1848—The only bridge to New York was a wooden double-decker with railroad on top and vehicles on the bottom deck.

1851—First Public School building erected on present site of Bayard School.

1853—Illuminating gas service started. Toll Bridge put in service at Albany Street crossing.

1856—Hertzog Hall erected at New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

1861—Second Reformed Church was built Albany and George Streets.

1864—Rutgers became a Land Grant College.

1866—Schanck Observatory at Rutgers opened for use.

1867—Water service through mains was inaugurated.

1869—First Intercollegiate Football Game, Rutgers vs Princeton.

1875—Toll Bridge purchased by County and made free.

1876—First High School built on Livingston Avenue between Welton and Redmond Streets.

1878—Wooden Railroad Bridge burned, replaced by steel bridge.

1880—New York and New Jersey Telephone Company installed switchboard and started telephone service.

1883—State Agric. Exp. Station established.

1888—March 11: Great blizzard.

1891—Free Public Library of New Brunswick was incorporated. Raritan River Railroad opened service New Brunswick to New York.

1892—Present Stone Bridge at Albany Street started. Post Office moved to George and Paterson Sts. Public Library moved to George and Paterson Sts.

1895—Street Car System electrified.

1896—Masonic Hall destroyed by fire.

1901—Electric lighting service started by Edison Illuminating Co.


1907—Janeway & Carpender Wall Paper Factory, Paterson and Schuyler Streets, destroyed by fire.


1914—Paid Fire Department inaugurated July 1st.


1916—Public Scales on Hiram Street removed. 150th Anniversary celebration of Rutgers College. Livingston High School, Livingston Avenue, Delehan to Comstock Streets, dedicated.

1917—Reed Building erected, 391-393 George Street.

1918—New Jersey College for Women started. New YMCA building on Livingston Avenue opened.

1920—March 5-6 Freshet—Water 7 foot 9 inches in Burnet Street.

1925—Second Reformed Church at George and Albany Streets razed.

1926—Guest House moved to Library Grounds.

1927—New City Hall dedicated. Voorhees Chapel at New Jersey College for Women completed.

1929—Route 25 and College Bridge opened for traffic.


1932—New Gymnasium at Rutgers dedicated.

1936—New Post Office Building opened on Bayard St.

1938—Dedication of Rutgers University Stadium.

1942—Camp Kilmer located at Stelton.

1947—Presbyterian Church destroyed by fire. State Constitutional Convention at Rutgers University. New Brunswick Savings Institution moved to 70 Bayard Street.