

Learning Places Spring 2017

SITE REPORT

Vinegar Hill



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INTRODUCTION

As a class we visited Vinegar Hill in Brooklyn. Together we discovered and learned the different

historic areas of Vinegar Hill. Also, sketching out the historical landmarks of Vinegar Hill as well which I will upload onto my report here.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

Before our visit to Vinegar Hill, I didn't know what to expect on this trip. Walking my way to meet up with the class, all I saw were factories around the area and a power plant. Plus, the river that separates Brooklyn and Manhattan. But what caught my attention was the train track running through one part an alleyway. The train track stop at one corner and was covered by a sidewalk.

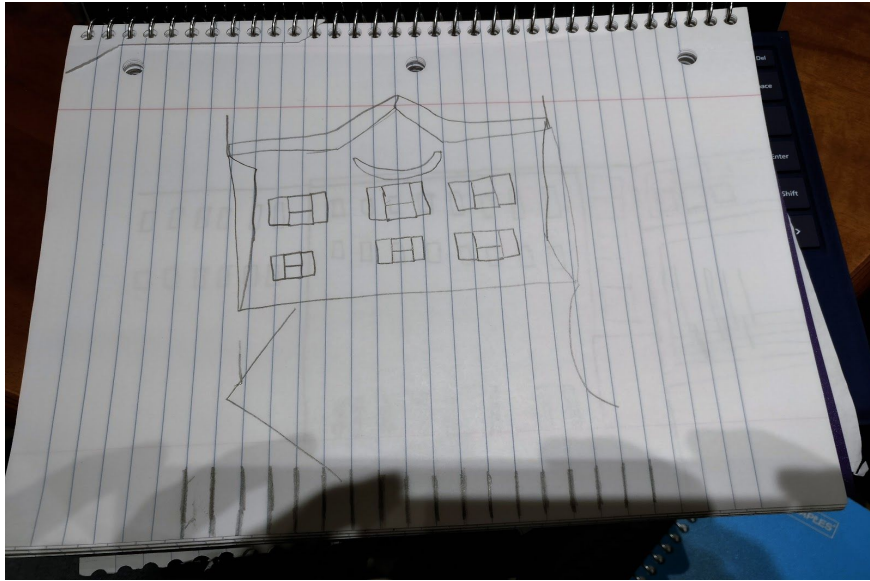
SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)



This picture to me because, I believe who ever lives here is separating themselves from civilization. No one would ever see this house because of how isolated it is. The question I asked myself was “Why there?” This house is next to the Navy Yard so there is a reason why this house is next to the Navy Yard. I did some research and what I found was this house belongs to pass commander’s that led the Navy Yard from 1806 to

1945.

Here's my sketch of this house. (Not the best drawer in the world)



I find these two pictures really significant. One half you see a power plant and a factory. The other half you city the building and houses. The second picture you see houses and a lifestyle of living but I find it old to put a power plant/factory next to people living. It's an eyesore, to be honest. I say this because it is blocking a potential beautiful view of the other side of the river of Manhattan.

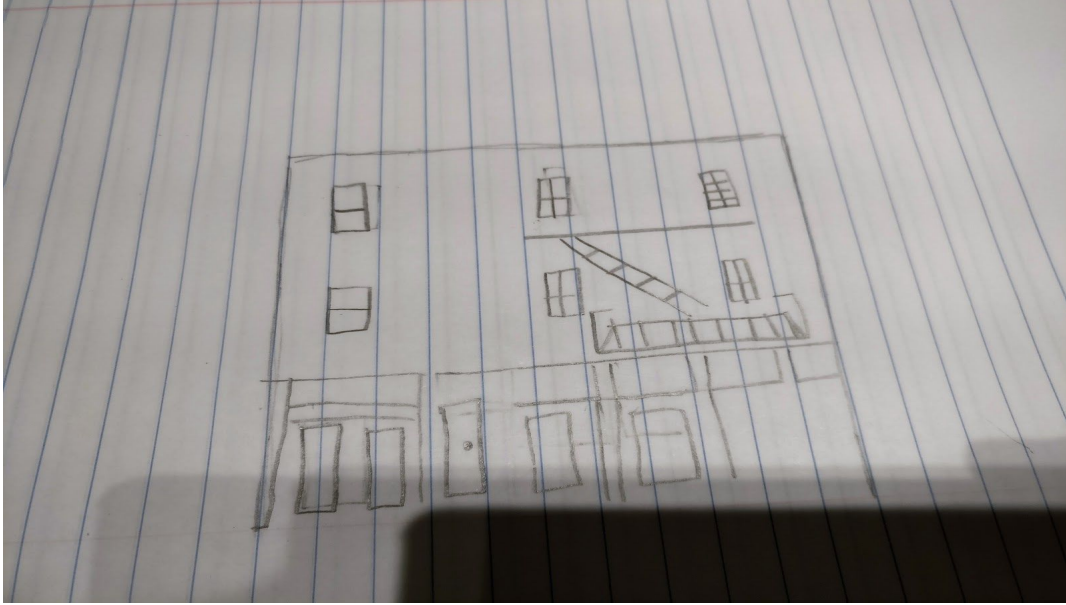




I personally like this picture. You get to see the different houses and how they're not the same as the building we saw later passing the housing. It's also represents past and present with the factory right next to these houses.



To me this picture is vintage. I believe this is how stores used to look back when Vinegar Hill was first established . This is probably the only store they have around the area. We didn't get to go inside and see what inside the store.



My sketch of the store.



The next picture I have here is the community garden. I like the garden being here but I do not like the condition of the garden. I understand it is the winter time and it's harsh on the garden but I know there's a better way of taking care of the garden during the winter time.

OBSERVATIONS

- 1. The Train track in the alley way
- 2. Manhattan Bridge
- 3. Power Plant
- 4. Commander's Quarters
- 5. Community Garden
- 6. Navy Yard
- 7. Public School

QUANTITATIVE DATA

Subject	Data
Bus Stop	Saw one bus stop to provide transportation
Deli	There were 3 deli's in the around the neighborhood to provide food
Public School	There's one school in the neighborhood for the kids who live around the neighborhood

QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS

QUESTIONS:

1. Why live in an area where everything is not in walking distance ?
2. Does anyone still live in the Commander's Quarter>?
3. Why is the power plant near the community ?

HYPOTHESIS:

1. I believe people who in Vinegar Hill like to walk to their destination to get their everyday needs such as food.
2. Yes, I believe someone does live in the Commander's Quarter.
3. The Power Plant is a benefit for people who live in the neighborhood, it provides power to the neighborhood.

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

I really enjoyed our adventure in Vinegar Hill. I got to see a part of Brooklyn that i've never seen before . There's rich history in Vinegar Hill which I hope is preserved for long time. I enjoyed sketching out the area throughout the whole trip. My favorite part of our trip was the Commander's Quarter and train track in the alley way. This is a trip I would go again and see Vinegar Hill.

REFERENCES TO EXPLORE HYPOTHESIS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.