

Timeline of the History of the Statue of Liberty Chronological Copywork

- 1609: The Oyster Islands are colonized by Europeans
- 1667: A land grant for the island is obtained by Isaac Bedloe of the Netherlands
- 1669: The island is renamed Love Island after the colony of New York's governor Francis Lovelace
- 1673: Isaac Bedloe dies, and Love Island is renamed Bedloe's Island
- 1674: The English obtain control of Bedloe's Island
- 1732: Bedloe's Island is sold to New York merchants Adolph Philipse and Henry Lane
- 1746: Archibald Kennedy purchases the island
- 1755: Due to a smallpox outbreak, Bedloe's Island is used as a quarantine station for three years
- 1758: New York City obtains ownership of Bedloe's Island
- 1759: Construction of a hospital begins on Bedloe's Island
- 1772: Colonists loyal to Great Britain begin to take refuge on the island
- 1784: Bedloe's Island is made a quarantine station for incoming travelers by an act of the New York state legislature
- 1794: Money to build fortifications on Bedloe's Island is granted by the federal government
- 1807: The United States Army begins to use Bedloe's Island as a military post
- 1814: The military post is renamed Fort Wood after Eleazer D. Wood
- 1834: New York and New Jersey agree to divide ownership of Bedloe's Island
- 1861: The Union Army begins to use Fort Wood as a recruiting station during the Civil War



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