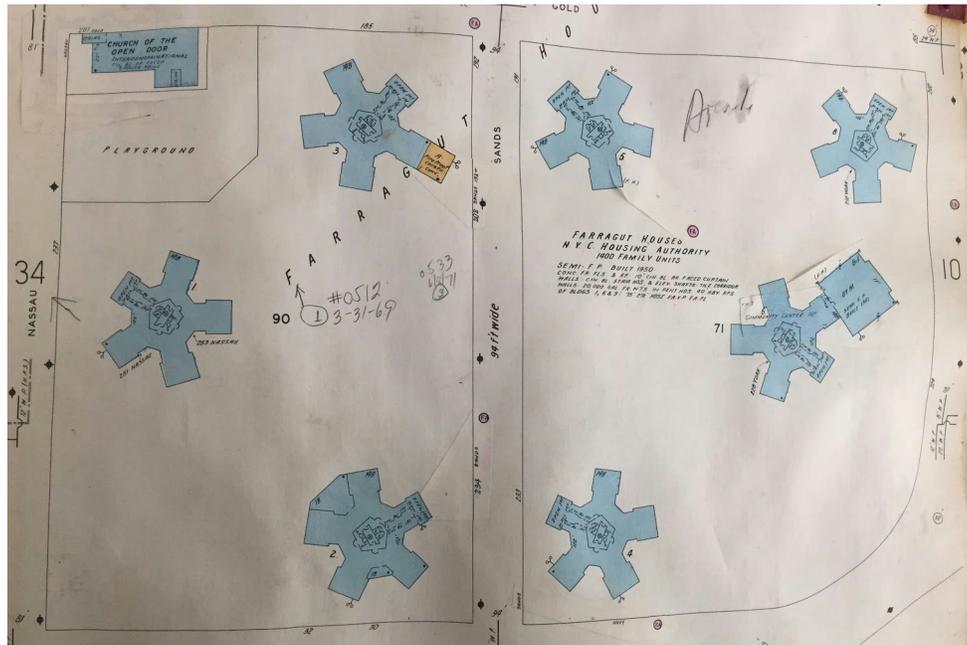


Learning Places Fall 2015

# SITE REPORT

Historical Maps, New York Public Library



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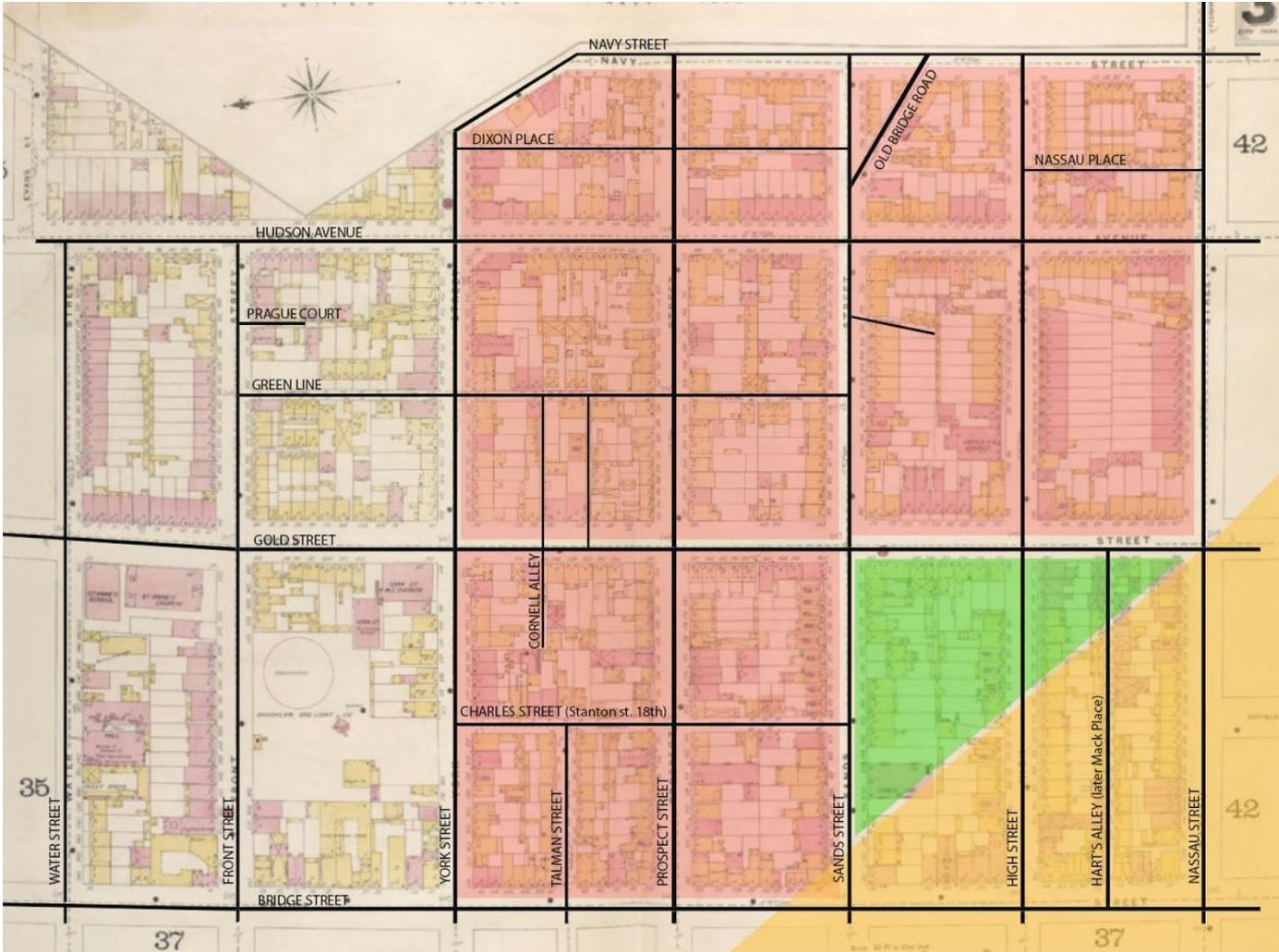
## INTRODUCTION

Visit of the New York Public Library was very productive and gave more information than we could possibly find online about old buildings that were before Farragut Houses Project. It's pretty impressive that such old maps as from 19th century are still in a good shape and available to researchers in the Library. It is incredible to look at such old primary sources and to realize that this information is not possible to find online and I can bring a piece of this knowledge to the people. The only question is what is the most important information we can possibly take from this experience?

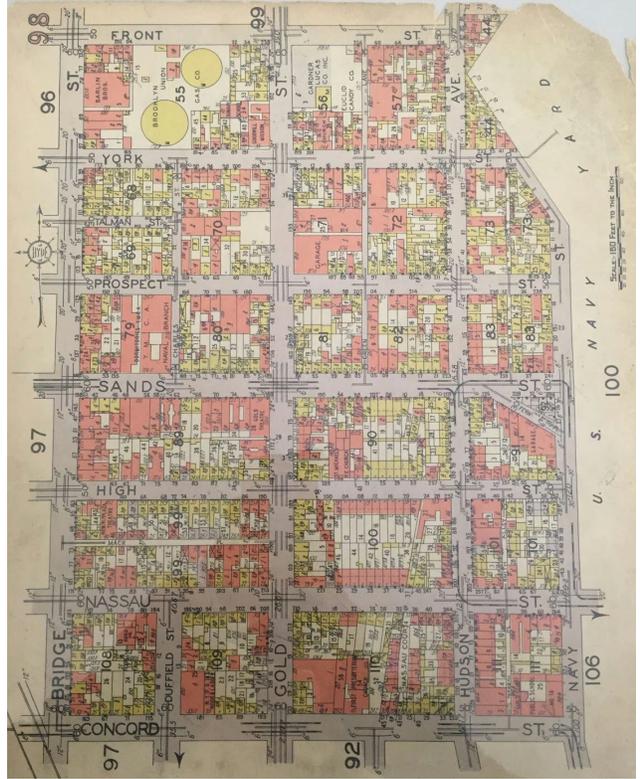
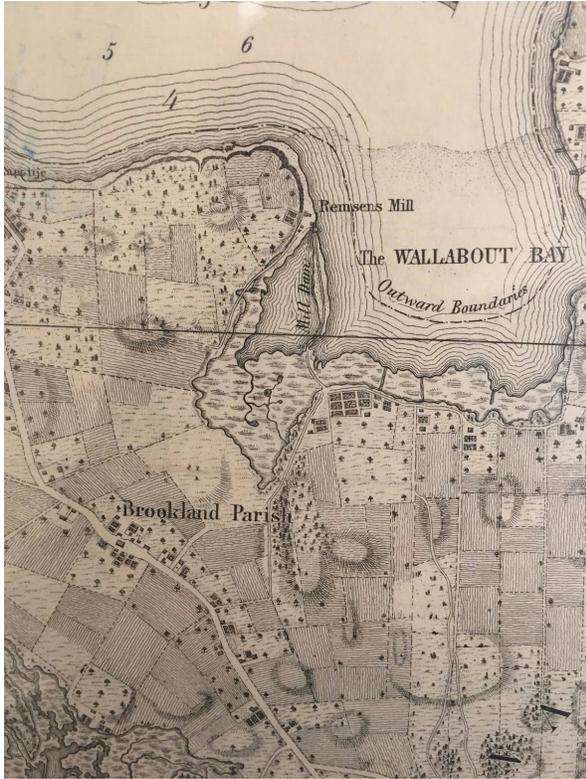
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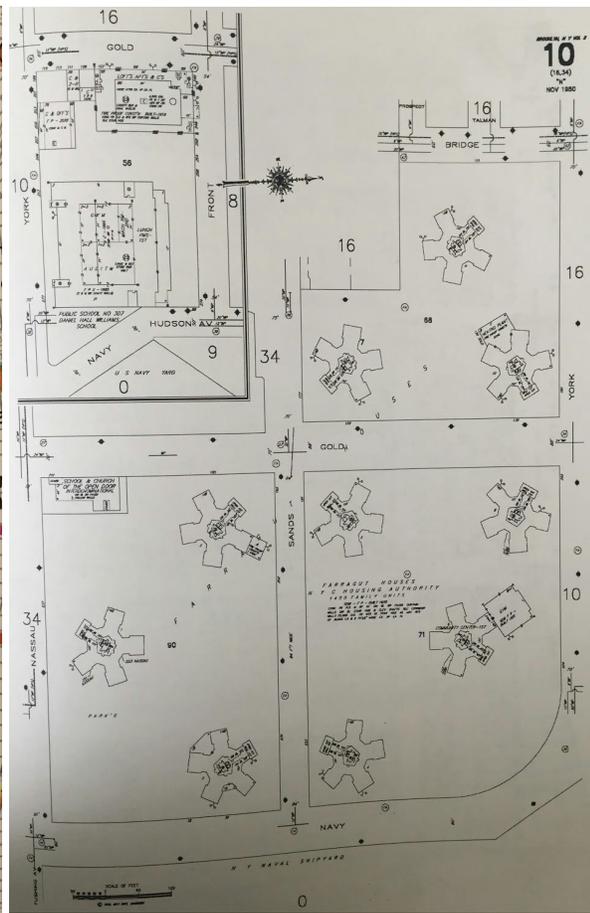
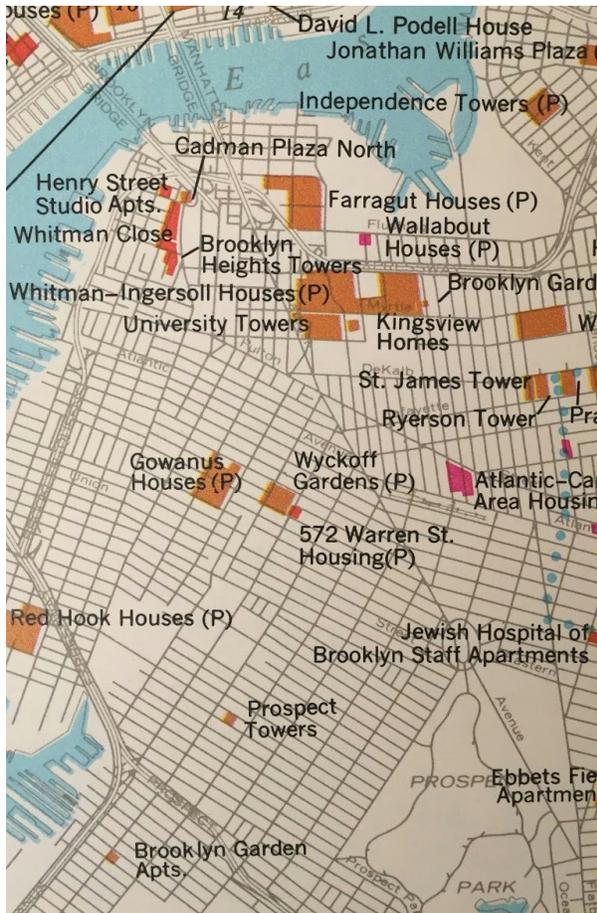
Very excited to visit the library. As I was looking at the maps all this time and going deeper into the old pictures I hope to see more pieces that are not possible to see in digital version. Question if it will be possible to take a copy of them?

I want to look at the names in historical section. And, of course, to make a research in books about NYCHA and downtown Brooklyn history. I started to do a map with old street and I'm trying to find all names of this streets and alleys. I hope the visit will be helpful in this research.



# SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)





## SITE OBSERVATIONS

1. Maps of the land at the time of farms 1767
2. Land was not empty or marked as worth than buildings on the other blocks at 1941
3. Plan of building many Low income houses at the same area at 1941
4. Many old streets and alleys that were destroyed
5. Some parts of the Farragut houses such as Senior Center, Gym and other were built after the main buildings
6. Church of the Open Door was built after Farragut Houses and on the area of the Playground

## QUANTITATIVE DATA

Subject	Data
Years of Sources	1767, 1855, 1898, 1915, 1929, 1941, 1969
Old streets	Green line, Old Bridge road, Charles Place, High street, Talman street, Mack place, etc.
Churches on the site (1941)	2
Garages(1941)	9

## QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS

### QUESTIONS:

1. How many blocks were on the three superblocks before demolition?
2. What was before on the block were Bridge Parks are now?
3. Was the line of Navy Yard was changed throughout the years?
4. How Hudson Avenue changed?
5. What the main streets were before 1950?
6. What is the oldest map we can find on our site area?

## HYPOTHESIS:

1. There were 18 small blocks before Farragut Houses. They were divided by streets, alleys, lines and smaller roads.
2. There were three small blocks divided by High street and Hart's alley
3. The Navy Yard wall maybe was different on the section where the school is now on the crossroad of Hudson street and York street
4. Hudson ave was one of the main streets in the area and it was going straight from the water port through all blocks crossing York street, Prospect Street, Sands Street, Nassau street and other streets out of our section.
5. The main streets were Hudson Avenue, Prospect Street and other like Sands street and Nassau street
6. The oldest file we found in the New York Public Library was 1767 Ratzel facsimile

## SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

The New York Public Library visit was very helpful for our research process and especially my historical section. The collection of old maps that we observed was a treasure and became the main primary source for my work. As I'm planning to work on the maps and look closer on the aspect of changes throughout of year on our site the data I got from this visit was exactly what I needed for my work. I finally was able to find all names of the old streets and now I understand where did they come from. Based on this information I will be able to search by the names of the streets and buildings that were there before. I found the connection between streets and important people at the different periods of time. I'm surprised that we was able to touch such old maps and I'm very thankful for this experience.

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