

Learning Places Spring 2017

SITE REPORT #3

COVER IMAGE: PLACE AN IMAGE PRODUCED
BY YOU THAT BEST EXPRESSES THE
OBJECTIVES OF YOUR VISIT



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INTRODUCTION

I will be assessing the history and present state of the Farragut houses and their contribution to the neighborhood. There has been many different things that I have discovered regarding the history of Farragut Houses and here is what I found.

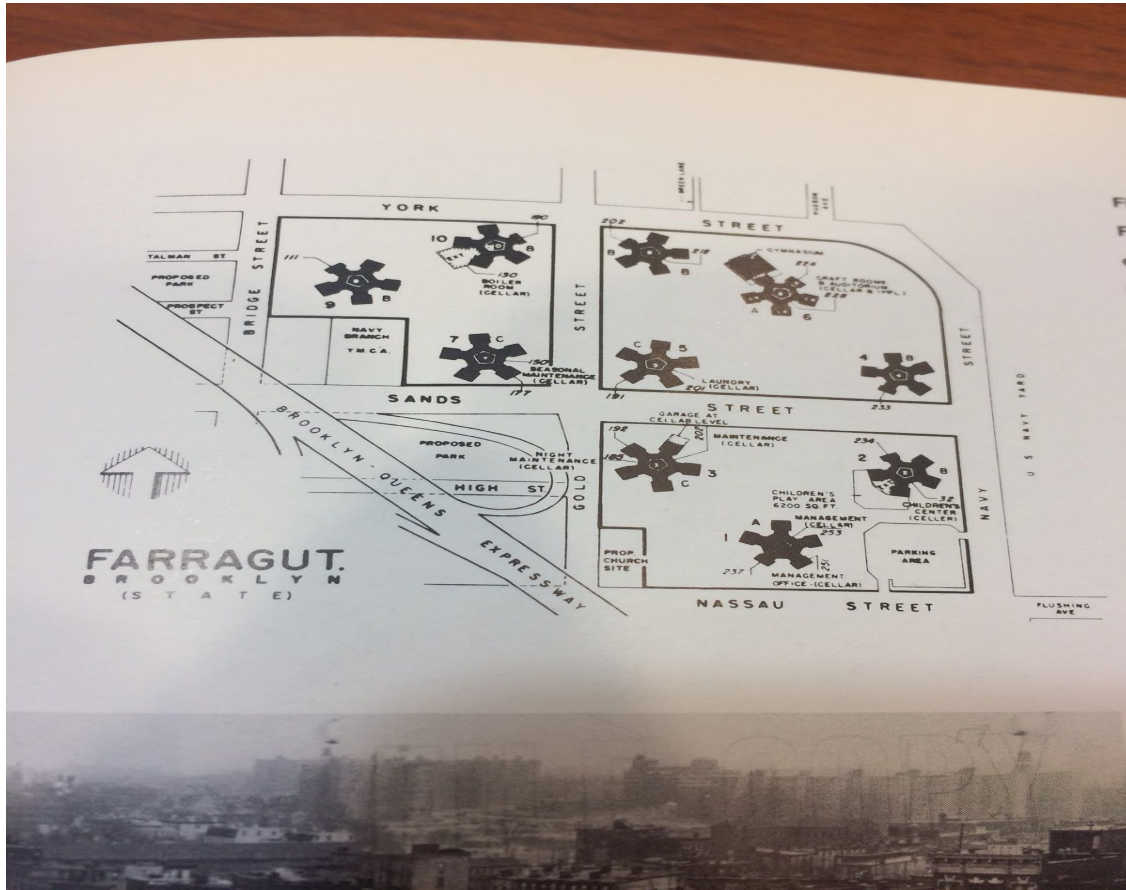
OBJECTIVES

- Discover what properties existed on the land before the Farragut houses were built
- Find out the economy of the neighborhood
- Read if there has been crimes over the years in the Farragut Houses neighborhood.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

Before I went to the library, I figured that the Farragut Houses was actually an exceptional apartment complex considering that it was surrounded by so much historical significance. I assumed that being adjacent to such history would make the property value along with the community interactions to be exemplary to other low income housings in New York.

SITE DOCUMENTATION: photos/sketches of 2 or 3 significant primary sources. Provide captions and explanations – why is the image shown significant for your topic of exploration?



This is an image of the layout of the Farragut House prior to construction. It shows how far the houses expand and where the boundaries of the apartment buildings lie.



Haste in Evictions Sought

New York Times (1923-Current file); Feb 20, 1948;
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The New York State Housing Authority obtained yesterday from Supreme Court Justice E. Ivan Rubenstein in Brooklyn a writ of assistance to expedite the eviction of 689 families and 146 commercial tenants occupying buildings on the site of Farragut Houses, a 1,040-family low-cost housing project in Brooklyn. The motion will be argued next Thursday before Justice Henry L. Ughetta.

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This is a pic of what was on the property before Farragut Houses were built. There were many families that lived in the area and had to move out in order to make room for the apartments. This caused a lot of strife and content among the homeowners.

BROOKLYN GIRL, 9, THROWN OFF ROOF: 50 POLICEMEN OPEN SEARCH FOR RAPE VICTIM'S KILLER

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**BROOKLYN GIRL, 9,
THROWN OFF ROOF**

**50 Policemen Open Search
for Rape Victim's Killer**

A 9-year-old girl was thrown or pushed from the roof of a 14-story building yesterday in the Farragut Houses development in the Navy Yard section of Brooklyn. An autopsy indicated that she had been raped and was alive when she left the roof.

Police Inspector Joseph

McLaughlin of the 11th Detective District said it was "not likely that the child jumped—we are assuming that this is a homicide."

About 50 detectives and uniformed policemen began search for the attacker.

The girl's body, nude except for her shoes and socks, was found on the roof of a boiler room slightly above the street level in the rear of the building at 190 York Street. Her clothing was at the top of a stairway leading to the roof. Marks in the roof's gravel led to a four-foot parapet that surrounds it.

The victim was identified as

Lourdes Bass, who lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Bass, and their six other children on the eighth floor. She was a fourth-grade pupil at St. James Parochial School near the development. She had been about to return to school

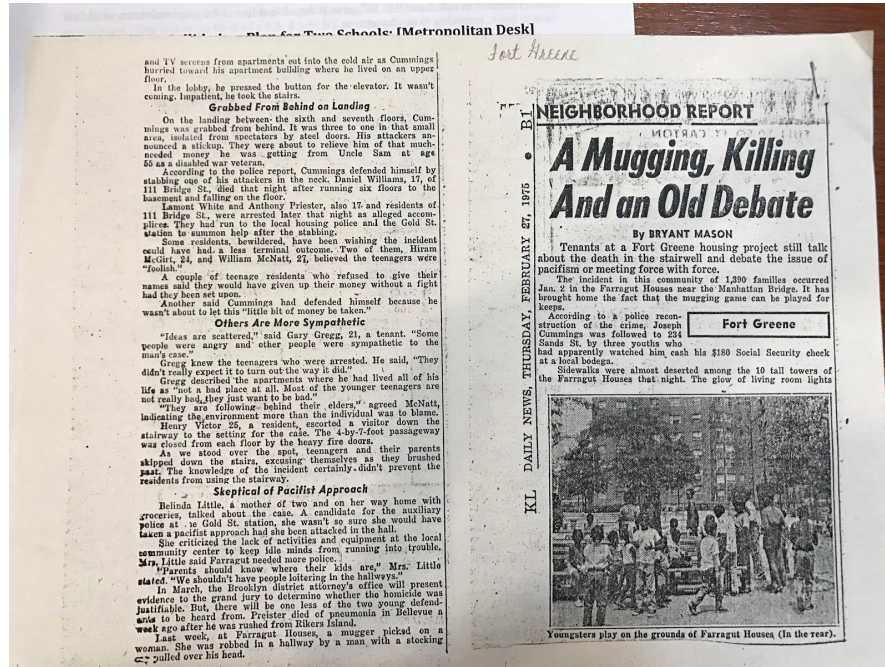
The police said that shortly before the body was discovered a woman resident of another unit in the development had reported that a youth had tried to molest her 7-year-old daughter, but the girl ran away.

Tenants of the 10 buildings in the 1,400-apartment development, which is near the Navy Yard, said they had been com-

plaining of inadequate police protection. The tenants said six Housing Authority policemen, working three shifts, had been assigned to protect the 6,000 residents of the development.

In another case, in the Gowanus section of Brooklyn yesterday, the police said that a 2½-year-old girl was abused by a 42-year-old man, who was caught a block away. The police arrested Carlos Rodriguez of 366 Bond Street, who was charged with carnal abuse of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. José Lopez of 613 Pacific Street. The girl was taken to Kings County Hospital.

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This is a couple of numerous crimes that have happened in the Farragut houses over the years. Crimes like this have caused the neighborhood to drop in property value. There have been many crimes. Along with the current condition of the surrounding area, the crimes of the area cause many negative affects on the attraction of the neighborhood and the likelihood of any property owners being interested in investing in properties in the community.

SITE OBSERVATIONS: One or 2 general notes about the Brooklyn Collection, and 2-3 specific observations about how the primary sources you found are connected to the topic of your investigation

1. There were many brick houses and buildings in the area prior to Farragut Houses being built.
2. the land that Farragut houses takes up spans 6 blocks.
3. There were many homicide and drug related crimes in the neighborhood.
4. All of the apartment buildings are built identically.
5. The low income houses border million dollar condos and apartments.

QUANTITATIVE DATA: under "subject" list the topic; Under "data" describe your findings and the quantity found

Subject	Data
houses	90% of the buildings and houses in the neighborhood were made of bricks.
Crimes	The crimes of the area is very bad ranging from drug dealing to child murder.
Parks	There are countless parks surrounding the apartment buildings giving the children many places to play.

QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS Consider the primary sources found during your visit and review the material you included so far in this report.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why are there such little amounts of police in a neighborhood of such heinous crimes?
2. Why Are there so many places for children to play whereas there are little for the adults to do?
3. How much has the crimes in the area affect the property value of the homes and businesses?

HYPOTHESIS: From the questions you wrote above, select the most important question for your own research topic. Propose an explanation made on the basis of the evidence you have so far as a starting point for further investigation.

1. The property value of the area has dropped significantly since the rise in crimes.
2. People of neighboring homes feel contempt towards the people of Farragut houses due to their disregard for the condition of the neighborhood.
3. I believe that the people who live in the Farragut Houses do not understand the historical significance of the area that they live in resulting in them taking the area for granted.

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION / NEXT STEPS?

All in all, I found the visit to the library to be very insightful of the Farragut houses. I learned many things from the previous things that were there before the apartments were built to the crimes in the area. Over the years, there are reports describing the timeline of the Farragut houses and from the reports, you might conclude that the apartments caused more harm to the community than good. From the numerous families being evicted and the numerous crimes would leave anyone to believe that the apartments are a negative to Vinegar Hill while also affecting the property of homes

bordering Vinegar Hill and DUMBO

PRELIMINARY REFERENCES FOR PRIMARY SOURCES:

Record the essential information that you might use to create a citation for 3-4 primary sources you examined. Don't worry about creating a perfect or conventionally formatted citation; record the information that someone would need to find it again. Include a variety of sources: photographs, maps, articles, manuscripts, etc.

1. Photographer, Anonymous. "View from Brooklyn Warehouse." Black and White Photographic Print, Brooklyn Collection, 1900. <http://bklynlibrary.org/nnnn>
2. Magical Map Company. "Fire Insurance Map of Fulton Street, Brooklyn." New York, NY:1887.
3. Lee's Café. "Lunch Menu." Lee's Café, 00 Sands Street, Brooklyn, NY: 1943.
4. And so on.