



# History of Racial Disparities in Delaware

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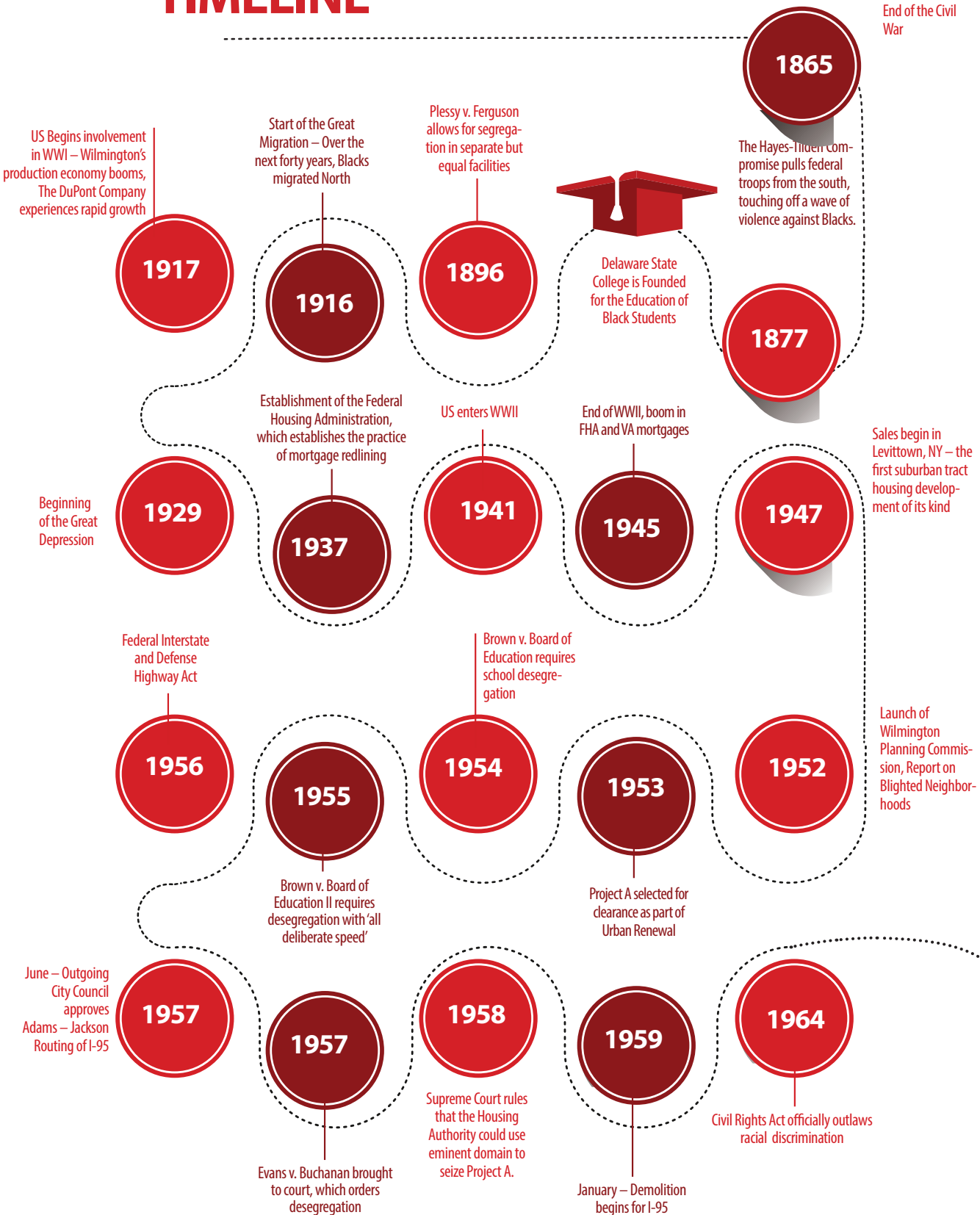
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## TIMELINE



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April – Assassination of Dr. King (4th), Wilmington Riot (9th-10th), Occupation Begins (9th)

1968

1968

Civil Rights Act officially outlaws redlining

1969

January – Russell Peterson ends the National Guard occupation of Wilmington

1969

H.B. du Pont offers 600 acres to the Wilmington Medical Center

1969

The Latin American Community Center opens its doors

1976

School busing desegregation plan is implemented

1975

The Latino and Hispanic community around the Hilltop neighborhood of Wilmington riots after the dubious arrest of a prominent local family

1974

District Court serving NCC orders desegregation of schools

1973

Racially Restrictive Covenants are no longer recorded in land deeds

1971

Evans v. Buchanan is reopened, charging that New Castle County schools are nearly completely segregated

1977

The Pennsylvania and Delaware Advisory Committee to the US Commission on Civil Rights reports massive exploitation of legal and undocumented farm workers in the mushroom industry in and around Delaware

1980

Courts clear the Hospital plan that built major hospital in the county and reduced the size of the one in the city

1980-81

State Board of Education creates four districts in New Castle County at behest of General Assembly and Courts

1981

Delaware's Financial Center Development Act courts the credit and banking industries to Delaware largely by deregulating lending

1993

January – James Sills takes office as Mayor

2002

Publication of the first Pace of Progress

2000

The Neighborhood Schools Act is passed

1999

The Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League is founded

1998

Wilmington High School closes; it was last traditional public high-school in Wilmington

1996

Delaware School Choice program is implemented

2008

Newark DE Chrysler Plant Closes

2009

GM Plant on Boxwood Road Closes for loss of 550 jobs plus 500 potential call backs

2014

Wilmington City Council requests a CDC study of gun violence in the city

2014

The Markell Administration establishes the Wilmington Education Advisory Committee

2008

US Enters Recession as a result of the housing crisis

2016

The Delaware State Senate fails to pass legislation redrawing school district boundaries in New Castle County



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