



STATE SEAL

New Jersey's State seal was designed by Pierre Eugene du Simitiere and presented in May, 1777, to the Legislature. The three plows in the shield honor the state's agricultural tradition. The helmet above the shield faces forward, an attitude denoting sovereignty and thus particularly fitting for one of the first governments created under the notion that the state itself is the sovereign. The crest above the helmet is a horse's head. The supporting female figures are Liberty and Ceres, the Roman goddess of grain, symbolizing abundance. Liberty on the viewer's left, carries the liberty cap on her staff. Ceres holds a cornucopia filled with harvested produce. The seal was redesigned in 1928, and at that time, the year of our statehood, 1776, was added to the seal.