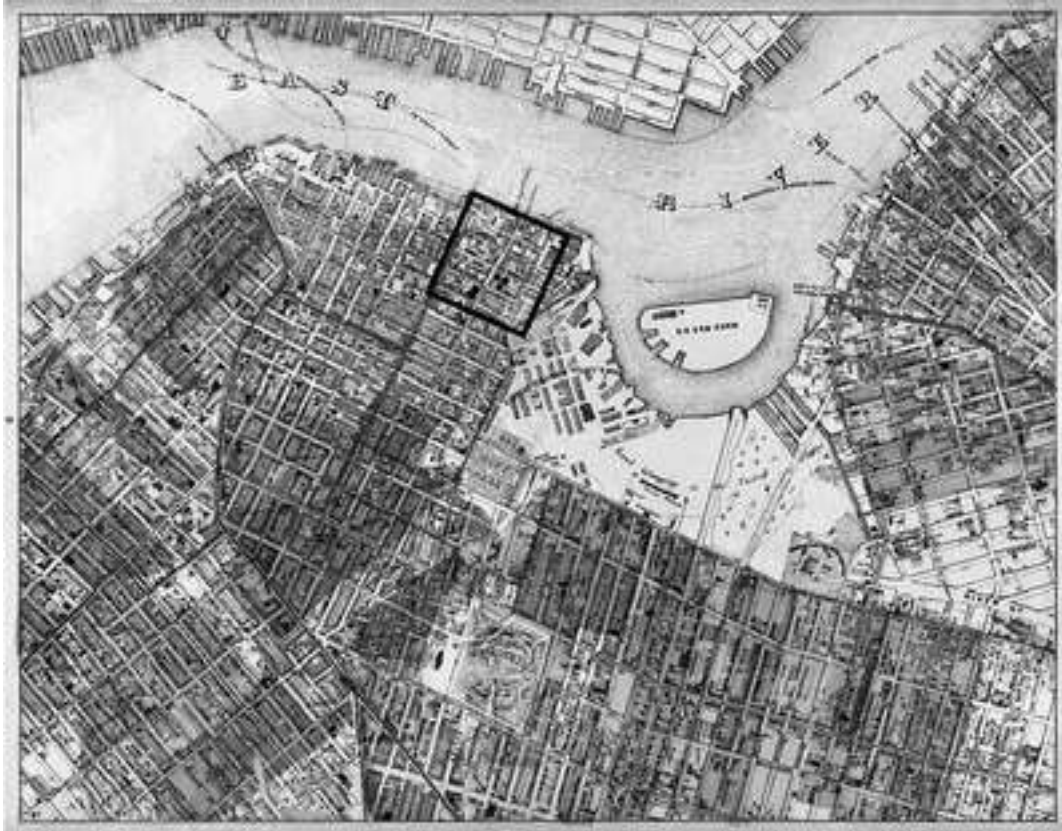


Learning Places Spring 2016

SITE REPORT

VINEGAR HILL



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INTRODUCTION

I would say that the activity in Vinegar Hill was a little less than moderate; compared to Brooklyn Heights.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

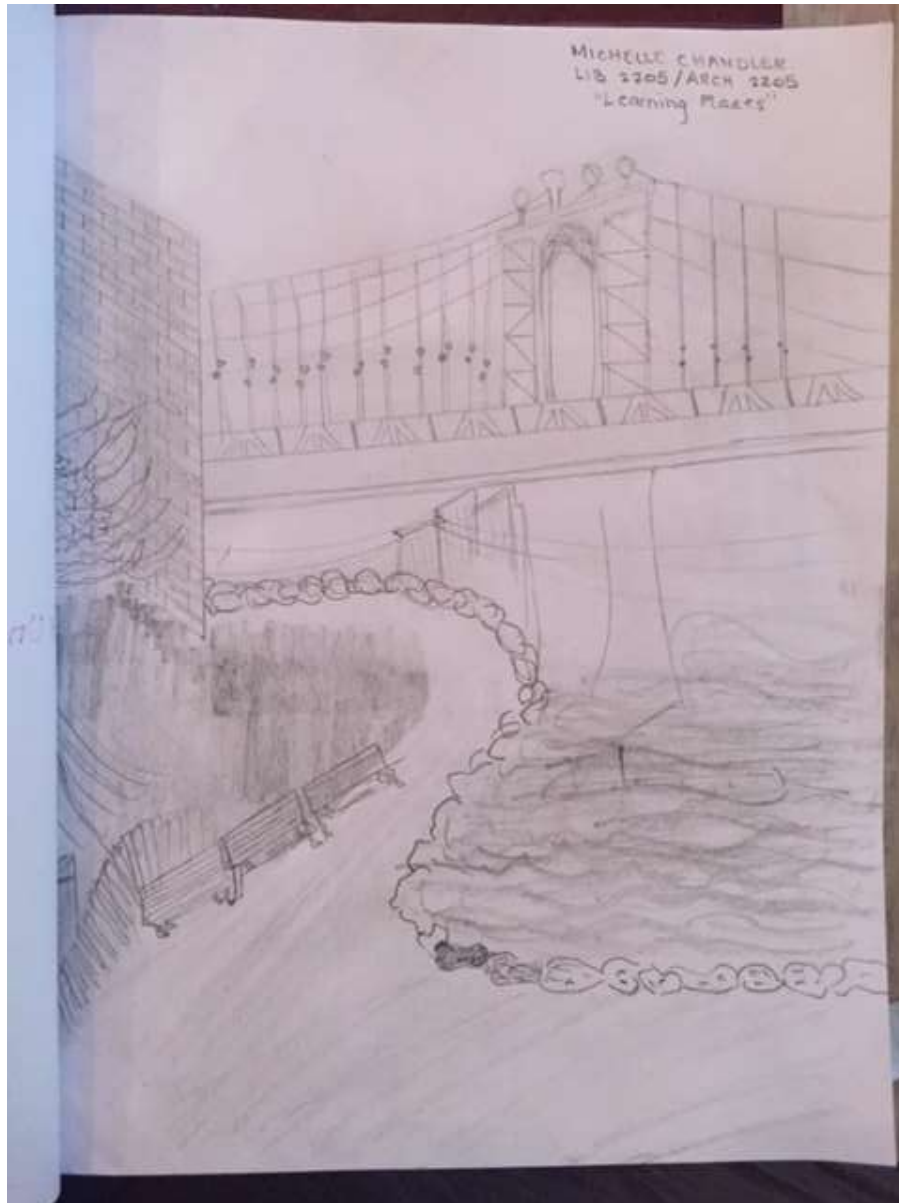
When I first heard of “Vinegar Hill” as I mentioned before, I honestly never heard of such a

place. However, after receiving some valuable information do I now know that it's not only within walking distant of the college but it is also quite close to "Dumbo" Vinegar Hill according to its history was once a neighborhood were you easily noticed that every house on the block was pretty much all connected. However, after seeing "Vinegar Hill" with my own two eyes that I realize that there aren't as much houses as their us to be, which really wasn't all that surprising; simply because years ago it was mentioned that "Vinegar Hill" had undergone something known as an "urban renewal". From what I was able to observe "Vinegar Hill" in my opinion; the majority of vinegar hill looks like open lot space or upcoming construction for high rises. Urban renewal is present everywhere we go. If it's not a hotel, it's a high-rise and if it's some type of storage place.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)



At 220 Water Street stands a massive apartment complex. This complex in the picture above comprises of 134 Luxury Rentals. I think this picture is important because it looked like it could've possibly been some sort of factory in the early 19th century.



In the picture above is a sketch of the Manhattan Bridge.

This picture is important because this beautiful is just a few steps from 220 Water Street. This sketch in my opinion shows the beauty of the city from a place which to me was unheard of.

QUALITATIVE SITE OBSERVATIONS

1. Neighborhood / Street Character
 - a. I observed how the streets that were once cobblestone are beginning to resurface in certain areas.
 - b. I also observed that Conklyn's Alley that no longer exist between Plymouth & Water Street.
2. Vitality of Neighborhood
 - a. General Description
 - i. I would say that the vitality of this particular part of Vinegar Hill is rather moderate.
 - b. Pedestrian Activity
 - i. Pedestrian activity occasionally; I spotted a few people here and there.
 - c. Vehicular Traffic
 - i. Traffic was moderate as well; there were car that drove by off and on during the time I spent sketching.
3. Age of Buildings (provide evidence for prediction)
 - a. The Apartment complex is about 7 years old. Hanan & Sons Shoe Factory was stood were the now luxury complex lies. It was sold and remolded 7 years ago.
4. Relationship Between Buildings
 - a. The buildings in my opinion where all rather massive.
 - b. The building that have been transformed into luxury apartment are, loft size.
5. Building Details
 - a. The build has enormous sized windows.
 - b. Five stories tall.
6. Relationship to the Waterfront
 - a. The Waterfront is a block away.

QUANTITATIVE DATA for Area of Study

Subject	Data
Street Names	Water, Plymouth, Front & Jay
Street Width	Average city block length
Street Pavement	Partially paved & partially cobble stoned
Building Heights	Five to Six Stories High
Building Widths (Window Bays)	Factory/Loft Size
Building Types/Uses	Brick
Empty Lots / Gardens	None
Shops / Restaurants	A few, about 2-3
Industrial Shops	None
Other Data	

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QUESTIONS to Research Further

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1. Why were there gaps between some houses and not others?
2. Why were the bricks on the houses different from one another?
3. Why was there a street sign in the front center of a block, with no sign of a street path?

RESEARCH METHOD/SOURCE FOR EACH QUESTION ABOVE:

1. Question 1
 - a. Searching the street and the building structures as well as the original layout could possibly provide an answer for my question.
 - b. Maybe it was an alley back in the early 19th centuries.
2. Question 2
 - a. In order to find an answer to my question, I could search the history of brick panels from the early 19th centuries to present time.
3. Question 3
 - a. "Urban Renewal"
 - b. I could possibly find an answer for my question by looking at a map, from that specific time period.

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

When I visited Vinegar Hill the first time I realized how I didn't explore nearly as much as I did when I went the second time. However, the second time was much more informative for many reasons, the first being that we had someone who seemed very knowledgeable to give use information about its

history; which wasn't available in a secondary source. Secondly because there were homes and buildings whose history could be told through close observation of its brick paneling and color. On the site I was able to observe a street sign which had no street. I am interested in learning exactly what the history behind that street is.