

Delaware

Atlas of Historical County Boundaries

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ST. JONES

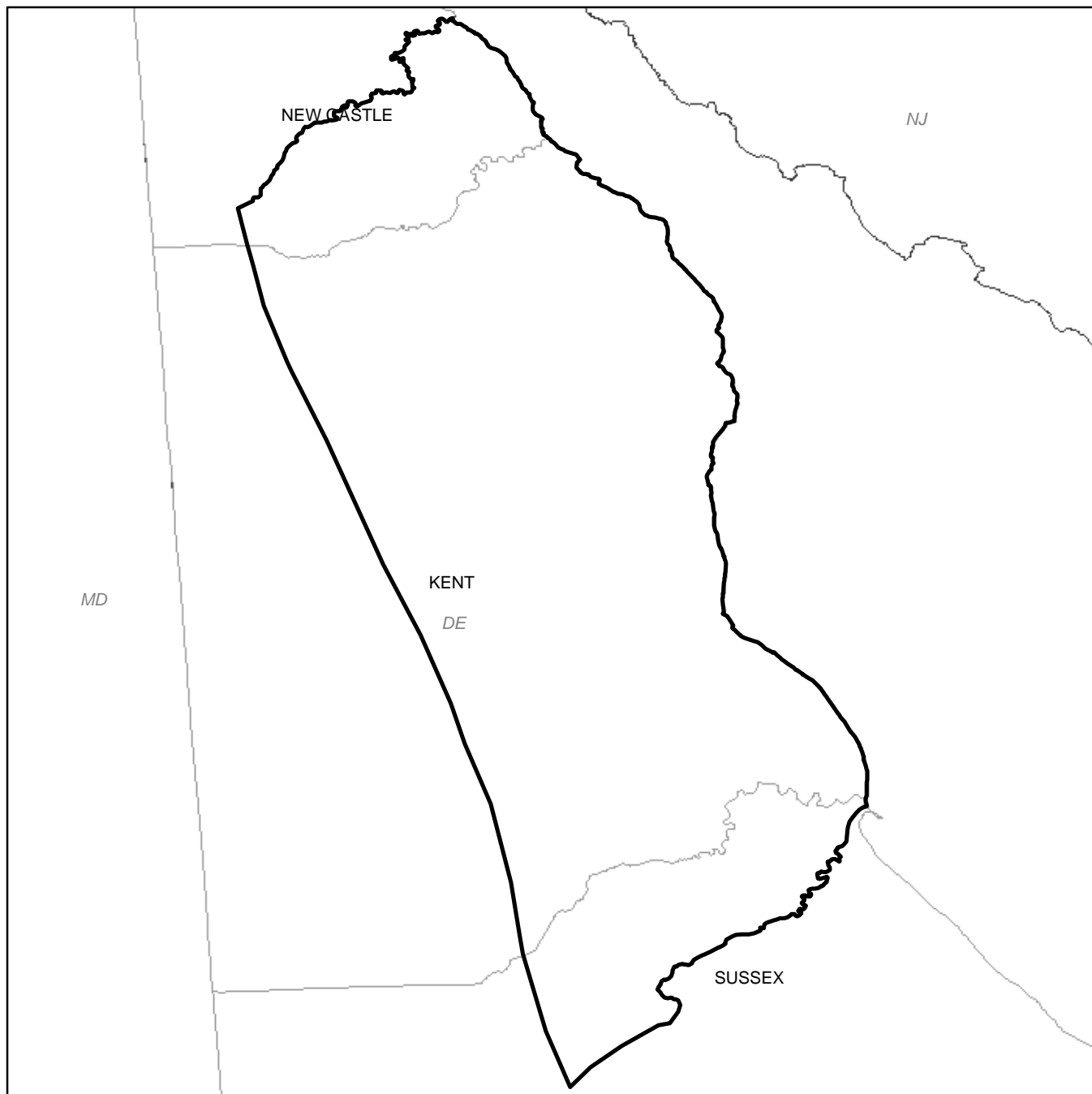
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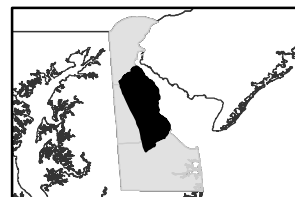
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ST. JONES (now KENT) created under the authority of the Duke of York from NEW CASTLE and HOARKILL (later DEALE, now SUSSEX); no inland limits specified.

477 sq. mi.

(Docs. of N.Y., 12:654, 664, 666-667; Reed, 12)





ST. JONES

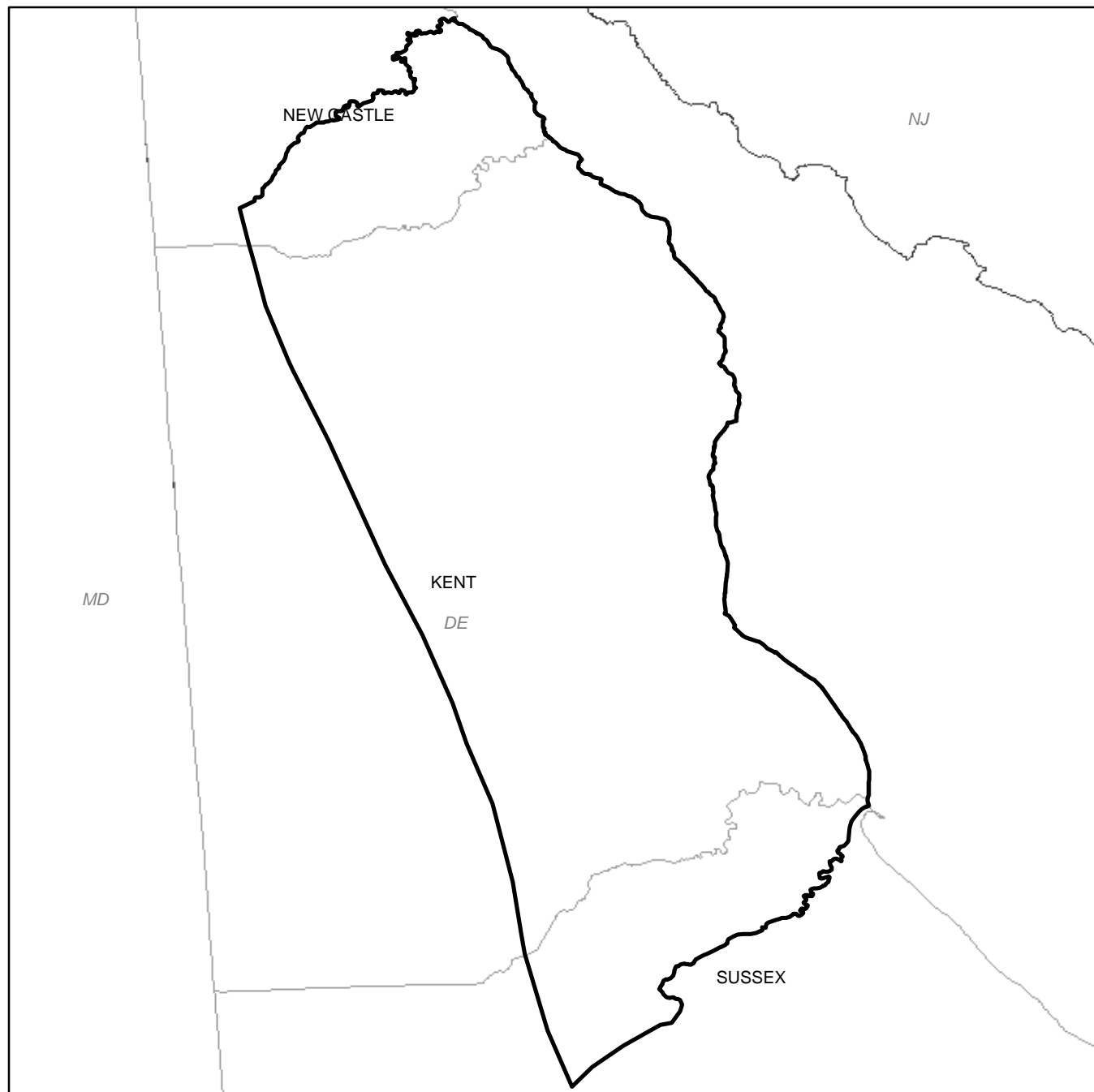
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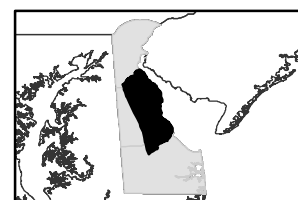
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ST. JONES (now KENT) was transferred with the rest of the western Delaware Bay region from the Duke of York to William Penn.

477 sq. mi.

(Pa. Archives, 2d ser., 5:739-744)





KENT

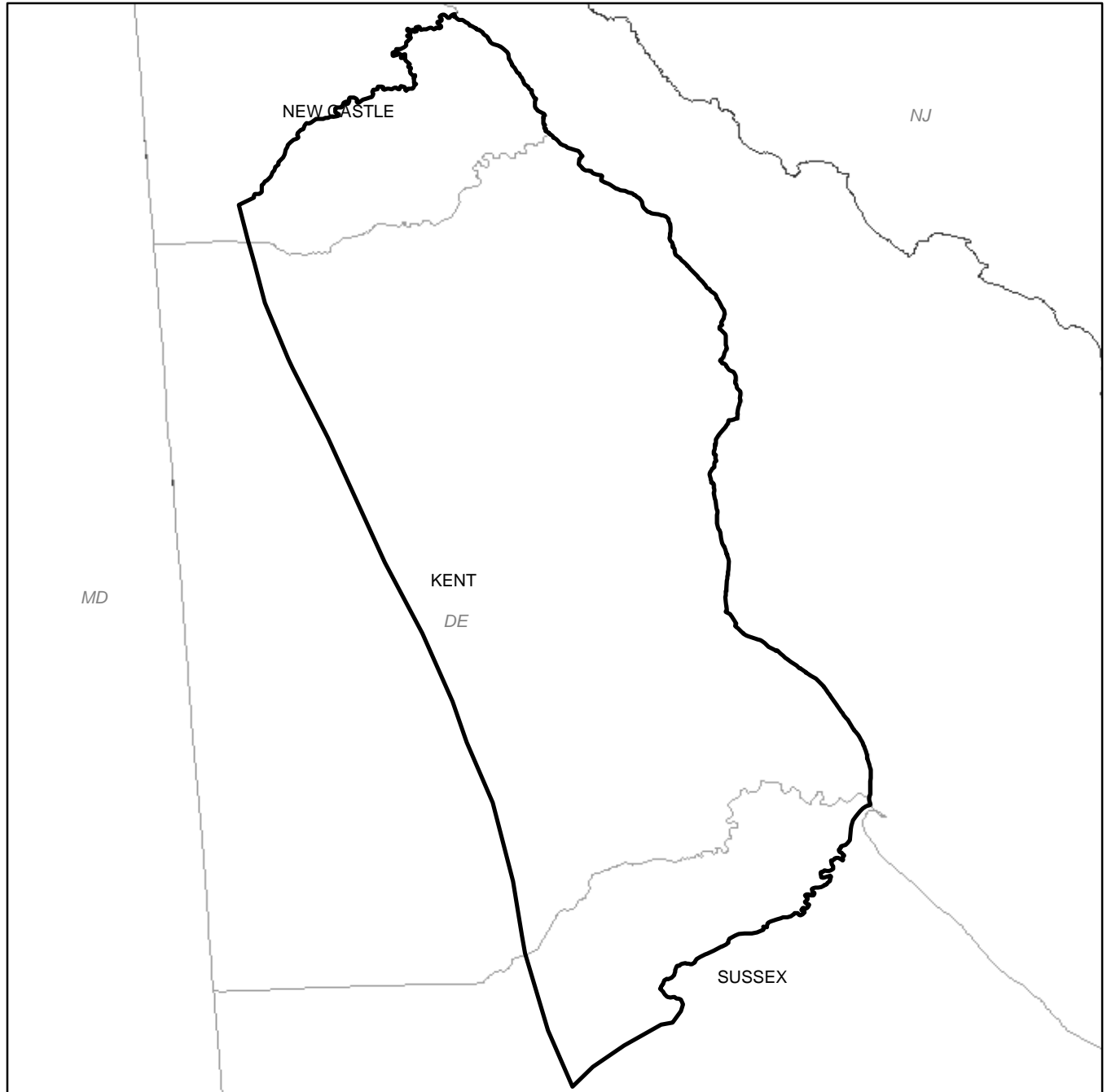
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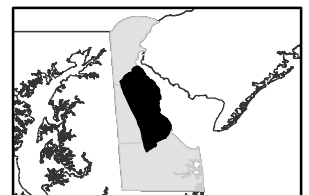
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By 21 December 1682, ST. JONES renamed KENT.

477 sq. mi.

(Penn, 2:324)





KENT

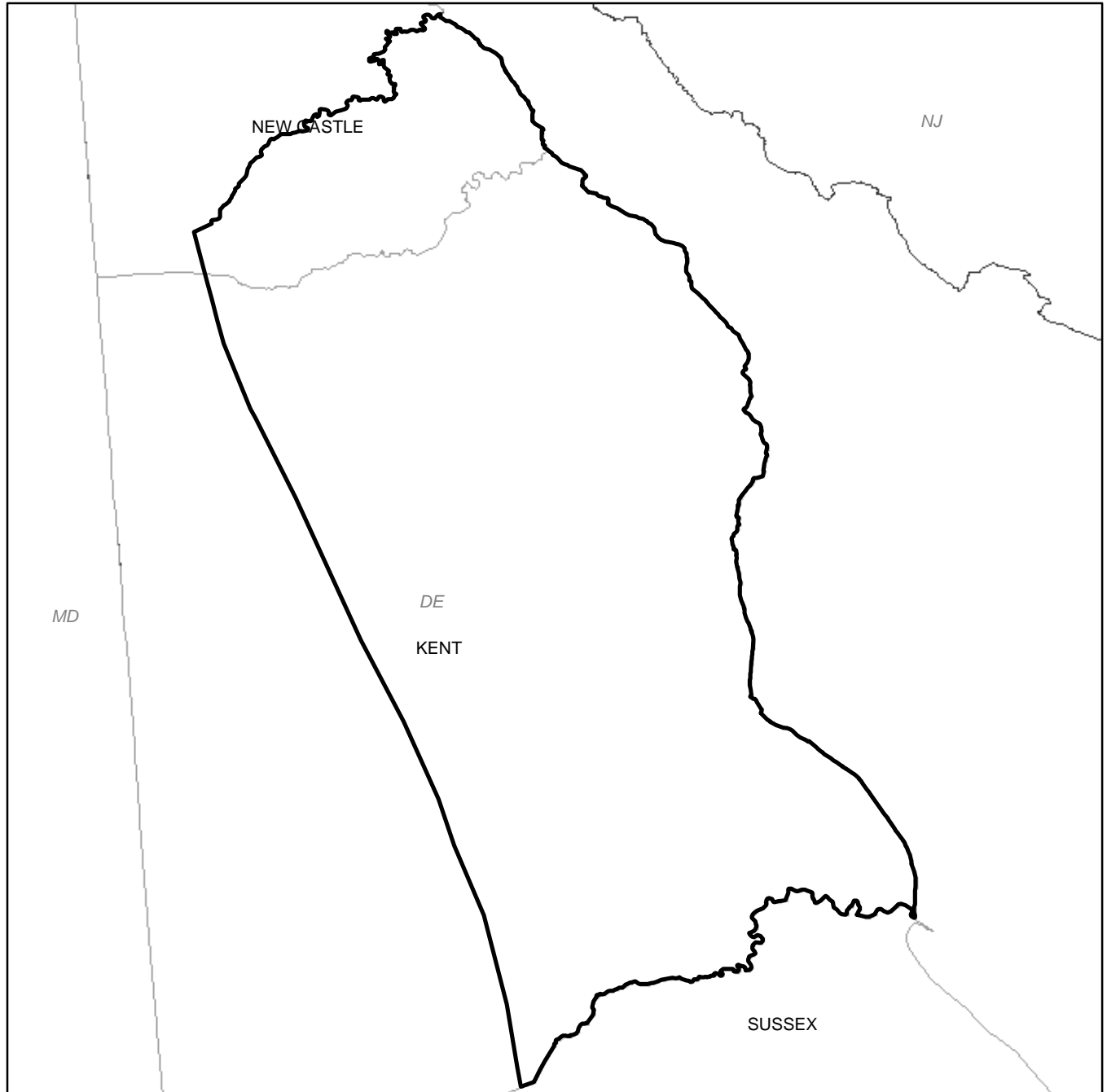
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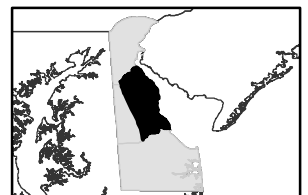
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KENT lost to SUSSEX.

416 sq. mi.

(Turner, 82)





KENT

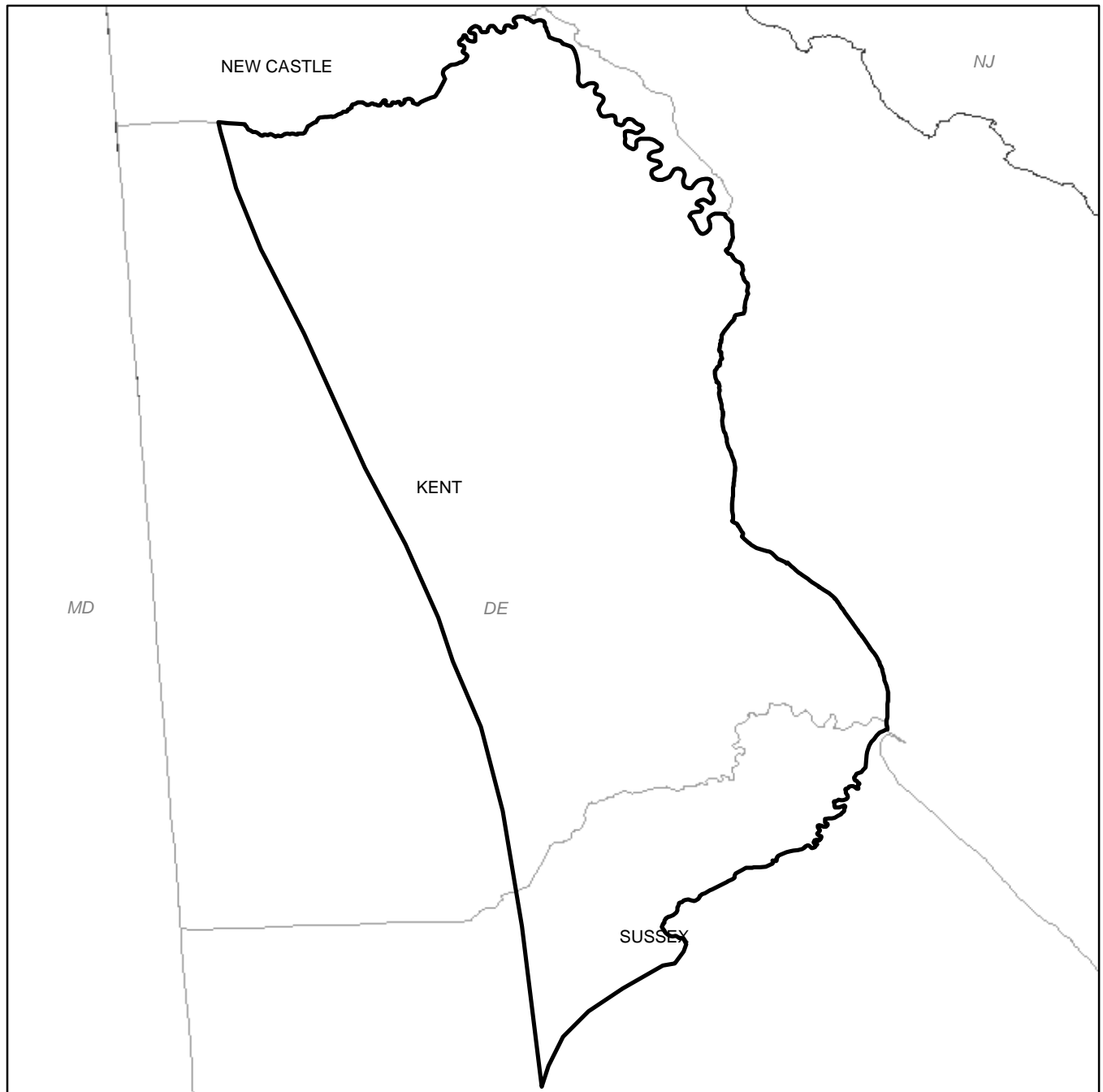
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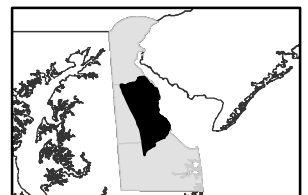
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KENT gained from SUSSEX; lost to NEW CASTLE.

416 sq. mi.

(Scharf, 2:1030)





KENT

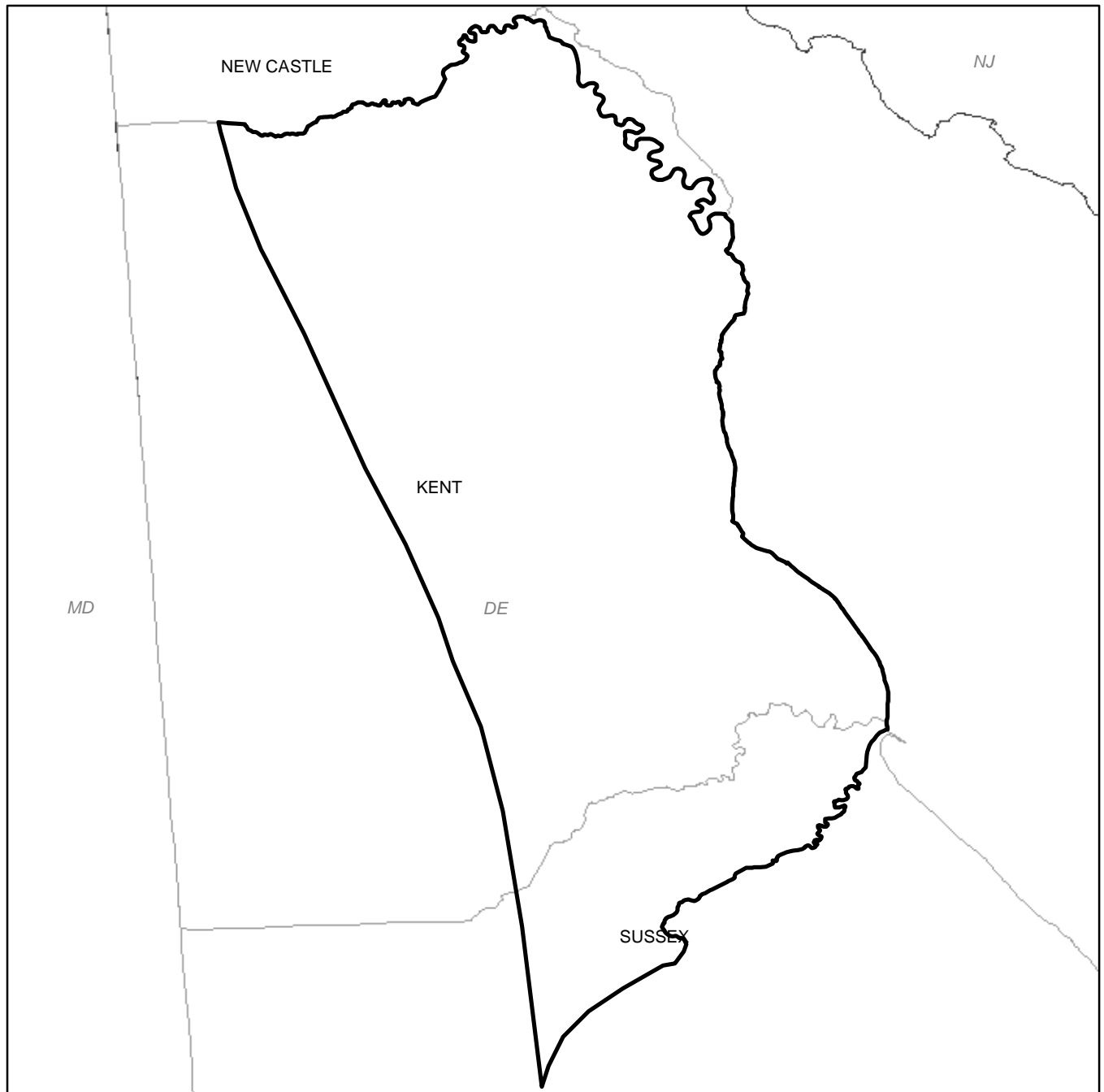
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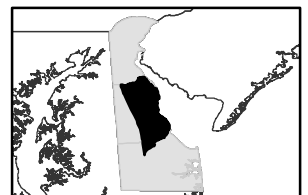
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By 29 November 1704, KENT was separated from Pennsylvania when Delaware became a distinct colony.

416 sq. mi.

(Penn, 4:309; Rodney, 239)





KENT

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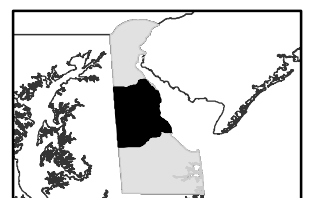
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KENT lost to SUSSEX; boundary was completed westward to the Maryland line.

588 sq. mi.

(Del., Laws of the State, vol. 1, ch. 229, sec. 4/pp. 569-570)





KENT

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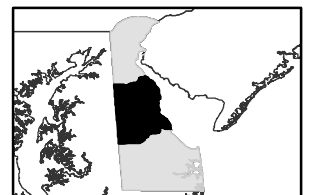
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KENT gained from NEW CASTLE.

599 sq. mi.

(Del. Laws 1841, ch. 347/pp. 401-402; Scharf, 2:1030)





Non-County Area 1

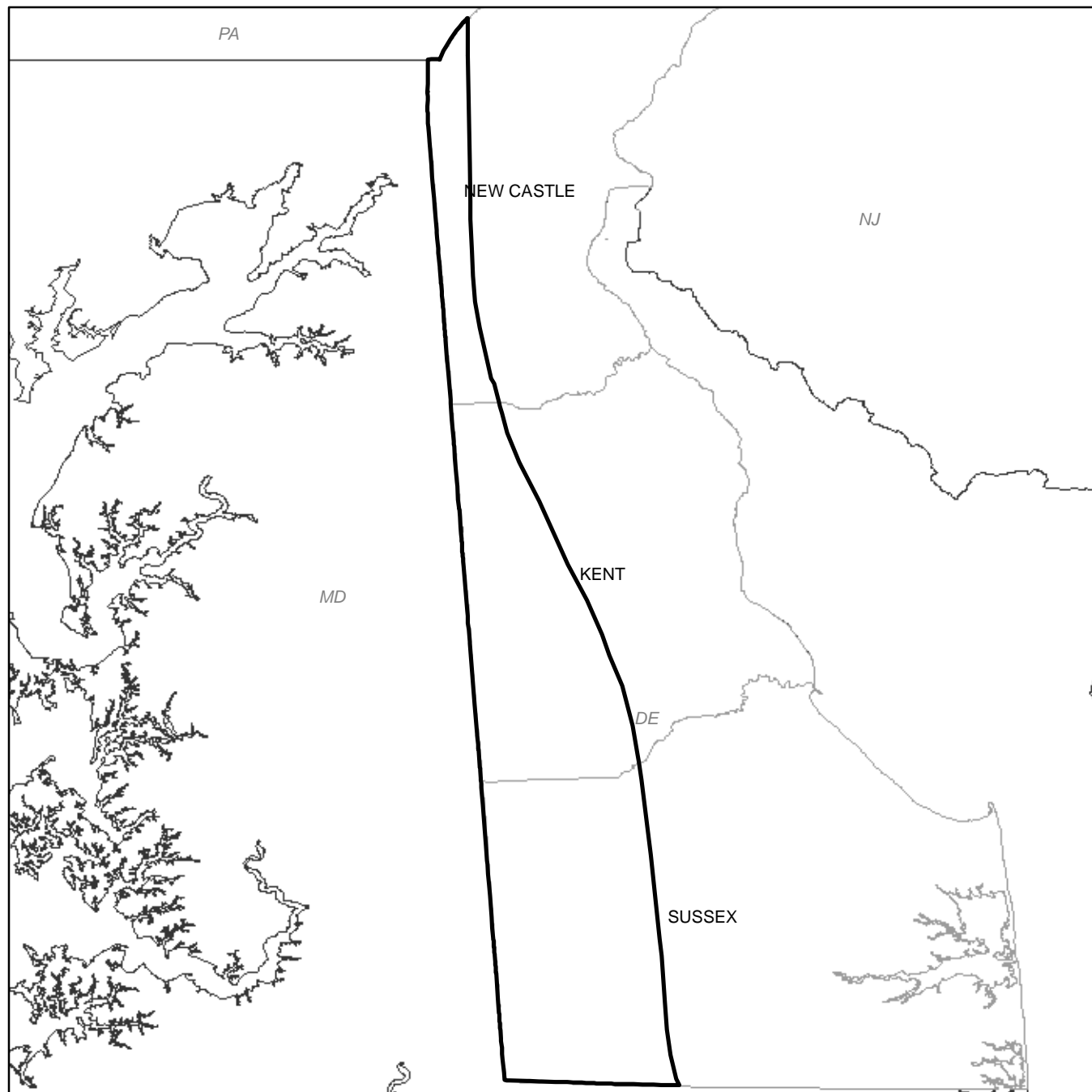
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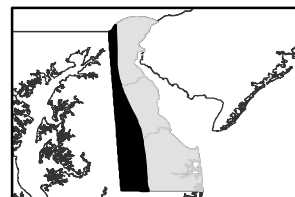
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Non-County Area 1 created in Delaware when representatives of Md. and Penn. agreed on the boundary between their two colonies, including the line between Md. and Del. Implementation of boundary agreement not fully settled until 4 Jul 1760.

602 sq. mi.

(Paullin, 84-85, pl. 100; Pa. Archives, ser. 2, 16:449-460)





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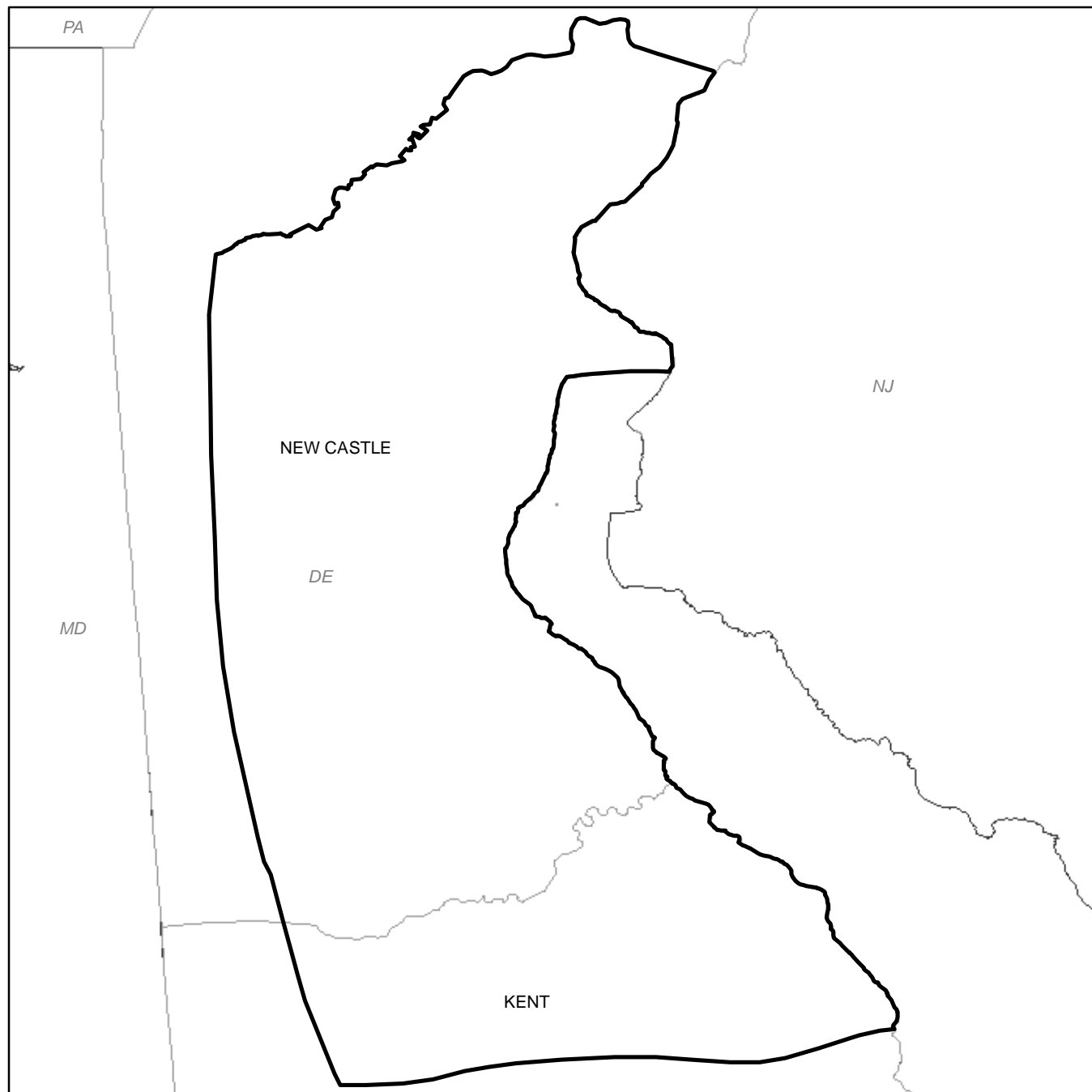
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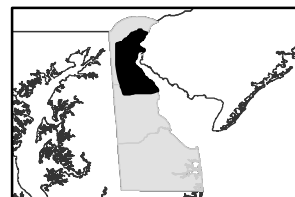
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After completing their re-conquest of New York in August 1673, the Dutch created NEW AMSTEL (now NEW CASTLE) in present Delaware [no inland limits were specified]. NEW AMSTEL became dependent on New York in 1674.

343 sq. mi.

(Docs. of N.Y., 12:507-508; George, Nead, and McCamant, 453-454; Reed, 22)





NEW CASTLE

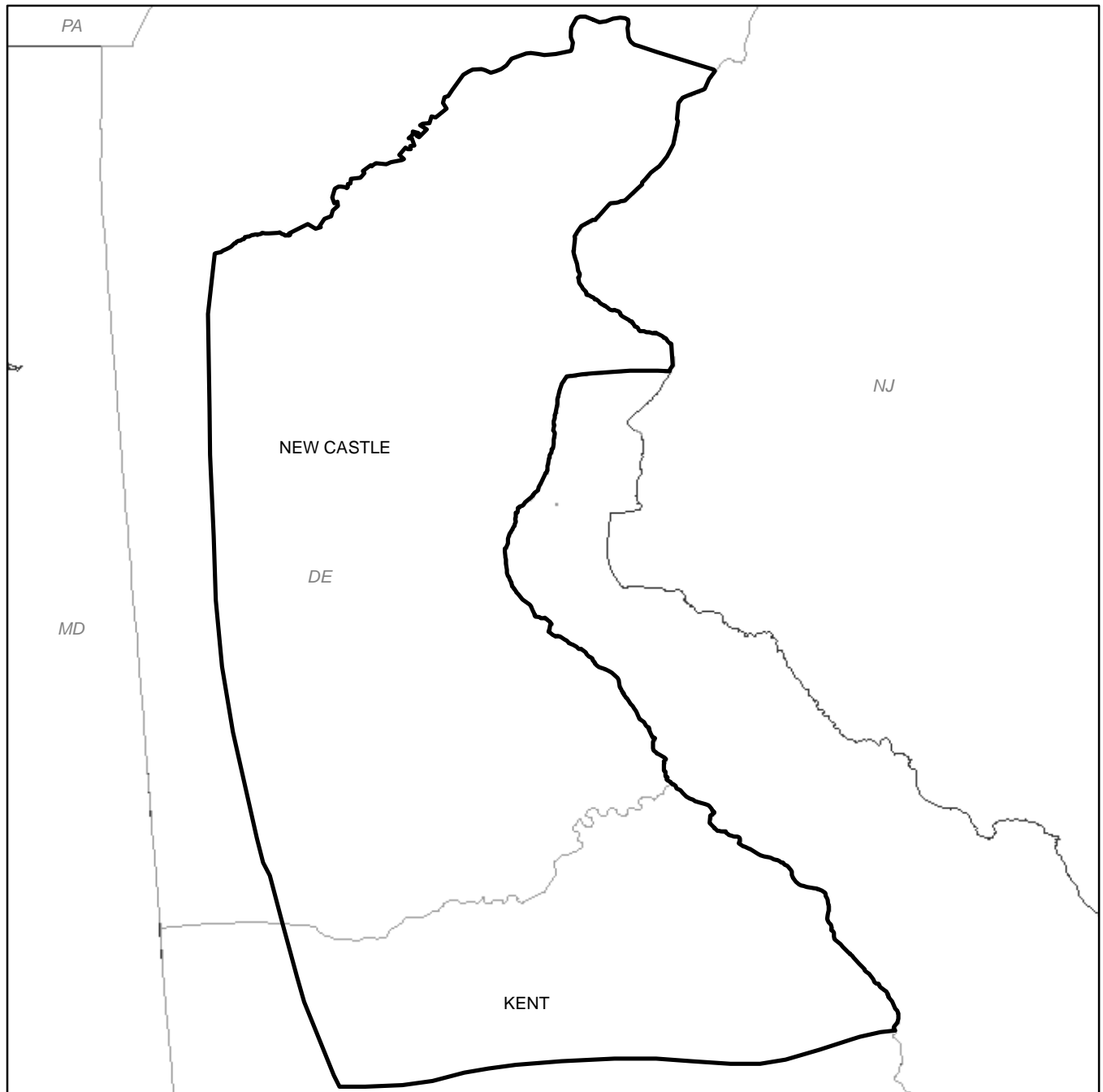
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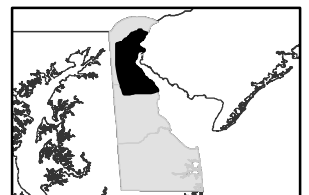
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By 11 Nov 1674 NEW AMSTEL was renamed NEW CASTLE.

343 sq. mi.

(Docs. of N.Y., 12:515)





NEW CASTLE

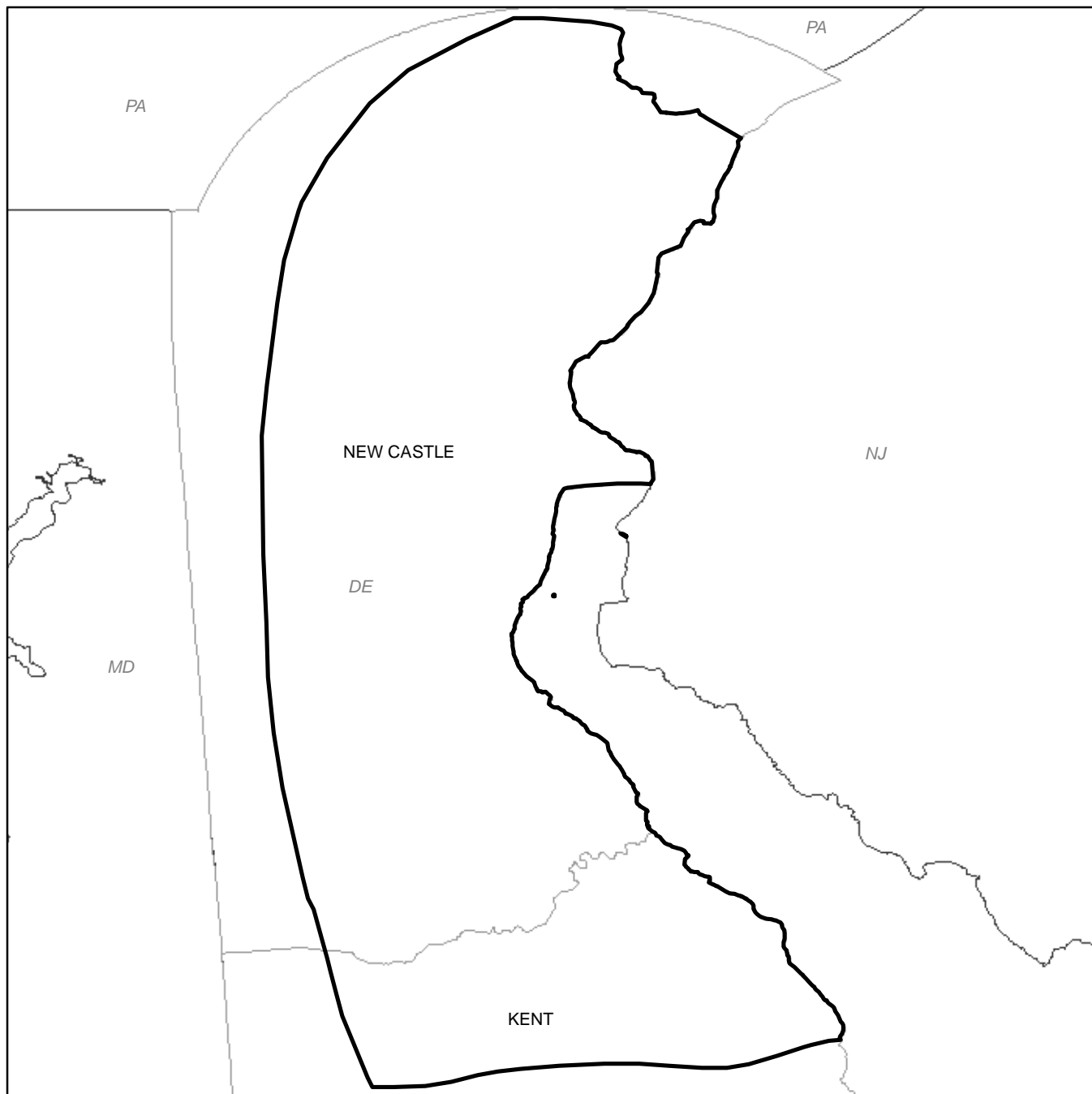
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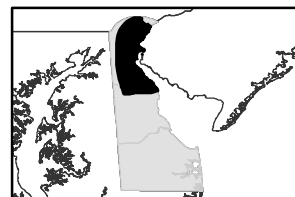
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NEW CASTLE gained from UPLAND (extinct).

441 sq. mi.

(Armstrong, 119, 198)





NEW CASTLE

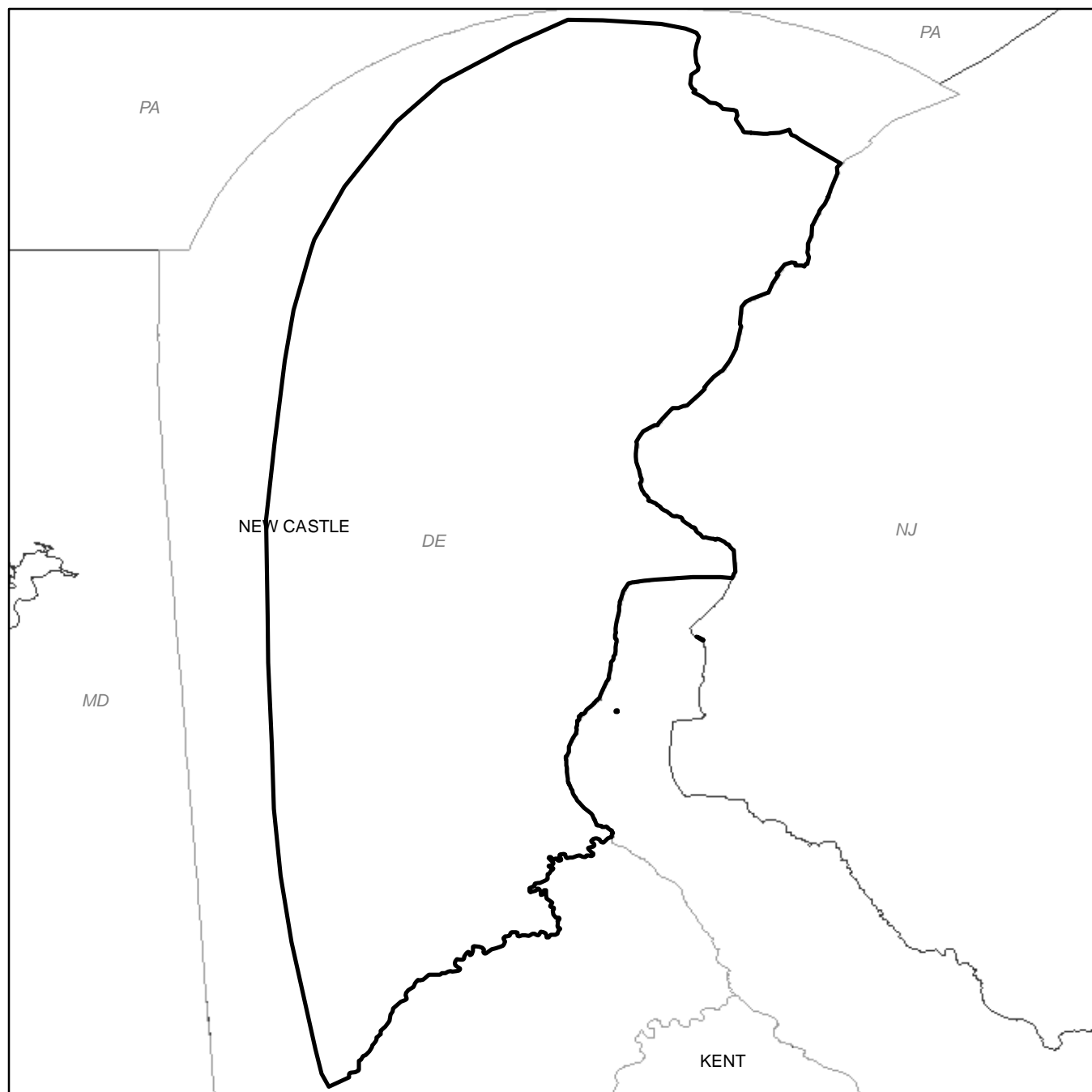
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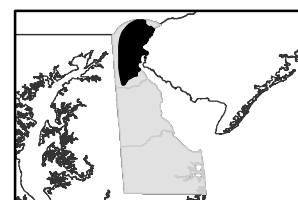
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NEW CASTLE lost to creation of ST. JONES (now KENT).

294 sq. mi.

(Docs. of N.Y., 12:654, 664, 666-667; Reed, 12)





NEW CASTLE

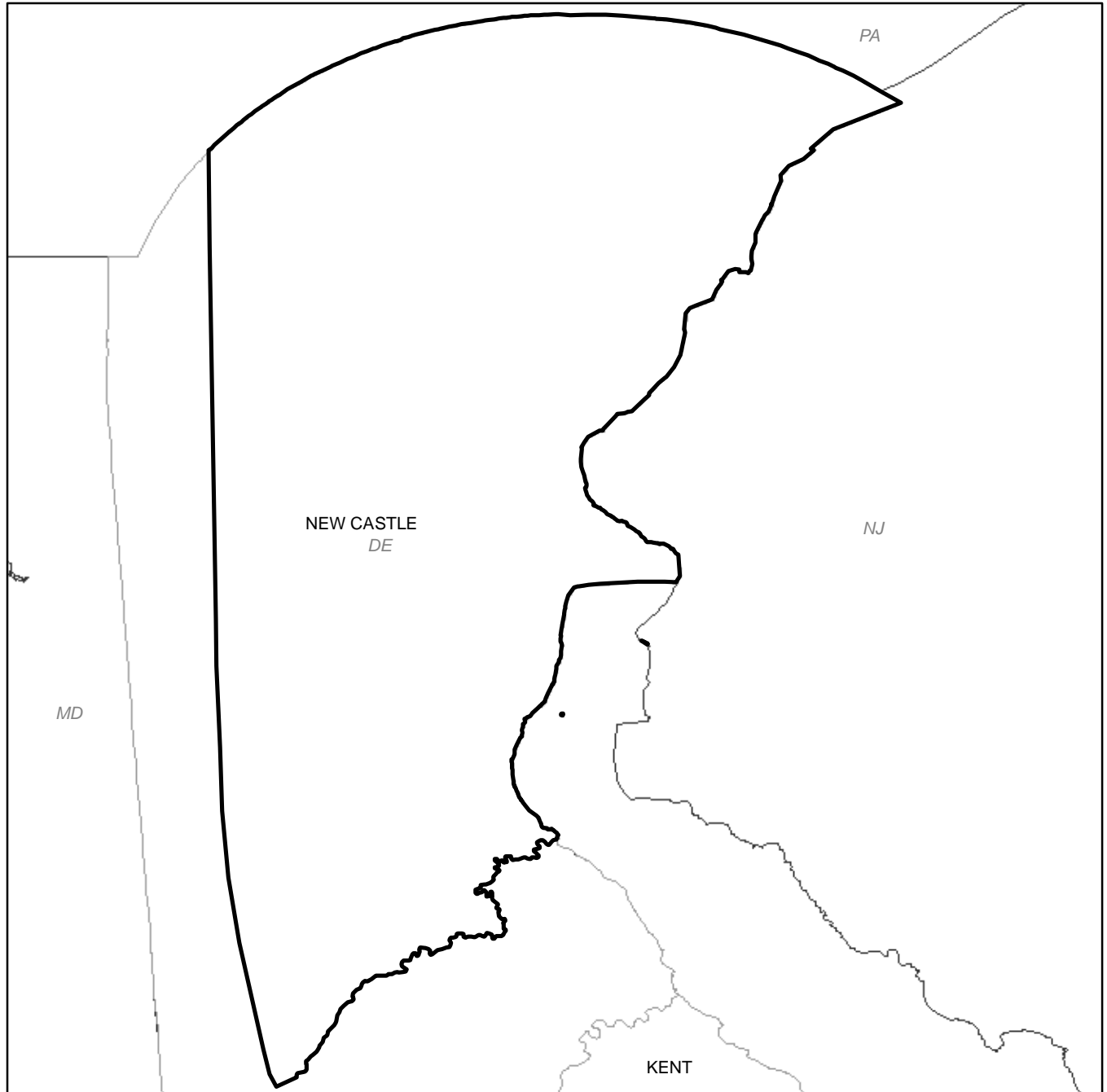
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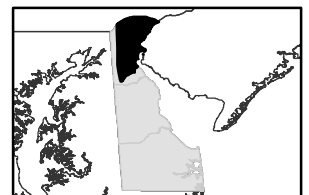
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NEW CASTLE transferred with rest of western Delaware Bay region from the Duke of York to William Penn; implicitly gained the southern tip of UPLAND remaining after county was eliminated in Jun 1681.

338 sq. mi.

(Pa. Archives, 2d ser., 5:739-744)





NEW CASTLE

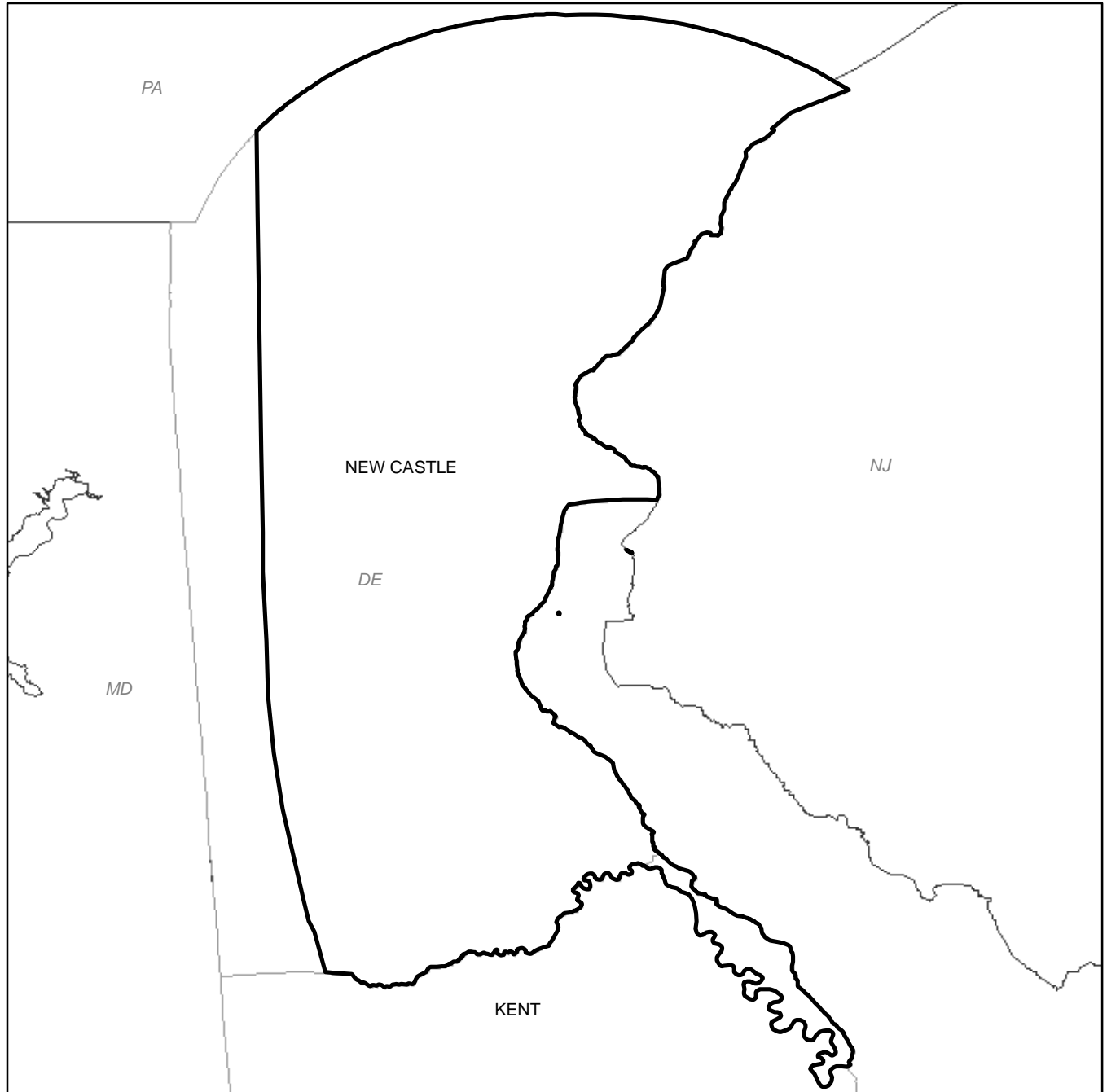
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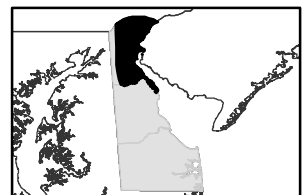
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NEW CASTLE gained from KENT.

403 sq. mi.

(Scharf, 2:1030)





NEW CASTLE

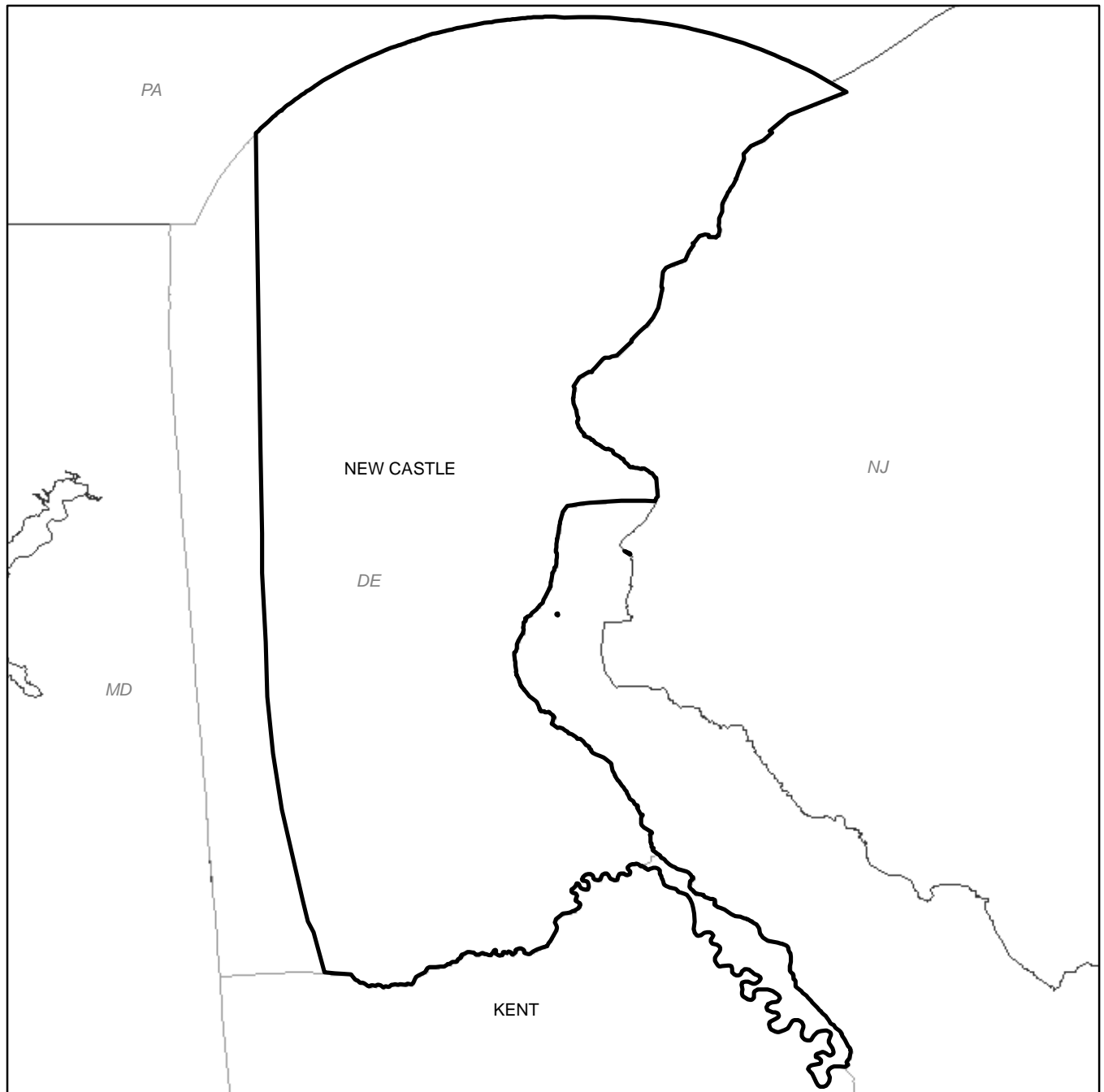
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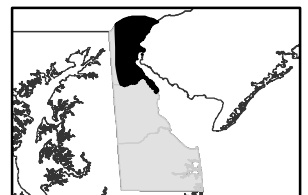
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By 29 November 1704, NEW CASTLE was separated from Pennsylvania when Delaware became a distinct colony.

403 sq. mi.

(Penn, 4:309; Rodney, 239)





NEW CASTLE

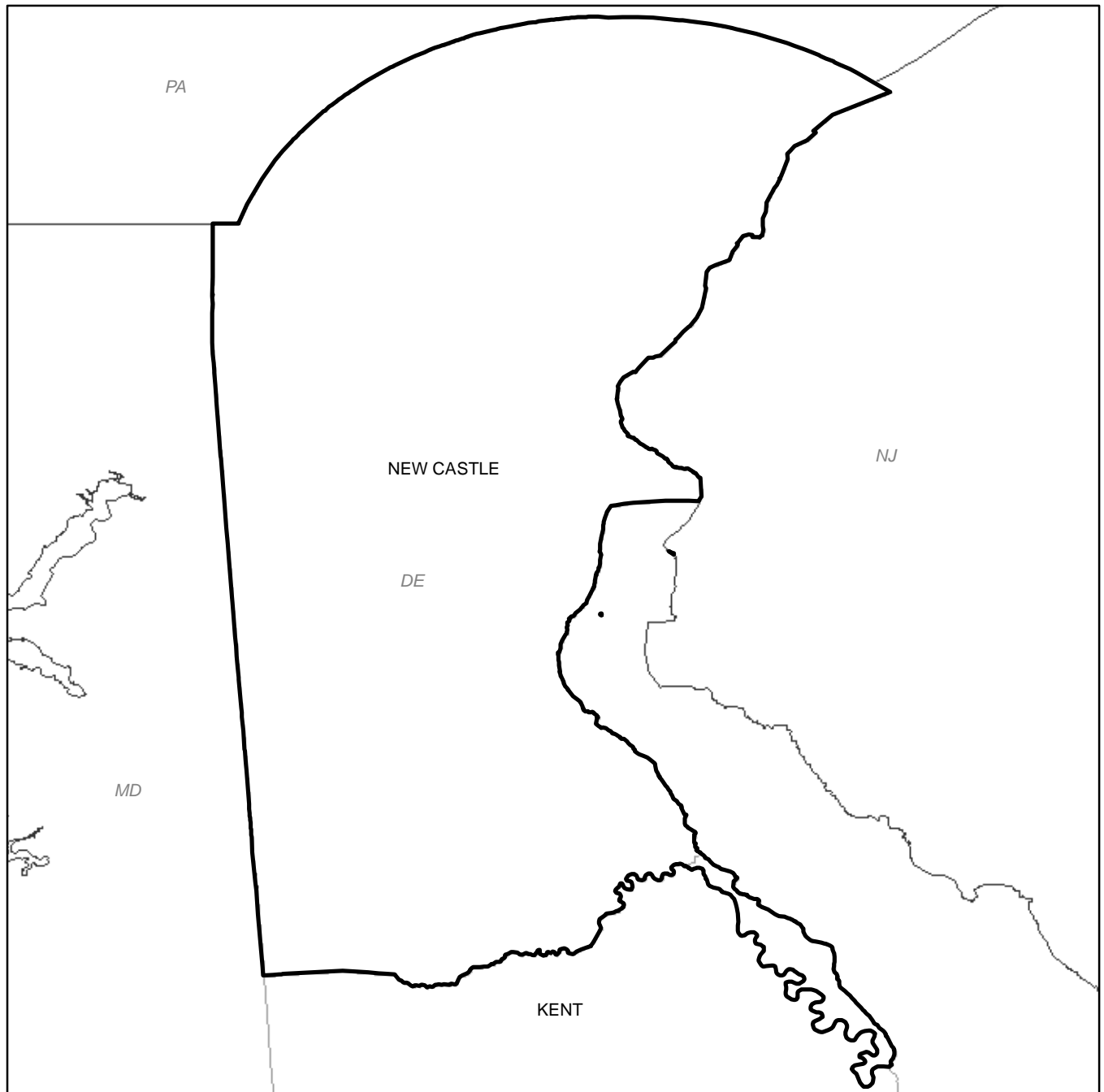
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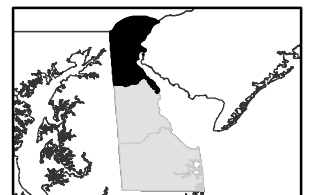
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NEW CASTLE boundary was completed westward to the Maryland line.

480 sq. mi.

(Del., Laws of the State, vol. 1, ch. 229, sec. 4/pp. 569-570)





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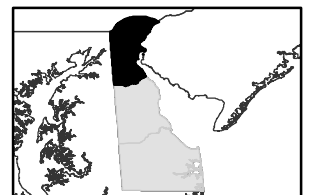
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NEW CASTLE lost to KENT.

469 sq. mi.

(Del. Laws 1841, ch. 347/pp. 401-402; Scharf, 2:1030)





HOARKILL

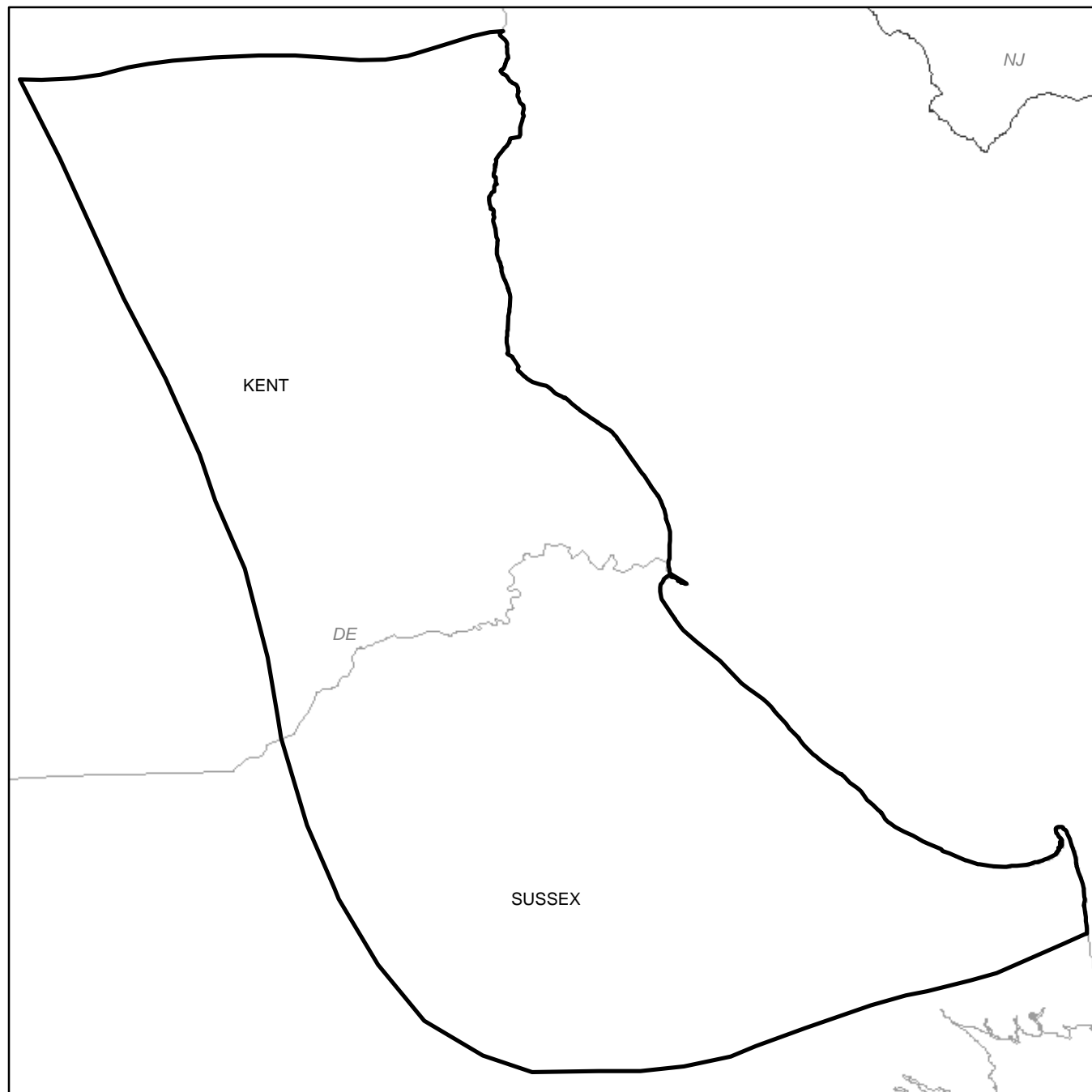
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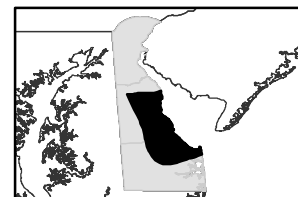
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After completing their re-conquest of New York in August 1673, the Dutch created HOARKILL (later DEALE, now SUSSEX) as one of three countylike courts that became original counties in Delaware; no inland limits were specified.

550 sq. mi.

(Docs. of N.Y., 12:507-508; George, Nead, and McCamant, 453-454; Reed, 22)





HOARKILL

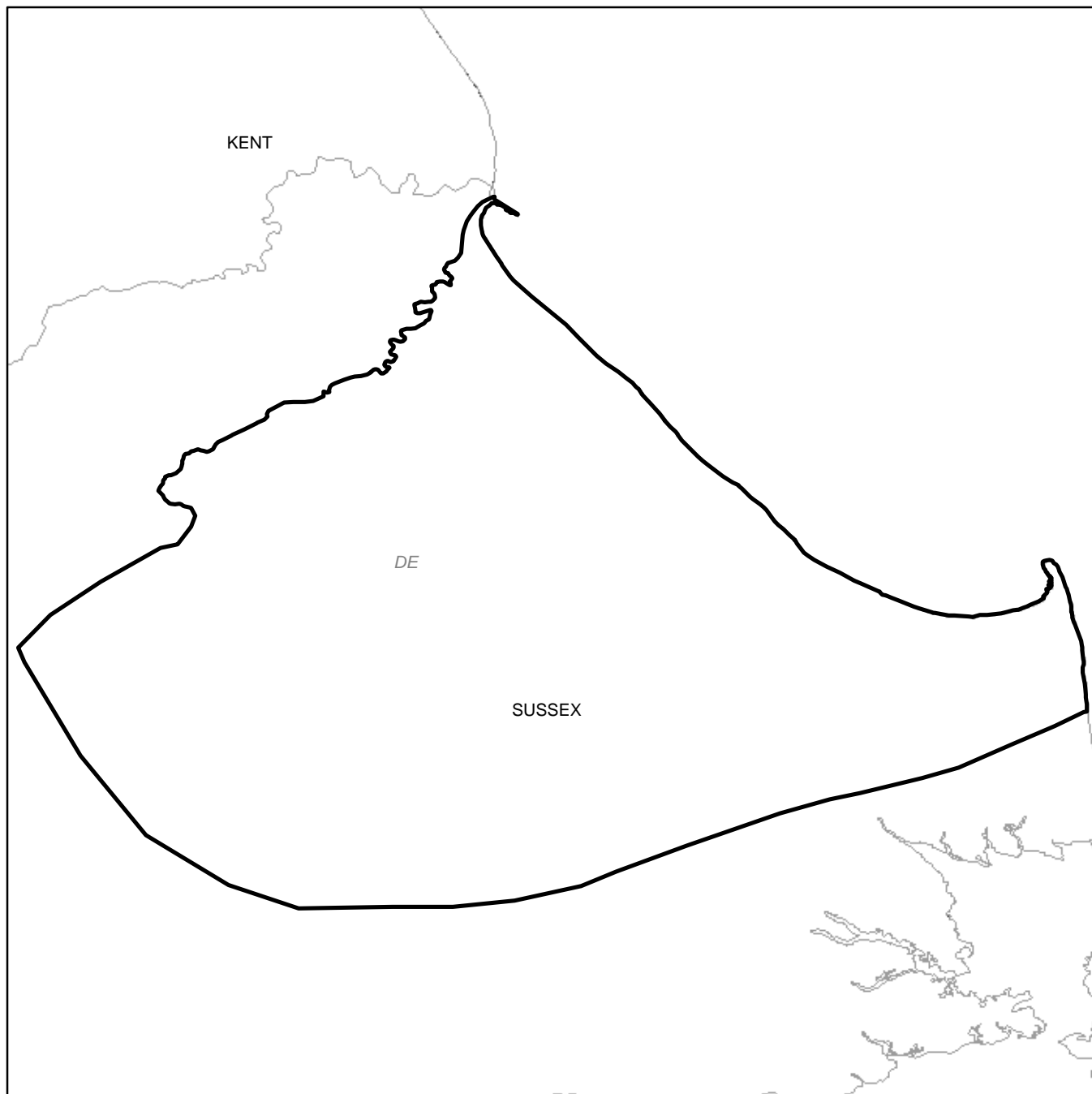
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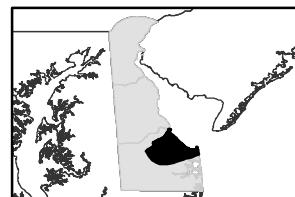
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HOARKILL (later DEALE, now SUSSEX) lost to creation of ST. JONES (now KENT); no inland limits specified.

220 sq. mi.

(Docs. of N.Y., 12:654, 664, 666-667; Reed, 12)





DEALE

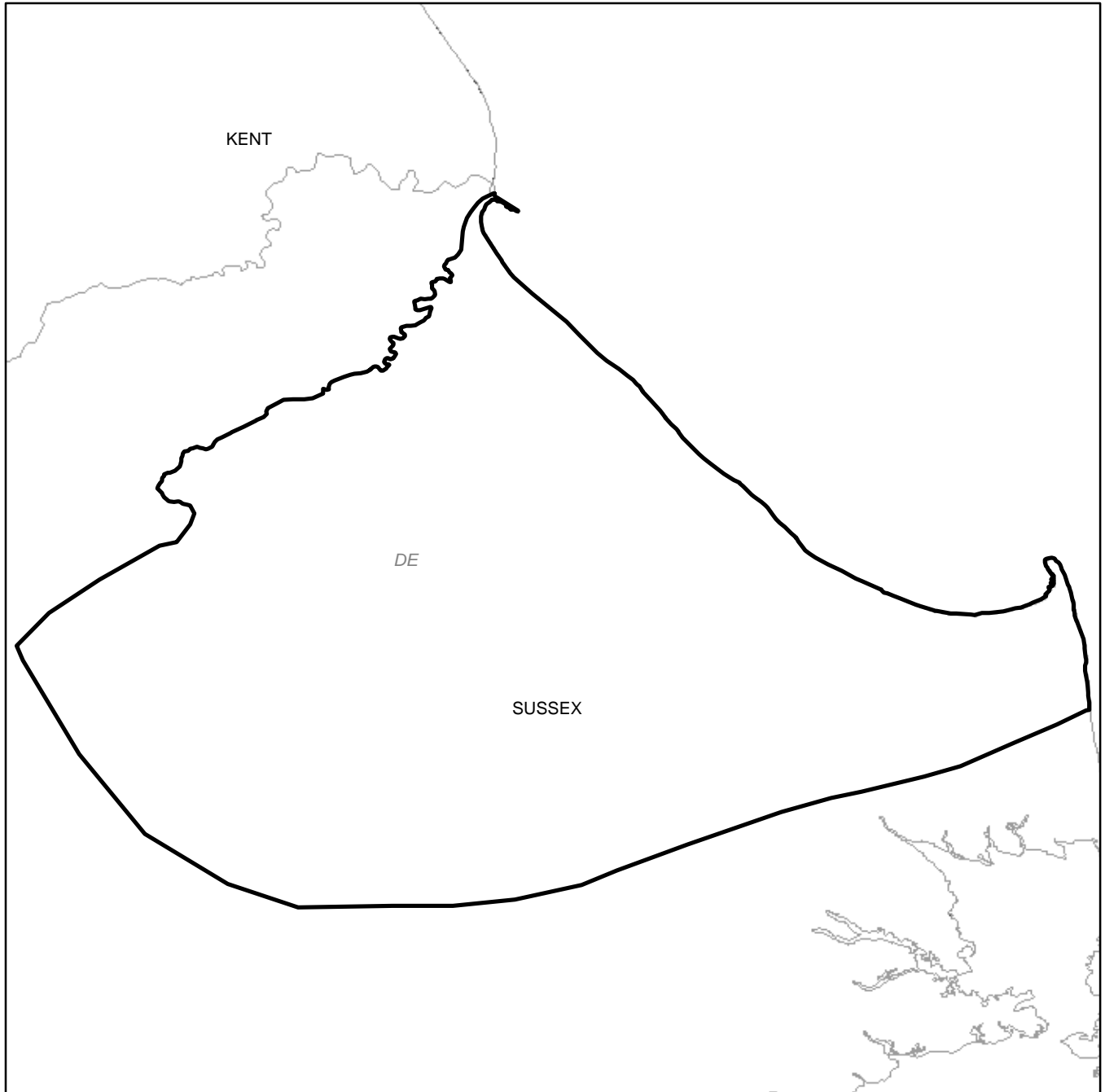
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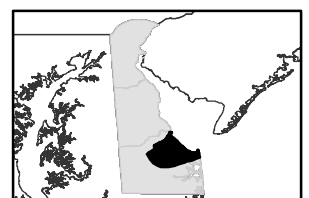
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By 15 June 1681, HOARKILL renamed DEALE (now SUSSEX).

220 sq. mi.

(Turner, 54; Reed, 13)





DEALE

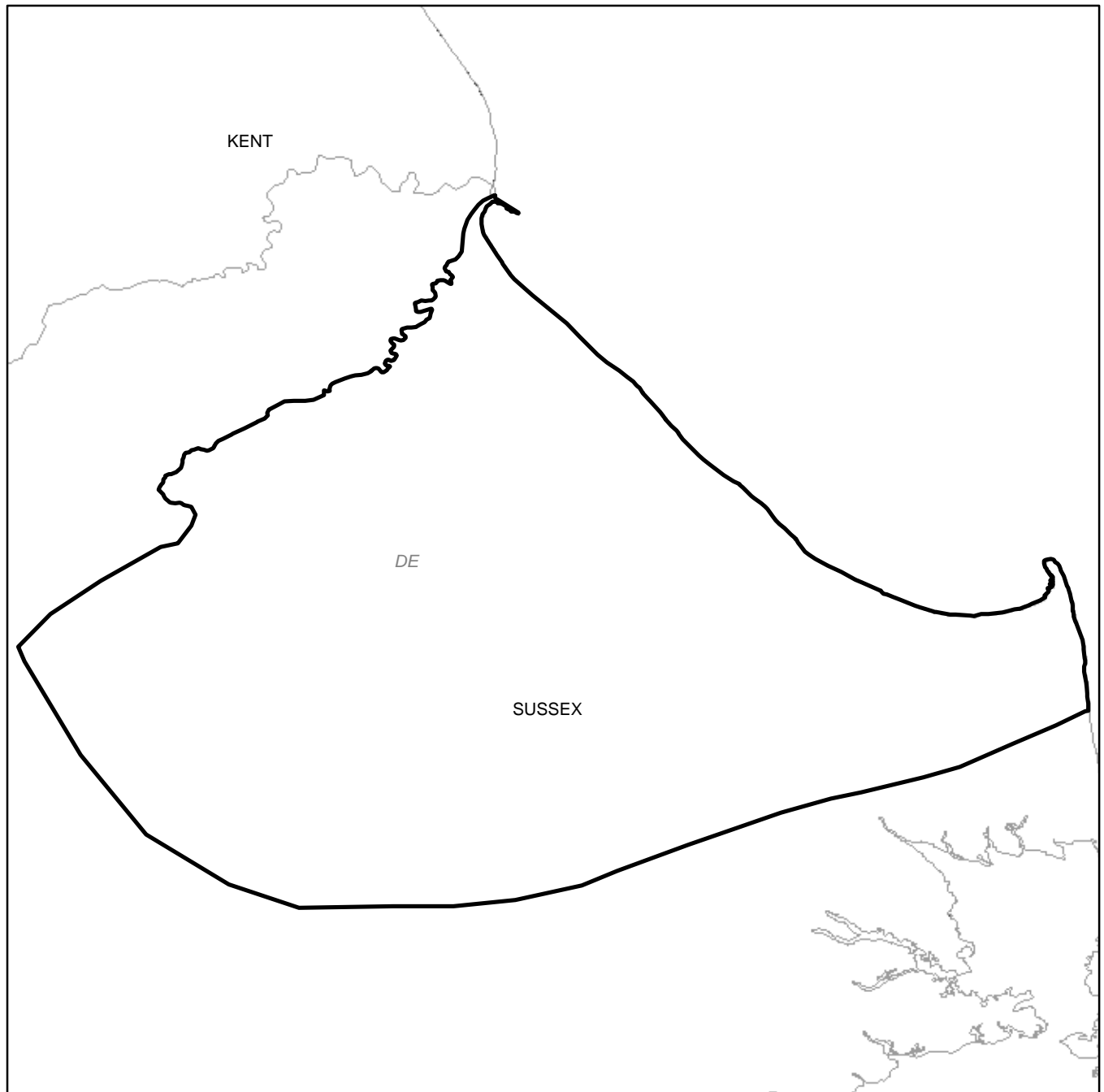
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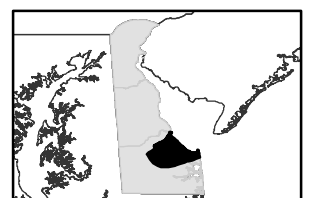
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220 sq. mi.

(Pa. Archives, 2d ser., 5:739-744)





SUSSEX

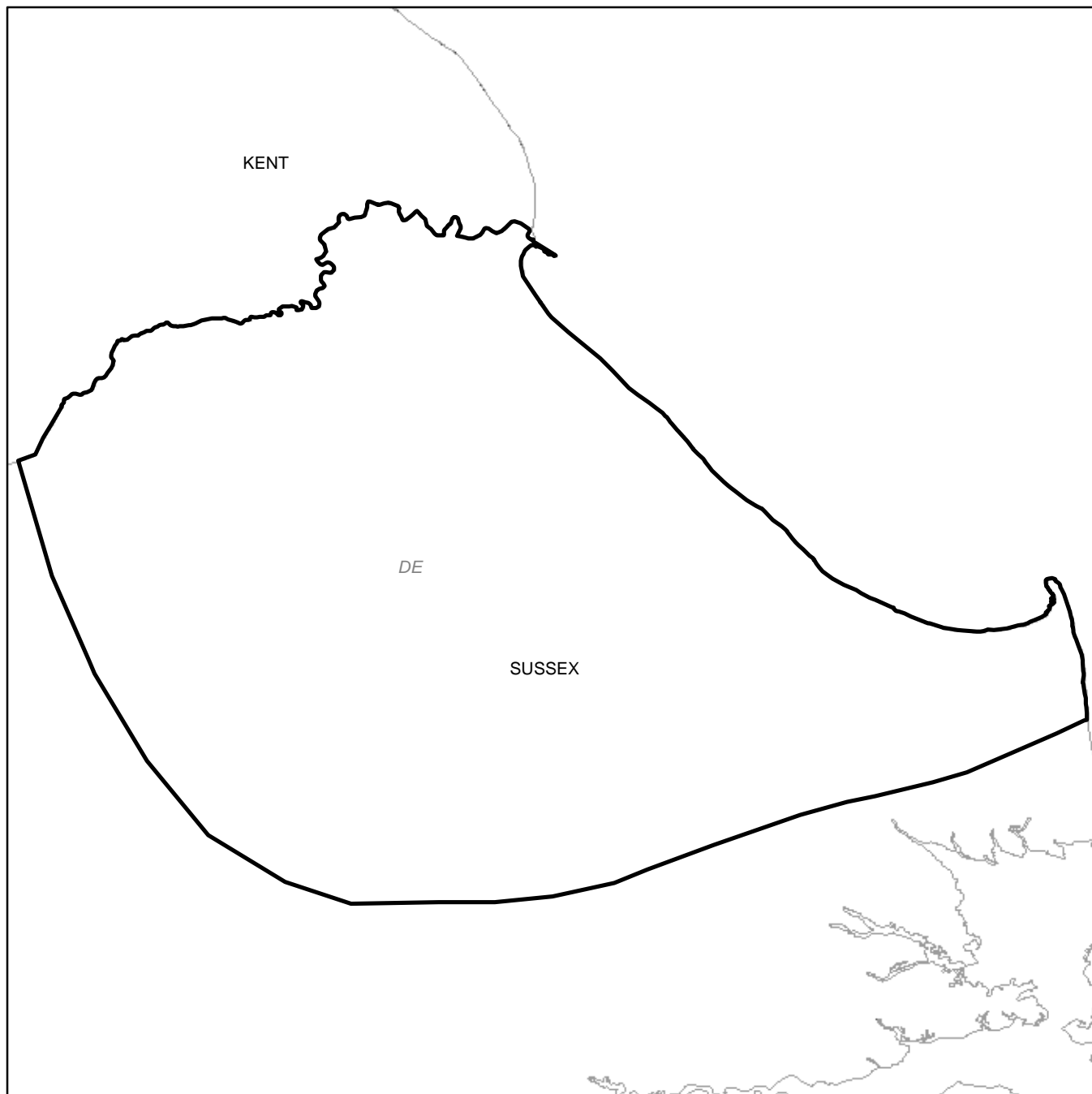
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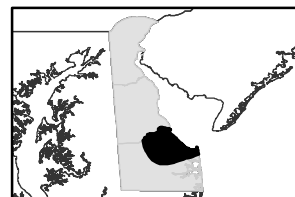
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DEALE renamed SUSSEX; SUSSEX gained from KENT.

281 sq. mi.

(Turner, 82)





SUSSEX

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11/13/1685 - 5/27/1687

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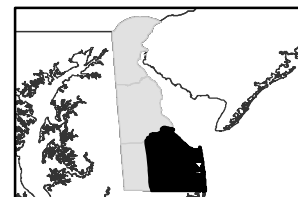
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SUSSEX by default implicitly gained remaining territory north of Maryland when King James II decided the area of Delaware did not belong to Maryland; boundary settled in 1760.

656 sq. mi.

(Lunt, 47; Report on the Resurvey, 145; Van Zandt, 81)





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5/28/1687 - 11/28/1704

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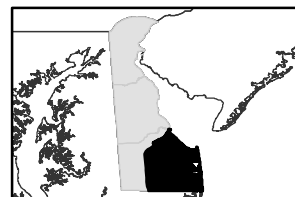
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SUSSEX lost to KENT.

591 sq. mi.

(Scharf, 2:1030)





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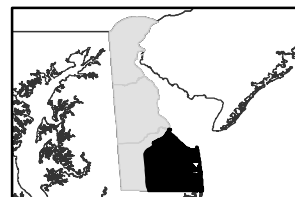
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591 sq. mi.

(Penn, 4:309; Rodney, 239)





SUSSEX

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9/2/1775 - 12/31/2000

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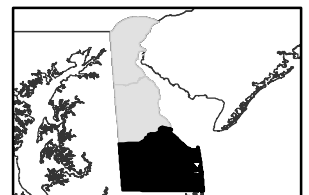
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SUSSEX gained from KENT; boundary was completed westward to the Maryland line.

945 sq. mi.

(Del., Laws of the State, vol. 1, ch. 229, sec. 4/pp. 569-570)





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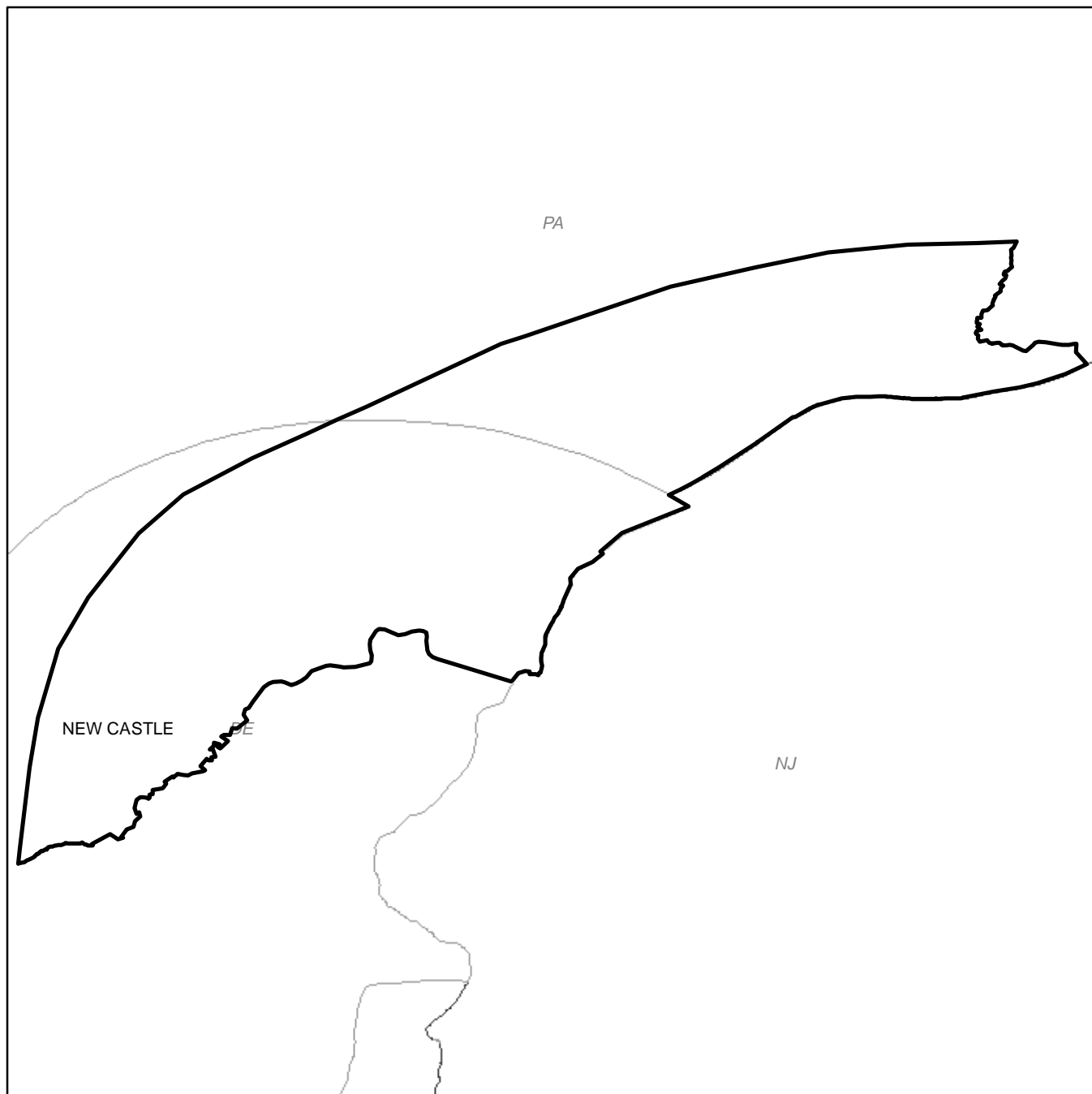
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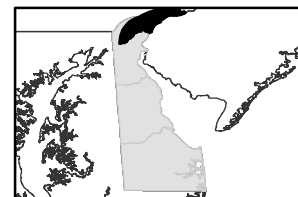
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After completing their re-conquest of New York in August 1673, the Dutch created UPLAND (extinct) in present Delaware and Pennsylvania [no inland limit was specified]. UPLAND became dependent on New York in 1674.

196 sq. mi.

(Docs. of N.Y., 12:507-508; George, Nead, and McCamant, 453-454; Reed, 22)





UPLAND (extinct)

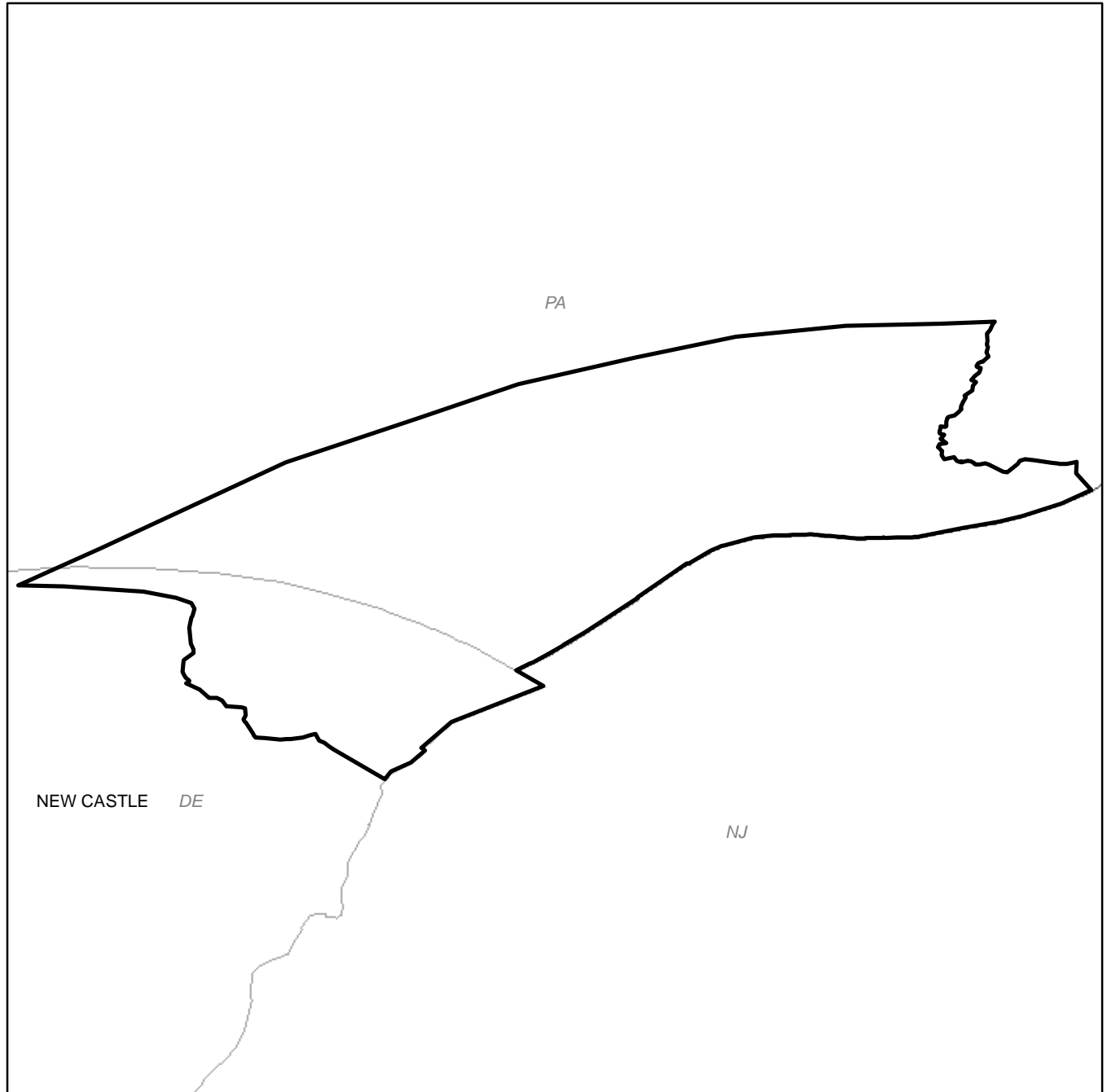
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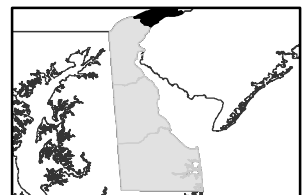
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UPLAND (extinct) lost to NEW CASTLE.

98 sq. mi.

(Armstrong, 119, 198)





DURHAM (Md., extinct)

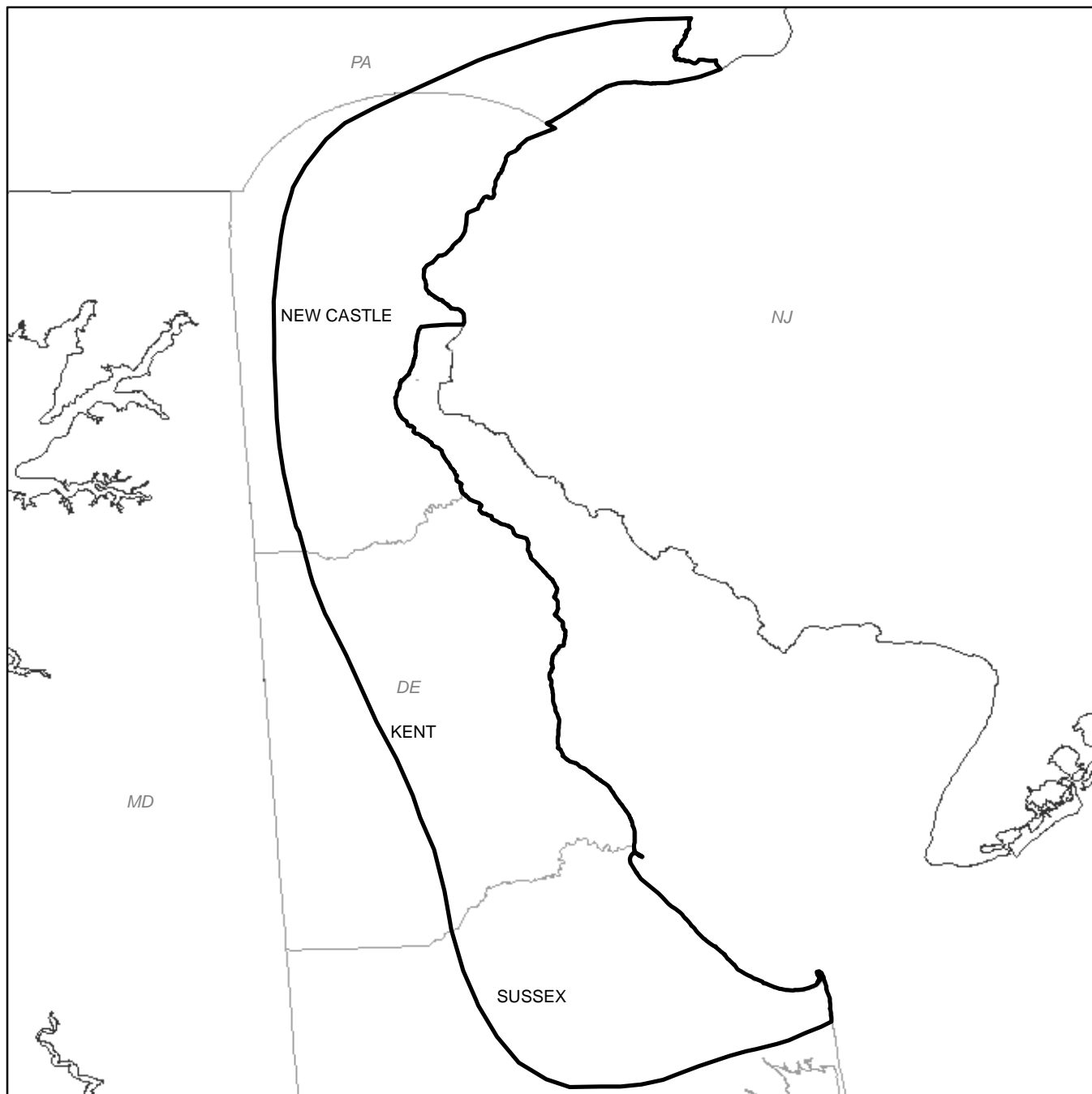
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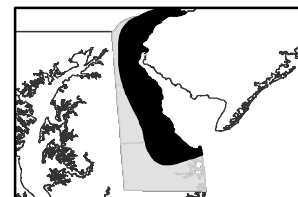
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Maryland implicitly asserted its claim to the area of present Delaware (then controlled by New York) by creating DURHAM (Md., extinct) from SOMERSET (Md.) and non-county area along Atlantic Coast; DURHAM (Md) located in present Delaware and Pennsylvania.

1,089 sq. mi.

(Archives of Md., 5:56-57)





SOMERSET (Md.)

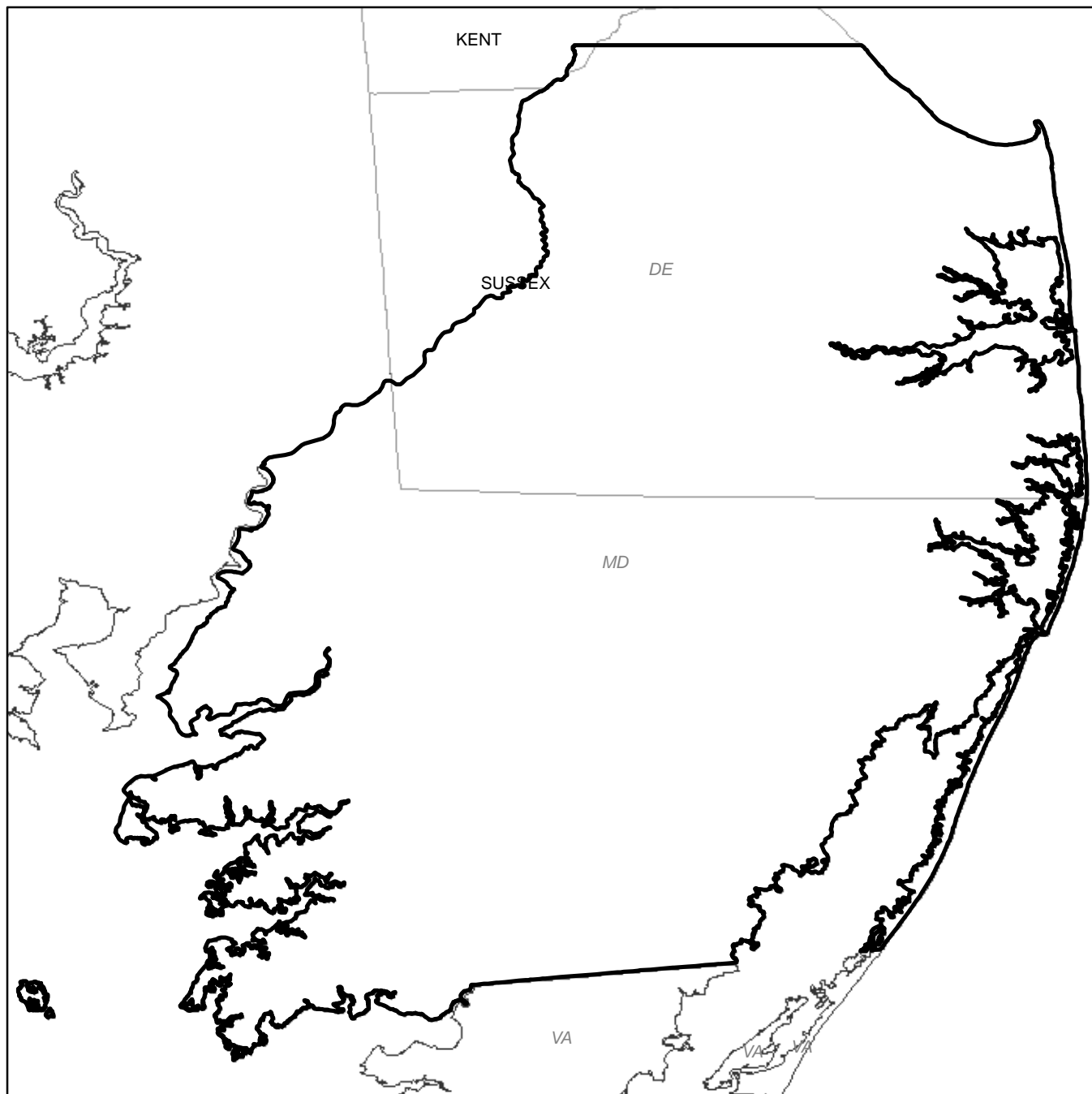
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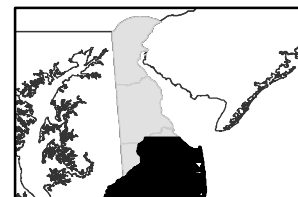
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SOMERSET (Md.) created from non-county area south of TALBOT. Included all land between the Nanticoke River and the Atlantic Ocean (incl. part of southern Del.), but Maryland did not try to exercise jurisdiction in the eastern part that is present Del.

1,955 sq. mi.

(Archives of Md., 3:553-555)





SOMERSET (Md.)

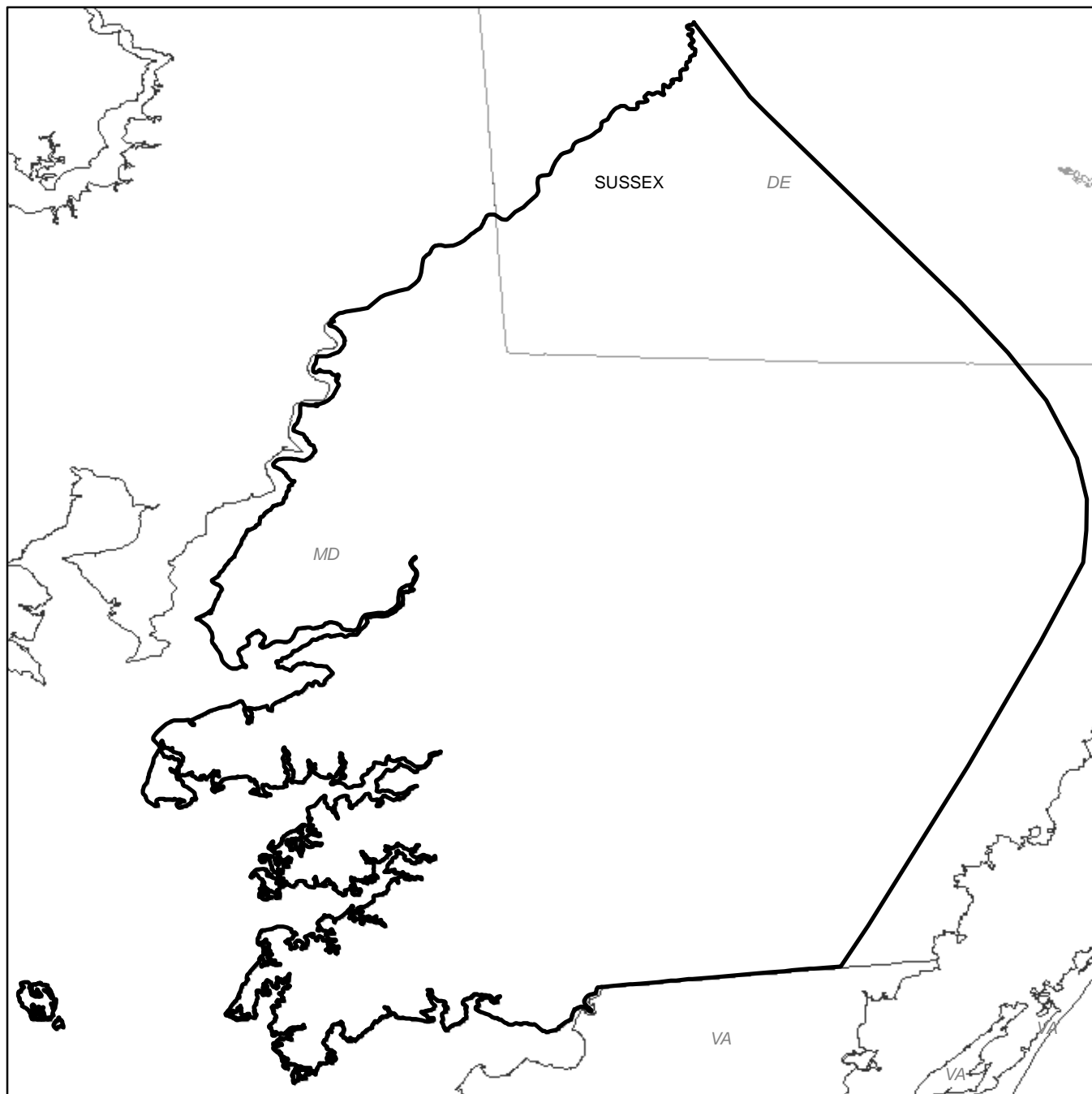
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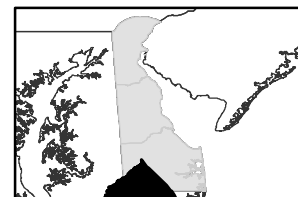
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SOMERSET (Md.) lost to creation of an unnamed county located in Maryland and present southern Delaware, and to creation of DURHAM (Md., extinct). These counties never became operational.

1,157 sq. mi.

(Archives of Md., 5:56-57)





WORCESTER (Md., original, extinct)

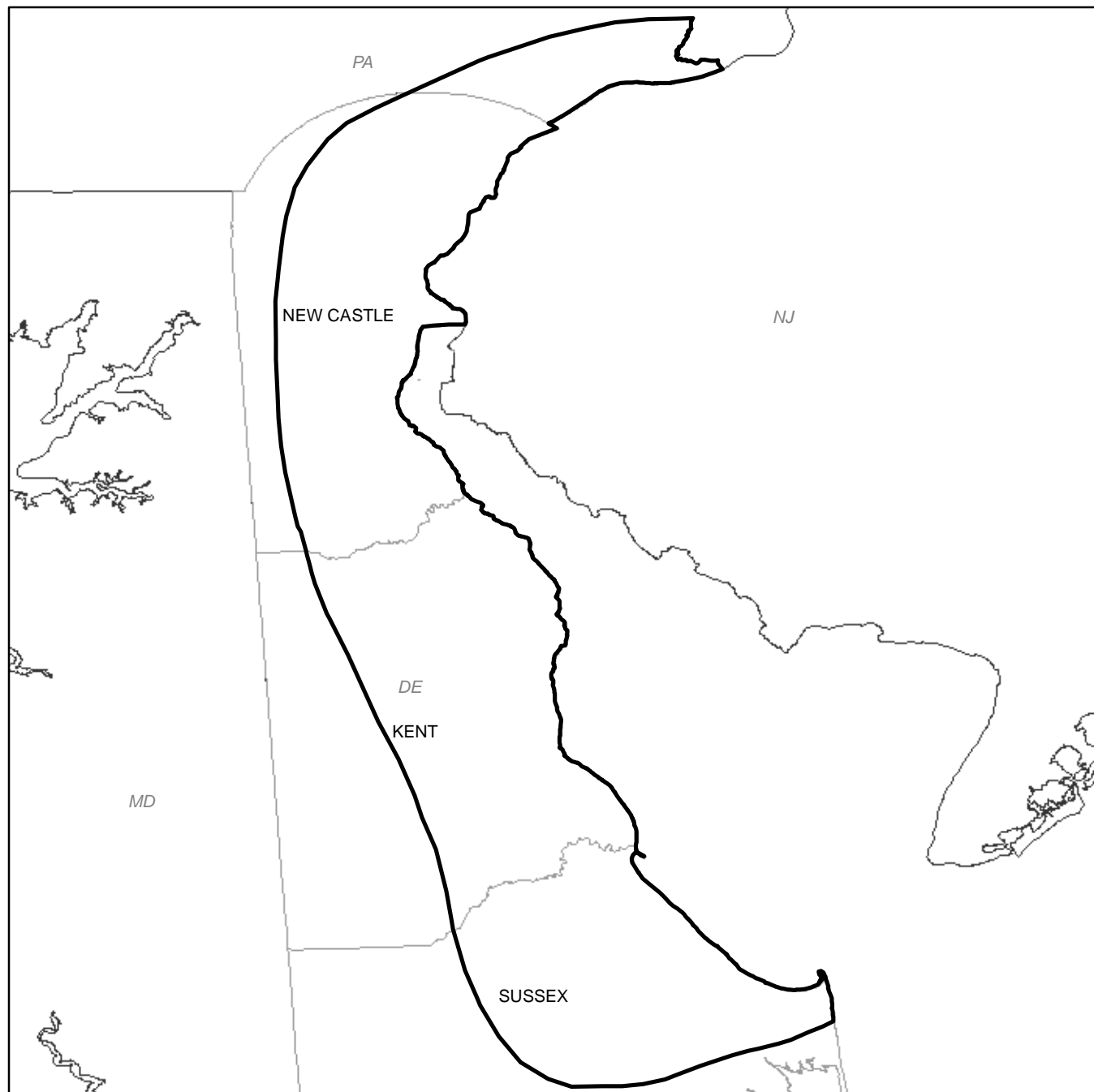
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6/19/1672 - 11/12/1685

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WORCESTER (Md., original, extinct) created from DURHAM (Md., extinct) and the unnamed coastal county in present Maryland and Delaware. WORCESTER (Md., original, extinct) was located in present Delaware and Pennsylvania and never became operational.

1,089 sq. mi.

(Archives of Md., 5:107-110)

