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NB and ALTS: Building Dept.
Date noted (unless referred to as "opening") is date of completion cited in building dockets.

Movie theatres referred to as MPS "Moving Picture Shows,"
outdoor as "Open Air"
4368 AMBOY ROAD (ELTINGSVILLE)

AMBOY TWIN
3925 AMBOY ROAD (GREAT KILLS) NEC NELSON AV

GREAT KILLS THEATRE $ 1200
Opened 1922 ALT 117/19 MPTh for Jos Gillis
Seats 600
Closed c. 1927 (opened periodically, perhaps seasonally)
Organ: Moller Op 3130 (3m/16rk), 1926
(NOTE: NB 228/26 w/s Amboy 330'n of Giffords Lane, this site?, MP, no acht, abandoned)
563-73 BAY STREET, (STAPLETON)

Open Air Theatre (e/s Bay 50'n of Cross) NB 495/13 (Airdrome) $2500.
Owner, Charles Rosenberg
Archt, Harry W. Pelcher.

xnt 1917
582 BAY STREET (STAPLETON)

PARAMOUNT
NB 1600/29 (opened Oct 1930) $500,000
Organ: Wurl OP2129 (8/28/30, addns 10/30)
   Removed-1954 (3m/19rk)
Archt: Rapp & Rapp
Ownr: Fabian Theatres
Seats: 2274, reduced to 1992 (planned, 1302)
Site of Commr Vanderbilt mansion
Renovations in 1961. Closed 1970’s

over
Ex Herald, Apr 12, 1930:
Modernistic archr. Entr lobby opens to Grand Lobby. Frontage 103x24. Audm is 40' high; stage 24' deep. Pros arch opening 56'
Combination of low relief plaster work with abundant use of mirrors, colorful marbles and decorative paintings, all combined in harmonious effect. Old curved forms eliminated in favor of angular shapes. Renderings, page 30-1
611 BAY STREET (STAPLETON)  
sec Water St.

NB 1102/15 Theatre , $70,000  
Archt: Herbert R. Brewster  
Abandoned.
(vic. 699) BAY STREET
e/s 75' s of Dock St

ALT 3/12 MP, $300, brick
Archt: P. Fiore

Completed Jan 1912
1136 BAY STREET (ROSEBANK)
former NY Ave.

ST MARY'S HALL
Opened 1901
Archt: James Whitford

Showing films in 1919
70 BEACH STREET (STAPLETON)

LIBERTY THEATRE
Opened Dec 1917        Organ: Moller OP3129
Owner: Moses Bros             (3m/17rk) 1926
Decorator: Rambusch    Vaudeville+MP
Seats: 1178
Oper: Fabian            Converted to bowling

NB 226/17 Archt James Whitford $80,000
    Compl. Mar 1918

Gutted c. 1978
BOARDWALK at UNION AVE, SOUTH BEACH

STRAND THEATRE

Summers only, possibly open air
Extant 1921, seats 600. Closed by 1931

Note: A mov pic thr extant 1917 at
85 Seaside Blv (Boardwalk), per landmap.
140' N of Sand Lane
177? BOARDWALK (SOUTH BEACH)
n/s, 200' W of Sand Lane

MEYERS (or MYERS) CASINO
NB 284/04, concert hall
Archt: William Kieley, compl Dec 1905
NB 349/09 "Mov Pic Box" $25, no acht.
Completed Jul 1909.
Seats 660. Extant 1921
IDLE HOUR
Opened Dec 1907
Owner: Connati & Brennecke

1st Film: Terrible Ted (per MPW 1-11-08)

no later listings
201 BROADWAY (WEST NEW BRIGHTON)
near Market St

UNION OPERA HOUSE

exnt 1899, 1917
300 BROADWAY (W NEW BRIGHTON)

w/s 85'n of Castleton Av

CAPITOL THEATRE

NB 1128/23 $95,000 Completed Aug 1924

Archt: J. Milnes & Co

Decor: Rambusch

Oper: Fabian

Closed June 22, 1950

Seats: 952

Photo: NYPL, 1930
139 CANAL STREET (STAPLETON)

PARK THEATRE
NB 670/09 $12,000 (Possible site of earlier Concert Hall)
Archt: Charles Schubert
(MPW 1-29-10, Plans for Theatre)
Vaudeville + MP
Closed 1920, reopened May 2, 1922
Seats: 487, increased to 555
Name changed c. 1936 to REX
Closed June 10, 1950. Demolished 1958

over
Record for 141 Canal St:
ALT 72/08 Frame concert hall, no acht, 4/08
ALT 292/09 Frame MP, no acht
ALT 465, 475/09 Frame MP, acht Chas Schubert
ALT 316/10 Theatre, C. Schubert, Compl 9/11
ALT 408/13 Theater, acht James Whitford 1/13
188 CANAL STREET (STAPLETON)

BIJOU THEATRE
ALT 527/10 Brick MP
No acht
Ownr: Moses Bros

No listing by 1917
1094 CASTLETON AVE (W NEW BRIGHTON)
s/s Castleton, 75'e of Caroline St

CASTLETON THEATRE
NB 113/11 MP, frame $1500
Archt: John Davies
ALT 350/13 MP Th, no acht, $500. Compl 11/13
ALT 252/16 John Davies, $1200, Compl 12/18
Photo: NYPL, 1930 ("Abandoned Theatre")

ext 1919
1173 CASTLETON AVE (W NEW BRIGHTON)
nwc Barker ST
PLAZA THEATRE (aka NEW PLAZA)

NB 728/11 $10,000 MP+store, brick
Archt: William H Curry

ALT 318/13 Wm Behler 9/13
ALT 452/14 No acht 11/14
Closed 1941
Seats: 592
455 EUREKA PLACE (TOTTENVILLE)
former Elliot Ave or Craig Ave

PALACE THEATRE

NB 436/13 $5000 Concrete MP
Completed Nov 1913
Archt: Thos C. Perkins
Closed 1928
2176 FOREST AVE

JERRY LEWIS CINEMA
NB 2051/72 Archt Hector Ferrera
$55,000; completed 1973
FORT WADS WORTH

Motion Pictures shown c1937-41
27 HYATT AVENUE (ST GEORGE)

ST GEORGE THEATRE

NB 1455/27 $500,000
Acht: James Whitford...Superceded by
NB 295/28 Acht James Whitford. Abandoned.
NB 1089/28 $400,000 Opened Dec 15, 1929
Archt: James Whitford (Eugene DeRosa)
Builder: M. Shapiro
Seats: 2956
Organ: Wurl Op2066(3m/13rk) Removed 1973
Planned for Sol Brill, to Warner, 1926; to
Fox, 1927; to Fabian 1933; Pozin in 72
Opening stage act: Eddie Cantor
2520 HYLANT BLVD (NEW DORP)

HYLAN CINEMA

ALT 75/72, archt S. Niego
Compl 1975

(alt from skating rink NB 41/46 that became market c.1954)
2696 HYLANT BLVD (NEW DORP)

RAE TWIN CINEMA

NB 2142.74 Archt Nicholas J. Salvadeo
$50,000 Closed 1987
252 JERSEY STREET (NEW BRIGHTON)

w/s 25's of Hill, now Carlyle St

BRIGHTON THEATRE

NB 166/11 MP Theatre $3500
Archt: Jos H McDermott.
Completed Sept 1911

ALT 400/18 MP no acht, $100. Compl 2/19
Extant 1921, 300 seats
JOHN ST swc ENNIS STREET (MARINERS HARBOR)

ELM HALL (in 1917 Belcher-Hyde)

NB 419/12. Brick MP Theatre, $5500.
Completed Feb 1913
Archt: John Davies
217 MAIN ST (TOTTENVILLE)
e/s Main 198's of Craig Av

STADIUM THEATRE
NB 718/25 Theatre + Stores $85,000
Completed June, 1927. Opened Dec 25, 1926
Archt: Hyman Rosensohn
Seats: 1037
Closed Nov 22, 1951
May have temp reopened (1955 listing)
Oper: Fabian Theatres
Became meeting hall
BOARDWALK (MIDLAND BEACH)

BOARDWALK THEATRE
Seats: 448

Ext 1941 and 1946
May have become the CORNELL
BOARDWALK (MIDLAND BEACH)

CORNELL THEATRE

Open air seasonal theatre

Seats: 700 or 400
Periodically open c. 1945-53
BOARDWALK?  (MIDLAND BEACH)

MIDLAND BEACH THEATRE

ALT 183/06 Frame Theatre $1550
No archt
Completed May, 1907

extnt 1912
BOARDWALK (MIDLAND BEACH)

FULLER’S

ext 1919
107 MILL ROAD

FOX PLAZA

ALT 249/75 from retail stores (NB 2278/64, acht of stores Herbst & Rusciano)
Archt Nicholas J. Salvadeo $6000
15 NELSON AVENUE (GREAT KILLS)
e/s 200's of Amboy Rd

STRAND THEATRE
NB 322/26 $65,000 Organ: Moller Op5202
Completed Sept 1926 (2m/6rk) 1928
Seats: 978
Ownr: Moses Bros Bldr: Shapiro
Oper: Fabian

Archt: Eugene DeRosa

ext 1955
LANE THEATRE
Archt: John Eberson
Opened 1938, site of police station
Seats: 590
1st Film: 100 Men and A Girl
Ownr: Moses Bros

(orig name to be GLOBE)
Renov (seats) 1976
108 RICHMOND AVENUE (PORT RICHMOND)
w/s 164'n of Grove Ave

PALACE THEATRE
NB 864/13 (Harry Pelcher, archt), superceded
NB 525/14, superceded by
NB 646/14 $35,000 Theatre. Completed Jul 1915
Archt: Harry Pelcher
Opened March, 1915   Photo: NYPL, 1930
Pop Vaudeville+MP    Demolished 1951
Seats: 940
Ownr: Moses Brothers. Oper: Fabian
Closed: Jun 23, 1950
135 NEW DORP LANE (NEW DORP)

n/s 200'e of RR Ave

NEW DORP THEATRE
NB 824/21 $6000 concrete MP Theatre
Completed July 1921
Archt: John Crutle Seats: 496

then,

NB 901/39 $500,000 MP Theatre

STATEN THEATRE
Archt: Sam J. Glaberson
Completed Jan 1940 Seats: 350

ext 1954
383 OLD TOWN ROAD (OLD TOWN)
nr Kensington AV. Demapped.
NB 540/26 No Acht. Abandoned Mar 1929
PIERCCE AVE n/s 120 w of RICHMOND RD

NB 1535/24 Theatre
Archt Wm D Wood
Cancelled
295 RICHMOND AVE (PORT RICHMOND)
COR Anderson Avenue

RITZ THEATRE
Opened Mar 1, 1924   NB 69/23 (Whitford)
Archt: Eugene Derosa & James Whitford $250,000
Buildr: Shapiro for Johnson & Moses
Oper: Fabian.
Decorator: Rambusch      Seats: 2126
Organ: Skinner          Photo: NYPL, 1930
Closed 1927-29; reopened. Closed 1973,
became Ungano's Ritz (concert hall)
Cited in MP Her 3/15/24; MPN 3/1/24

over
Italian renaissance style.
Facade: glazed terra cotta with pressed brick, classic pilasters supporting terra cotta frieze with panel depicting Apollo & Muses, executed in scraffito.
Interior is adam style. 50'dome, 10'diameter crystal chandelier.
Auditorium: paneled sidewalls with tapestry panels.
Prosc is 50'wide, cartouche in center. 2 tiers of boxes.
Ornamentl arch extended over boxes.
Well in center of mezz lounge surrounded by classical ballistrade; groined ceiling.
Lobby: marble wainscotting w/ lite italn marble paneld sidewalls w/ marble pilastra w/ classic capitals - Ceiling is ornl Plastr w/deep panels or coffers enriched with ornamentl moulding. Stairs of italn marble
2865  s/e
RICHMOND AVENUE cor YUKON AVE (NEW SPGVILLE)

RICHMOND THEATRE
Opened June 14, 1967 $264,000

NB 1363/65 Archt Robert W. Kahn Associates
OPER: Fabian, then Century/RKO

Renamed ISLAND TWIN 1975 Closed 1987
SITE: Open Air (Drive In) Theatre “S.I. Dr.In”
    NB 219/45 Archt: James Whitford*
    $15,000 Compl. Mar 1947, extant 1954
*(Also Drew Eberson?)
352 RICHMOND TERRACE (NEW BRIGHTON)

ALT 92/08 to Theatre
No Architect
Completed May 1908
505 RICHMOND TERRACE (NEW BRIGHTON)
nwc Jersey Street
s/s Richmond AV 362'w of York Av

STAR THEATRE

ALT 22/08 Concert Hall $2500
Archt: James Whitford
Completed Apr 1908       Seats: 429
ALT 52/16 Theatre. No acht $410 Compl 5/16
(no listing before 1918 on theatre lists)
ext 1954
2036 RICHMOND TERRACE (W NEW BRIGHTON)
s/s 100' w of Park Ave (former Bwy)

ALT 232/14 Brick MP Theatre $100, Completed
July 1914. No Acht.
Adjacent to Winant Hotel

Bldg demol 1945

No listing on theatre lists
RICHMOND TERRACE nwc FERRY STREET (PT RICHD)

NB 516/11 Brick Theatre and Store $53,000 Abandoned
ALT 423/13 MP Theatre $50 Harry Pelcher, archt (site, n/s 73'w of Ferry St) Compltd 11/13
ALT 427/17 MP Theatre $100. No acht, completed Jan, 1918.
Real est map does not list theatre here 1917 probalby EMPIRE at 2094 Richd Terr
2094 RICHMOND TERRACE (PT RICHMOND)

EMPIRE THEATRE
NB 43/12 Brick Theatre, $35,000
Archt: Harry W Pelcher.
Completed Feb 1913
(but also NB 444/12 Mark Milnes, acht,
$21,000 Theatre, completed Feb 1913)

ALT 472/12, sign for theatre
Seats: 775
2951 RICHMOND TERRACE (MARINERS HARBOR)

n/s opp Bush Ave

APOLLO THEATRE

NB 696/11 Frame MP Theatre $2000; 28x100
Archt: G.A. Deppe
Completed Dec 1911
ALT 429/13, John Davies, acht. Compl 2/14

No listing after 1914
3005 RICHMOND TERRACE (MARINERS HARBOR)
nec Harbor Rd

HARBOR THEATRE
ALT 332/13 $3000 Theatre.
Archt: James Whitford
Completed Jan 1914

ext 1925
185 SAND LANE (SOUTH BEACH)

LYCEUM THEATRE
ALT 263/39 Meeting Hall (to MP?)
Archt A & M Arrington
Completed May 1940
Closed April 30, 1950
Seats: 210
SAILORS' SNUG HARBOR

THE MUSIC HALL
ALT 287/10 $1500 (to movies)
Completed Dec 1911
Archt Thomas Nash Films to 1965

Hall opened Jun 30, 1892; archt Robert w Gibson
1st perf: Statn Isld symphony concert
463 ST MARKS PLACE (ST GEORGE) former Tompkins e/s 152'n of Victory Bl, former Arretta St

ODEON THEATRE
NB 616/11 MP Theatre $3000
Completed Dec 1911
Archt: Charles B. Heweker
Demolished 1938

Theatre in 1917, no later listing
SEASIDE BLVD  s/s 1000' e of BURGHER AV
(SOUTH BEACH)

NB 177/13 Frame MP $500
Acht: William Kealey
Completed May, 1913

(near hotel at Cranes Station of RR)
SEASIDE BLVD s/s btwn DOTY & OCEAN AVES  
(SOUTH BEACH)

HAPPYLAND PARK/ possibly ELECTRIC THEATRE*
ALT 236/16 MP Theatre+Restaurant, Frame
Archt: E. Funduer. Completed May 1916

ALT 83/17 MP Theatre. $1500. Compl. May 1917

*seen on postcard of park

ex 1914 and 1918
mov pic 1911
SOUTH BEACH

EUREKA HOTEL
Movies shown 1911, 1912. (Summers)
Ownr: JJ Barry
TOMPKINS AV e/s 75'n of ST MARYS AV (ROSEBANK)

OPEN AIR THEATRE
NB 481/16
Archt Daniel Santora
Completed June 1916
523 TOMPKINS AVE (ROSEBANK)
e/s 40' n of Clinton Ave

LYRIC THEATRE
NB 2312/24 MP Theatre $8000
No Architect
Completed Apr 1924

ALT 346/33 (Beer garden)
Seats: 386
ext 1935
120 VICTORY BLVD (TOMPKINSVILLE)
s/s 300'e of Fiedler

TOMPKINSVILLE THEATRE
NB 1874/23 MPTheatre $60,000
Acht: James Whitford
Completed Oct 1924
Ownr: Moses Bros
Seats: 807
Renamed VICTORY THEATRE c. 1927
Closed late 1960's, became warehouse
Photo: NYPL, 1937 (as Victory)
vic 1670 VICTORY BLVD
swc Todt Hill Rd

NB 2692/21 MP Theatre  $15,000
Acht: James Whitford
Castleton Theatre Corp.
Expired by Limitation
VICTORY BLVD btw WINTHROP PL & SOMMERS LA
(CASTLETON CORNERS)
NB 2541/26 Theatre, $100,000
Archt: George Keister
Abandoned
VICTORY BLVD at WEST SHORE EXPY, TRAVIS

UA MOVIES AT STATEN ISLD

11 screens, opened July 1987
Archt: Angelo Corvo
WILLOW AVE  swc  FOREST AV  (now Ditson St)
(CLIFTON)

BACHMANN'S THEATRE
at Bachmann's Brewery

ext 1908, 1912
25 WRIGHT STREET (STAPLETON)
former nec Brook & Thompson

RICHMOND THEATRE
Opened Sept 7, 1905 1st Perf “The Christian”
ALT From Social Hall
ALT 61/06 Theatre, completed Oct, 1906
Archt A.J. Edwards
ALT 160/06, no acht, compl 5/07
Ownr; Moses Bros Stock Company
Seats: 550
Leased to Keith 12/09. Pix+Vaudeville from
WRIGHT (former Brook) AV n/s 50'e of CANAL ST (STAPLETON)

NB 27/13 MP, Frame $120 Completed Feb 1913
Archt: W. Springer

(NOTE There was IOOF hall 20 Wright, w/s s of Canal)