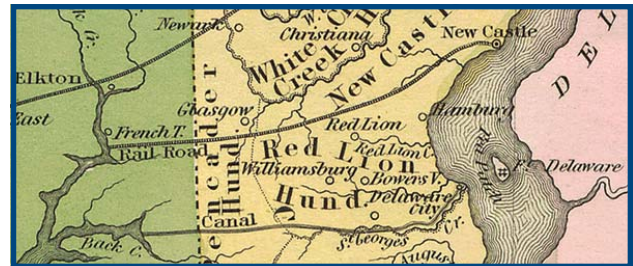
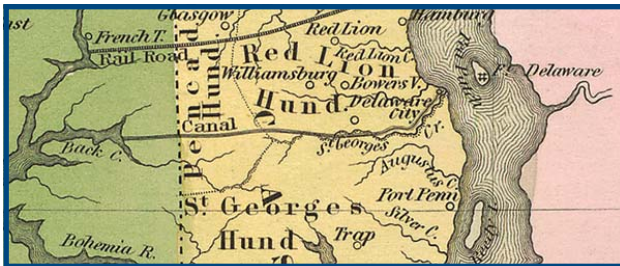


Transportation: Delaware on the Move



In the early 1800s, Delaware roads were so poor that most people and cargo travelled by water whenever possible. This 1838 map shows two new major improvements in Delaware's transportation.



Find the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal (1828) in New Castle County.
Find Delaware's first railroad from New Castle, Delaware to Frenchtown, Maryland (1828).

1. What important connection did both canal and railroad make?
(Look where they start and end.)

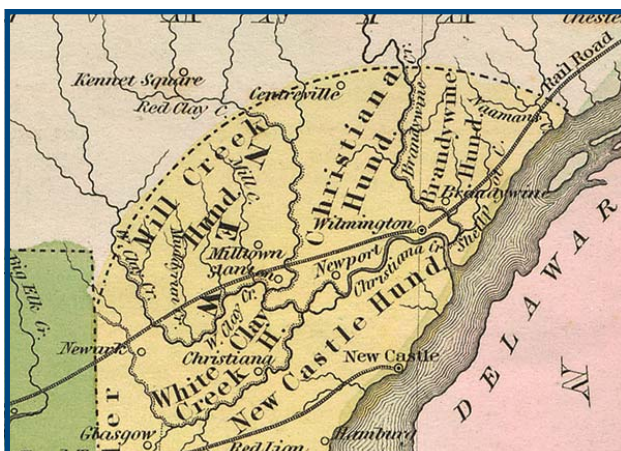
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In 1837 a new railroad connected big cities on the east coast of the Mid-Atlantic States. Find the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad line that goes through Wilmington in New Castle County. For the following activities, add a compass rose to the map with north pointing “up.”

2. In what direction does the train run from Wilmington, Delaware to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania?
3. In what direction does the train run from Wilmington, Delaware to Baltimore, Maryland?

FYI: *The rail line through Wilmington built in 1837 still exists today! It is part of the Northeast Corridor commuter rail that business people, tourists and Delaware’s senators and Vice President Biden ride from Wilmington to Washington, D.C.*

By the 1850s a new train line, built down the center of the state, connected northern and southern Delaware. The Delaware Railroad became the backbone of the state; new towns sprang up along the railroad—Cheswold, Felton, Viola, Wyoming, Harrington, Greenwood, Delmar. With the coming of the railroad, Delaware farmers could ship their produce quickly to far-off places, so wheat was replaced by more perishable (and profitable) items like melons, berries and peaches as the state’s main agricultural crops.

