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LIBRARY / ARCHIVE REPORT Brooklyn Public Library



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INTRODUCTION

our aim for this site visit was to look through Brooklyn map in various time period and to establish the knowledge of geographical changes, historical changes during that time period.

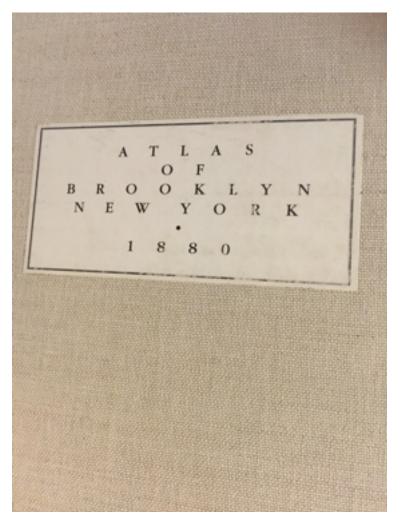
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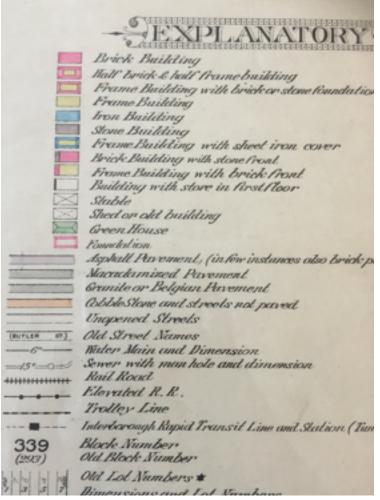
I have never been to Brooklyn public library. So I am very excited to go to this site visit and look over century old map which cant be found easy. I am hoping to get some valuable information through this site visit which may help me doing further research in Vinegar Hills.

SOURCES found

- i. ATLAS of the borough of Brooklyn, volume one,1903
- ii. ATLAS of borough Brooklyn New York 1880

DOCUMENTATION of site & resources (maps/archival documents/photos)

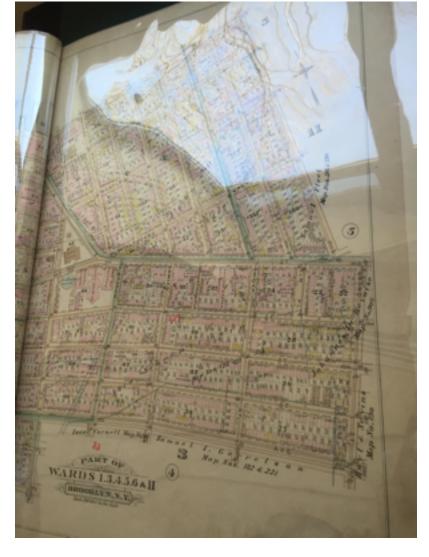






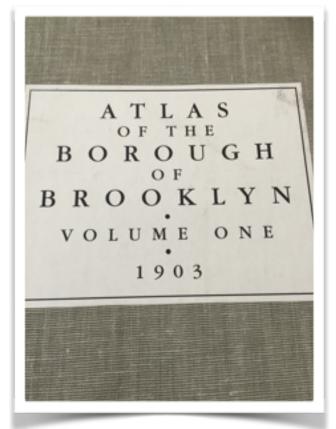
This is a 1803's map which showing us during that time period there were mostly frame buildings and few brick houses was built. Its also highlighting old farm lined marked by blue color, street railways, water courses.





this is a map of 1886. from 1803-1886 we can see a huge difference in population. one of the main reason for huge population growth was opening of Brooklyn bridge in 1883.in 1886 there were very few frame houses left and large number of brick or stone building were constructed, this map is also showing the name of the land owner. this map highlighting the fact how some street were named after the landowner, some street

doesn't have any existence now.





this is the map of 1903 which shows

us the units, industrial area also the residential area. its also showing the area with brick buildings, frame houses, stone buildings and frame houses with brick foundation on.

DISCOVERIES

- i. Neighborhood History
 - i. s
 - ii. some streets name have changed (ex: hudson ave from Jackson ave)
- ii. Key Events / Historical Dates
 - i. opening of Brooklyn Bridge on 1803
- iii. Key Players
 - i. Hanry Sands
 - ii. Joshua Sands
- iv. Important Changes to Neighborhood
 - i. brick houses from frame houses
 - ii. some streets were named after landowner(ex:Sand St)
- v. Other Observations
 - i. lots which doesn't exist anymore because of the farragut houses.

TOPICS & KEYWORDS

Vinegar Hill

QUANTITATIVE DATA for Area of Study

Subject	Data
Land Ownership	Kings County
Number of Blocks	
# of Buildings on a Typical Block	5
Materials	frame , brick
# of Stories of Buildings	three stories
Residential Bldgs	20
Empty Lots	lot of empty lots in 1803's map
Commercial Uses	2
Industrial Uses	

QUESTIONS to Research Further

QUESTIONS:

- i. what existed before Farragut houses were built?
- ii. what street name still exist?

iii. why Hudson ave was named as Jackson Ave before?

RESEARCH METHOD/ ADDITIONAL SOURCES NEEDED TO ANSWER EACH QUESTION ABOVE:

- i. Question 1
 - i. History of farragut houses
 - ii. look over the 1800's map to figure out what was there
 - iii. xx
- ii. Question 2
 - i. compare maps in different time period
 - ii. search online
 - iii. xx
- iii. Question 3
 - i. find books on Brooklyn history
 - ii. search about the landowner

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

Visiting in Brooklyn public library was a great experience. It has lot of valuable information from so many years ago . this trip was very helpful for my research and gave me idea of how Vinegar Hill was centuries ago.