

In-Archives Handout

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Group 2: Dutch Colonists and Early American Agriculture

Plan of the town of Brooklyn and part of Long Island, circa 1850; Flat Maps B A-1766-1767 (185-?).FI; Brooklyn Historical Society.

1. Describe the geography of Brooklyn in 1766-7.
2. When was this map created? Notice the difference between the “date created” and the “date depicted.” How will this impact the way you will interpret the map?
3. What do the roads connect?

Map of the Van Pelt Manor, circa 1800s; Flat Maps B P-[18-?]e.FI; Brooklyn Historical Society.

1. What is this map?
2. What does this map show?
3. How does it relate to agriculture?
4. What is the date of publication? Is this a problem? How could we narrow down the date?