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I grew up along the Delaware, so that is actually "the river". When in college Elmira was called "The city." Couldn't quite say that with a straight face.

And actually, the Delaware everything is named after Thomas West, first governor of Virginia who sent out people to explore much of the mid Atlantic area. His title was Lord De La Warr, which became Delaware. The Lenape are not at all happy to be called Delaware after one of the fellows that introduced scorched earth policies against the native inhabitants and crushed early resistance to English colonization.