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In this archives report, I'm going to include two historical map photos that I'm going to discuss about based on the site visit at the NYPL.



Title: Map showing the Metropolitan Street Railway system and lines operated in connection therewith: 232.07 miles: (borough of Manhattan, New York City).

Created/Published: Colton, Ohman & Co., 1899.

Contributor Names: Colton, Ohman & Co and Metropolitan Street Railway Company

This photo above show a transportation map of Manhattan in 1899. This map reminds me of the MTA subway map that we have today, but subway didn't exist yet. The transportation in those day was electric streetcar and horsecar to go anywhere.



Title: Topographical atlas of the city of New York, including the annexed territory showing original water courses and made land.

Date Issued: 1874

Publisher: E.L. Viele

This photo here show the whole map of Manhattan and The Bronx in 1874. The map of Manhattan is so large; it need 5 sheets to complete the map. If you see the map very close, you could see that each block show the street for instance W 88th, W 89th, W 90th etc. (same for East side).

Questions for Further Research

1. How does the creator or publisher know how big is Manhattan without any technologies?
2. How long does it take to complete the map?