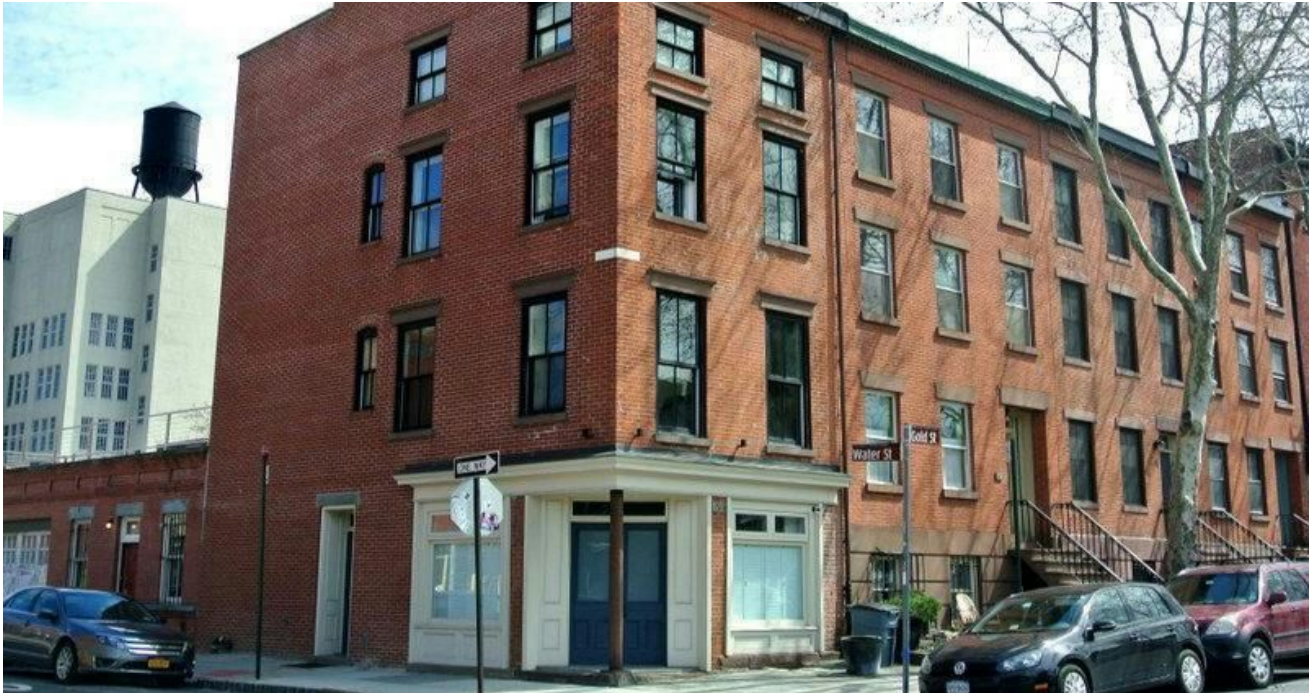


Learning Places Spring 2016

SITE REPORT

Field Visit #3: Vinegar Hill



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INTRODUCTION

During our third site visit to Vinegar Hill we were expected to observe the buildings in the neighborhood focusing mostly on the architectural structure on how the buildings were designed, constructed and built. No buildings were built the same, each had their own unique style, design and trimmings. We were required to take notes and draw sketches about the details of the design and specific materials used in the construction of the buildings. During our tour around the neighborhood we were expected to focused mainly on three different types of building, sketching and writing down all the details of the architectural designs and construction.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

After the two previous site visits to Vinegar Hill, I was eager to find out more information about the community and neighborhood. I was looking forward to combine all the information and materials I had collected from the library, archives and trips and see the outcome of our research project. I was especially curious to learn more and get as much additional information as possible that I did not have before in order

to finalize our project. Since this is our last visit to Vinegar Hill, my goal was to make this trip more beneficial than the previous ones. With that said I plan on paying closer attention to all the details of the structure and design of the buildings and streets. I hope after this final visit to Vinegar Hill it would be easy to complete our project by combining all the information we collected from the libraries, archives and visits to Vinegar Hill .

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)



This is a picture of a newly renovated building in Vinegar Hill, Brooklyn with a store built at the bottom and apartment building on the top. There are two separate doors, one for the residents of the apartment building and one for the store's customers. By this specific design, residents of the apartment building were prevented from walking through the store to get to their apartments. This allowed privacy for both tenants involved.

This is a picture of the three apartment buildings side by side that was taken on our site visit. The purpose of this picture was to compare the details of the design, color and structure of the three apartments together. The one thing that they all have in common is that they are all made out of stone. The windows on each of the three apartment were designed differently even though the trimmings of top and bottom of the windows look the same.

QUANTITATIVE DATA for Area of Study

Subject	Data
Street	Front Street, Hudson Avenue, Water Street
Street Structure	Hudson Avenue, Water Street, and Front Street were a Blocks and asphalt. The pavement on Gold Street was asphalt.
Heights of Buildings	Most had 3 or 4 floorsl.
Width of Building Widths	Size of two apartments side by side

QUESTIONS to Research Further

QUESTIONS:

1. Are the buildings that had a store on the bottom and apartments on the top owned by one person?
2. Whose idea was it to build storefronts with apartment buildings on the top?

3. How did the landlords chose the architects and designs for their buildings?

RESEARCH METHOD/SOURCE FOR EACH QUESTION ABOVE:

1. Question 1

- a. Library
- b. New York Public Library - Archive division
- c. Google/Internet.
- d. Wikipedia

2. Question 2

- a. Library
- b. New York Public Library - Archive division
- c. Google/Internet
- d. Wikipedia

3. Question 3

- a. Library
- b. Google Internet
- c. New York Public Library - Archive division
- d. Wikipedia

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

Since this was our last trip to Vinegar Hill, I became more aware and anxious to be more observant in every single detail. Since we were expected to focus on only three specific buildings it was easy to focus our attention, observe and compare them side by side. I had noticed some of these buildings on previous visits so taking notes were easy. I noticed that most of the buildings were used for residential and commercial purposes which meant the landlord was collecting a lot rent from individuals. Also I think it was a smart idea to build residential and commercial buildings together. I am sure this definitely offer more places for families to live and at the same time offer more jobs for the people in the community. I also notice that each building had their very own unique design and style.