Film Industry Historical Sites

Points of Interest (Non-Existing)

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Historical Map of Fort Lee New Jersey

Established 1904

Leonia Heights

Englewood

Taylorville

Linwood Park

Coytesville

Palisades Park

Ridgefield

Palisade

Englewood Cliffs

Grantwood

Palisade Gardens

Palisades Amusement Park

Edgewater

Palisades Interstate Park

Hudson River

Fort Lee Residents:

1 Palisades Amusement Park- Established in 1898 as a Sunday destination, the Park on the Palisades was purchased by Nicholas and Joseph Schenck, two brothers who ran entertainment business who owned Movies Premiere, shooting in Fort Lee. The park was used as a location for movie shoots.

2 Trolley Loop- This loop in the trolley road was made of stone and was a massive curved wall which was a favorite location for many movies finding its look as a facade for a medieval castle, perhaps. The facade was used in much films as the Swiss Studio production "Woman of the Moor".

3 Fort Lee Trolley Junction- A trolley hub of Bergen County was the Palisade Junction. Here, the Hudson River line trolleys connected Palisade line trolleys. Public Service owned all the lines and ran, on, used the same trolleys for buses.

4 The Richard Bennett Home- 1270 Dearborn Road stands the house of famed Broadway and film actor, Richard Bennett and wife and children, Barbara, Constance, and Joan. Bennett's daughters would go on to join in acts in Films show in Fort Lee and Hollywood.

5 First Cable Studio- This studio was located in the basement of Building #2 of the Horizon House was the first cable in the area. The first broadcast was in 1953, and was available on two channels, 4 & 5, for what was then the Vision/Cable Company.

6 Paragon Studio- Film industry pioneer, Jules Brulatour incorporated Paragon on March 31, 1915 and built the studio on John Street in West Fort Lee. Film-historian Marshall Tomorrow was the creative partner of the studio. The Fort Lee Post Office used the building through 1970's. It still stands today.

7 Fort Lee Ferry & Trolley Terminal- Located at the bottom of Route 5, in Edgewater, the Palisade ferries and trolleys brought actors and staff from New York City to Fort Lee. The steps along the way were named after the various studios and the ferries were named after the stars who rode them.

8 Kalem Studio- Next to Palisades Amusement Park in the Grantwood section of Cliffside Park, Kalem built an open-air studio and stage at 190 Palisade Ave. in 1913. By 1915, they built a proper studio facility. Some of their productions, "The Vampire" 1915, and "Cabiria Queen" 1914, were shot here.

9 The Grant-Lee Theatre- This theatre was a Fixture at 815 Abbott Blvd. at the junction in the Palisades section of Fort Lee. In the early 1960's it was playhouse and was the last cinema in Fort Lee when it closed in the 1980's where the name Historic Cinema.

10 E.K. Lincoln Studio- Actor E.K. Lincoln built this studio at 735 Bergen Blvd. in 1915. The studio was leased to Fox in 1916-17 and to other various studios in the 1920's. In 1931, it was auctioned for sound and was then leased to Red Pollard in 1933.

11 Cole's Park Hotel- Peter Cole's Hotel on Center Ave. and Whiteman St. was a gathering place for many of the movie companies of Fort Lee. Scenes of film events were held there, including the December 3rd, 1912 wedding of actor, King Baggot, the first "tolled" movie star.

12 The Fort Lee Museum- Made of Palisade Blue Stone in 1922, this building was designed by Judge Moore to resemble the Church of the Good Shepherd. In 1999, it was saved from demolition and restored to its original beauty. In 2001, it became the first office of the Fort Lee Film-Com museum.