

## Town of Bowers

The Town of Bowers, one of the earliest settlements along the Delaware Bay, was named Whitwell's Delight in 1675 by Francis Whitwell. The ownership of the land transferred numerous times before being purchased by John Bowers on August 16, 1734. Since then, the area has been known as Bowers Beach. Big Thursday, celebrated annually in August since 1852, marked the end of the summer ban on oyster harvesting. Incorporated on March 9, 1907, the town had a thriving tourist industry with the steamship Frederica bringing vacationers to its many hotels.

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