Did you know that Haverstraw was once the brickmaking capital of the Hudson Valley?

Haverstraw’s waterfront was entirely different than the one you see today. Rockland County was once home to scores of brickyards. Brickmaking began here in the early 1800’s. The area’s clay deposits were used to make the bricks. Finished products were then shipped out to New York City. On some shorelines you’ll still find bricks littering the beach, scraps from a bygone era.

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