

In-Archives Handout

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Part of an in-archives exercise at <http://www.teacharchives.org/exercises/rubbish>

Group 4: Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service

Devereaux View Company, circa 1920, v1991.110.350; Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service records, ARC.129; Brooklyn Historical Society.

Dirty toilets, circa 1920, v1991.110.396; Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service records, ARC.129; Brooklyn Historical Society.

Dirty cellar, circa 1920, v1991.110.403; Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service records, ARC.129; Brooklyn Historical Society.

Dirty yard, circa 1920, v1991.110.407; Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service records, ARC.129; Brooklyn Historical Society.

Take detailed written notes on these photographs.

1. Care and Handling

Please put on gloves before handling any photographs. You may use your cell phone or digital camera to photograph the documents, but **TURN FLASH OFF**.

2. Observation

Inspect the photo, front and back. Note its approximate size and weight and what it is made of. Describe any marks you notice. Transcribe any writing on it.

Describe what you see in the photograph:

People

Objects

Activities

3. Inference

Based on what you have observed above *and* in the BHS catalog description, list things you might infer from this photograph.

In addition to the subject of the image, think about how and why it was made, e.g. Who took the photo? Who was the intended audience? What do you think the photographer wanted to capture?

4. Questions

What questions does this document raise in your mind?

Where could you find the answers to these questions?