

Learning Places Spring 2016

LIBRARY / ARCHIVE REPORT

BROOKLYN LIBRARY REPORT # 1



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INTRODUCTION

It was really surprising to see that how much stuff these library keep in it, besides books. In brooklyn public library that room we went in had its own appearance, humongous maps with weight of almost 5 to 10lb each. Librarian was really helpful she explained really well how we search about our research. Now i learned new term archives which i didn't know till last week, and archives are not just places where we keep some paper. Archives plays really important role in our society, i think without archives and libraries we would never be able to see our past.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

I been in brooklyn library few times before but I am not really expecting anything beside a quiet place full of books, but because we are going to the archives section where i never been before, so i hope it will be more interesting than a regular



I wish i could show you the full picture of this map, It shows basically the whole brooklyn at once. It is the “Plan Of The Battle Of Brooklyn, August 27th 1776, it's completed from the most authentic maps & topographical surveys, especially for STILIS HISTORY of the City Of Brooklyn.



This is the photo from the Brooklyn Farm Line 1874, in this photo you can see the actual owners of the vinegar hill. First one in the is Comfort and Joshua, than on the bottom is J.Jackson, on the upper side is Sand Jackson and Samuel Jackson.

main open accordingly.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining. Dated Brooklyn, Feb. 4th, 1848.
 fe4 Sawis DAN'L VAN VOORHIS, Sheriff.

SUPREME COURT—In Equity—Richard S. Williams and others vs. Alexander Newman and others.
 DANIEL D. LORD, Solicitor.

In pursuance of a decretal order of this court made in the above cause, bearing date the first day of February, 1848, I will sell at the Franklin house, No. 15 Fulton street, in the city of Brooklyn, on the 28th day of February, 1848, at 12 o'clock at noon of that day, the following lands and premises—

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, and bounded as follows, to wit: beginning at the north-easterly corner of Bridge and Sands street, running thence northerly along the easterly side of Bridge street one hundred feet to land now or late of Samuel Jackson, thence along the land of the said Samuel Jackson easterly parallel with Sands street twenty-five feet to land now or late of the said Samuel Jackson, thence southerly along the last mentioned land one hundred feet to Sands street aforesaid, thence westerly along said Sands street twenty five feet to the place of beginning, containing in front on Sands street and in the rear twenty five feet, and in length on each side one hundred feet.

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JUDGES OF NEW YORK, ss—In Supreme Court, In Equity—Late in Chancery, before the Vice Chancellor of the First Circuit—George Phillips Parker vs. Jeremiah O'Donnell and Mary his wife, and others.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decretal order of the late court of chancery of this state made in the above entitled

This is the image from The Brooklyn Daily Eagle newspaper, in which a court order is mentioning samuel jackson with his property of land on the corner of bridge street and Sands street. This News published in Feb 4th 1848.

DISCOVERIES

1. Neighborhood History
 - a. At the end of 17 century till in the mid of 18, mostly were farms and land.
 - b. J. Jackson land, Comfort and Joshua and Sam Jackson farms and Lands.
2. Key Events / Historical Dates
 - a. Sands property was broken up in 1802
 - b. Charles, Hoyt and Henry streets in 1826
 - c. Twentieth wards farms which were properties of john and samuel splitted in 1845
3. Key Players
 - a. J. Jackson
 - b. Comfort and Joshua sand
 - c. Samuel Jackson

4. Relationship Key Players
 - a. Owners of the most of the land in Vinegar hill.

5. Public Perception of Key Events
 - a. Eight Grist mills opened
 - b. Three schools opened, one at bedford, one at gowanus and third one at brooklyn ferry.
 - c. Second large wave of Irish Immigrants in the 1840s due to a potato famine.

6. Important Changes to Neighborhood
 - a. Many of the houses in this part of the brooklyn were built between the 1820s and the 1840s.
 - b. The lots on the map that were used for residential purposes are very narrow. The narrow width, the usual 3 to 4 story height.

TOPICS & KEYWORDS

“Old Brooklyn Farm Land” “Flatbush” “Wallabout Cove” “R.C Livingston” “Remsen” “Brooklyn Fort” “Brookland Parish” “Red hook Lane” “J.Jackson” “Comfort and Joshua Sands” “Samuel Jackson”

QUANTITATIVE DATA for Area of Study

Subject	Data
Land Ownership	J.Jackson, Comfort and Joshua Sands, Samuel Jackson.
Number of Blocks	Around 30 blocks
# of Buildings on a Typical Block	No buildings in that time there were only farms
Materials	wood
# of Stories of Buildings	unknown
Residential Bldgs	Not really

Empty Lots	Lots of them, mostly farm land.
Commercial Uses	Unknown
Industrial Uses	Unknown
Other Data	

QUESTIONS to Research Further

QUESTIONS:

1. How exactly farms turned into blocks?
2. Who were the Developers?
3. What were the reasons for landowner to sell their lands?

RESEARCH METHOD/ ADDITIONAL SOURCES NEEDED TO ANSWER EACH QUESTION ABOVE:

1. Question 1
 - a. Google
 - b. Library Archives
 - c. Historical documents
2. Question 2
 - a. Newspapers
 - b. Old Atlas Maps
 - c. Real Estate Old documents
3. Question 3
 - a. Google Scholars
 - b. Archives
 - c. Historical documents

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

The visit to the Brooklyn Public Library was very informative and very helpful in researching old village of brooklyn turning into Vinegar Hill. The librarian introduced us to new research tools such as using the library's computers to access the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and the Brooklyn Visual Heritage website. There were books and maps that discussed commercial activity in Vinegar Hill which helped me further in my research. The research that I did during this site visit has left me with some new questions to research. The inquiry that left the greatest impression on me revolves around the pieces of land that were farm and land of agriculture. I would like to find more information on them and see what were the reasons to convert that greenland into the land of stones high rise building.