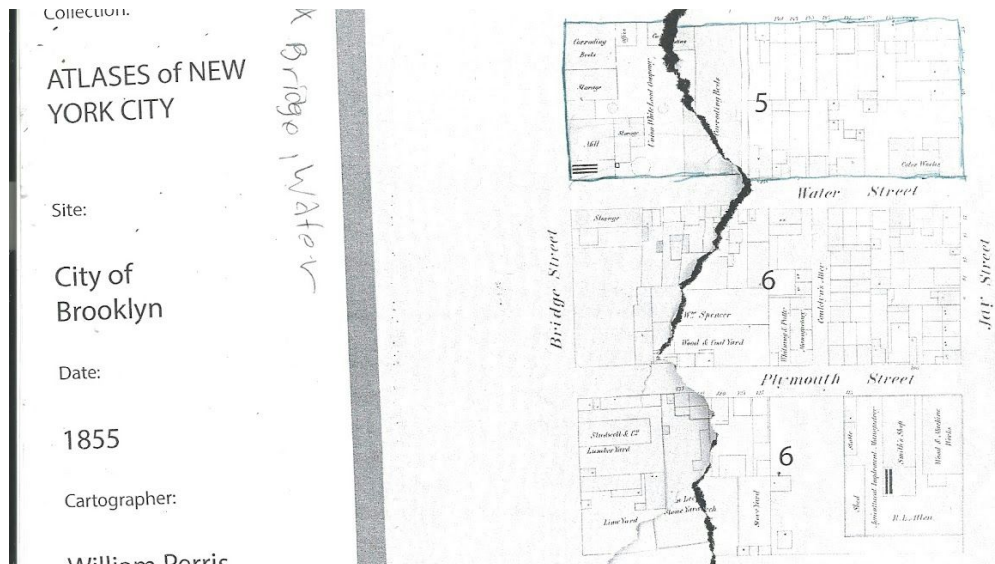


Learning Places Spring 2016

SITE REPORT

Vinegar Hill Site Report (2)



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INTRODUCTION

The scope of activity was to not only get a better feel of Vinegar Hill, but to also understand and choose what part of the Vinegar Hill Site, we will close in on. The other mission was to really be invested into our section of the site, creating our own miniature sites and embracing what we love about our sites.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

Since I have already took my very first trip to Vinegar Hill and that anticipation is over, the next thing is what area my focus will be drawn to. We have visited a lot of interesting and great potential places to dig into the history of, yet I'm not all that quite sure about what space I want and I know that soon I have to be sure of what I will be doing my semester project on. I hope to use this next visit as an opportunity to make a decision on what particular area my attention and interest draws to the most. I

am looking forward to our site visit tomorrow.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)



This is a sketch of one of the buildings I focused on located on Bridge Street, Front Street, Water Street.



This is a picture of the building I referred to while completing my sketch, pictured above. This building stood out to me because it was such a beautiful building in my eyes, and I just really wanted to capture the beauty of this building. It not only has a garage with an entrance which is in front of the building in plain eyesight, but it has some mixed use. Although it is mainly residential, there are some parts of the building being used as some type of office space, which is located on the

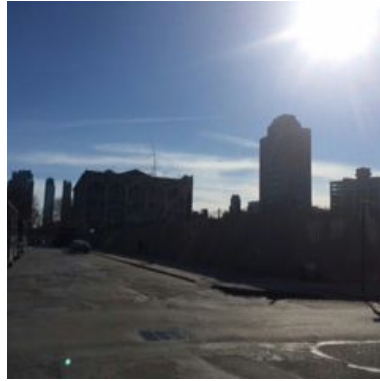
buildings lower right wing. The rooftop, seems to be used for some type of recreational space.



Another sketch of another building I focused on located also located on Bridge, Front, Water street.



This is the picture I used to base my sketch off of. I was drawn to this building because it currently serves no purpose right now what so ever, or may appear that way and I am just wondering why such a beautiful building is being wasted. I think this building may have once served as some kind of factory when it was being used, I arrived at my assumption just by looking at the little details of the building. To me it just seems to represent a stereotypical factory in a growing industrial space.



These are some pictures of neighboring structures of the site my partner and I focused on.



These are buildings that are not too far from the buildings I took an interest in.



Pictures of two buildings, taken at different angles.

QUALITATIVE SITE OBSERVATIONS

1. Neighborhood / Street Character
 - a. Charming
 - b. Modern
2. Vitality of Neighborhood
 - a. General Description
 - i. Quiet, mellow
 - b. Pedestrian Activity
 - i. Little to none
 - c. Vehicular Traffic
 - i. A little, not too much
3. Age of Buildings (provide evidence for prediction)
 - a. 1800's(Common Brick Bonds)
 - b. 1900's (Running Brick Bonds)
 - c. 2015(Newly built, up and running)
4. Relationship Between Buildings
 - a. Some buildings are sharing the same foundation but being used for two different things.
 - b. The same brick layout is used in neighboring buildings.
5. Building Details
 - a. Average sized window bays on most of the buildings.
 - b. Running Brick Bonds and Common Brick bonds.
 - c. The developing buildings are not being built with brick like the existing ones.
6. Relationship to the Waterfront
 - a. The location is very close to the waterfront, just down the street.
 - b. Since the bridge is close by this must have been a busy street.
7. Other Observations
 - a. On some of the roads it can be seen that the cobblestone roads are resurfacing.
 - b. There is an empty place and it looks like there is a lot of construction going on there.
 - c. Behind some of the existing buildings there are buildings being built that look similar.

QUANTITATIVE DATA for Area of Study

| Subject | Data |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Street Names | Bridge Street, Water Street, and Front Street |
| Street Width | About 10 to 12 feet |
| Street Pavement | Blacktop, Asphalt |
| Building Heights | Between 10 and 18 feet |
| Building Widths (Window Bays) | Anywhere from 18 to 30 feet |
| Building Types/Uses | Residential, Commercial, Mixed Use |
| Empty Lots / Gardens | 1 Empty Lot |
| Shops / Restaurants | Bridge Street Cafe/ Restaurant |
| Industrial Shops | None to my knowledge |

QUESTIONS to Research Further

QUESTIONS:

1. Why are the asphalt black tops put in place if cobblestones are resurfacing?
2. Why are there many buildings with mix use and not separate buildings for each purpose?
3. Why are the buildings that no longer serve a purpose not being repurposed, is there a plan?

RESEARCH METHOD/SOURCE FOR EACH QUESTION ABOVE:

1. Question 1
 - a. Road pavements (Research the most efficient road pavements)
 - b. Research why asphalt is used to cover cobblestones and not another material
 - c. Research resurfacing of cobblestones
2. Question 2
 - a. Purpose of mixed use buildings
 - b. Is it more cost efficient to have mixed use buildings?
 - c. How many buildings in Vinegar Hill are mixed use and for how long have they been?
3. Question 3
 - a. Look into the district's plans for the buildings
 - b. Look into any plans to repurpose certain buildings
 - c. Former use of certain Vinegar Hill buildings that once had a great purpose

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

Overall I was pleased with the visit. I was very anxious in the beginning of the site and even before the site because I was pretty clueless on where in Vinegar Hill I wanted to focus my project on and even at the beginning of the site visit, I wasn't really sure of which designated map I wanted to choose because I didn't want to blindly pick a place that I will quickly lose interest in, and I say blindly because I am very bad with street names, I am much better with landmarks and I also thought that whatever designated map I chose would be my designated location for the project and I was scared of that being the case but I'm glad that this site visit wasn't a binding contract to our chosen location.