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through Brigantine Beach, on the Atlantic, now closed.

Brigantine Beach, on the Atlantic ocean, Galloway t-ship, Gloucester co., extends from Quarter's Inlet, eastwardly, to Old Brigantine Inlet, about 6 miles, by about a half a mile in width. Several salt works have been established here.

Bricksborough, village, of Maurice t-ship, Cumberland co., upon the left bank of Maurice river, 12 miles from its mouth, within 2 of Port Elizabeth, and 14 of Bridgeton, contains from 12 to 15 dwellings. It lies at the confluence of Muskee run, with the river.

Bridgeport, small hamlet of Washington t-ship, Burlington co., upon the left bank of Wading river, 29 miles S. E. from Mount Holly, and 5 from the confluence of Wading with the Little Egg Harbour river, contains a tavern, store, and some 4 or 5 dwellings, in sandy, pine country. The river is navigable above the town.

Bridgeton, p-t. and seat of justice of Cumberland co., upon the Cohansey creek, 20 miles from its mouth, 175 N. E. from W. C., and sixty S. of Trenton. The town is built on both sides of the creek, over which is a wooden drawbridge, from whence it has its name. It formerly bore that of Cohansey. It contains a courthouse of brick, in the centre of a street, upon the W. bank of the creek, a prison of stone, and public offices, on the E., a Presbyterian, a Baptist, and a Methodist church; a bank with an authorized capital of \$200,000, of which \$50,000 have been paid in; a public library, a Masonic lodge, an academy, a woollen manufactory, a grist mill, an extensive rolling mill, foundery, and nail factory. It exports lumber, flour, grain, nails, and iron castings. Thirty schooners and sloops, of from 50 to 80 tons burthen, sail from the port, which is one of entry and delivery. The collection district of Bridgeton comprehends the counties of Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, and Cape May; excepting such parts of Gloucester and Cape May, as are included in the district

of Egg Harbour. The collector resides at Bridgeton.—250 licenses issued from his office in the year 1832. The country around is a sandy loam, rich and productive in wheat, corn, and rye. The most remarkable object, here, is the iron works of Messrs. Reeves and Whitaker, which occupy a number of stone buildings on the W. side of the creek, above the bridge, and are driven by a water power of 15 feet head and fall. They were originally built in 1815, but were consumed by fire in 1822, and rebuilt and enlarged in the same year. The rolling mill is capable of manufacturing into hoop and round iron, from blooms, 25,000 tons per annum. The nail factory contains 29 nail machines, competent to make 1500 tons of nails annually; and the foundery will make 250 tons of castings, from a cupola furnace, with anthracite coal. These works give employment to 125 men and boys, who receive their wages, monthly, in cash, to the amount of \$30,000 per annum; and yield the means of support to nearly 500 persons. Two vessels are constantly employed in bringing coal to the works from Richmond, and one in the intercourse with the city of Philadelphia. There are some very good houses in the town, which has quite an air of business.

Bridgeville, small hamlet of Oxford t-ship, Warren co., 4 miles E. of Belvidere, the county town.

Bridgewater t-ship, Somerset co., bounded N. by Bedminster and Bernard t-ships, N. E. by Warren t-ship, S. E. by Greenbrook, dividing it from Piscataway t-ship, Middlesex co., S. by the Raritan river, separating it from Franklin and Hillsborough t-ships, and S. W. by Readington t-ship, Hunterdon co. Greatest length N. E. and S. W. 13 miles; breadth E. and W. 11 miles; area, about 35,000 acres; surface, on the N. E., mountainous, elsewhere level, or gently undulating; soil, generally, red shale, and well cultivated in grain and grass. The N. branch of the Raritan unites with the Lamington river, on the N.