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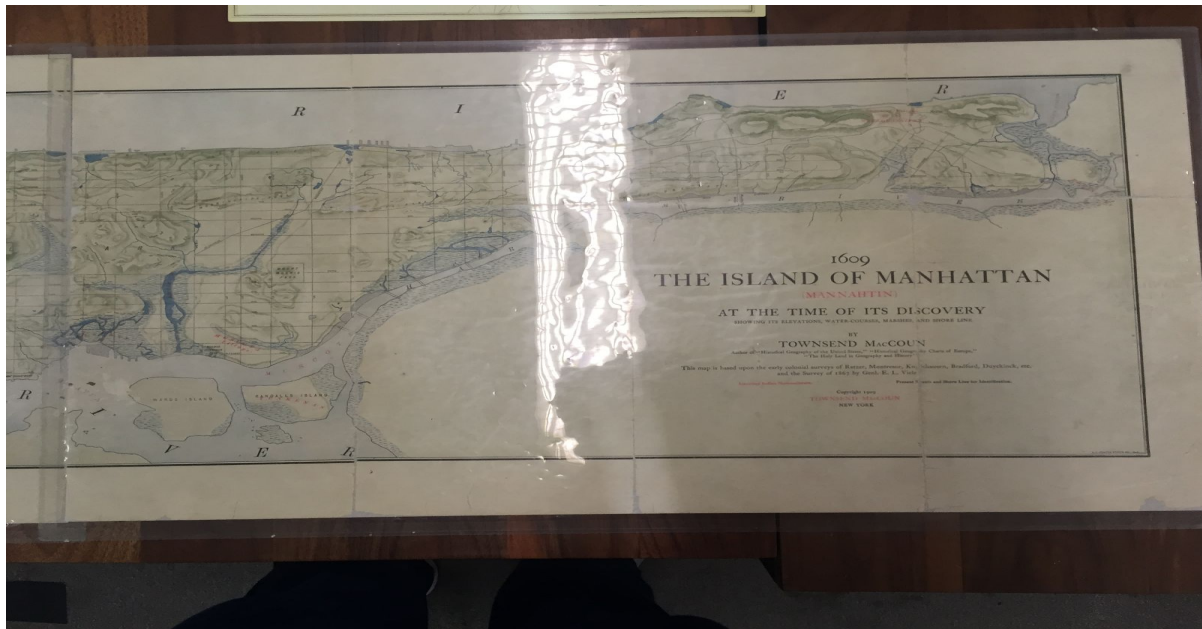
Library - Archive Response # 2

Intro:

For our second archive/library visit we went to the New York Public Library to look at their Map Collection. The NYPL has a huge amount of Map, not only of NY but of all over the world. These maps differ in their purpose for being drawn and their usage some of the examples of these are nautical maps, geographic maps, landscape maps, fire protection maps, etc. Along with having most of these maps in the building as part of their archival records the NYPL has transferred almost all of these maps online as a part of their NYPL Digital Map collection. This helps researchers locate the specific map they need much quicker and makes research much more efficient.



Map #1:



This is a landscape map of what people believe The Island of Manhattan looked like in 1609, it includes the elevations, marshes, and shorelines of the island. This map was drawn in 1867 by

the survey of Genl. E. L., Viele and published by Townsend MacCoun in 1909. I think the purpose of this map is for researchers to see what Manhattan was like in 1609 and what type of landscape explorers had to travel through.

Map #2:



This is a nautical map of New York Harbor. This map was published in 1910 in Washington D.C. by the U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and National Ocean Survey. The purpose of this map is not for navigational use but for height, length, width and depth surrounding New York Harbor. It could be used by ship captains that

want to bring ships into the harbor or for research as to what kinds for ships can come into the harbor.

Questions for Further Research:

- 1) Was Map 1 ever used in any famous articles or history books?
- 2) Why can't Map 2 be used for navigation?