EARLY BRIELLE MAPS

Historical Highlights Pre-1492 - Late 1600s

Pre-1492 The Lenni Lenape ("Original People") tribe of the Delawares lived along the Manasquan River in what is now Brielle

1497 John Cabot discovers North America under commission of Henry VII of England in June 1497

1609 Henry Hudson claims the area around the Hudson River for Holland in September 1609

1663 12 men from Long Island sailed to what is now Monmouth County and purchased land from the Indians

This land was ultimately known as the "Monmouth Patent"

1664 Holland cedes the region peacefully to Great Britian in 1664

James, Duke of York (Brother of King Charles II), grants Sir George Cateret (East
Jersey) and Lord William Berkeley (West Jersey), the lands between the Hudson and Delaware rivers

This land was called New Jersey, to honor the Isle of Jersey where Sir George had sheltered the Duke of York

1664 Middletown was the first village settled in 1664; Shrewsbury was second, settled a short time later also in 1664

Brielle was originally part of Shrewsbury, then Howell (1801) and then Wall (1851)

1683 Original 4 East New Jersey counties established: Bergen, Essex, Middlesex and Monmouth

Monmouth County was the first NJ county to be settled in 1664

Ocean County split from Monmouth County in 1850

1694 Original 2 West New Jersey counties established: Burlington and Salem

Late 1600's Dirck Stoffelse Langstraat came from Holland to the US in 1657 and settled on Long Island

He bought land in Shrewsbury Township (Brielle was part of Shrewsbury at the time)

Direck's son - Stoffel Langstraat (Longstreet) - settled on a farm on the Manasquan River

Stoffel's great grandson, William, married Deborah Kinney; Debbie's creek is named after William's wife