

In-Archives Handout

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Group 1: First Nations

Gabriel Furman, Notes Geographical and Historical, Relating to the Town of Brooklyn, 1824; Gabriel Furman papers, ARC.190, box 6, folder 3; Brooklyn Historical Society.

1. Much of what we learn about Native Americans comes from European documents. Does this matter?
2. Pages 5 - 6 give a brief overview of the First Nations here in Brooklyn when Europeans arrived.
3. Pages 11 - 17 contain reprinted documents from the 1600s. What political relationships do these documents describe? Can anyone buy land from the Native Americans?

Mac Leod, William Christie, ed. *The Indians of Brooklyn in the Days of the Dutch*. New York: U.S. Work Projects Administration, 1941; Main collection F129.B747 I54 1941; Brooklyn Historical Society.

1. How did the settlers and Lenape mark property boundaries?
2. What European items were traded for the land? What is Wampum?
3. What is a kills or kijls? It's a Dutch word. Look it up using Google.
4. What are your reactions to the interactions between the natives and the settlers.