The first boardwalk built in the United States was in Atlantic City, New Jersey in 1870. A petition was pre

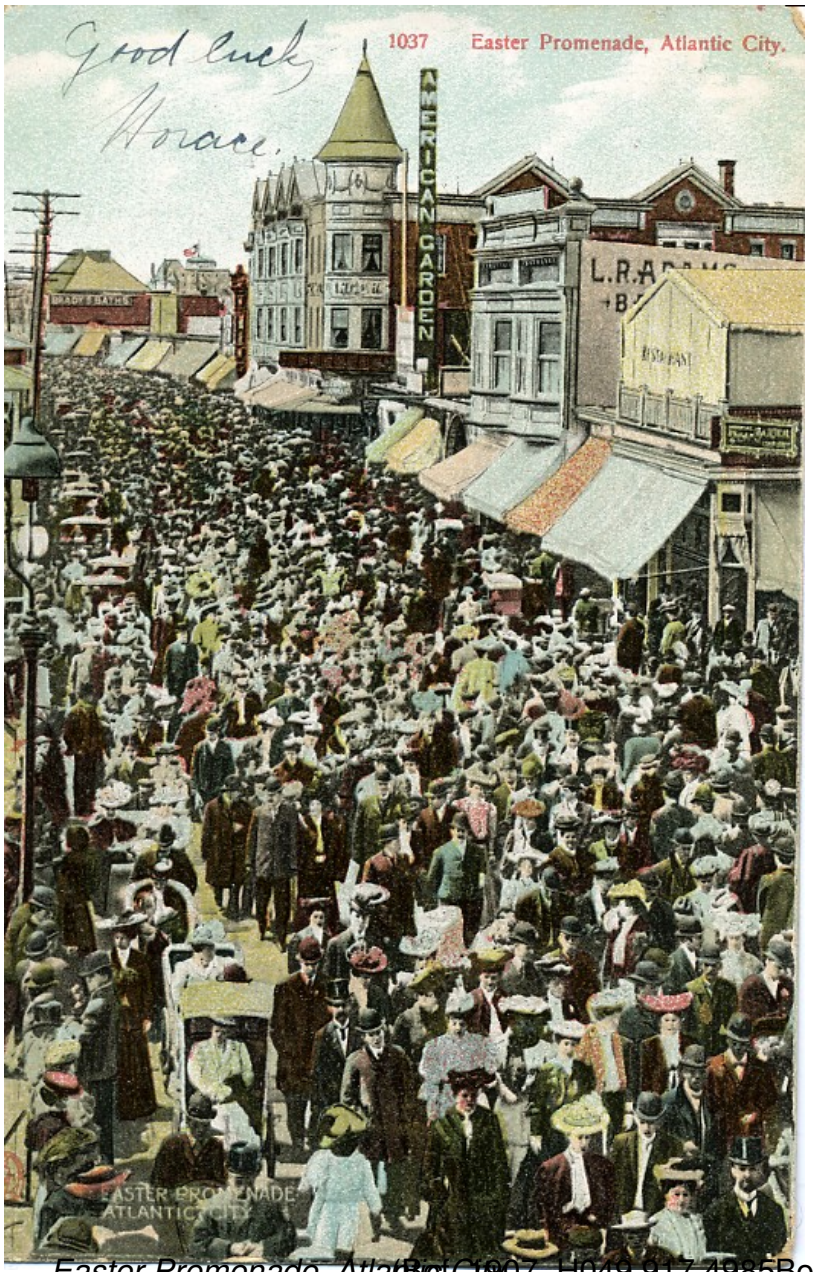
The deck of the Atlantic City Boardwalk is made of specially-treated yellow Southern pine with Douglas f

Boardwalk from Steel Pier looking East (1900, H005-Boardwalk004; ACFPL Heston Collection)

The current length of the Atlantic City Boardwalk is a little more than 4 miles. At the widest point, it is 60

Over the years, the Boardwalk has been reconstructed to provide better access and stability:

- The 2nd Boardwalk constructed in Atlantic City was opened about June, 1, 1880.
- The 3rd Boardwalk opened about June 1, 1884.
- The 4th Boardwalk was dedicated May 10, 1890.
- The 5th Boardwalk was dedicated July 8, 1896.



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