

1877, Andrew Sharpe.

In 1850, a tax of five shillings was imposed on all dogs, except, where the owner occupied at least ten acres of land, in which case one dog was exempt from taxation.

The assessed value of Delaware in 1877 is \$331,212, and the population numbers about 2000. It covers about 36,000 acres, exclusive of the Onedia Indian Reserve. The Indian reserve covers about 5,500 acres and contains about 600 Indians. The Township Council for 1877 consists of Andrew Sharpe, Reeve, and John Sharpe, Bruin Cornell, John Johnston and Henry Dougharty, Councillors. Robert Bodkin is Clerk.

The only village in the Township of any consequence is Delaware Village, which is situated in the valley of the Thames, about ten miles from London. From its antiquity, and its pleasant and picturesque surroundings, it is a point of considerable interest. It contains a few stores and taverns, and a grist mill, the population does not exceed 250. Its old and unpainted houses give it an air of delapidation and decay, but a fair country trade is carried on here, and the village is not lacking in thrift and improvement. Being at the head of navigation on the Thames, and as pleasantly and healthfully situated as London, besides being an earlier settlement, it is difficult to imagine why London has so far outstripped Delaware in population and importance, except on the ground that no Governor of Canada ever uttered a prophecy in favor of Delaware, as Governor Simcoe did in favor of the "Forest City."