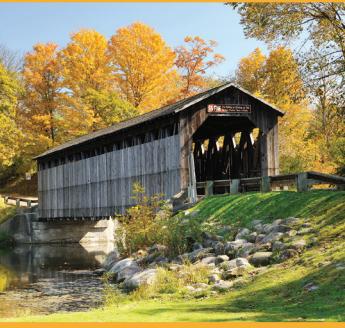


**STEAMBOAT** 1787

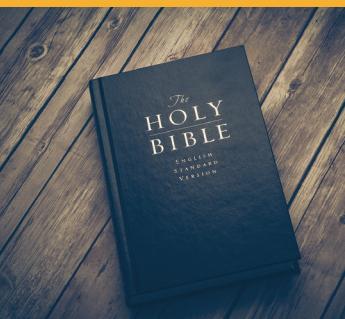
John Fitch made the first successful trial of a 45-foot steamboat on the Delaware River.

**COVERED BRIDGE** 1805

The first covered bridge was 550 feet long and crossed over the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia.

**RADIO  
BROADCASTING** 1920

Westinghouse hired Dr. Frank Conrad to begin regular transmission from station KDKA in Pittsburgh.

**BIBLE TRANSLATED  
INTO ENGLISH** 1782

The Robert Aitken's Bible translated and printed at his Philadelphia print shop.

**SALE OF A COMMERCIAL  
ELECTRONIC  
COMPUTER** 1951

The UNIVAC I was sold by the Eckert-Mauchly factory in Philadelphia.

**CABLE TELEVISION  
SYSTEM** 1948

Developed by John Walson to improve the broadcasting signal reception that was blocked by the mountains in Mahanoy City.

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### HOSPITAL 1751

The University of Pennsylvania Health System founded by Benjamin Franklin and Dr. Thomas Bond in Philadelphia.



### MEDICAL SCHOOL 1765

The University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.



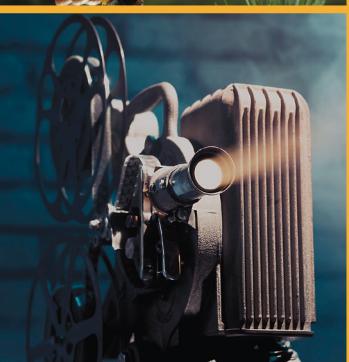
### SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY 1731

The Library Company of Philadelphia founded by Benjamin Franklin.



### BIRD OF PREY SANCTUARY 1934

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Kempton, East Brunswick Township. Rosalie Edge leased 1,400 acres of property on Hawk Mountain and hired wardens, Maurice Broun and wife Irma.



### PAPER MILL 1690

Opened by William Bradford and William Rittenhouse in Germantown, Philadelphia.

### PUBLIC MOVIE THEATER 1905

Nickelodeon in Pittsburgh.

## HOME OF THE NATION'S FIRST CAPITAL

EST. 1774

*In addition to being the nation's first capital, Pennsylvania was the first state in the nation to set many of the important trends in the American way of life today.*



*The first Continental Congress met in Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia.*



### PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL GAME 1892

The Allegheny Athletic Association played against the Pittsburgh Athletic Club.



### U.S. MINT 1792

The first coins were designed by David Rittenhouse in Philadelphia.

### MUSHROOM MANUFACTURER 1982

The Swayne Brothers grew mushrooms in a cave outside Philadelphia.



### FIRST COMMERCIALLY SOLD ROOT BEER 1876

Pharmacist Charles Elmer Hires developed his root tea from sassafras and debuted a commercial version he called "Root Beer" at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition.



### PRETZEL MANUFACTURER 1861

Sturgis Pretzel House in Lititz.

### SCRAPPLE MANUFACTURER 1863

Habersett Pork Products in Middletown Township, Delaware County founded by Joshua Habersett.

### ART SCHOOL 1805

The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia.

### ZOO 1874

The Philadelphia Zoo was chartered by the Commonwealth on March 21, 1859, but its opening was delayed by the American Civil War until July 1, 1874.

### LAGER BEER 1829

Invented by David Yuengling in Pottsville.

### ADVERTISING AGENCY 1848

Opened by Volney B. Palmer in Philadelphia.

