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OUR GEOGRAPHY LESSON >>>>



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Delaware is located in the section of the Northeast called the *Middle Atlantic States*. The other states in this section are New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

The state of Delaware was named after Thomas West, Lord de la Warr, the first governor of the colony of Virginia.

Delaware is called "The First State" because the state was the first to ratify the Constitution on December 7, 1787. Delaware is also called "The Diamond State" and the "Blue Hen State."

The area of Delaware is 2,057 square miles. It ranks 49th in area (Alaska - 1st; Rhode Island - 50th). This means that Delaware is the second smallest state in the United States.

More than 594,000 people live in Delaware. The state ranks 47th in population (California - 1st; Alaska - 50th).

More than 96,000 Black people make their

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homes in the state of Delaware. The state ranks 10th in Black population (Mississippi - 1st; Vermont - 50th.)

More than 10,000 Hispanics live in the state of Delaware. This includes about 5,000 Puerto Ricans, 2,000 Mexicans and about 1,000 Cubans.

There are about 1,300 Native Americans (American Indians) in Delaware. Most of the other ethnic groups are also represented. There are about 1,000 Chinese, 800 Filipinos, 400 Japanese, 1,100 Asian (East) Indians, 500 Koreans and 200 Vietnamese.

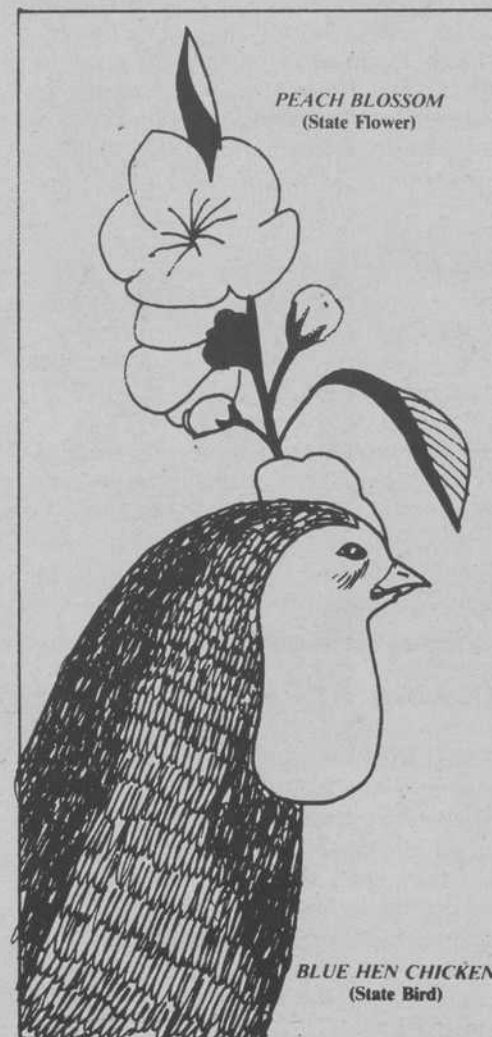
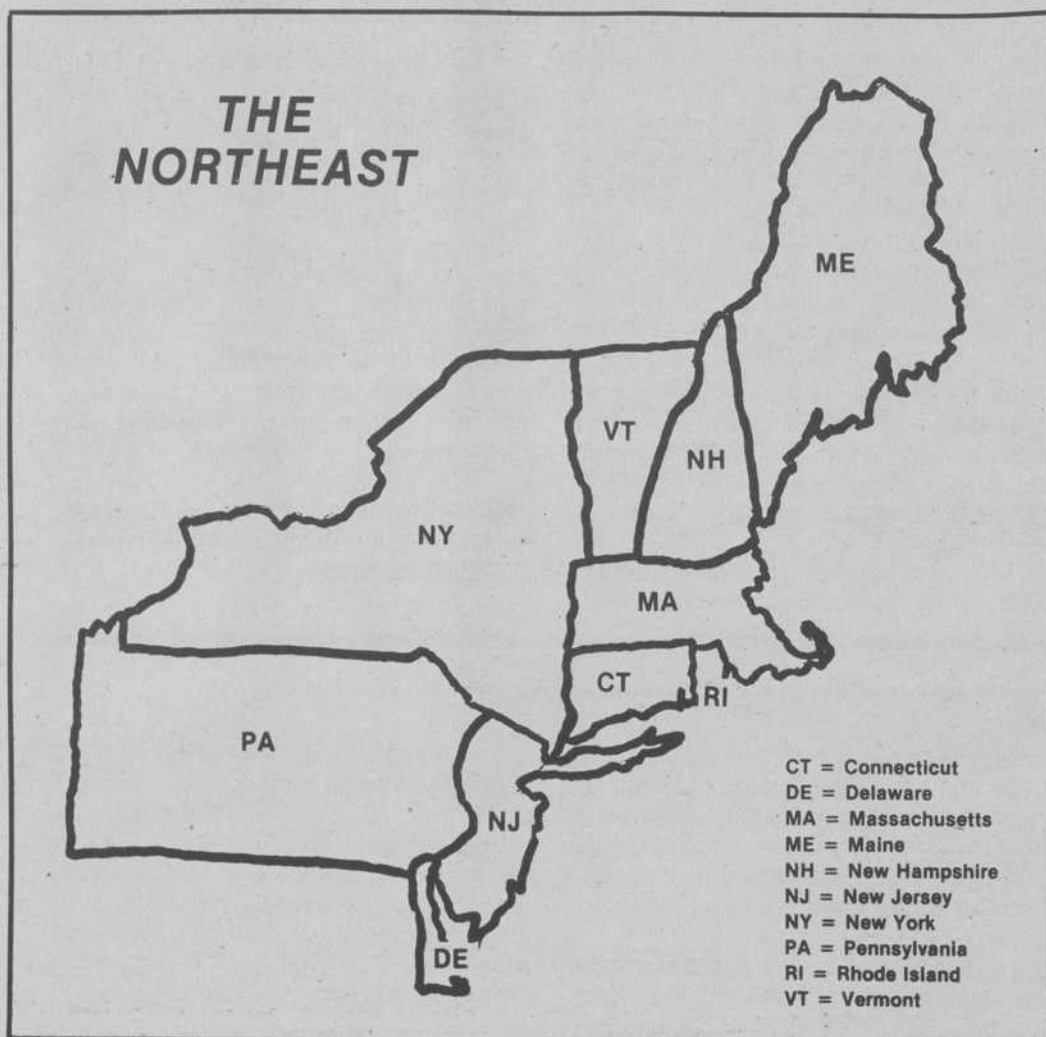
Dover is the capital city of Delaware, but Wilmington is the largest city. The other major cities are Newark and New Castle.

Delaware's first constitution abolished slavery in the state. A law of 1787 set a fine of 20 pounds against anyone who brought a slave into Delaware. Any slave that was brought into the state became free. Delaware became the home of more and more free Blacks.

Delaware has 15 Black elected officials. This includes 3 members of the state legislature; 10 city and county officials, including the mayor of Symrna. Symrna is a small town in the central part of the state near Dover, the capital city. There are 2 Black members of the school board.

Richard Allen (see page 3) is listed among the "People of Renown Who Have Been Associated with Delaware." Allen is remembered as a great preacher. In 1783, he became the first Black man to preach in a church in Wilmington.

Delaware ranks 6th in the United States in commercial fishing. The state raises more blue hen broiler chickens than any other state.



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