. Focal point of the area is the city of Wilmington. Located on the Delaware River in the heart of the Washington-Boston corridor, most of the East Coast's important industrial centers lie within a 300 mile radius of the city. Nearby major cities include Philadelphia, 28 miles; New York, 130 miles; Baltimore, 68 miles; Washington, 105 miles; and Richmond, 215 miles. The major highway routes of Interstate 95 and 295, U.S. Routes 40, 41, 202 and 13, comprise a heavily traveled road network linking the area to these cities.

U.S. Census figures for 1970 reveal a population in Wilmington of 79,978; in New Castle County, 386,215; and in the metropolitan area, 542,979.

During the past 35 years the average weather conditions include a maximum mean of 63.8°, minimum mean, 44.4°, mean, 54.1°, and an average rainfall of 44.4 inches yearly.

In reading this brochure you will find facts about the metropolitan area listed alphabetically and described briefly. For more specific information about the area requests should be directed to the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce or the City of Wilmington — Director of Information.

ACCOMMODATIONS: The nationally famous Hotel DuPont is located in the heart of Wilmington. Other well known motel systems are situated on main routes throughout the county.

AGRICULTURE: The Del-Mar-Va Peninsula is a rich agricultural district supplying the metropolitan area. Prime crops include peaches and corn. Sussex County, Delaware, is considered the country's leading broiler producer.

BANKS: There are 6 full-service banks, one state, two national and 7 savings and loan banks serving downtown Wilmington. Most of these institutions provide branch services throughout the county.

EDUCATION: A system of special school districts in addition to the state districts provide the residents with elementary and secondary schools, many with a AAA rating. A vocational and technical high school is located nearby. In addition there are 13 parochial schools.

The University of Delaware, located in Newark, offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate degrees. Wilmington College is a newly founded four-year institution located just outside the city limits. Delaware Technical and Community College offers vocational training leading to a two-year college degree in a host of specialized fields. In addition there is one junior college and two business schools in the area.

HISTORY: Settled by the Swedes in 1638, Wilmington fell to the Dutch in 1655, and to the English in 1664. Thomas Willing laid out the streets in 1731, and called the town Wilmington. The name was later changed to Wilmington for Spencer Compton, Earl of Wilmington.

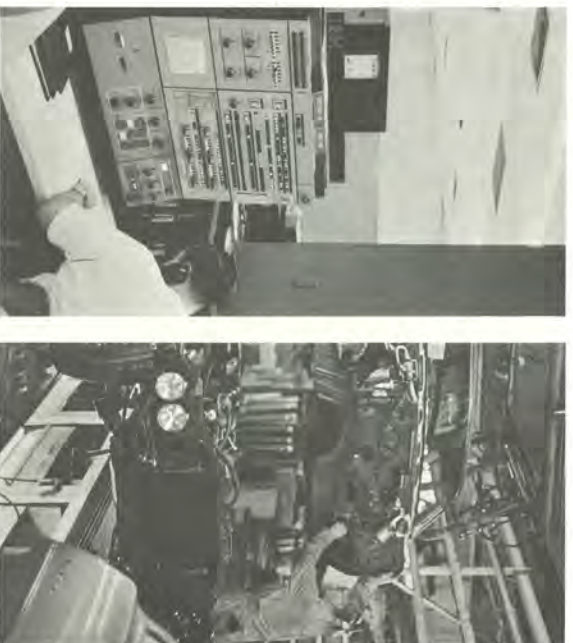
The founding of the DuPont Company and its expansion during the late 1800's to its present size has greatly influenced the development of the city. In addition, Wilmington is serviced by 3 railroads, a deep water port, air service and a traffic pattern that puts it in the center of 20% of the nation's population. It is this favorable location that increased the expansion of the city and surrounding metropolitan area.

HOSPITALS: The Wilmington Medical Center is comprised of three general hospitals. There is one Catholic operated hospital, one osteopathic hospital and state-operated institutions for the treatment of tuberculosis, respiratory diseases and mentally ill. Nursing homes and outpatient care are available in the county. Elsmere has a large Veterans Hospital.

HOUSING: Houses range in price from a median value of \$18,000 to \$50,000 with many falling in the \$25,000 to \$35,000 category. Median rent paid by tenants is \$98 per month for a newer two-bedroom apartment starting at about \$150 monthly.

INCOME: The average household income in the metropolitan Wilmington area is \$11,900 per year. The New Castle County per capita income is \$3,471.

INDUSTRIES: Wilmington has been an industrial center from the time of its founding. The first major product to be exported was flour. By the War of 1812 powder was taking the dominant role in Wilmington exports.



Computers and automobile assembly highlight the diversified industry in Wilmington.

The nickname "The Chemical Capital of the World," was given to Wilmington because the headquarters and research centers of three large chemical corporations are located here. The city is also the world's center of vulcanized fibre and glazed kid manufacturing. The world's largest braided rubber hose manufacturer and largest single cotton dyeing and finishing works are located in Wilmington. Other important industries include automobile assembly, leather belting, castings, cork products, floorpar, iron and steel articles, steel, hosiery, jute products machinery, paper and paper products, petroleum products and plumbing fixtures.

The county's location on the East Coast has resulted in development of major distribution offices and warehouses for many nationally known manufacturers. Industrial expansion now centers (in industrial parks) near Newark and north of Wilmington.

LIBRARY: One public library system serves New Castle County with a combined collection of approximately 330,000 books. Special sections include a children's library, phonograph records and a Business and Technical Department. Current and past editions of over 600 magazines and newspapers are available for reference.

NEWS MEDIA: Two daily newspapers are published in Wilmington. Three weekly papers cover the suburbs. Six radio stations broadcast from the immediate area. Wilmington has one TV station on the ETV network and is serviced by 3 major network stations broadcasting from Philadelphia. A cable TV system is available on a low cost basis.

OFFICES: Five new office buildings with a total value of \$46.5 million are nearing completion in the downtown Wilmington area. Three other buildings will be started shortly for city, state and federal government facilities. Smaller officers and retailing facilities are scattered throughout the county.

PUBLIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES: Wilmington has a municipal water supply capable of producing over 52 million gallons per day. Electric power and natural gas are supplied by private corporations. Coal and oil are readily available. A completely modernized Bureau of Fire operates 24 hours daily. The police force consists of over 300 personnel.

RECREATION: Golf, tennis, swimming, fishing and organized sports make up the prime activities available to eager participants. Spectators may enjoy horse racing at two Wilmington tracks, auto racing in Dover, local professional basketball and professional sports of all varieties in either Philadelphia or Baltimore. Area colleges provide a full array of intra- and inter-mural sports.

RELIGION: Over 45 denominations are represented in the county.

RETAIL & WHOLESALE: Wilmington is a major wholesale center serving southern New Jersey, southeastern Pennsylvania, all of Delaware and the eastern shores of Maryland and Virginia. There are more than 3,000 retail establishments in the greater Wilmington area; over 300 wholesale operations and almost 1,000 service businesses. **TRANSPORTATION:** Penn Central, Baltimore and Ohio, and Reading Railroads serve the county with freight and passenger service. Penn Central's famed Metroliner makes 4 southbound and 4 northbound stops in Wilmington daily. The Metroliner's traveling time between Wilmington and Washington is 1 hour, 21 minutes; to New York, 1 hour, 14 minutes; and to Philadelphia 24 minutes. The Wilmington-Baltimore run of the Metroliner takes only 43 minutes, averages 95 miles per hour, and is the fastest passenger train service in the Western Hemisphere. The Wilmington Marine Terminal has berthing space for 7 large ocean-going ships. Covered and open storage areas are available.

About 60 motor truck companies operate fast service to practically all points of the country.

The twin span Delaware Memorial Bridge link Delaware with New Jersey. Other bridges and tunnels link lower Delaware with Maryland and Virginia.

Greater Wilmington Airport is served regularly by scheduled airlines with airmail express and freight service available.

A municipal bus system serves the city and suburbs. Commercial bus lines operate to all points.

THEATERS: Fourteen theaters present movies nightly in the greater metropolitan area. In addition, there is one legitimate theater, and the Wilmington Drama League, an amateur group.