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The first permanent settlement made in the county was in Delaware township near the Thames. Delaware village came into being, a little to the north of the present village was first settlement of white men that could be termed a village.

The Longwood road prior to the war of 1812 was little more than an Indian trail. It was improved at that time to allow the artillery and baggage wagons to be moved from place to place. It extended to Burlington Heights under the direction of Commissioners and was known as the Commissioners road.

When the first deed was registered in Middlesex (on land) it was called County of Suffolk. The first deed on land registered was from John Castles of Niagara (then Newark) to Joseph Kinsella, dated Apr. 12, 1800. The land conveyed was lot 14 in the 4th Concession of Delaware. Up to Oct. 1805 only 20 deeds had been registered on lands in this county, all of them in the township of Delaware.

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