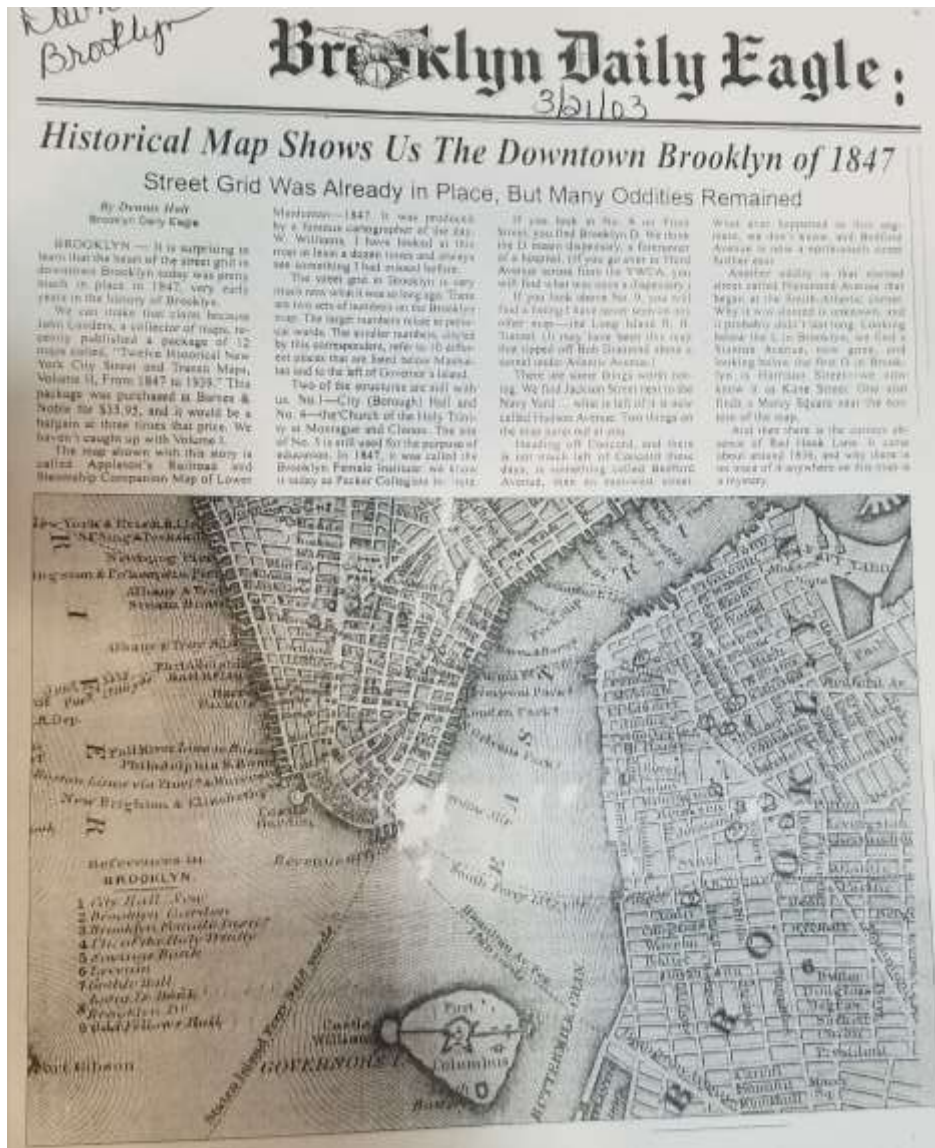


# SITE REPORT #3

COVER IMAGE: An old map of Brooklyn and downtown Manhattan from 1847



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## INTRODUCTION

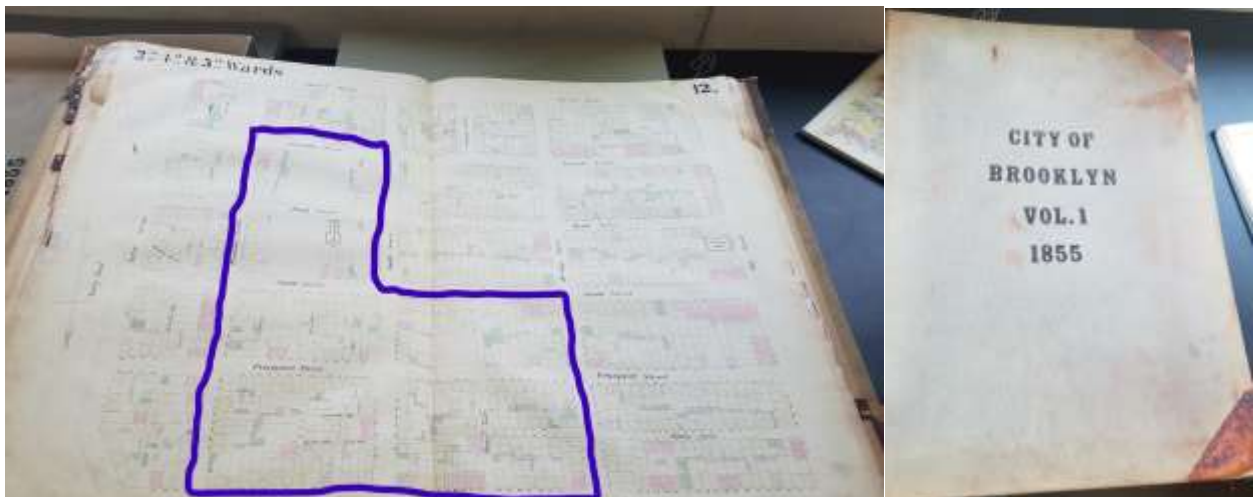
We visited the Brooklyn Public Library's Archive Section as a class, found numerous sources of documents which we were not able to find anywhere on the web.

## OBJECTIVES

We did see a lot of documents about Farragut housing and its history back in the past as of when it was planned, the budget, monthly rent information back then, timeline maps and many more.

## PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

We were eager to see many documents and news sources about Farragut housing as we found "zero" result about it on NYPL digital archives.



Map of Farragut housing area from 1885.

This book in the picture above is the one of the oldest collection we found and the map inside shows how the site was like far before farragut housing was built,

we were able to see a normal neighborhood with lots of houses most likely 2, 3 stories buildings. It is interesting to see how the neighborhood was back then almost 150 yrs ago.

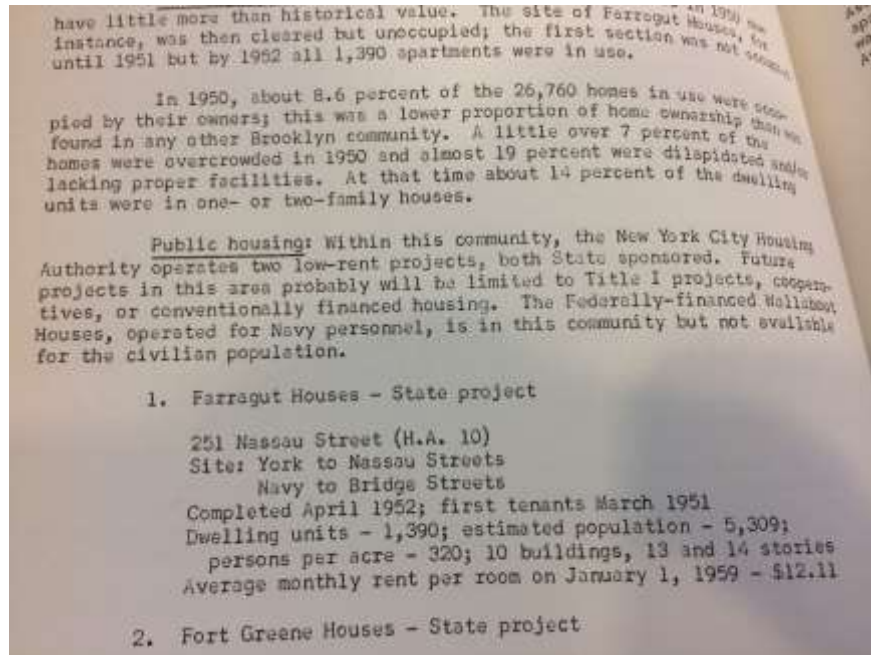
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Map of Farragut Housing Area- before and after

This picture above shows the comparison of the area of Farragut Housing before and after the housing. The first thing I noticed was that they changed 4 blocks of street to 2 blocks after building the housing. It also made me see there was lots of houses in that neighborhood before the housing, so I wonder what happened to those people as if the housing did really help the people from that neighborhood or they got kicked out of their own homes and became homeless?

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### Brief information of Farragut housing from late 50s and 60s

It is interesting to see the brief information of the Farragut housing from the past at the time it was built as how they planned the estimated population and how low the monthly rent was.

SITE OBSERVATIONS: This is my first visit to Brooklyn Public Library and It was more than what I expected because I found a lot of materials that covers our project of Farragut housing which is very hard to find on the web. Everything we found was quite organized as folders for each areas/cases and some Atlas are dated back to 1808.

**Change of street grid and layout** as we found out it was a residential area filled with houses and families living there which was completely wiped out in order of this housing to be built.

**The Height of the housing** as I found a paper at BPL stating about the zoning as well as they could build buildings taller than the most applied zoning height limit of the area if they reduce the square feet that housing is taking, so it reminded me that Farragut Houses might be the tallest building back then and quite possibly till now.

### QUANTITATIVE DATA:

Subject	Data
Atlas with Maps and Photos	We saw many Atlas filled with pictures and maps of Brooklyn back in time. They contain data and maps from the most current years to the year 1808.
Farragut Housing folder	Found a folder that has all the data that BPL has on Farragut houses which is very resourceful for us to look at.
Brooklyn Eagle website	<a href="https://bklyn.newspapers.com/">https://bklyn.newspapers.com/</a> The librarian on that day how resourceful and useful this website is for our project as this contains many more newspaper articles from past century and more.

### QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Is Farragut houses just another public housing in Brooklyn?
2. How can they reduce crime rate within the housing and improve the quality of the life of the people at Farragut housing?
3. What are the ways to attract more people and bring businesses to the neighborhood?

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. It is just another public housing that can improve and has many potentials to be improved. As they have many recreational facilities, playground, park and gardens for outdoor lifestyles that could lead to active lifestyles for the people living there. So, we should find a way to bring people out of the housing to participate in community.
2. I believe the way to reduce the crimes is to have more police cars patrolling the neighborhood, to have security cameras where needed and to bring businesses to the neighborhood which will create jobs for the people from the housing which will lead them to work and earn the money instead of commit crime and illegal stuffs to earn money. Lack of Education might also be part of the reason why they commit crimes and in that case, City should give more fund for the Farragut Housing Children Center to open and operate again. That way, children will know discipline and learn the education and the importance of it.
3. Everything we saw around Farragut houses is quiet and dull, nothing much is going on and not many people walking around. So, I would propose whoever wants to bring people and businesses into this neighborhood to have some sport tournaments or leagues in the neighborhood weekly or monthly. The place I would propose to host the event will be the Commodore Park by Navy St where you will see a huge empty lot. They could also host art festival somewhere in Vinegar Hills that is close to Farragut Housing, so that could bring artists from Dumbo and people from all over to come to the Neighborhood.

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION / NEXT STEPS?

The visit to BPL helped me a great deal to know more about Farragut houses and help me see what I have never seen before which are old maps of the area.



The Next step would be doing more research and look for more sources on the web and at the NYPL to improve the life of the people at Farragut housing.

#### PRELIMINARY REFERENCES FOR PRIMARY SOURCES:

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<https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20170207/vinegar-hill/forgotten-farragut-houses-documentary-gentrification>

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