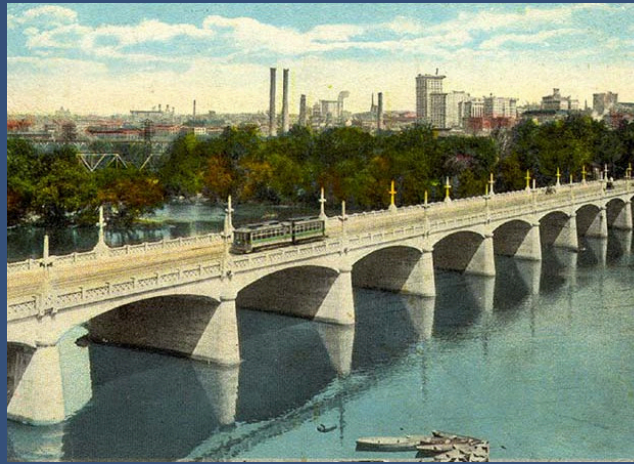


## ABOUT MANCHESTER



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## FUN FACTS

- ★ **The Mayo Bridge**  
After Manchester was annexed in 1910, a newer and better bridge was promised, making the Mayo Bridge the most storied and historical bridge in Richmond, as well as one of the most used. You had to pay a fee to get across the bridge. William Mayo kept a book with everyone who used the bridge between 1700s-1800s.
- ★ **When was Manchester founded?**  
Manchester became a town in 1769, but didn't become its own city until 1874 and was a part of Richmond as a whole. Manchester became a town in 1769, but didn't become its own city until 1874 and was a part of Richmond as a whole.
- ★ **When did Manchester join Richmond?**  
On April 15, 1910, the keys to Manchester were given to the mayor of Richmond after Richmond annexed Manchester the day before at the Corporation Court.

Discovered in 1606, Manchester is a city-like neighborhood on the Southern side of the James River. It's next to Blackwell, Swansboro, and Woodland Heights. The street, Hull Street runs straight through the neighborhood, building it up socially and industrially throughout the years. There are multiple bridges connecting it to the Northern side of the river, such as the Manchester Bridge, the Mayo Bridge, and the T. Tyler Potterfield Memorial Bridge. It is located near the James River Fall Line. A unique thing about it is that it's the only neighborhood south of the James.



# HISTORIC PLACES

## Hull Street



When Manchester was growing, Hull Street was a load of restaurants, theaters, shops, and salons that shaped Manchester socially and industrially. It held social gatherings, and was the hotspot for everyone and everything in Manchester. In 1965, the street got ruined into a residential district by the government. It became an industrial area in 1994 when many people started using vacant areas for business, such as a spaghetti warehouse and a manufacturing plant made on Hull Street around that area. Hull Street's population went up when the VMFA sold some of its properties in Manchester, allowing many people to move back into these properties.

## Belle Isle



Since its discovery by the Europeans, Belle Isle, although not named that back then, has had one of the most storied histories in Richmond. Originally, it was the home of the Native Americans, but since, it has been a nail company twice, an area for POWs in the Civil War, a village, a fishery, and finally became a park in 1973. You can find many people on its flat rocks just feet away from the river during the summer, and many camps are held there too. When it was used as a war prison, southern prisoners mainly worked at warehouses and went off to islands and one of which was Belle Isle in Richmond VA. A lot of confederates held camps for prisoners of war and that was also held in Belle Isle.

## The Mills



The Mills was the first settlement of Manchester during the early days of America. It started off back in 1609 from a group of merchants who saw value in the land. It had value because of the James River flowing next to it. This let the traders grow their town which was originally called Rocky Ridge and was a trading outpost. After that there was a fort put town that solidified their position in Manchester and is still up to this day. It started attracting more people and changed it "The Mills" because it produced fabrics and grain. Then it had the mayo bridge built along it later too. Around the 1700s it started to trade hands with people who wanted it and then someone named William Myard the 3rd sold off the property to a newly established government and it became new town and later a part of Manchester. Today it stands as a place for historic monuments and being a residential area too.

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