A CHECKLIST OF SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY MAPS RELATING TO DELAWARE

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Information about early maps which delineate the area now comprising the state of Delaware has hitherto been available only in scattered works of reference. The following list brings together, in a chronological arrangement, enough of this information to make for ready use of seventeenth-century maps by students of local history and local culture.

The preparation of this checklist was greatly facilitated by the following publications:

ASHER, G. M., *A Bibliographical and Historical Essay on the Dutch Books and Pamphlets . . . as also on the Maps, Charts, etc., of New Netherland*, Amsterdam, 1854–1867. (Asher builds upon the earlier work of Armstrong and Du Simitière.)


WINSOR, JUSTIN (ed.), *Narrative and Critical History of America*, Boston and New York, 1884, 8 vols.


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Washington, 1896 (PVa); and Check List of Maps Pertaining to Pennsylvania up to 1900, edited by H. S. Garrison ² (mimeograph [1936–1937]), although this is much more useful for the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries than it is for the seventeenth.

As a rule, maps are excluded from the list as being too general if they delineate areas west of the Atlantic coastal states, or areas extending very far beyond the bounds of New England to the north and the Carolinas to the south. This accounts for the absence of such maps, for example, as "Paskaart van Guinea, Brasilien en Westindien" (facsimilie: S&H, facing p. 6), "Americae Septentrionalis Pars" (facsimilie: Documents Relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York, vol. I, frontispiece), and "America Septentrionalis," attributed to Henry Briggs (facsimilie: Fite and Freeman, A Book of Old Maps, facing p. 129)—to mention but a few of the earliest ones. Also excluded are maps based on research, such as Gregory B. Keen's "Map of New Sweden" (Winsor, vol. IV, p. 501), Amandus Johnson's "Detailed Map of New Sweden" (Swedish Settlements on the Delaware, vol. II, facing p. 496), and Leon de Valinger's "Map of New Castle upon Delaware as William Penn Saw It" (published as a separate map). Finally, the list takes no account of maps which are mentioned in early records, but which are not now known to exist.⁴

1614. [Figurative Map] (Block).


³ A revision of this has been microfilmed and deposited in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

⁴ See, for example, the volume in the Penn Manuscripts (deposited in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania) entitled "Papers Relating to the Three Lower Countries, 1629–1774," p. 19, for mention of a chart of the South River in New Netherlands made in 1629 by Gillis Houssett; Amandus Johnson, Swedish Settlements on the Delaware, vol. I, pp. 102, 117–118, and vol. II, p. 560, for references to sketches by Minuit (note especially the comment on Kling, vol. I, p. 117, fn. 30) and Huygen, and vol. II, pp. 516–517, for a reference to a map by Hudde; Icon, vol. II, pp. 111–112 and 142, for a discussion of C plate 39: a facsimile of a copy, made c. 1660–70, of a map of Minuit's time (c. 1630), and vol. II, p. 112, fn., for mention of a manuscript map of the South River (preserved in the Library of Congress, Harrisse bequest) "also evidently copied by the same draughtsman [as the one who did the copy reproduced in C plate 39] at about the same time, from an original of this early period [the 1630's]"; Robert Evelyn's letter, in Peter Force's Tracts, vol. II, No. 7, p. 21 f., for mention of a draught of Delaware Bay which Evelyn gave "to M. Daniel, the plotmaker"; S&H, p. 6, for a reference to "very exact maps" which were lost with the ship Princess; and Documents, vol. XII, p. 183, for mention of "the plan of the Southriver" which was "lost with other papers in the ship 'de Otter'."

⁵ When several facsimiles exist, reference is given only to the largest and most accessible.

1616. [Figurative Map] (Hendrickson).
Fascimile: *Documents*, vol I, facing p. 11.

1630. Nova Anglia, Novum Belgium et Virginia (in De Laet’s *Nieuwe Wereldt, ofte Beschrijvinghe van West-Indien*).
Notes: (1) This map does not appear in the first edition of De Laet (1625). (2) There is a copy in the Hexham translation of the Mercator-Hondius-Jansson *Atlas* (1636). A copy with some alterations appears in Hartgers’ *Beschrijvinghe van Virginia . . .* (1651). Another copy by Schenk and Valk, was made in 1695. See Winsor, vol. IV, p. 435, ftn. 3; and cf. the entries for these maps below. Innes thinks that the De Laet map itself is a copy (cf. *Nar. of New Neth., loc. cit.*).

1630-1634. [Map of New Netherland] (Minuit?).
Note: In the index of *Icon* this map is dated c. 1640.

c. 1630–1640. [De Zuid-Baai in Nieuw-Nederland] (De Vries?).
Notes: (1) In Icon, vol. II, p. 117, the surmise is made that this map at one time belonged to a set which owed its origin to the initiative of De Vries. (2) Miss Jeannette Eckman, one of the editors of Delaware, A Guide to the First State, has suggested to me that this map may be the one prepared by Houssett in 1629 (cf. ftn. 4 above).

c. 1630–1640. [A Chart of the South Bay] (De Vries?).
Facsimile: One of the two plates published in 1912 as a supplement to the Linschoten-Vereeniging edition of De Vries cited under the entry dated c. 1630–1634.
Note: The author of Icon, loc. cit., ascribes to De Vries this map and the one immediately following, both of which were “found in one of the copies of his printed journals, now preserved in the collection of Prince Roland Bonaparte, in Paris.”

C. 1630-1640. [A Chart of the Coast-line from Virginia to New England] (De Vries?).
Facsimile: One of two plates published in 1912 as a supplement to the Linschoten-Vereeniging edition of De Vries cited under the entry dated c. 1630–1634.
Note: See the note under the preceding entry.

1635 (or before). Nova Belgica et Anglia Nova (in Blaeu’s Atlas).
Note: This map is unchanged in all subsequent editions of Blaeu. Cf. Icon, vol. II, p. 143.

Facsimile: Narratives of Early Maryland (ed. Hall), frontis-piece.
Note: A later state of this map, with various additions, appeared in 1671. Cf. Mathews, MGS, vol. II, p. 360; PMp, p. 391; PVa, pp. 41-42.

Notes: (1) This map is a copy of the 1630 map by De Laet. (2) In some of the later issues of the Atlas the title is changed to "Nova Belgica et Anglia Nova" (cf. PAt, nos. 459 and 463).

c. 1636. Carta Particolare della Nuova Belgia è Parte della Nuova Anglia (in Dudley's Dell' Arcano del Mare).

Notes: (1) O'Callaghan argues for a date as early as 1631. (2) For a facsimile of a cancelled map of New Netherland by Dudley see Icon, vol. II, C plate 35, and cf. pp. 147-148 of the same volume.

c. 1636. Carta Particolare della Virginia Vecchia è Nuova (in Dudley's Dell' Arcano del Mare).

Facsimile: A. L. Humphreys, Old Decorative Maps and Charts, plate 56.
References: PAt, no. 457. PVa, p. 27.

1639. Pascaert van Nieuw Nederlandt, Virginia, ende Nieuw Engelandt, verthonende alles wat van die landen by see oft by land is ondect oft bekent (Vingboons).
Reference: PVa, p. 29.
Note: C plate 39 of Icon, vol. II, is a facsimile of a copy, made in the 1660's, of a map of Minuit's time, c. 1630 (cf. Icon, vol. II, pp. 111-112, 142), the title of which agrees with the one above. It is quite possible that the Vingboons map—a manuscript map—is also a copy (cf. note (1) under the entry dated 1643).


*Notes:* (1) *Icon*, vol. VI, p. 19, states that “in March, 1923, Dr. Wieder discovered in the Vatican Library an Atlas in three volumes drawn by the hand of Johannes Vingboom [also spelled Vingboon, Vingboons], and belonging originally to the library of Christina, Queen of Sweden. This Atlas contains similar maps and views to those described in the Iconography, especially in volume II, but here Vingboom's name appears on the title page of each volume and many of the maps bear his signature.” (2) Plate 81B in *Icon*, vol. VI, a facsimile of a copy made by Vingbooms about 1665 of a survey of New Netherland in the time of Peter Minuit, also shows the South River, but in less detail than the present map.


*Facsimile:* Fite and Freeman, facing p. 147.


*Notes:* (1) This map is now considered the prototype of the so-called Jansson-Visscher series (but cf. *Icon*, vol. VI, p. 18, under the dates 1651–1653). (2) Kelso (nos. 2–3 in the Kelso list, S&H, pp. 6–7) discusses two other states; there is a facsimile of the second state in *Icon*, vol. I, plate 7a; the third state, with the imprint of Schenk and Valk, is no. 11 in Asher’s list.

1647-1651. Novi Belgii, Novæque Angliæ, nec non Partis Virginæ Tabula (multis in locis emendata a Nicolao Joannis Visscherio).

*Facsimile:* S&H, facing p. 9.

Notes: (1) This map is a member of the Jansson-Visscher series. (2) Kelso (nos. 4 and 5) describes two states: the first without Fort Kasimier (as above), and the second with (cf. S&H, p. 144; there is a facsimile in *Narratives of Early Pennsylvania* . . . (ed. Myers), facing p. 170). Speed copied the second state (cf. Kelso no. 6 and the Speed entry under 1675.) In Kelso’s entry no. 7 is a reference to the erroneous date 1659 (cf. Garrison, PMHB. vol. LIX, p. 262; Mathews, MGS, vol. I, p. 336; and PMp, p-561).

1651. Virginia, Nieu-Nederlandt, Nieu Engelandt (in Hartgers’ *Beschrijvinghe van Virginia* . . .).


Note: This map is a copy of the 1630 map by De Laet.

1651. A Mapp of Virginia (Domina Virginia Farrer).


Note: PMp, loc. cit., discusses another state of this map.


Facsimile: *Icon*, vol. I, plate 7A.


Notes: (1) This map is a member of the Jansson-Visscher series. (2) A second state appeared c. 1683 (cf. Asher, no. 19; Kelso, no. 11; S&H, p. 145); there is a facsimile in Humphreys, *Old Decorative Maps and Charts*, plate 68.

c. 1653. Pas caarte van Nieu Nederlandt (in Arnold Colom’s *Zee-Atlas*).


1654. Christina Skantz i Nyia Sverige (Linestrom).*


1654-1655. Virgina, Nova Suecia, Nova Battavia, Nova Anglia (in Lindeström’s *Geographia Americae*).


**Note:** See Winsor, vol. IV, p. 485, for a facsimile of a Campanius map entitled “Virginiæ, N. Angliæ, N. Hollandiæ, nec non Novæ Sveciæ Delineatio,” which was probably suggested by the present map.

1654-1655. Nova Suecia, Eller the Swenskas Revier, in India Occidental (in Lindeström’s *Geographia Americae*).


**Facsimile:** *Geographia Americae* (ed. Johnson), facing p. 152.


**Note:** Johan Campanius Holm published this map in his translation of Martin Luther’s *Catechism* (1696), giving it the title “Ærdenna Novæ Sveciæ Carta.” For a facsimile see Winsor, vol. IV, p. 481.

1655. Stadhen Christina Hambn medh Skantzen Christina Fort in Nova Suecia (in Lindeström’s *Geographia Americae*).


Notes: (1) This map is a member of the Jansson-Visscher series. (2) Kelso (nos. 12–15) describes four states (cf. S&H, p. 6). The name “Fort Christina” appears twice on the first state, and error which is later corrected (cf. Icon, loc. cit.)


Note: (1) This map is a reprint of Colom’s map (c. 1653) with minor changes (cf. Icon, loc. cit.). (2) Garrison, Check List, no. 785, cites a later issue with the following title: “Pas-caert van Nieu Neder Land, Virginia, Nieu Enge Land, Penn-Silvania, met de stadt Philadelphia.”


Notes: (1) S&H point out that this map is akin to the maps in the Kelso list. (2) S&H mention two later states, of the second of which there is a facsimile in Icon, vol. I, plate 11b. (3) For New Jersey maps in later Seller atlases see PAt, nos. 3450, 505, 4267 and 529. (4) PMp, p. 480, lists (c. 1670) “A Mapp of New Jersey in America” (Seller and Fisher).

1666 (or before). Pascaerte van Nieu Nederlandt en de Engelsche Virginies van Cabo Cod tot Cabo Canrick (in Goos’s De Zee-Atlas).

Facsimile: Humphreys, Old Decorative Maps and Charts, plate 63.

1666 (or before). Paskaerle van de Zuydt en Noordt Revier in Nieu Nederlandt Streckende van Cabo Hinloopen tot Rechkeuwh (in Goos’s De Zee-Atlas).


Notes: (1) Icon, loc. cit., gives c. 1660 as the date of this map.
(2) Icon, vol. II, p. 159, refers to later issues by Loots (c. 1700) and Van Keulen (in the eighteenth century).

1669. [Virginia, Nieu Nederland, Nieu Engelant] (in Jacob Colom’s Atlas Maritimo o Mundo Aquatico).


Note: Mathews, MGS, vol. I, p. 336, enters under the date 1633 an untitled map of Virginia and New Netherland which appeared in Jacob Colom’s Atlas of Weyelts-water-deel, and which may be an earlier issue of the present map.

1670. Virginia and Maryland (Herrman).


Note: Speed’s map of 1675 entitled “Virginia and Maryland” (cf. PAAt, nos. 3438 and 488) was an altered copy of Herrman (cf. PVa, p. 42). Morden published “A New Map of Virginia and Maryland” in 1680 (cf. PAAt, no. 4265); Seller a map entitled “Virginia and Maryland” c. 1690 (cf. PAAt, no. 505); and Lea a map entitled “Virginia & Maryland” c. 1700 (cf. PAAt, no. 527).


Note: Asher, loc. cit., makes the following comment: “This map contains some additions and alterations by which it differs from Visscher’s.”

1671. A Draught of the Sea Coast and Rivers of Virginia, Maryland, and New England (Blome).


1673. Novi Belgii, Novæque Angliae, nec non Partis Virginiae (multis in locis emendata a Hugo Allardt).


Notes: (1) This map is a member of the Jansson-Visscher series. (2) Kelso (nos. 16-21) describes six states (cf. S&H, pp. 6-7). In the second state the title becomes “Totius Neobelgii Nova et Accuratissima Tabula” (cf. Asher, no. 13); this is the title of the later states. The third state (Asher, no. 15) is discussed in S&H, p. 9 (facsimile: Icon, vol. I, plate 16a). There is a facsimile of the fourth state (Asher, no. 16) in the end-pocket of vol. II. of Minutes of the Executive Council of the Province of New York (ed. Paltzits); PMp, p. 564, mentions a later issue (1696), as does PAt, no. 523. The fifth (Asher, no. 18) and sixth (Asher, no. 17) states belong to the eighteenth century. (A facsimile of the fifth state appears in Third Annual Report of the State Historian of the State of N.Y., 1897, facing p. 157.)


1675. Pascaert vande Virginies van Baija de la Magdelena tot de Zuijdt Revier (in Roggeveen’s Het Brandende Veen, part I).

References: Asher, no. 25. PAt, no. 2694. PVa. p. 42.

1675. Pascaert van Nieu Nederland streckende vande Zuijdt Revier tot de Noordt Revier en ’t lange Eijland (in Roggeveen’s Het Brandende Veen, part I).


Notes: This map is a member of the Jansson-Visscher series (cf. item no. 6 in the Kelso list, S&H, p. 6). (2) A later state appears with the title "A New Map of New England and New York."

Notes: (1) S&H (special edition only) discuss two other states of this map. (2) PVa, p. 42, lists under 1679 "A New Map of the English Empire. . . ."

1680. Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and New Jarsey (Morden).
Reference: PA, no. 4265.


1681. A Map of Some of the South and eastbounds of Pennsylvania (Thornton and Seller).
Facsimile: A. C. Myers, "First Map of Pennsylvania under William Penn" (published as a separate map).
References: Garrison, PMHB, vol. LIX, p. 263. L. Martin, Noteworthy Maps (1927-1928) [Library of Congress], no. 25. PM, p. 670. (See also the note accompanying the Myers facsimile.)

1683. A Mapp of the Division between Arnold De Lagrange, Broere Sinnexe, and Gysbert Walraven . . . in Christina Creek.
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Note: Evidently a surveyor’s map. For other surveyor’s maps see Original Land Titles in Delaware (Wilmington, 1903), and New York Colonial Manuscripts: Indorsed Land Papers, vol. XXXVI (deposited in the Library of the State of New York, Albany).

1687. A New Map of Virginia, Maryland, Pensilvania, New Yarsey (Morden).


Note: PVa, p. 43, lists a (related?) map of this period entitled “A New Map of Virginia, Maryland and the Improved Parts of Penn-sylvania and New-Jersey” (sold by Christopher Browne).


Note: Hough discusses several states of this map, concluding his comment with the following sentence: “The final edition, however, seems to be the only one that has survived; Harris’s reduced copy and the Philadelphia Library copy from which Smith’s fac-simile was taken both belong to it.” Since Hough’s time, as S&H point out, a copy of one of the earlier editions has turned up. For a facsimile of Harris’s reduced copy, entitled “A Mapp of the Improved Part of Pensilvania ni America, Divided into Countyes, Townships and Lotts,” see S&H, facing p. 12. S&H, p. 11, mention a later state of this copy which bears the imprint of Geo. Willdey.

1688. A New Map of New Jarsey and Pensilvania (in Morden’s Geography Rectified).

References: PAt, no. 498 (cf. nos. 4268 and 3454). PMp, p. 481.

1690 (or before). A New Map of New England, and New York, New Jarsey, Pensilvania, Maryland, and Virginia (Thornton, Morden, and Lea).

Note: S&H, p. 145, describe a later (third) issue with the imprint of Lea alone (cf. PA, no. 4271). This is a modification of a previous issue with Lea’s imprint.

Reference: PA, no. 4267 (cf. no. 529).

c. 1690. Novi Belgii, Novaeque Angliae, nec non Partis Virginiae Tabula (multis in locis emendata per Nicolaum Visscher).
Note: This map is a member of the Jansson-Visscher series (cf. item no. 8 in the Kelso list, S&H, p. 6).

c. 1690. Pas Kaart van de Zee Kusten van Virginia Tusschen C. Henry en t Hooge Land van Renselaars Hoek (in Van Keulen’s De lichtende Zeefakkel).
References: Garrison, Check List, no. 9264. PA, no. 3444 (cf. nos. 3453, 530, and 4272).

c. 1690. Virginia, Maryland, Pennsilvania, East and West New Jarsy (Thornton and Fisher).
Note: Mathews, MGS, vol. II, p. 385, says that this map was based primarily on the Herrman map of 1670.

Note: This map is a copy of the 1630 map by De Laet.

1698. Pennsylvania and West Jersey (in Gabriel Thomas’s An Historical and Geographical Account of the Province . . . of Pensilvania . . . in America).
Note: Lea published a map with the same title c. 1700 (cf. PA, no. 527).

c. 1700. Carte Particulière de Virginie, Maryland, Pennsilvanie, la Nouvelle Jarsy Orient et Occidentale (in Le Neptune Francois).