

**archaeology**

How is archaeological knowledge different from historical information ?

**Historian's data?**

- First person accounts
  - Diaries, newspapers, letters...
- Maps
- Records
  - Property lists, transactions
  - Birth / death
- Potential biases?

**What can garbage add to history?**

- Ordinary
- Worm's eye-view is democratic!

**Archaeological challenge** Article 2



- Behavioral processes
  - Acquisition
  - Manufacture
  - Use
  - Deposition
- Site formation: biases
  - Burial
  - Preservation

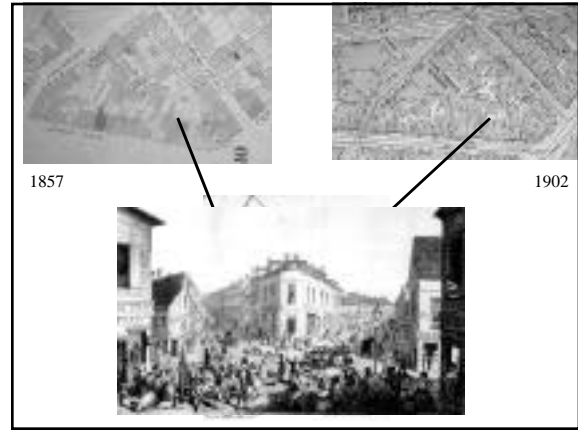
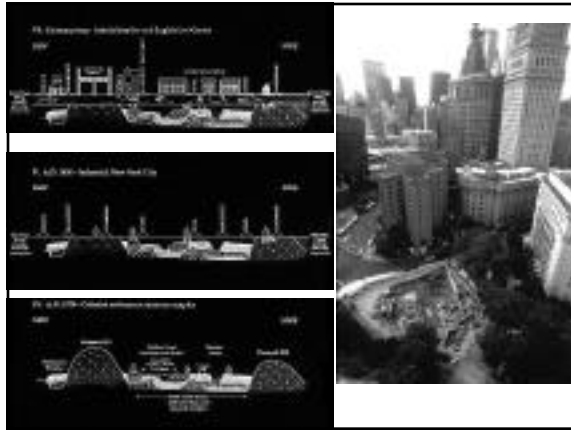
**Transformation**

- Preservation & context
  - How buried?
    - ❖Primary context
      - Buried where acquired, made, used
      - Deliberately discarded
    - ❖Secondary context
      - Disturbed by human or natural agent

**Historical archaeology in New York City**

- Five Points



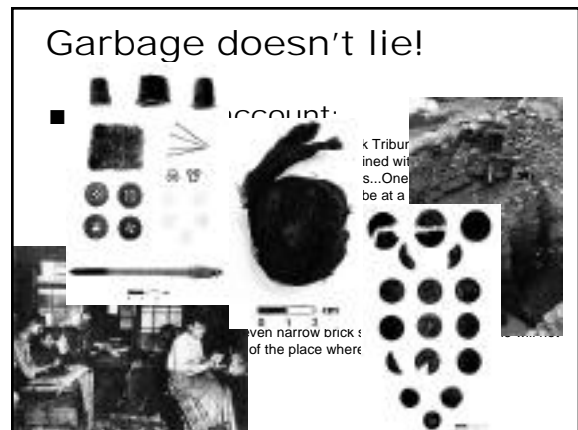
**Five Points Assemblages**

- Artifacts
  - Change through time
  - Different functions: activities ?
- Garbage vs. written record

**474 Pearl street**

- bakery
  - Privy 1812
- saloon
  - Privy 1873

The text is accompanied by an architectural floor plan of 474 Pearl Street. An arrow points from a specific location on the plan to an excavation site photograph, showing the remains of a privy.



### Archaeology of slavery

- Questions
  - Continuity & change?
  - Daily lives?
  - Identity?
  - Resistance ?
- Methods/data:
  - Artifacts in context
  - Present / past
- Middleburg plantation, SC
  - 1700-1850
- Monticello, VA
  - T. Jefferson 1770-1826
- Hermitage, TN
  - Andrew Jackson 1830-1850

### Jefferson's slaves



### Monticello artifacts



### Monticello question:

- Does finding "fancy" artifacts in the slave quarters at Monticello mean that Jefferson treated his slaves better than most slave owners?