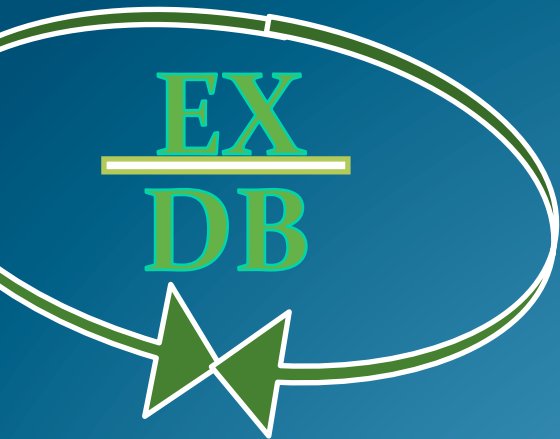


Architectural Gems of Downtown Brooklyn



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➤ **Dimes Saving
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➤ **Gage & Tollner
Building**

➤ **Borough Hall
Building**

➤ **Post Office
Building**

➤ **St. James Cathedral**

A little about Downtown Brooklyn

DB was inhabited by Lenapee Native Americans until the 17th century.

The Dutch took over in the 17th century and then called DB Breuckelen.

City Planning Commission together with the President's Office came together and developed a master plan for the Civic Center after **WWII**.

This plan included major housing, the widening of streets and buildings for City & State agencies.

Tour Information

- ▶ Showcases buildings which contributed to the development of DB(Downtown Brooklyn)
- ▶ Seasonal Tour (summer & spring)
- ▶ \$25.00 per person
- ▶ 75 minute walking tour
- ▶ Marketed towards: City Tech Students, Residents of York and Tourists
- ▶ Marketed via the internet, fliers and text messaging

Tour Information

- Every 3rd Saturday of the month
- Gather in front of City Tech Building
300 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201
- Transportation: A, C,F, R Trains to Jay Street
2,3,4,5 Trains to Borough Hall
- Tour is operated from 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.





Difference of Landmark and National Register of Historic Places

➤ Landmark

The New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission is the New York City Agency in charged with administering the city's Landmark Preservation Law.

A building must be at least thirty years old before the Commission can declare it a landmark.

The goal of New York City's landmarks law is to preserve the aesthetically and historically important buildings, structures, and other objects that make up the New York City vista.

➤ National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)

- Is the United States Federal Government's official list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects deemed worthy of preservation.

Polytechnic Institute

33 Jay Street



- Charter school for young men – 1853
- Chartered with the Brooklyn Collegiate 1854
- 265 young men were welcomed - 9/10/18
- Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn - 1889 to 1973
- PIB relocated to 333 Jay Street - 1957
- Became Polytechnic University - 1985
- Official name change to Polytechnic Institute of New York University – 2008

Polytechnic Institute Before



Polytechnic Institute Now



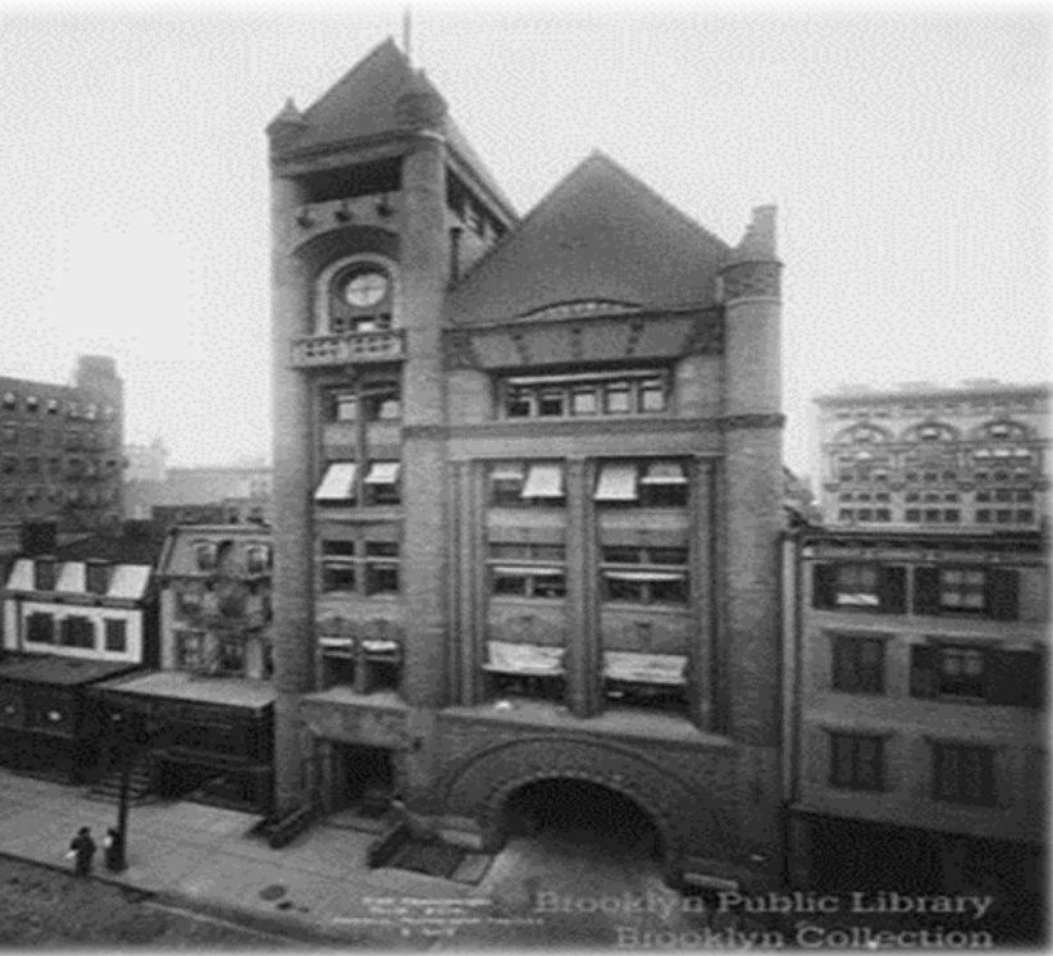
Brooklyn Fire Department Building

365-367 Jay Street



- Completed construction in 1892
- Romanesque Revival design
- Fire Dept. vacated in 1970
Leased to Polytechnic University
- NYC Landmark in 1966
- Recognized on the National Register of Historic Places – 1972
- Served as Brooklyn Fire Headquarters until 1898
- Now serves as an apartment building

Fire Department Before



Fire Department Now



New York & New Jersey Telephone & Company

81 Willoughby Street



- Currently the BellTel Loft Condominium, ASA Institute, offices
- It was built in 1898 by R.L. Daus
- Renaissance Revival style
- Brooklyn's first telephone headquarters
- It served Long Is., Staten Is., & N. New Jersey
- Provided telephone service for 16,000 subscribers

New York & New Jersey Telephone Company

Before

Present

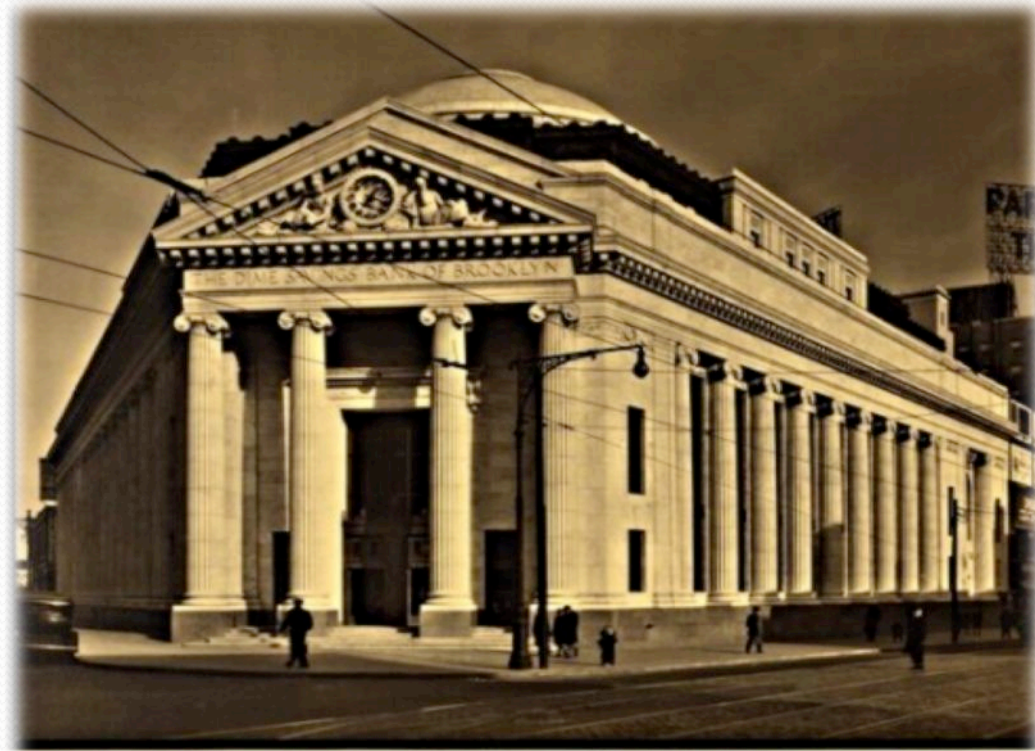


Dime Saving Bank 9 Dekalb Avenue



- Built between 1906-1908
- It is a wedge-shaped ionic temple
- Columned Roman Revival Palace
- Original fluted columns describing its Greek design as it resembles the lines of the Pantheon in Rome or the Parthenon in Greece.

Dimes Savings Bank Before Interior & Exterior



F.S. Lincoln

Offerman Building

55 Fulton Street



- Romanesque Revival style
- Constructed in 1890 by Henry Offerman
- Wechsler Dept. Store – 1897
- Darlington's Dept. Store – 1907
- Martin's Dept. Store – 1924 until closed in 1979
- NYC Landmark – 2005
- Housed:
 - MTA Adjudication Bureau
 - Job Agencies
 - Conway(retail store)

Offerman Building Before



Offerman Building At Present



Gage & Tollner Building

372 Fulton Street



- Four story late Italianate style brownstone building
- Existed since 1892 to February 1, 2004
- Replaced by accessory/costume jewelry shop

Gage & Tollner Interior 1892 to 2004



Gage & Tollner Interior at Present



Brooklyn Borough Hall

100 Joralemon Street



- Designed by Calvin Pollard & Gamaliel Bailey
- King
- Greek Revival Style
- Completed in 1848 for use as City Hall
- Brooklyn Borough Hall – 1898
- Demolished Common Council room – 1902
- Designated NYC landmark – 1966
- Recognition - National Register of Historic Places January 10, 1980
- Renovations completed - 1989

Brooklyn Borough Hall Before



Brooklyn Borough Hall After



Post Office

71 Cadman Plaza E.



- Romanesque Style Design
- Planning & Design took place in 1885
- Architect: Mifflin E. Bell
- Functioned as a:
 - Post Office
 - Courthouse with 4 courtrooms
- Became seven story building in 1933
- National Register of Historic Places on October 9, 1974
- Designated NYC Landmark on July 16, 1966

Post Office Building Before



Post Office Building At Present

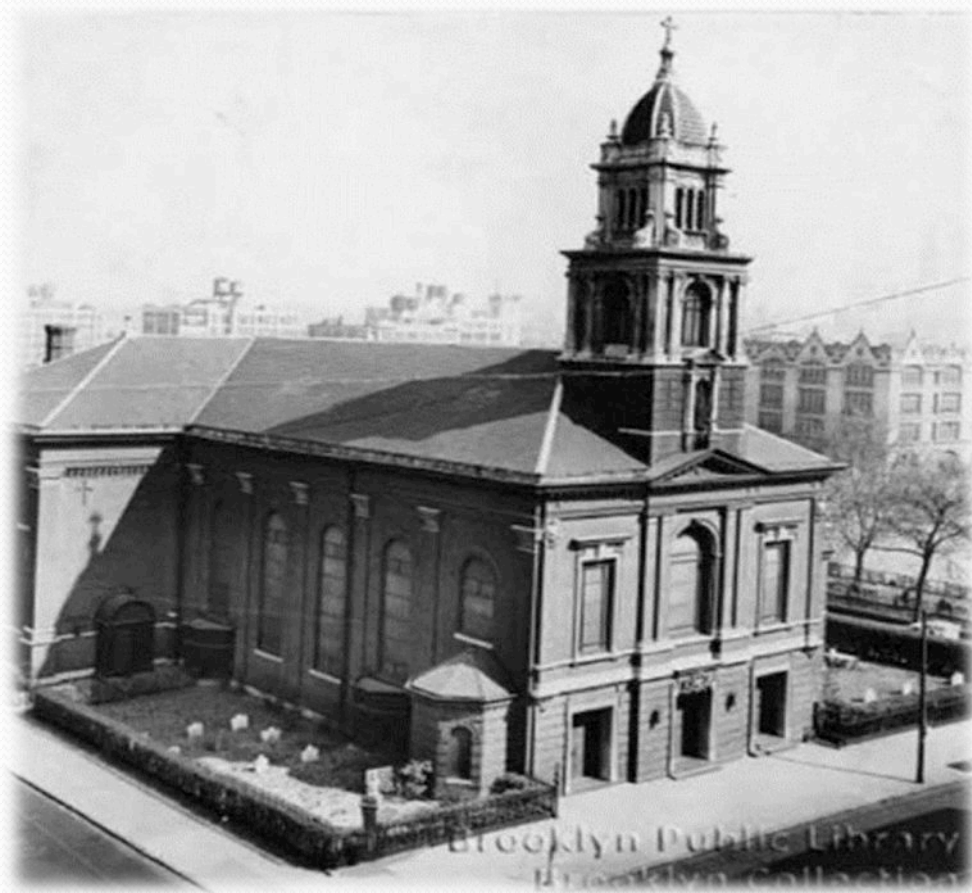


St. James Cathedral Cathedral Place



- Roman Catholic Cathedral Basilica of St. James
- Located on Jay Street bet. Cathedral Place and Cathedral Street
- It was built in 1903; designed by George H. Streeton; Neo-Georgian style
- The church was renamed the Pro-Cathedral by the 2nd Bishop

St. James Cathedral Before



St. James Cathedral at Present





Reflection

We walk through the streets and neighborhoods of Downtown Brooklyn everyday, and have failed to realize the richness of this area.

This assignment has opened our eyes, broaden our minds and taken us to a different level on perception of Brooklyn.

We learned how these buildings came about and the contribution they brought to Downtown Brooklyn before its transformation in 2004.

We are grateful for the opportunity we had to conduct this search prior to putting this walking tour together.

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**It was a pleasure taking you on such
wonderful tour
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😊Thank You😊