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**Archive/Library Reflection**  
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Title: Grand Central Depot, New York – Interior View

Artist: Stanley Fox

Photographer: George Gardner

Publisher: Harper's Weekly

Publication Date: February 3, 1872

This source caught my eye as it's one of the very few illustrations I've seen of how Grand Central first look like when it was a depot. Grand Central first started as a depot before becoming a station and terminal. Built by Cornelius Vanderbilt and first opened in 1871. The depot expanded along 42<sup>nd</sup> street, which is now known as Vanderbilt Avenue. There wasn't much at first as it just serve as a space for trains and passengers. An increase in railroads and passengers led to the destruction of the depot in 1899. Replaced with a bigger six story building known as Grand Central Station in 1900.



Title: Grand Central Terminal: 100 Years of a New York Landmark  
Author: Anthony W. Robins, NY Transit NY Transit Museum, Maxinne Leighton  
ISBN-13: 9781584799948  
Publisher: Abrams, Harry N., Inc.  
Publication Date: January 22, 2013

This book caught my eye as it seems like the perfect book to anyone learning about Grand Central. It celebrates Grand Central Terminal's 100 year anniversary by discussing the history of its construction, architecture, and phenomena. It includes an in depth view of the terminal's lost property room, reservation bureau, the operations and control center, and the art galleries. Besides the history and facts, the pictures are the ones that really define the book. Pictures ranging from black/white and color photographs, sketches, and maps. The most recent photos have been credited to Frank English, the official photographer of the Metro North Railroad for over 25 years.

### **Research Questions:**

What does the NY Historical Society do to preserve its most fragile collections?  
What additions to the archive can we expect in the future?