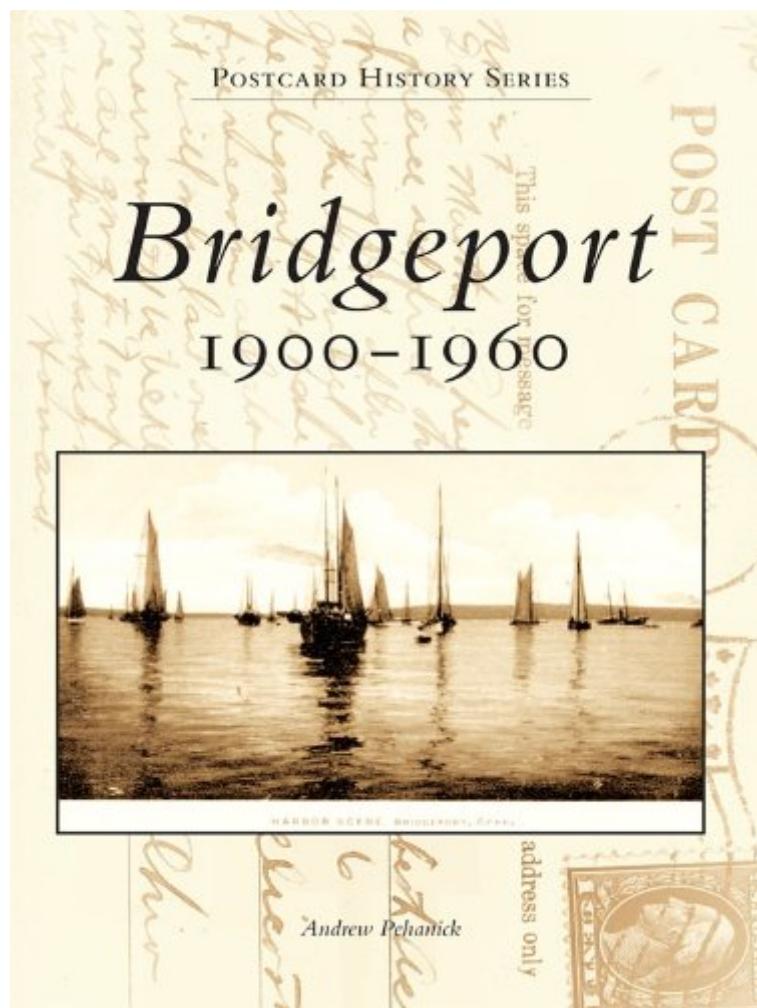


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Synopsis

Bridgeport: 1900-1960 presents a fascinating look into the history of Bridgeport through vintage postcards from the city's formative years. These vintage postcards depict the change and expansion in Bridgeport during the 20th century, from the growth of the University of Bridgeport from a small junior college into a major university to the changes in transportation from the horse and buggy to early automobiles and trolley cars. Bridgeport's waterfront played an important role in the development of the city, drawing visitors and wealthy residents who built homes along the shore. Following the two world wars, the city saw a large population increase, and a building boom soon followed. Factories and homes were built, retail stores moved in, and recreational options increased to serve the needs of the thousands of people who came to Bridgeport seeking employment.

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I was born and raised in Bridgeport, so this collection of photos is especially interesting to me. Plenty has changed since the 1950s, and not much for the better.

Thanks to author Andrew Pehanick's efforts, "Bridgeport 1900-1960" is able to show us what life was like in the old Connecticut city. Part of Arcadia Publishing's "Postcard History Series," this book is updated from the first edition and includes 230 images of everything from theatergoers to street scenes, mansions and waterfront activities. Some of them are based on simple photos of fairly random moments in life. Others are advertising for restaurants and services or show local institutions such as the University of Bridgeport, native son P.T. Barnum, or sports fields. Collections like this, organized into themes, do a great deal to save memories and local history and are a perfect gift for historians, librarians and nostalgia buffs.

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