

Learning Places Spring 2016

# Wikipedia Annotated Bibliography

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### Source 1:

Presa, Donald G. "Vinegar Hill Historic District Designation Report." NYC.gov. 14 Jan. 1997. Web.

This article talks about the different lives the Joshua and Comfort Sands lead. Not only was this information provided but information about how life was when the brothers went into business together. It provided information about the prices of the lands that were sold, the change and decision to go more industrial with the space rather than industrial, and the different buildings that were built especially after the change. The audience of this source is very broad. It is provided for anyone looking for specific information on the topic of Joshua and Comfort Sands.

Wikipedia link: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vinegar\\_Hill,\\_Brooklyn](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vinegar_Hill,_Brooklyn)

### Source 2:

"Guide to the Sands Family Papers ARC.096." Guide to the Sands Family Papers ARC.096. Web. 22 Mar. 2016.

This article provided me with the basic information about the beginning times of Joshua and Comfort Sands. I found useful information about where they were born and grew up, their extended family line that was linked to the vinegar hill land and their plans about the land before the navy yard came into play. Their family lives included multiple wives and large numbers of children, what their wives also provided rather than being the expected stay at home mother like the cofounder of the St. Ann's Church.

### Source 3:

"Vinegar Hill, the History of 'Irishtown'" [THE SIXTH BOROUGH][REDEFINING BROOKLYN'S WATERFRONT]. Web. 22 Mar. 2016.

While this article was definitely the least informative I still found many useful points of information. Why the area was so quickly scooped up by the United States government and the rapid change from residential to industrial. I received information about the amount of residents before the big change and after the change seeing a huge increase in people living in houses in the vinegar hill district. The beginning of the Brooklyn Navy Yard was discussed and provided information regarding the development and increased mix of the neighborhood. It also provided insight on the Manhattan bridge development which caused a decrease in activity among locals living in the area.

**Source 4:**

"1846 Old Brooklyn Farm Lands Map & Article." 1846 Old Brooklyn Farm Lands Map & Article. Web. 22 Mar. 2016.

This website was by far the most informative. It possessed information about the farm lands that I wanted to focus on as well as the farm lands that surrounded it including the owners of that property. It provided information about the different wards that included the lands I was interested in as well as how much the lands were purchased and sold for. Not only were the names of surrounding farms provided but also some basic information about farmers. This is definitely the best article that I have come across during my research.

**Source 5:**

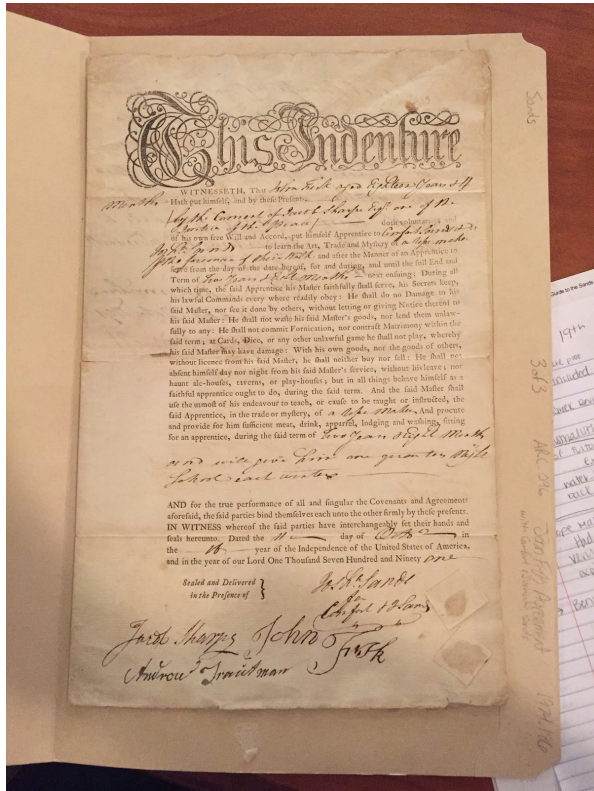
1855. Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn. Print.



This map was my favorite out of all of the maps we were provided with. With this map you are able to see where the old farm lines and the new blocks and streets are. It is perfectly provided and works extremely well with my topic. It outlines the different territories of the farm lines and show who owned what and just how much. While this doesn't provide me with the exact answer that I would like to find, it was a perfect starting off point.

**Source 6:**

1791. Brooklyn Historical Society, Brooklyn. This Indenture: John Fisk to Joshua and Comfort Sands. 1791. Raw data.



This document was incredibly insightful. I knew very little about Joshua and Comfort Sands's contribution to rope making. Because of this official agreement I believe that there must have been a lot of competition in the business. While I need to do more research of their contribution to rope making, John Fisk was under contract for 4 years in total showing that the art of rope making is something that needs to be researched and perfected.