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Title: Map of the "Murray Hill Farm," "Ogden Place Farm," Lawrence & Astor, Wiswall & Price, Corporation, Wright, John Taylor, and other property

Date: January 1867

Published by: New York (N.Y.) – City Surveyor, J.B. Holmes

Source: Primary Source; Map

This specific map shows an amazing old style view of Manhattan before it was completely industrialized. In this setting we can actually see all the farms that used to occupy multiple spaces within the city. The farms were each about a block's worth and belonged to multiple owners. No buildings seemed to exist at this moment. Never did I think that farms were once located within the city of Manhattan. Pre-industrialized Manhattan may have actually been a much more beautiful area full of life and very peaceful.



Title: Hagstorm's map of New York subways and elevated systems

Published by: Hagstorm Company Inc.

Date: 1936

Source: Primary Source; Map

This map displays the old metropolitan railroad systems during 1936. In other words it's just an old transit map before the standard MTA subway maps were created. We can see the difference between this map and the new ones from nowadays. This map has much less train routes. This means that many areas of the city were unreachable by train. This must have made transportation around the city much more challenging than it is now. The massive increase in railroads was a huge asset to the city.

Ouestions for further research:

- 1. Did farm owners willingly give up their property in order to make room for industrialization?
- 2. How did gentrification differ in the late 1800's from what is going on in New York City now?