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LIBRARY / ARCHIVE REPORT

Brooklyn Public Library

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INTRODUCTION

This library report is about the very prestigious Brooklyn Public Library.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

Before visiting the Brooklyn Public Library I imagine it to be small. I live near a branch of the public library and it itself is small. I am excited to see the size of the library as well as the resources it offers. I am anxious to see how the visit goes and to see how in depth we get with our research. What the

library provides us with regarding our study of Vinegar Hill.

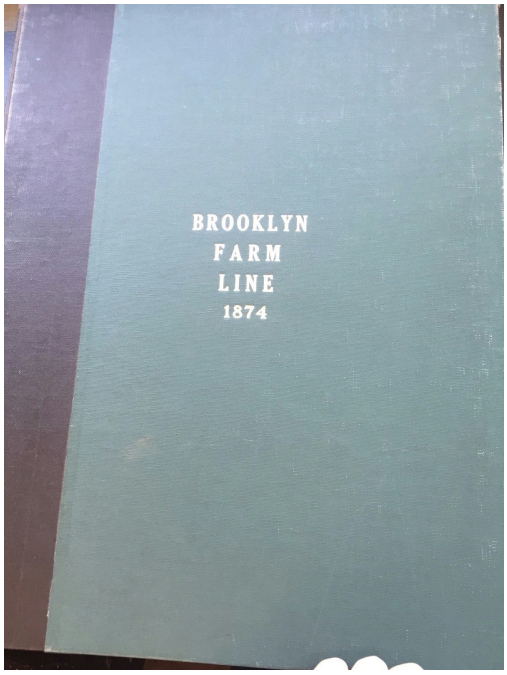
SOURCES found

1. The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, 1846 Old Brooklyn Farm Lands Map, pg 20, July 1896
2. Brooklyn Farm Line 1874, J. B. Beers & CO., Brooklyn Farm Line, 1874

DOCUMENTATION of site & resources (maps/archival documents/photos)

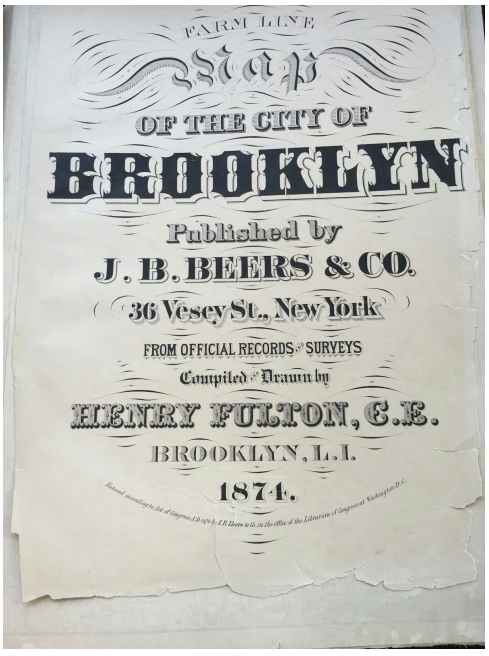
This picture is of the entrance of the Brooklyn Public Library from inside. I think this picture really shows how large this library is. I was pleasantly surprised when walking up to it to see just how big it is. You can see the corner of the help desk at the bottom right hand corner as well as a nice secluded area above.

This map here was taken from the Brooklyn Farm Line 1874 book filled with maps of Brooklyn. I am focusing on when the change from farmland to urban land occurred so this map will and has helped me profusely. As you can see in the bottom left hand corner of the map there are 3 main farms. IT shows that in 1874 the change still had not occurred.



The picture shown here is of the front of the book that I found the top picture in. It is amazing the plethora of resources that we have at our fingertips. This has been kept in great condition and I was able to find great maps that will help with my future research

This map has been shown to me twice now, one in color and one in black and white. The Brooklyn Public Library had it in color which I greatly appreciated. It was able to show me the major farm lands that engulfed today's Vinegar Hill which will help me in the long run with my research of the Brooklyn farm lands.



This is a picture of the information from one of the maps that was given to us by the BPL. It was still in great condition and I was able to read it very well considering its age.

DISCOVERIES

1. Neighborhood History
    a. 1790-1820
    b. Still farm land
2. Key Events / Historical Dates
    a. Change from farm to urban
    b. 1790-1820
3. Key Players
    a. Joshua and Comfort Sands
    b. Sam Jackson
    c. J Jackson
4. Relationship Key Players
    a. Relatives
    b. Acquaintances
5. Public Perception of Key Events
    a. Offered more land to transfer of goods
    b. As well as public transportation
6. Important Changes to Neighborhood
    a. Change from farm to urban environment
    b. Newly drawn land
7. Other Observations
    a. Information somewhat difficult to find
    b. Photographs not during this time period

TOPICS & KEYWORDS

Joshua and Comfort Sands, J Jackson, Sam Jackson, amount of land each possessed, 1790-1820, Vinegar Hill farms, Brooklyn Farms, Hudson and Plymouth Street

QUANTITATIVE DATA for Area of Study

Subject	Data
Land Ownership	Joshua and Comfort Sands, J Jackson, Sam Jackson
Number of Blocks	N/A
# of Buildings on a Typical Block	N/A
Materials	Brooklyn Farmland maps, 1846 Maps and articles
# of Stories of Buildings	Most likely 1 - 2 story houses
Residential Bldgs	Farm lands
Empty Lots	Open fields for livestock
Commercial Uses	N/A
Industrial Uses	N/A
Other Data	
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QUESTIONS to Research Further

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1. How was accurate information passed on considering the times?
2. When were the official dates of change?
3. How much did each landowner receive after selling farm land?

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

1. How was accurate information passed on considering the times?
    a. http://bklyn-genealogy-info.stevemorse.org/Map/1846.BklynFarmLands.html
    b. 1874 Brooklyn Farm Line
2. When were the official dates of change?
    a. United State Census
    b. Public Archives
3. How much did each landowner receive after selling farm land?
    a. Public Archives

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

After visiting the Brooklyn Public Library I can honestly say I can't wait to return. While libraries kind of make me nervous due to their massiveness, I was pleasantly surprised at how many resources were available to help me through. The amount of maps that were provided for us will definitely benefit me in my research as well as the libraries website. We were shown other websites that could help us and I felt very comfortable navigating them after being shown by the librarian. I will definitely be returning!