

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New York	
COUNTY: Kings	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JAN 20 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:	Old Brooklyn Fire Headquarters
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 365-367 Jay Street, Borough of Brooklyn			
CITY OR TOWN: New York			
STATE New York	CODE 36	COUNTY: Kings	CODE 047

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Firehouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: City of New York, Fire Department	STATE: New York COUNTY: Kings
STREET AND NUMBER: Municipal Building, Borough of Brooklyn	
CITY OR TOWN: New York	
CODE: 36	

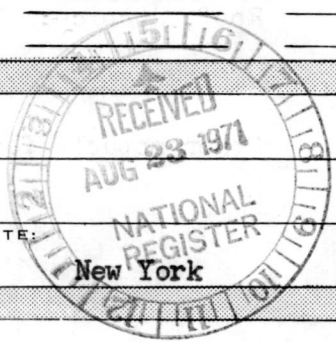
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: City Register's Office, Kings County	STATE: New York COUNTY: Kings
STREET AND NUMBER: Municipal Building, Borough of Brooklyn	
CITY OR TOWN: New York	
CODE: 36	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission			
DATE OF SURVEY: April 19, 1966	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission			
STREET AND NUMBER: 305 Broadway			
CITY OR TOWN: New York	STATE: New York	CODE: 36	

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Rep. John J. Rooney

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Number of stories: The main building consists of four stories and the tower seven.

~~Number~~ of bays: The main building and the tower are each one bay wide.

Layout and/or shape of plan: The firehouse and the tower rectangular in plan.

Wall construction: At street level, the walls consist of red granite with superior red sandstone base and trim. Above, the walls are generally of dark brown roman brick with terra cotta detail.

Structural system: The structural system is masonry bearing wall.

Roof, cornice: These are pyramidal roofs which are covered with red shingles and trimmed with copper.

Other notable features: The rounded corners of the tower and main building rise the full height of each portion and terminate in turrets. There is a great variety of terra cotta detail throughout the building.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1892

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This strikingly picturesque building was designed in Romanesque Revival style by Frank Freeman, the architect of several fine Brooklyn residences and the Hotel Margaret. The firehouse served as the Brooklyn Fire Headquarters for six years, until 1898, when Brooklyn was consolidated with Manhattan and the headquarters were moved to Manhattan.

The exterior of the building expresses its function to perfection, with the great, richly decorated arch for the exit of the fire engines, flanked by a watch tower still in use today for spotting fires in the area. The architect's skillful and expressive use of materials of contrasting textures and colors--granite, brick, sandstone and terra cotta--is particularly noteworthy.

The Old Brooklyn Fire Headquarters is considered by many architectural historians to be one of the finest buildings in Brooklyn. It displays a unique wealth of architectural detail, executed in costly and attractive materials. It is significant to recall that the building is still used as a firehouse, serving the original purpose for which it was erected. The aesthetic concern which is demonstrated here is often absent in comparable public buildings today.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission Files

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Stephen S. Lash, Associate	
ORGANIZATION New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission	DATE April 5, 1971
STREET AND NUMBER: 305 Broadway	
CITY OR TOWN: New York	STATE New York CODE 36

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Title

Date

Chairman, N. Y. State Historic Trust

16 IV 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JAN 20 1972

Date

ATTEST:

St. Madford
Keeper of The National Register

Date

January 3, 1972

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Old Brooklyn Fire Headquarters

King co.
N.Y.

RECEIPT

PROPERTY

12000854 STATE

REGISTER NUMBER

DATE OF RECEIPT 8/23/71 YES

NO

NUMBER

JAN 20 1972

DATA PAGE

PHOTO (S)

PHOTO DESCRIP (S)

MAP (S)

MAP DESCRIPTION (S)

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ACKNOWLEDGE

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OTHERWISE

REVIEW

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HISTORIAN

OK

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Van Zee
10/23/71

HISTORIAN

OK

Marusin
10/19/71

ARCHITECT

OK

Chamber
10-21-71

ASST. KEEPER

OK

HA BLM,
1/13/72

KEEPER

ENTRY

CHIEF, OABP

8/10
1-20

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR

Date

Federal Register Entry 3/7/72

Annual Edition Entry

Logged 1/29/72
Card 1/20/72

WORKING NUMBER

8.23.71.1

COMMENTS:



Rep. John J. Rooney



NPS Number

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Title:

Old Brooklyn Fire
Headquarters

Loc.

Kenilworth, N. Y.
Front

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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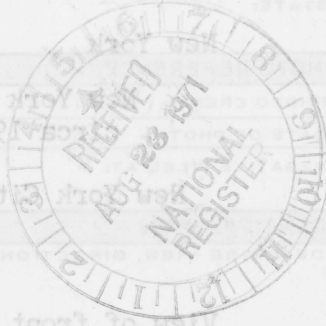
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New York			
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: New York Landmarks Preservation Commission			
DATE OF PHOTO: circa 1966			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
View of front (west facade) looking east.			

View of front (west facade) looking east.



New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
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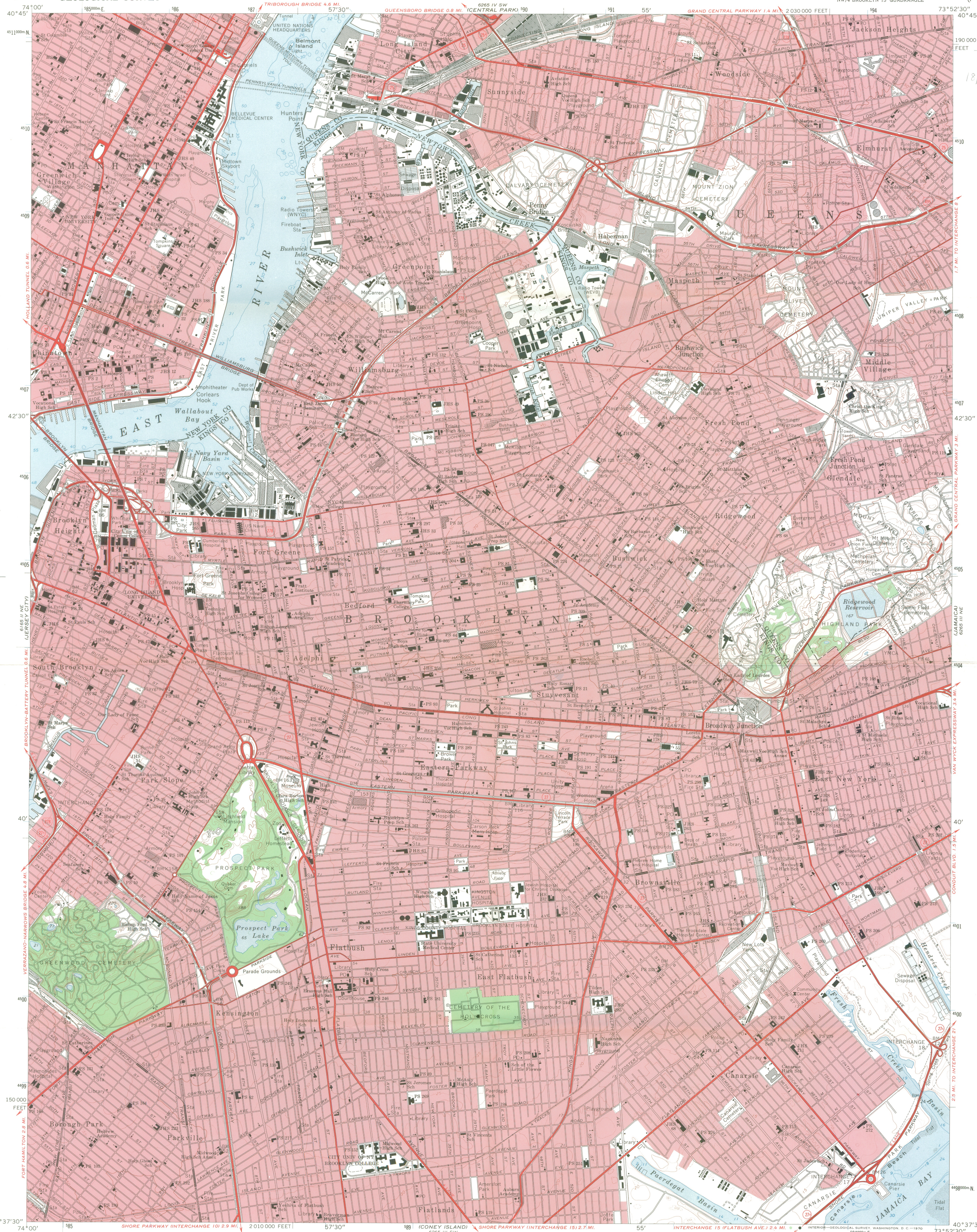
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

BROOKLYN QUADRANGLE
NEW YORK
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NW/4 BROOKLYN 15' QUADRANGLE



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Revised in cooperation with New York Department of Transportation
Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, and City of New York Board of
Estimate and Apportionment

Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1954, and from USC&GS Charts T-5094, T-5335, T-5454
T-5459, T-5460, and T-5449

Topography by planetable surveys 1955-1956. Revised from
aerial photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1967

Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts
275 (1964), 542 (1967), and 745 (1966). This information
is not intended for navigational purposes

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on New York coordinate system, Long Island zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Entire area lies within New York City



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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 4.2 FEET IN THE EAST RIVER
AND 5.2 FEET IN JAMAICA BAY

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Unimproved dirt ———

Interstate Route ——— State Route ———

BROOKLYN, N. Y.
NW/4 BROOKLYN 15' QUADRANGLE
N4037.5—W7352.5/7.5

1967
AMS 6265 III NW—SERIES V821

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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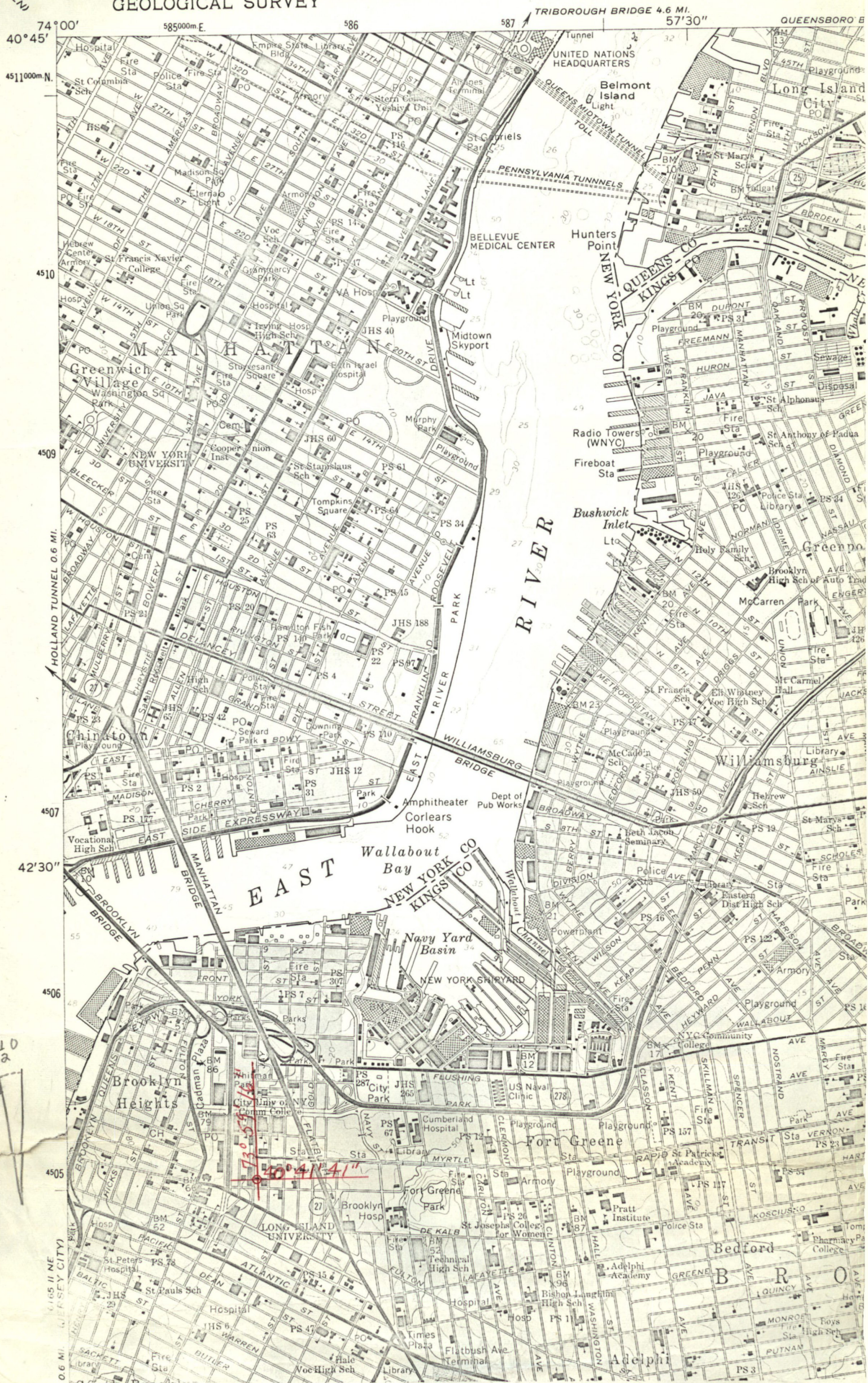
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
USGS quadrangle, 7.5 minute series, Brooklyn, N.Y.			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1967			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



Old Brooklyn Fire Headquarters





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LOUIS C. JONES
Chairman

August 13, 1971

CONRAD L. WIRTH
Vice-Chairman

EWALD B. NYQUIST

Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
of Historic Places
801 19th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

SEYMOUR H. KNOX

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

JOHN H. G. PELL

LAURANCE S. ROCKEFELLER

As Chairman of the New York State Historic Trust, the
officially designated State Preservation Agency, and as
the State Liaison Officer, I am forwarding the enclosed
nominations to the National Register of Historic Places:

MILDRED F. TAYLOR

Old Brooklyn Fire Headquarters, Brooklyn
Boat House on the Lullwater of the Lake in
Prospect Park, Brooklyn
The Grecian Shelter, Brooklyn
Battery Weed, Staten Island

C. MARK LAWTON
Director

The above nominations have been reviewed and approved
by the Governor's Advisory Committee on Historic Preser-
vation, in accordance with the criteria outlined in
Section 2.2 of the Grants Guide.

The staff of the Trust would welcome the opportunity to
discuss these submissions with your office.



STATE OF NEW YORK

Sincerely yours,

Louis C. Jones,
Chairman

PARKS & RECREATION

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SAL J. PREZIOSO
Commissioner



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE

NEW YORK

Date Entered JAN 20 1972

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Vassar Institute	Poughkeepsie Dutchess County
Fire House, Engine, Company 31	New York
The Grecian Shelter	New York Kings County
Old Post Office	Albany Albany County
Old Brooklyn Fire Headquarters	New York Kings County
Second Baptist Church	Poughkeepsie Dutchess County
Battery Weed	New York Richmond County (Staten Island)
Poughkeepsie City Hall	Poughkeepsie Dutchess County

Also Notified

Hon. Jacob K. Javits	State Liaison Officer
Hon. James L. Buckley	Dr. Louis C. Jones
Hon. John G. Dow	Chairman
Hon. Bella Abzug	New York State Historic Trust
Hon. Hugh L. Carey	Parks and Recreation
Hon. Samuel Stratton	Building 2 - State Campus
Hon. John J. Rooney	Albany, New York 12226
Hon. John M. Murphy	

Director, Northeast Region

1/20/72

HR

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NEW YORK CITY
PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

161 William Street, New York, N.Y. 10038 • (212) 619-5000

September 30, 1987

Donald P. Hodel
Secretary of Interior
C Street
between Eighteenth and Nineteenth Street
N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240

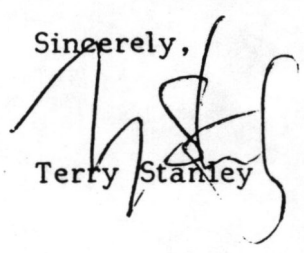
Dear Secretary Hodel:

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36 CFR 801.1(b), please be advised that the following three (3) properties within the project site area are either listed on the National Register of Historic Places (the "Register") or are deemed eligible for inclusion on the Register. These properties will be affected by a proposed redevelopment project, located in Brooklyn, New York, commonly known as the Metrotech Project. The properties are as follows:

1. Brooklyn Fire Headquarters - listed on the Register
2. The First Free Congregation Church - Eligible for listing on the National Register
3. 108 Johnson Street - Eligible for listing on the Register

I also have enclosed a copy of a letter, dated April 24, 1987, from the New York State Historic Preservation Officer setting forth its findings regarding Register listing, and eligibility for listing on the Register.

Sincerely,


Terry Stanley

TS/jta
Enclosure
cc: Carol Shull
Keeper of the National Register
Bruce Fullum
NYS Office of Historic Preservation

OCT 8 1987



New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
The Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 1, Albany, New York 12238

518-474-0456

April 24, 1987

Mr. Terry Stanley, Vice President
New York City Public Development Corp.
161 William Street - 14th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Dear Mr. Stanley:

UDAG
Metrotech
Kings County

The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has reviewed the above-referenced project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations, 36 CFR 800/801.

Based on the materials you have submitted and the information you provided at our meeting of April 13, 1987, as well as a site visit by our staff, the SHPO has concerns with the following three structures:

1. The Brooklyn Fire Headquarters (Jay Street north of Willoughby) is listed on the National Register.
2. The First Free Congregation Church (Bridge Street) is eligible for inclusion in the National Register as a distinguished example of a greek revival style church. The structure is also locally designated by the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission. It should be noted that the interior suffered extreme integrity loss and is considered non-contributing.
3. The two story greek revival building at 108 Johnson Street is individually eligible for the National Register as an intact distinguished example of a greek revival rowhouse.

During the course of our review, the project plans have changed considerably. As described in our April 13 meeting, the current plans call for the tower, which has to be built next to the fire headquarters, to be pulled back for that structure. This represents a major improvement which the SHPO supports. The details of the treatment of this area still need to be worked out, but the SHPO feels that a successful mitigation plan can be developed.

The SHPO understands that arrangements to move the house at 108 Johnson Street to a nearby location has been made in consultation with the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission. Once you have obtained their approval for this move, the SHPO will be able to support this mitigation measure.

The last remaining major issue is the design of the facility in relation to the church. This is a particularly difficult situation and the SHPO looks forward to working with you on the solution to this problem.

As agreed at our meeting, we anticipate that the recommended archaeological work will be undertaken in the near future. Because this project will have an adverse effect on these three historic resources, you should now proceed to seek the comments of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. In order to facilitate this, we have enclosed a copy of Section 106, Step-by-Step. You should pay particular attention to pages 40 and 41. Correspondence should be directed to:

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Old Post Office Buildings - Suite 809
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.E.
Washington, DC 20004
(202) 786-0503

The SHPO also requests that you provide this office with a copy of your transmittal letter to the Advisory Council.

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Review Staff.

Sincerely,

Julia S. Stokes

Julia S. Stokes
Deputy Commissioner for
Historic Preservation

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Enclosure