

EARLY BRIELLE MAPS

Historical Highlights Late 1700s to 1919

1768	First bridge over Manasquan River - the Upper Bridge - built near Allenwood
1778	Union Salt Works, located on the site of the current Hoffman's Anchorage on Green Ave, was destroyed by the British in April 1778
~1816	The Long Bridge was built over the Manasquan River near current Route 70 bridge; rebuilt in 1830 The Long Bridge was replaced by a new bridge in 1934 The current Route 70 bridge was built in 2008
1825	1st school was built in 1825, near the northwest corner of Riverview Drive and Route 70 School had one room and Benjamin Pearce was the 1st School Master; fire destroyed the school Replaced with a similar structure in 1840; which quickly became too small 2nd school was built in 1856 on Schoolhouse Road with 2 rooms; fire destroyed the school 3rd school was the current Municipal Building on Union Lane and was built in 1919 4th current school was built on Union Lane in 1954, and has been greatly expanded over the years
1850	John M. Brown built the original Union House at the end of Union Lane on the riverfront The first Post Office was located in the Union House before moving to the Green Avenue building The first telephone in Brielle was located in the Union House The Union House burned to the ground in 1914
1872	Railroad arrives in Manasquan with a station built on Broad Street by the Pennsylvania RR company RR was extended to Brielle and the bridge over the Manasquan River in June 1880
1881	Group of 8 Jersey City businessmen, The Brielle Land Association, bought the Hank Voorhees farm The farm was subdivided into building lots on Magnolia, Park (later Fisk) and Woodland Avenues
1881	The town's name was changed from Union Landing to Brielle
1881	First Brielle train station built between Woodland and Park Avenues in 1881 This station burned down in 1940 and was replaced by a smaller station which was also destroyed by fire
1882	3rd bridge (Rt. 35) built across the Manasquan River between 1878 and 1882; wood planks with 2 lanes and a short "draw" This was replaced by a wood plank structure on concrete piles and steel spans in 1905 This was replaced by a higher 4 lane bridge in 1920, which collapsed in 1946 Current Route 35 bridge was completed in 1950
1899	Manasquan River Yacht Club founded
1910	Brielle's Fire Department founded in 1910 with horse-drawn vehicles; mechanization started in 1914
1910	Brielle's library originated in the home of Mrs. Mary J. W. Strong in her Longstreet Avenue home, Applewood She opened her home library to the public in 1922 Library moved to two rooms in the old Rankin home on the Union Lane property purchased by the Board of Education in 1949 Library moved to the Assembly Hall in the old school house (now Borough Hall) on Union Lane in 1954 Library moves to present location on the corner of South Street and Union Lane in 1988