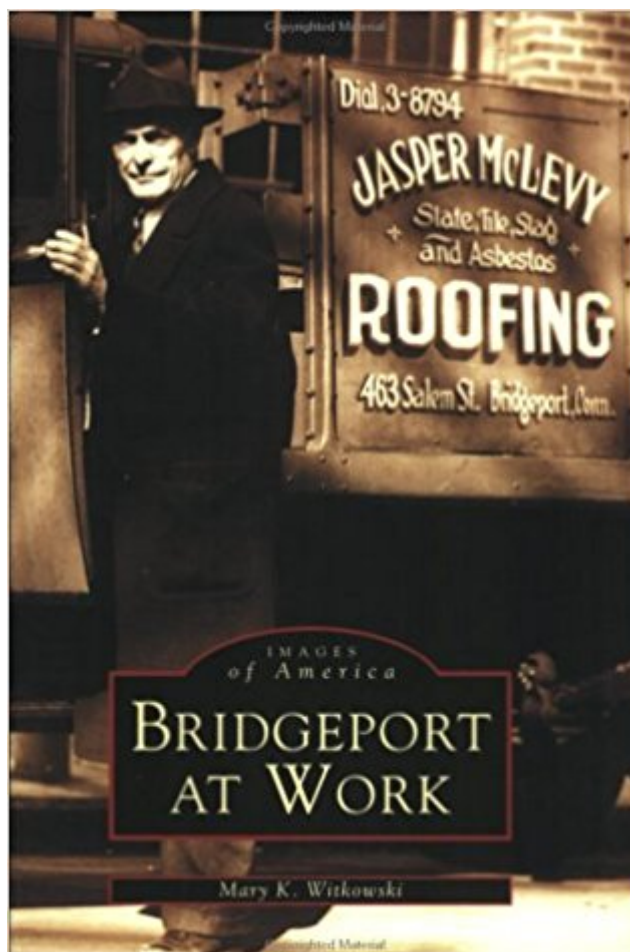


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# Bridgeport At Work (Images Of America)



## Synopsis

What was it like to work and live in Bridgeport during the past two centuries? No one could tell us better than the people who worked on the line in the factories, sold goods behind the counter at a department store, taught children in local schools, ran a travel agency, worked as a housewife, drove a truck, or ran one of the many prosperous businesses that helped Bridgeport grow and develop. *Bridgeport at Work* chronicles the working life of Bridgeport, a center of industry and home to several legendary individuals. P.T. Barnum, who made Bridgeport his adopted home, began an 1851 project that established an industrial center in East Bridgeport, spurring many other companies to set up in this remarkable city. Igor Sikorsky, Simon Lake, Lucien and I. DeVer Warner, Harvey Hubbell, Elias Howe, and for a short time even Buckminster Fuller all produced some of their best work in Bridgeport. World Wars I and II helped to build the munitions and defense industry in the city, and companies such as Remington Arms, the Lake Torpedo Boat Company, and Sikorsky Aircraft thrived. *Bridgeport at Work* shows the workers and companies, producing everything from Frisbie pies to firearms, that made Bridgeport the "Arsenal of Democracy," and an industrial leader at a crucial time in American history.

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Mary Witkowski, coauthor with Bruce Williams of *Bridgeport on the Sound* and head librarian and archivist of the Bridgeport Public Library's Historical Collections, provides an inside look at the working lives of thousands of residents who made Bridgeport an outstanding city. She is project

director of the oral history Web site Bridgeport Working: Voices of the Twentieth Century.

A great book of old pictures of Bridgeport, CT's past industrial glory. Not very comprehensive... But enough to get the nostalgic juices flowing. If your'e over 40 , you'll certainly be familiar with the companies themselves, if not the remnants of them. I don't regret buying this book... I DO regret that the city I grew up in has lost so much of its past.

My mom grew up in Bridgeport... and I worked there most of mt life. Great pictures! Too bad the city has been so corrupted by bad politicians...it used to be beautiful!

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