

Learning Places Spring 2016

Vinegar Hill/Dumbo Site Report 2

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INTRODUCTION

Vinegar Hill site report classes second trip there equipped with map of the area from 1855

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

I have been to the area I have prior knowledge of the area and expect to further find old landmarks like we saw together on the first field trip

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)





Write description of sketches or photos here, explaining why it is important and what it shows

QUALITATIVE SITE OBSERVATIONS

1. Neighborhood / Street Character
 - a. The street character has very vintage cool vibe, like williamsburg
 - b. We also observed work men on the street
2. Vitality of Neighborhood
 - a. General Description
 - i. Started between Plymouth and Hudson area with map from 1855 looking for changes from then to the present
 - b. Pedestrian Activity
 - i. A lot of people who work in offices around the neighborhood
 - c. Vehicular Traffic
 - i. There was a lot of taxis and commercial trucks
3. Age of Buildings (provide evidence for prediction)
 - a. I believe the buildings I saw were early 1900's
 - b. Because of the brick and have old painted signs on them

- c. Fire escapes and cobble streets were another indication
- 4. Relationship Between Buildings
 - a. The buildings are very much alike built at the same time for sure
 - b. So buildings are gentrified more than others
- 5. Building Details
 - a. The buildings have become office buildings
 - b. Some of the buildings have become coffee shops
 - c. The buildings I believe were originally factories
- 6. Relationship to the Waterfront
 - a. The water front is the reason the area was originally built on
 - b. The water front I believe makes the buildings around it more of value
- 7. Other Observations
 - a. We noticed a lot of lot similarities from the map in 1855 to present
 - b. There was some lots from 1855 missing, that are not condos
 - c. There were was an old firehouse that has since been decommissioned

QUANTITATIVE DATA for Area of Study

Lot eight	The lots very much that same
Street Names	Hudson Ave
Street Width	N/A
Street Pavement	Cobblestone
Building Heights	N/A

Building Widths (Window Bays)	N/A
Building Types/Uses	Factories and office buildings
Empty Lots / Gardens	There is a park by water park
Shops / Restaurants	There was a coffee shop
Industrial Shops	N/A
Other Data	
Other Data	
Other Data	
Other Data	
Plymouth and Hudson	Some alleys are still present between lots from map of 1855

QUESTIONS to Research Further

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1. What is the story of the power plant on Plymouth and Hudson?
2. What is the story of the decommissioned fire house on lot eight?
3. When did the the homes on lot eight become NY state land marks?

RESEARCH METHOD/SOURCE FOR EACH QUESTION ABOVE:

1. Question 1

- a. Search online
 - b. xx
 - c. xx
2. Question 2
- a. Search online
 - b. xx
 - c. xx
3. Question 3
- a. Search online
 - b. xx
 - c. xx

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

We as a class were given specific lots of the Vinegar Hill area I received lot eight with my group we sketched some of the condos and, one family homes which the lots of which these homes are place are still marked on the maps from 1855. There was and old decommissioned fire house which I'd like to research further.