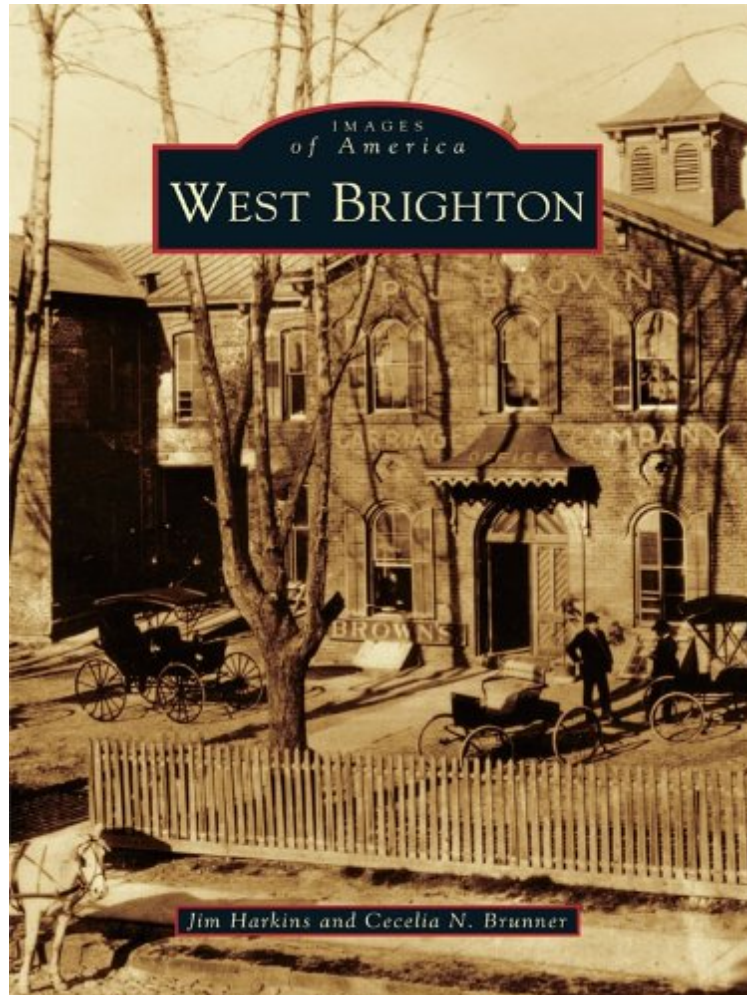


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Jim Harkins, Cecelia N. Brunner : West Brighton (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised West Brighton (Images of America):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Just like the West Brighton I Remember!By I Am CeltOverall, this was a great book. I thought there were a few places left out, though. Dick's Delicatessen between Oakland and Bement on Castleton is still open for business and has been in that location since, if I'm not mistaken, the late 1930's. Much coverage was given to Sacred Heart, which is fine by me since I grew up in that parish. In fact, I was one of the people who organized the 50th Anniversary of our graduation, held last October at The Staaten. I have the original class pictures, taken on the front steps of the school, and the updated class picture taken the night of the reunion...if the author would like copies for future updates of this book, she can contact me. As a child, I was told that Father Dennis had been captured and tortured by the Japanese, having bamboo stuck under fingernails and toenails and the tip of his tongue cut off. I was also told that several of his toes were eventually cut off...whether by his captors or for health

reasons after he was released, I don't know. Were these statements true? I wonder. If they were, though, that was certainly worth mention...it raises the man to heroic proportions in one's estimation of him. The other thing I noticed was that there were places included that were not in West Brighton, the book store on Victory Boulevard near Clove Road being one of them. To the best of my knowledge, this area is known as Sunnyside, not West Brighton. I learned a lot from the book and enjoyed strolling through the West Brighton I knew and loved so well. Kudos to the authors! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. this was the best of all the books I purchased about Staten Island By Carolyn Moreno To me, this was the best of all the books I purchased about Staten Island. I was born and raised in West Brighton. There have been many changes to the Island, but it is still "home". 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. West Brighton (Images of America) By bullthistle A stroll down memory lane and also a learning experience never realizing that before S.I. was a part of NYC that it had volunteer fire departments. Also never knew who Joseph Merrill was other than ferry being named after him, but also a Medal of Honor recipient and also went to the same grammar school as me. Eye opening, but some things left out like the train, etc.

In the late 19th century, West Brighton became known as "Factoryville" after several industries set up shop in the vicinity. One of the largest, Barrett, Nephews, and Company, a dyeing and cleaning establishment, employed hundreds of Staten Islanders. Several prominent historical figures have resided in the region as well, including former first lady Julia Gardiner Tyler, who, in 1862, left the Confederacy (but not her Southern sympathies) to rejoin her family in West Brighton upon the death of former U.S. president John Tyler. The neighborhood is also the home of the famed Staten Island Zoo; the idyllic beauty of Silver Lake, Clove Lakes, and Walker Park lie within walking distance. But the most enduring trait of West Brighton is its people—the generations of families that have put down roots in one of the most scenic communities on Staten Island.

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