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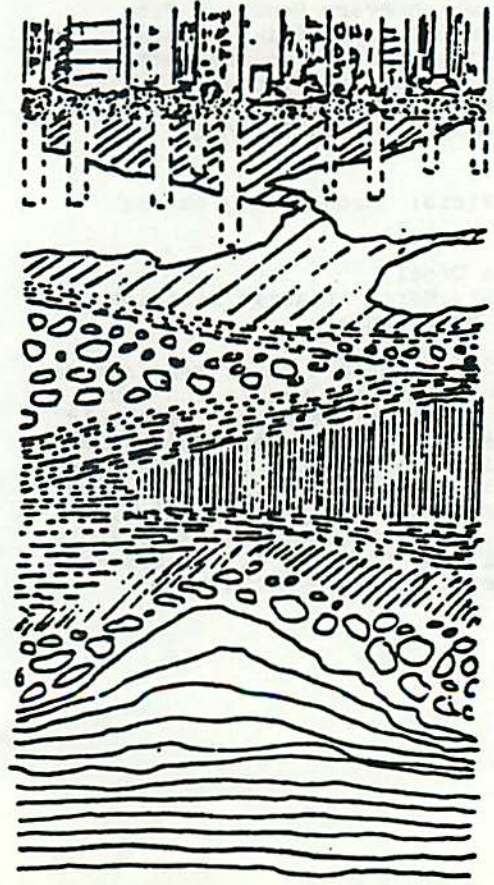
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Symposium on the

ARCHAEOLOGY of NEW YORK CITY

open to the general public



FIFTH ANNUAL PANYC SYMPOSIUM
Presented by the Professional
Archaeologists of New York City and
The Museum of the City of New York

ARCHAEOLOGY ABOVE AND BELOW THE
GROUND: A SYMPOSIUM ON THE
ARCHAEOLOGY OF NEW YORK CITY

Saturday, April 27, 1985
The Museum of the City of New York
103rd Street and Fifth Avenue

1:00 - 2:20

1. "Archaeology and the Historic Houses of New
York City"

speaker: Lillian Naar,
Executive Director, Queens County Farm Museum

There are over 50 historic house museums in New York City. Collectively they trace the continuum of the city's urban development. Many still retain some segment of the original ground on which they were constructed, harboring a considerable hoard of potential archaeological material. What means does the archaeological community of New York City have to protect, retrieve, and scientifically explore this valuable resource?

2. "Maps Before Mud--Resources to Use in the Map
Division of the New York Public Library, before
"Dig we Must"

speaker: Alice Hudson,
Chief, Map Division of the New York Public
Library

This is not a talk about Con Edison, but a survey of the New York Public Library's Map treasures with which every New York City archaeologist should be familiar before excavating particular sites in the metropolitan area. Slides will focus on Chelsea, and will illustrate the variety and depth of detailed information available in the map division.

3. "A Tale of Two Piers: Archaeology on the
Waterfront"

speaker: Celia Orgel,
Social Scientist, North Atlantic Division of
the Army Corps of Engineers

Piers 17 and 18 on the East River were removed in 1982. These piers fell within the South Street Seaport Historic District. Using old photographs, maps, and government documents, this talk outlines the history of these piers and the sites they occupied. Trans-Atlantic packet ships, Fulton's Ferry to Brooklyn, commuter steam ships, a general market, and a fish market all made this one of the busiest sites in nineteenth-century Manhattan.

10 minute break

2:30 - 3:40

5. "1984 Excavations at #60 Wall Street"

speaker: Leonard Bianchi,
Historic Conservation and Interpretation, Inc.

During the summer of 1984, archaeological investigation preceded construction of a 52-story office building at 60 Wall Street. One goal of the excavation was to find the wall for which Wall Street is named. The history of the site and the factors affecting its formation will be discussed.

6. "The Excavations at the Assay Site, Financial
Square in Lower Manhattan"

Diana Wall and Roselle Henn,
Co-principal Investigators, The Assay Site,
Greenhouse Consultants, Inc.
Speaker: Diana Wall

Recent excavations at the Assay Site have revealed massive wharves and piers as well as the remnants of domestic and commercial life in the early nineteenth-century seaport.

7. "The Washington Street Urban Renewal Project,
Site 1: A Look at Archaeology on the West Side
of Manhattan"

Joan H. Geismar, Principal Investigator, and
Terry H. Klein, Co-principal Investigator,
The Shearson Lehman/American Express Service
Center Site, Louis Berger & Associates, Inc.
speaker: Terry H. Klein

Fieldwork at the Shearson Lehman/American Express Service Center in Tribeca revealed little evidence of the West Point foundry known to function on the site in the second and third decades of the nineteenth century. Instead, it gave archaeologists a chance to recover information about site formation and west side landfill.

8. "The Sullivan Street Site: a Glimpse of
Nineteenth-Century Greenwich Village"

speaker: Bert Salwen,
Anthropology Department, NYU

The Sullivan Street Site, located immediately south of Washington Square Park, was first built upon in 1826 and was sealed from further change in 1903 when the area became a city street. It contained an unusually complete record of three quarters of a century of the development of a part of New York City's first suburb.

3:40 - 4:00

9. Film: Community Dig

by: Patricia Streeten

An 18 minute film documenting a dig at Sheridan Square that was sponsored by the local community and the NYU Department of Anthropology. The film goes beyond the archaeology to show the volunteers and the members of the neighborhood who created a unique atmosphere for an archaeological dig.