Learning Places Spring 2016

LIBRARY / ARCHIVE REPORT
New York City public library

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INTRODUCTION

The New York City Public library is located, by Bryant park. The library as a beautiful entrance, with great stairs. The class took part in looking maps of the downtown Brooklyn area to further understand what we've been doing in class, these maps were from a variety of different years some of them over a century old.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

I'm excited to look into old maps, I think these maps will give me and my peers better understanding of the Dumbo/Vinegar Hill area, and see some changes and similarities the architecture of the area.
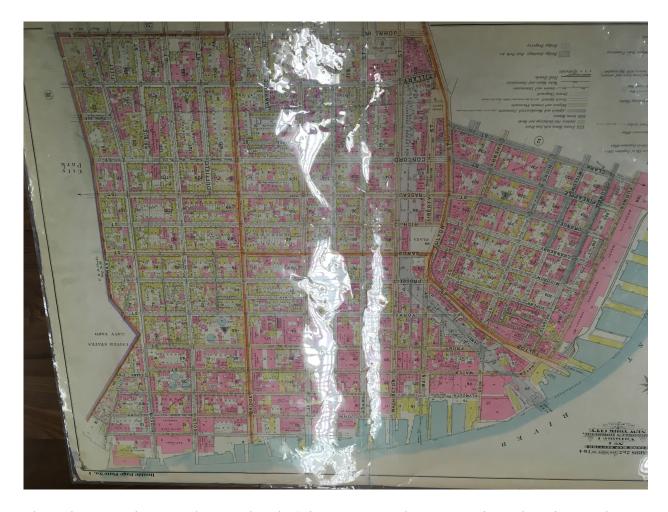
SOURCES found

1. Map from 1894

2. Map from 1764

This map was the oldest the class looked at, it has settlers names on here. It all so note "his majesty's 60th regiment"

These pictures are important because they don't just note street changes over times, they give you the reader a little extra information. As a for instance we can now go to the building noted in the second map and check if the buildings have been renovated, are have stay very much made of the same integral make up. The older map from the 1760's is very interesting because it can be interpreted now as to what was old farm land.

DISCOVERIES

1. Neighborhood History
   a. Many streets have changed names
   b. Some streets have been inlongated
2. Key Events / Historical Dates
   a. xx
   b. xx

   c. xx
3. Key Players
   a. John Sands
4. Relationship Key Players
   a. Mayor in 1800's
5. Public Perception of Key Events
   a. Public loved addition of bridge
6. Important Changes to Neighborhood
   a. The Manhatten Bridge
   b. The obsurbtion of Brooklyn become part of NYC
7. Other Observations
   a. I noticed on some maps they noted warehouse with their business names on them
   b. I would like to look more into these businesses

TOPICS & KEYWORDS

Key words "Dumbo" & "Vinegar Hill"

QUANTITATIVE DATA for Area of Study

Subject	Data
Land Ownership	Kings County
Number of Blocks	N/A
# of Buildings on a Typical Block	30
Materials	Brick, Clay, Stucco

# of Stories of Buildings	Two to three stories
Residential Bldgs	n/a
Empty Lots	Noticed five empty lots
Commercial Uses	Factories and warehouses
Industrial Uses	
Other Data	
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QUESTIONS to Research Further

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1.How was the farm land in picture two broken up by families, who did they sell it to, and were these prominent families over the neighborhood?

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

1. Question 1
    a. The Brooklyn Eagle may have some primary information

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

The Brooklyn public library was very helpful in our classes research, and was beautiful public building