

Learning Places Fall 2015

SITE REPORT

NYPL



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INTRODUCTION

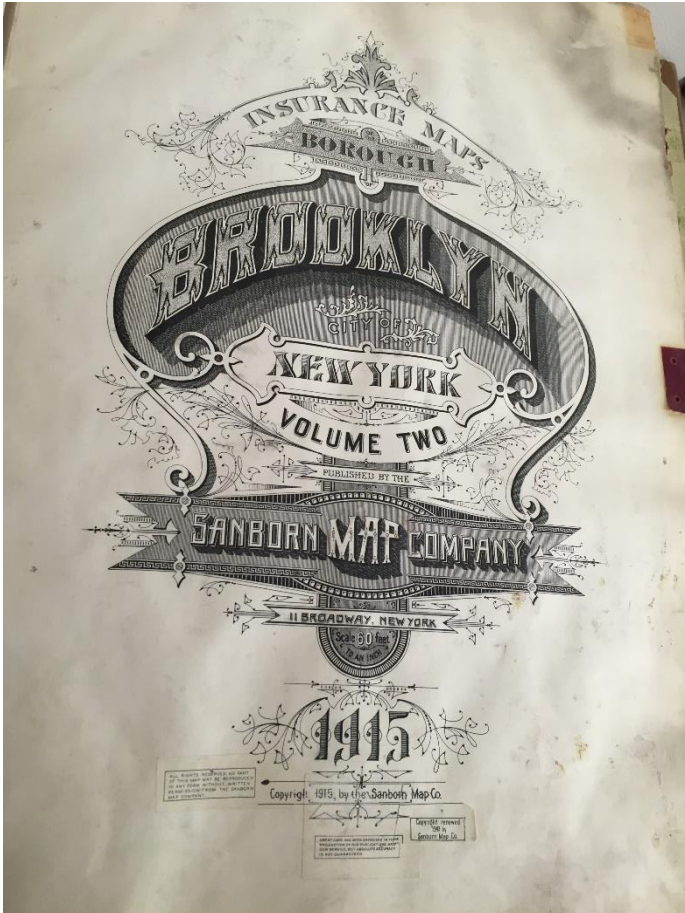
As a class we took our Farragut Houses, Vinegar Hill; questions and observations to the New York City Public Library on 42 street, to obtain information we cannot find online.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

I haven't been to a Public Library since elementary school, middle school maybe; so excitement was an understatement.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)







SITE OBSERVATIONS

1. Beautiful garden surrounded the area
2. A resemblance to Grand Central station (marble floors, gold details, chandeliers)
3. Two entrance's

QUANTITATIVE DATA

Subject	Data
Branches	87
Floors	3
NYPL	Second largest public library in United States

QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the symbolism of the lions?
2. How many maps are in the first floor map room?
3. What was there before the library?

HYPOTHESIS:

1. "New York's most loveable public sculpture" nicknamed "Patience and fortitude" given nicknames from former mayor Fiorello La Guardia felt New Yorkers needed evoking traits to forge through the Great Depression.

2. 433,000- Sheet maps 20,000- books and atlases, dating from 15 century
3. Served as a potter house/ Graveyard for the poor

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

After visiting the NYPL I left feeling more educated on some old history of Farragut Houses. Looking at the old maps and observing the conditions was an amazing thing. I felt more so fortunate that I got to hold such gems and understand something that used to get overlooked at by. (Houses, vinegar Hill)

REFERENCES TO EXPLORE HYPOTHESIS

1. <http://www.newyork.com/articles/attractions/secrets-of-the-new-york-public-library-63559/>
2. <http://www.nypl.org/help/about-nypl/library-lions>