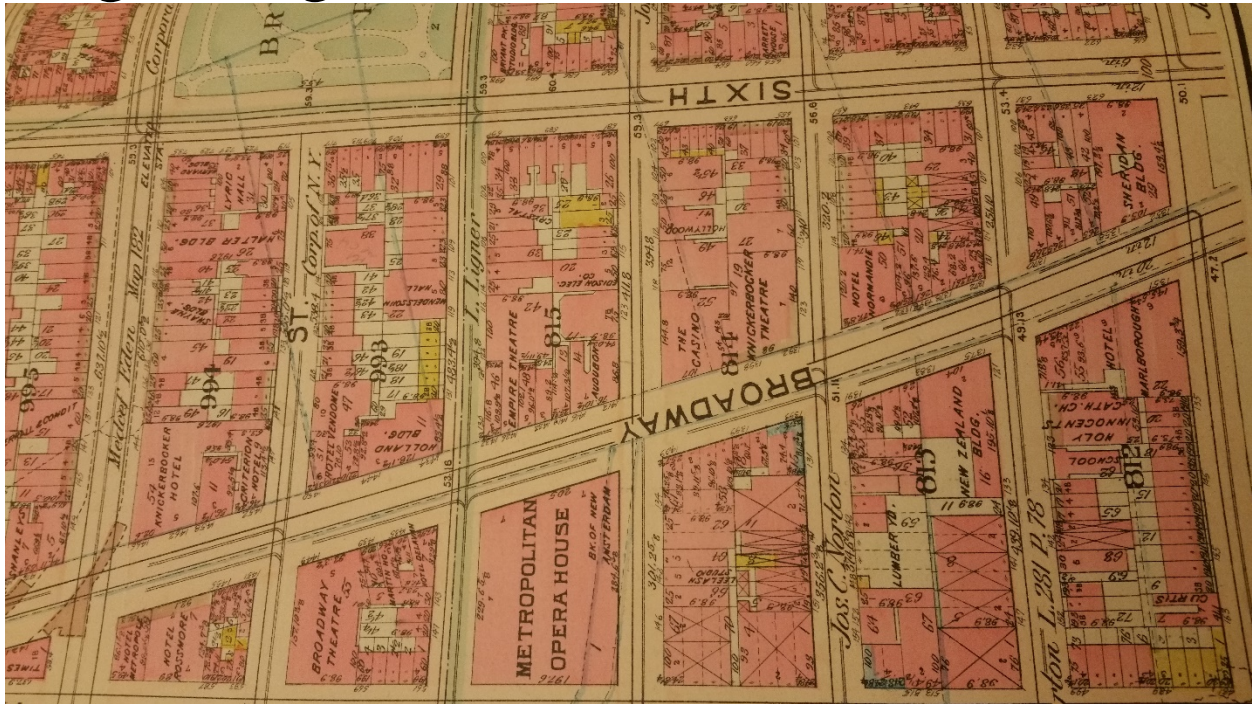


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### INTRODUCTION

My theater Booth open on October 16 1913, the only thing that separate these two theatre is the thick fire wall running above and below the stage on 222 West 45st Street. The theater was created by Winthrop Ames who wanted to create an interment theater space where serious theatrical works could play. This theatre was name after Edwin Booth, an actor in those days who die in 1893. The opening show was call “the Great Adventure” produce by Arnold Bennett’ and all 704 seating was fill.

### Time Square Beginning

Jacob Astor became the owner for \$500.000 from 42 street to 46th street and from Broadway to Hudson River. Astor die in 1848 and his estate divided the raw land into separate parcels roughly into city blocks and build residential dwellings on them. Brothels owner always buy out the tenant, making brothels a

fixture in the Long Acer Square neighborhood. , he made a fortune selling off lots to hotels and other real estate concerns as the city rapidly spread uptown.

## PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

I learn about the Booth theatre after researching it. I know there is Broadway show that play in the theater and that tourist come from around the world to watch show in the Booth theatre. I know about Time square from all the times I visited.

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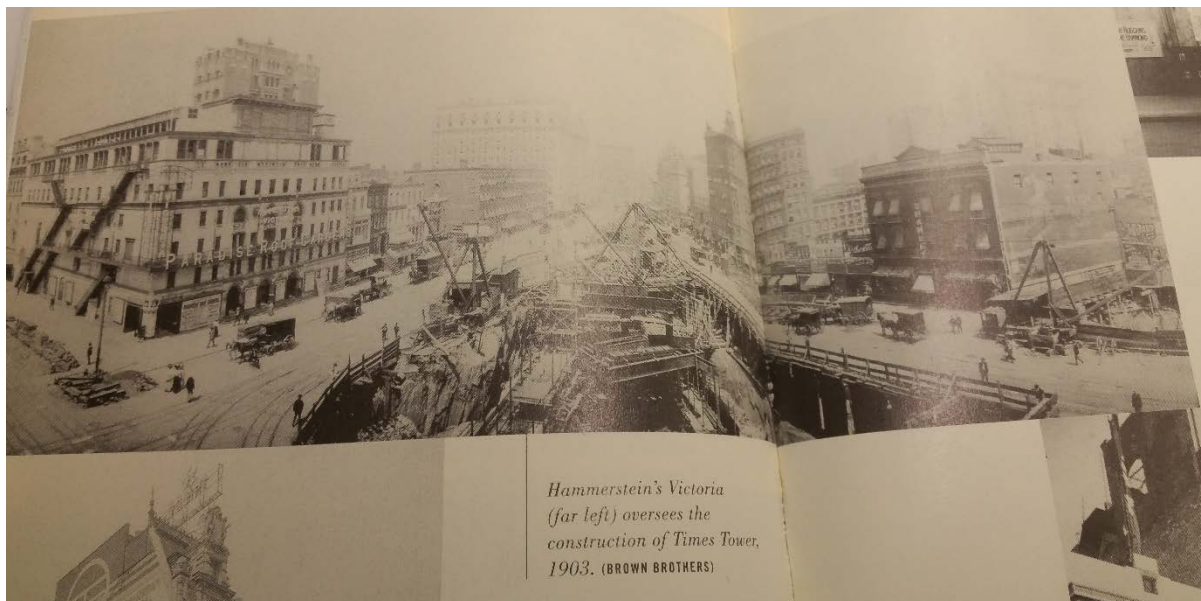
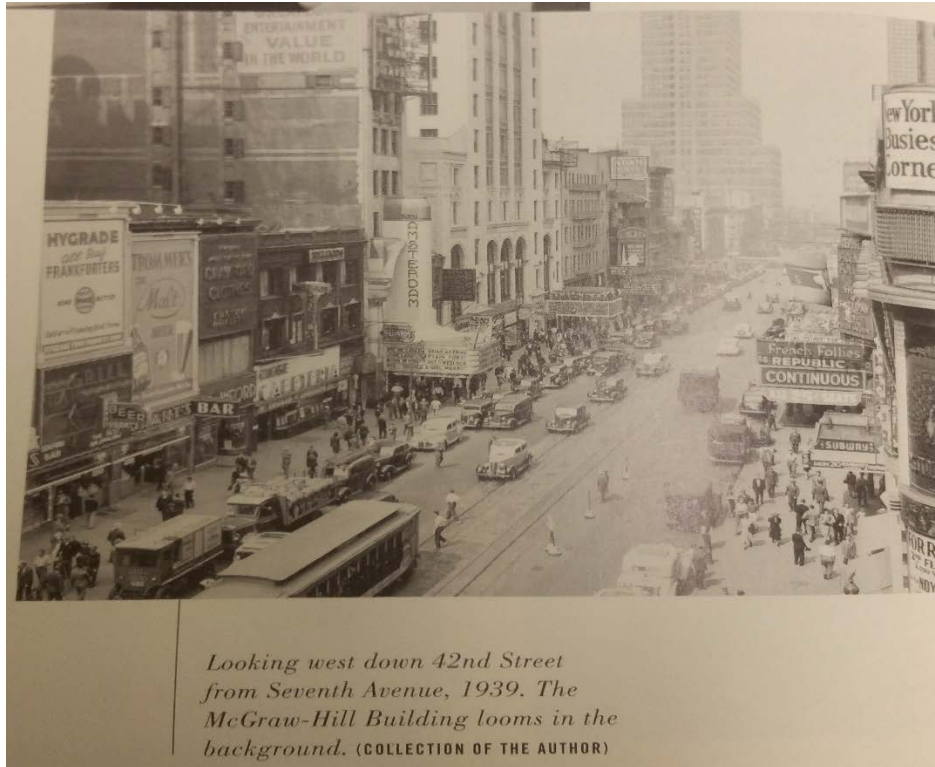
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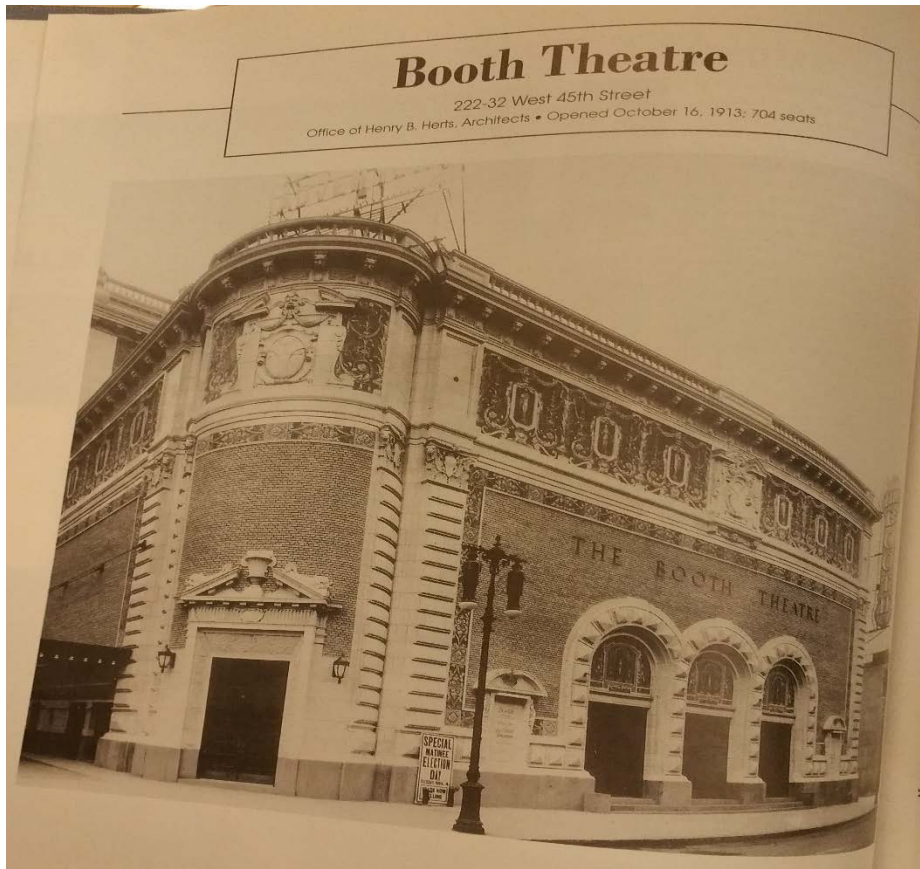
This is a Map of early Manhattan, with 42<sup>nd</sup> Street visible, there were not much business in the area at the time



Early 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 1939, this picture shows now busy the area and the new big tall building in the area

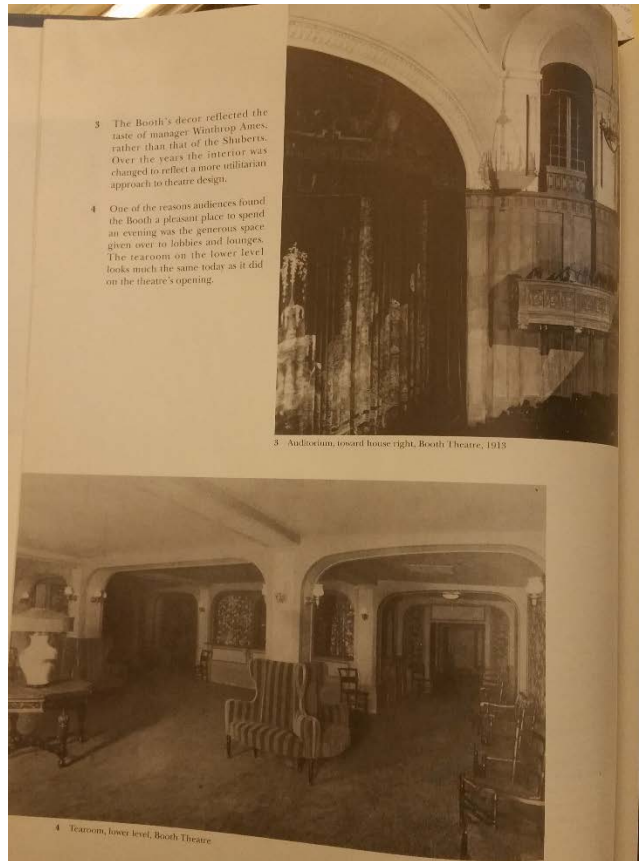


This is the Times New building being build and the name got change to Time Square



The Booth Theater

This is the Theater I wrote about. When this picture was taken the theater was just build. This is the theater I wrote about. The Booth is where serious theatrical play were perform for the last 103 years.



This is the inside of the Booth Theater when it open up, it looks so beautiful I feel like I travel back in time.

## DISCOVERIES

1. Neighborhood History
  - a. Time Square
  - b. Long Acer Square
2. Key Events / Historical Dates
  - a. The Time building
  - b. The Renaming of Time Square
  - c.
3. Key Players
  - a. Jacob Astor
  - b. Adolph S. Ochs

- c. Shubert
- 4. Relationship Key Players
  - a. Owner of Early Time Square
  - b. Time News Paper owner
- 5. Public Perception of Key Events
  - a. The first New Year Eve celebration
  - b. The transit train to 42<sup>nd</sup> street
- 6. Important Changes to Neighborhood
  - a. New Restaurant
  - b. More Theater
  - c. Sex Vile
- 7. Other Observations
  - a. The change over Time  
The crimes
  - b. Lasted 100 years as a theater

## TOPICS & KEYWORDS

Renovation Booth, Booth Founder, Awards to Booth. Time Square, Long Acer Square

## QUANTITATIVE DATA for Area of Study

Subject	Data
Land Ownership	Jabcob Astor 1869 Time Square, Winthrop Ames Owner of Booth Theater
Number of Blocks	36 Block around
# of Buildings on a Typical Block	15-20
Materials	Glass, old style building,

# of Stories of Buildings	5 floor to 20 floor it depend , The Booth has 3 floor
Residential Bldgs	Hotels and Business
Empty Lots	Have construction going on
Commercial Uses	Just about every building
Industrial Uses	Not many factors
Other Data	330,000 people passed through Times Square Daily
Other Data	The Booth Theater has 2-3 show a day
Other Data	

QUESTIONS to Research Further

QUESTIONS: How much money does the theatre make per show? How many people come from New York vs other states or country?

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

1. Question 1  
Google
2. Question 2  
The Shubert Foundation

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION The currently playing now is “Les Liaisons Dangereuses” a Play by Christopher Hampton until January 08, 2017 and “Significant Other” an original play written by Joshua Harmon Is expected to start March 02, 2017. Booth theatre has with stand time and has only operated as a theatre.