

Learning Places Spring 2016

Wikipedia Annotated Bibliography

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Unknown, Desk Atlas Borough of Brooklyn, Volume 1, 1929

Unknown, Part of Section 1 (Brooklyn), Plate 1, 1908

Hugo Ullitz, Atlas of the Borough of Brooklyn, Plate 2, 1903

Hugo Ullitz, Atlas of the Borough of Brooklyn, Plate 2, 1880

William Perris, Maps of the City of Brooklyn, Volume 1, 1855

During the visit at the Brooklyn Public Library and the New York Public Library, a large number of maps of Brooklyn was made available by the librarians. Since my focus of my research is based between the late 1800s and early-to-mid 1900s, only photographs of the maps from that time frame were taken. Having this primary source as a reference will provide legitimacy and credibility to my topic, and it will also provide the most direct before representation available at that time in history, which will be the ideal basis for a comparison in relation to the more modern period. Hudson Avenue, previously Hudson Street, was a long stretch that was later cut off at York Street. Urban development had been the cause of change at Hudson Avenue and York Street, and a school was built on that cut off location. An examination and an analysis of the changes of the landscape(s) within the time frame of my focus will provide a subject and/or lead for further examination which will add relevant, specific, and important details to my final report.

Link to a wikipedia page where this citation and source could be included:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vinegar_Hill,_Brooklyn

Kronick, C (1986) . [http://archives.nypl.org/mss/2071#c1056475 "Robert Moses papers"] "The New York Public Library", Retrieved 15 April 2016 .

The time frame that my research is generally within is between the 1920s and 1960s, and this citation provides the location of many relevant primary sources for that time. The primary sources include period specific artifacts that are relevant to the urban development and renewal of the Downtown Brooklyn area, which is the inquiry of my research. The Robert Moses papers collection that was put together by Charles Kornick will provide many of the leads for locating governmental agencies involved in the city planning, finding documents and recorded information, and understanding political motives, such as slum removal. The focus of my research is on Hudson Avenue, particularly the motive behind the urban renewal that caused it to be altered from the original construction. The context of my research is aimed at the point where Hudson Avenue intersects York Street. There are

many documents that can be retrieved from archives or online from governmental public records that can assist me with my research project. Knowing and understanding the contexts (primarily political and economic) for all of the urban development and renewal is a major aspect of truly capturing the accuracy of my research project.

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Presa, D (1997) .

[http://www.neighborhoodpreservationcenter.org/designation_reports/index.php?action=detail&resource_id=1251&request=a%3A5%3A{s%3A6%3A%22action%22%3Bs%3A4%3A%22list%22%3Bs%3A5%3A%22title%22%3Bs%3A0%3A%22%22%3Bs%3A8%3A%22keywords%22%3Bs%3A12%3A%22vinegar+hill%22%3Bs%3A14%3A%22year_published%22%3Bs%3A0%3A%22%22%3Bs%3A7%3A%22boolean%22%3Bs%3A3%3A%22AND%22%3B}&start=0 "Vinegar Hill Historic District Designation Report"]
"Landmarks Preservation Commission", Retrieved 15 April 2016 .

This source serves as another primary source since it is developed by a governmental agency. It contains a wealth of information about my topic. Anyone simply curious about the history of Vinegar Hill, Brooklyn, including researchers, would consider this as an invaluable resource that contains almost every detail about Vinegar Hill, Brooklyn. This resource contains information starting from the time of colonialism up until the twentieth century, which thoroughly covers the time frame between the late 1800s and early-to-mid 1900s that is the focus of my research. There are numerous leads to further my research in finding more sources/leads. Also, it includes illustrations, maps, plans, and photographs; buildings and street information; and a vast array of details that would provide a wealth of knowledge and understanding that would greatly enhance and substantiate my research report.

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Bernardo, Leonard & Weiss, Jennifer (2006). *Brooklyn by Name*. United States of America: New York University Press. p. 37. ISBN 0-8147-9946-9.

This secondary resource provides many clues and leads to street history, which will help me in my search for information about the driving forces behind the city and urban planning in Brooklyn, specifically in Vinegar Hill. It will assist me in not only focussing in one area of my research, but also provide a wider view of the relations and connections amongst a larger context of historical interest. Chapter 2 seems most relevant because it describes "Downtown - City Center," "DUMBO," "Fulton Ferry," and most importantly, "Vinegar Hill."

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Reiss, M. (2001). *Fulton Ferry Landing, DUMBO, Vinegar Hill neighborhood history guide*. Brooklyn, NY: Brooklyn Historical Society.

Since this is a book that is written by a member of the Brooklyn Historical Society and it includes information about Vinegar Hill and all of the nearby, surrounding areas of interest, it will also be a very useful resource to further my research on my topic. The information in this text is both general and specific, which will aid in helping me to acquire a more thorough understanding of the relationships and connections amongst the localities. Since there is an interplay of driving economic, social, and political forces that do not happen within a void, having a fully and more thorough understanding of the concepts will help me in developing a research report that is as accurate, as enriching, and as interesting as it can possibly be.

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