

Learning Places Spring 2016

LIBRARY / ARCHIVE REPORT

Brooklyn Historical Society



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INTRODUCTION

The Brooklyn Historical Society, was founded in 1863, is a museum, library, and educational center. The BHS encourages studying Brooklyn's past, from when it was first colonized.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

Before the BHS visit the class discussed, the museum and library's significance. The BHS has a extremely big archive section that we believed would help us finish our final projects.

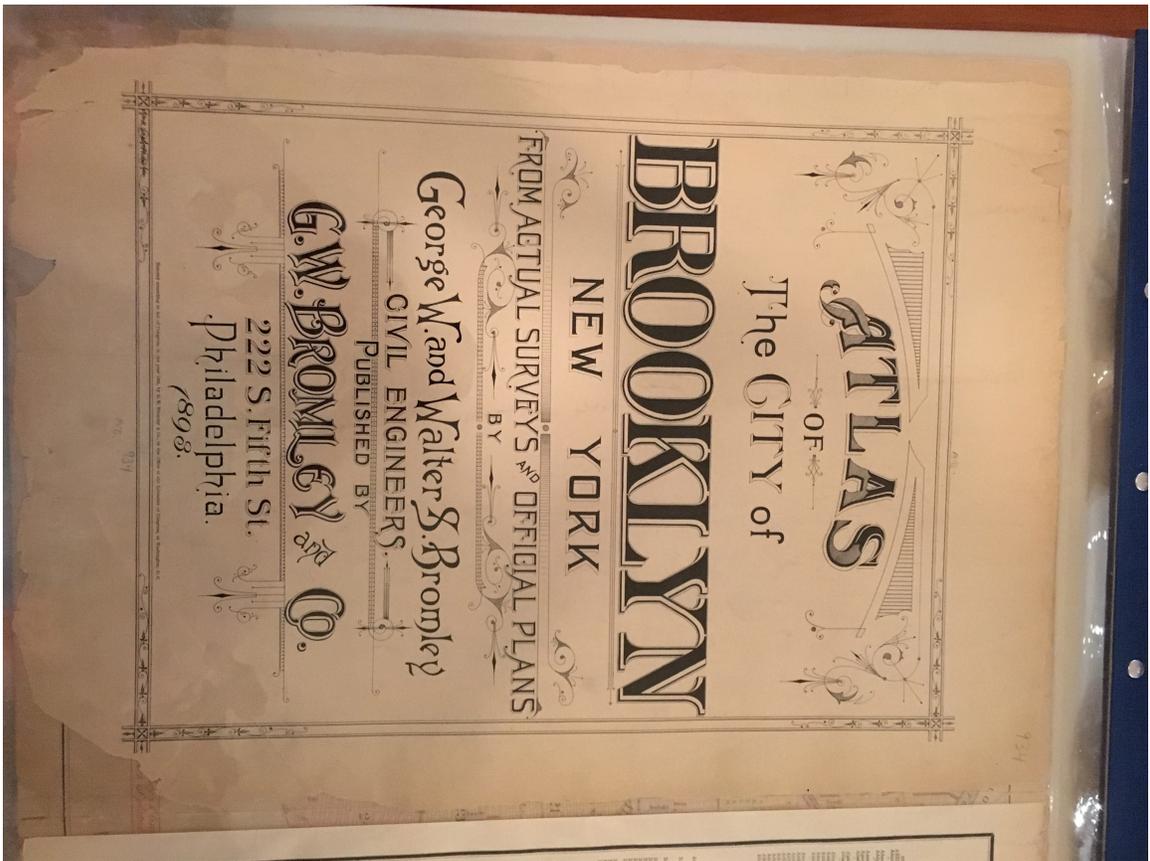
SOURCES found

1. Sandborn map publishing Co., Fire insurance map, Brooklyn volume six, 1888
2. Old Brooklyn, Arcadia publishing, By Brooklyn Historical Society

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



This is a picture of the BHS library where the class did research for our final project. This library is very vast, and is said to be have filmed in many movies.



This is an atlas of the city of Brooklyn, published by G.W. Bromley Co., made in 1893. This fire atlas showed the fire insurance districts. This atlas was very helpful in my research for my final project. This atlas had maps that were so specific it showed structures that don't exist anymore .



This is a map from the above atlas. This is a map of downtown Brooklyn in 1893. This map shows structures in red and yellow, the red simplifies brick structures, and the yellow shows wooden structures. When examining I really paid attention to the waterfront, the waterfront at this time was where all the vitality of downtown Brooklyn was. This map had names of the buildings, showing a sugar factory and coffee bean importing warehouse.

DISCOVERIES

1. Neighborhood History
 - a. The BHS was established in 1863
 - b. The building was finished in 1881
2. Key Events / Historical Dates
 - a. In 1985 the BHS changed its name officially to Brooklyn historical society
 - b. In 1888 the society was call the Long Island historical society
3. Key Players
 - a. George B. Post
 - b. Olin Levi
4. Relationship Key Players

Designed by George B. Post

Architectural sculpture maker Olin Levi

- 5. Important Changes to Neighborhood
 - . Change in Name to BHS 1985
- 6. Other Observations
 - . The library was made mostly of wood, with two levels, and drop lights
 - . The BHS is four floors tall

TOPICS & KEYWORDS

Fire Insurance Maps

Jamaica volunteer Fire fighters

QUANTITATIVE DATA for Area of Study

I found Maps, Photos of old fire fighters, and old Fire fighting technology.

QUESTIONS to Research Further

QUESTIONS:

1. Why was the BHS originally called the Long Island Historical society?
2. Why was the BHS placed where it is today?
3. How much Fire fighting history is at the BHS?

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

1. Question 1
 - a. Look into Brooklyn Eagle archives and reference "Long islanding historical society"
2. Question 2
 - . Go to the BHS and ask the librarians at the BHS
3. Question 3
 - . xx
 - a. Look more into BHS archives
 - b. Research on computers at BHS for fire fighting books and technology

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

The BHS trip was a great experience. The architecture is very beautiful and extremely detailed. I found pictures of fire fighters from Brooklyn that I would not have been able to find anywhere else had I not gone there. There was information spread out on the desks about the consolidation of the Greater City of New York, fire atlas maps, and even information about the Brooklyn Dodgers moving to Las Angeles.