

SITE REPORT 2

Vinegar Hill



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INTRODUCTION

The Vinegar Hill Historic District comprises century-old brownstones in three separate groups: along Front Street, at the corner of Gold and Water streets, and along Hudson Avenue between Front and Plymouth streets. Since we already visited Vinegar Hill, our goal in this trip was to look at the map and find more details about the buildings in this neighborhood. We also had to look for specific detail in 1860's map about how the neighborhood change through time.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

From the previous trip we already got some information and history about Vinegar Hill. According to the article Brooklyn Sleepy Enclave by New York Times, John Jackson, a ship builder, named Vinegar Hill after a 1798 Anglo-Irish battle. Jackson ran a shipyard at the foot of Hudson Avenue and built houses nearby for his workers. I am actually excited about to find out more about this historic place.



We had zone 7 in 1860' s map which is Hudson St and Front St. this is from North on Hudson ave from front Street. There are some three stories greek Revival houses lined up in this area. There's also an industrial building right across the street called Broorvm and pease company. This is known for manufacturing office supplies, record keeping supplies and retrial products.



Houses in these row has mostly three bay windows. According to the map, two of the building were demolish in these row. The housing plan is also quiet similar here in this area.



Empty lot in Harrison alley



These houses are from Front Street between Bridge and Gold. It has some of Vinegar Hill's last remaining attached brownstone buildings, complete with ornate iron railings and boot scrapers.



The brown Street Sign of Hudson ave is to indicate people that it is a historical area.



There were very few local store in this area. "Damascus Bakery" is one of the bakery store in Gold Street.

QUALITATIVE SITE OBSERVATIONS

- i. Neighborhood / Street Character
 - i. Vinegar hill , section 7, Front st and Hudson St
 - ii. historical
 - iii. Cobblestone Street on Hudson Avenue
- ii. Vitality of Neighborhood
 - i. General Description
 - i. peaceful
 - ii. Pedestrian Activity
 - i. none
 - iii. Vehicular Traffic
 - i. few in front St
- iii. Age of Buildings (provide evidence for prediction)
 - i. twenty century industrial building (wikipedia)
 - ii. some houses in water Street look like from 1870 due to the old wood plank door and building details
 - iii. 77 Hudson is one of the oldest building built in 1817 (forgotten NY)
- iv. Relationship Between Buildings
 - i. xx
 - ii. xx
- v. Building Details
 - i. Brownstoned houses
 - ii. xx

- iii. xx
- vi. Relationship to the Waterfront
 - i. xx
 - ii. xx
- vii. Other Observations
 - i. few Empty lots which wasn't in the map

QUANTITATIVE DATA for Area of Study

Subject	Data
Street Names	Water St, front St, Navy St,
Street Width	
Street Pavement	cobblestone
Building Heights	four stories houses
Building Widths (Window Bays)	3 bay window
Building Types/Uses	Brick row houses

Empty Lots / Gardens	Harrison Alley
Shops / Restaurants	Damascus Bakeries
Industrial Shops	Damascus Bakeries
Other Data	
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QUESTIONS to Research Further

QUESTIONS:

- i. who was the actual owner of Vinegar Hill
- ii. who was the planner and the architecture of these buildings
- iii. why there are empty lots which didn't exist in 1860's map

RESEARCH METHOD/SOURCE FOR EACH QUESTION ABOVE:

- i. Question 1
 - i. online
 - ii. library's resources
- ii. Question 2
 - i. online
 - ii.

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

Before the trip, I had no idea of about Vinegar Hill. This trip gave me knowledge of how a neighborhood develops over time. From this trip I also learned theres lot of changes in buildings, roads from 1860s map through todays map.