

HISTORY

Historic Sites

Brielle contains several sites of considerable historic significance. The location of many of these sites, mentioned below, can be found on the front cover map of this report.

The Old School House Site, *located near 809 School House Road;

The Old Post Office Site, on Union Lane, in back of the Wainwright home;

The Old Borough Hall, *on Longstreet Avenue, which was converted to the firehouse in 1915;

The Municipal Building, at the intersection of Union Lane and Highway 71, which was formerly the Brielle Elementary School;

The Old Post Office, * on 619 Green Avenue, which is known now as the Deck House;

The Site of the Old Brielle Railroad Station, * situated at the intersection of Fish Avenue and Brielle Avenue;

The Gerlack Academy Site, on Fisk Avenue

The Union House Site, located along the Manasquan River near the end of Union Lane;

The Railroad Bridge, *which crosses the Manasquan River from Brielle to Point Pleasant Beach;

The Union Landing Site, *at the foot of Union Lane, where old artifacts have been discovered;

The Union Salt Works, *located approximately on the territory now occupied by Hoffman's Anchorage. Best estimates indicate that the Salt Works occupied some 7¹/₂ acres, extending to the northwest from Union Lane. Bits of trays and bricks have been found between the Manasquan River and Green Avenue;

The Old (Wooden Plank) Bridge, *which extended from Old Bridge Road in Brielle across the Manasquan River into Herbertsville;

The Three (Wooden Plank) Bridges, *at the intersection of Green and Fish Avenues; and

The Indian Settlement, *estimated to be some 5,000 years old, situated along the banks of the former Lake.

*Found in front cover map.

Historic Events

Captain Samuel Allen was the organizer and leader of a local regiment of volunteers known as the Minute Men of the New Jersey Coast during the Revolutionary War, 1775-1783.

Captain Allen and his band of men captured six Tories and their chief, in or near the Abram Osborn house. The Tories were summarily executed in the woods to the west of Osborn house, and a stone marker located on the western border of Brielle on Highway 70 designates the approximate location of the lynching.

Historic Roads

Union Lane, known previously as Union Road and the Old Salt Road. It was the main thoroughfare to the Union Salt Works;

Old Bridge Road, originally a post road;

Riverview Drive;

Green Avenue;

Old Buffalo Road, an old Indian Trail and a branch of the Burlington Trail. This Trail originated in Burlington, crossed the state, and reached to the river and ocean.

Early Industry

Like most communities in the early development stages in this general area, industries were keyed to the raising and capturing of food. The land lent itself to various agricultural pursuits, while the proximity to water fostered the development of both boat building and seafaring industries.

Homes

The Appendix contains a list of residences which are generally acknowledged to be at least 100 years of age or older.

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THE DIRCK LONGSTREET HOUSE - BRIELLE - C-1770