

In the book “Inventing Times Square Commerce and Culture at the Cross Roads of the World” which is edited by Willam R. Taylos is about beginning of Time Square up until the 1970s. Here is seven major points from the book.

1. In 1870 some 57 percent of all imported and exported goods passed through the port of New York and by 1900 the New York time building was build.
2. 1840 the first rail yard was build and by 1904 the transit system improved greatly with a stop for Lafayette Street all the way to the Bronx
3. By mid-1920 radio programs broadcast from stage of several theater broadcast thus prompting investors to build Radio City Hall.
4. Fred and Adele were Broadway actors and there salary were \$250 weekly but they had to pay almost \$100 in fee to the theater and it owners.
5. If actors rejected a salary officer and it rules from the theater they were blacklisted for the Keith circuit and other theaters.
6. By 1960 the chestnut vendors, beggars’ intemperate evangelist, the mob, and the “fags” on forty second street took over along with the first peepshow for 25 cent open in 1966.
7. IN 1976 the 42nd Street Development Corporation was born and a very labor intensive effort to change the area and bring bake the bright lights to the great white way.