Resource Guide: William Penn And The Lower Three Counties

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William Penn introduced the English tradition of “hundreds” as subdivisions of counties. In 1776, Delaware voted for independence from England, and the Three Lower Counties became Delaware State.

Harry A. Maxson - Hollins 1682 – William Penn landed in New Castle to take control of the colony of Pennsylvania.

1704 – Penn granted Lower Three Counties (today’s Delaware) independent. A house research guide for New Castle County is available from the State of Delaware, which has much useful detail, but there are some resources specific to...