

Teacher Professional Development Programs with Edward T. O'Donnell, Ph.D.

Consolidation: The Creation of Greater New York in 1898

Before 1898, New York City was made up of Manhattan and part of the Bronx. The rest of what we now know as the five-boroughs was a collection of 40 separate cities and towns, including Brooklyn, the nation's third largest metropolis. But a group of visionary political and business leaders in the 1890s led a successful movement for "Consolidation," and on January 1, 1898 Greater New York was born. What was the thinking behind this bold plan and how did they accomplish it?

Walking Tour Option: Brooklyn Bridge to Brooklyn Heights

This presentation, augmented with more than 75 visuals, examines the following:

- the ideas behind the pro-Consolidation movement
- the vision and leadership of Andrew Haswell Green
- the opposition to Consolidation in Brooklyn, Long Island City

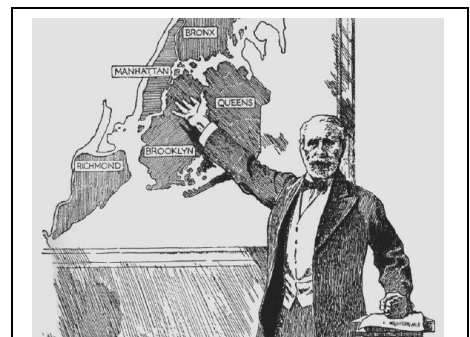
- the impact of Consolidation on the city's growth and development in the 20th century
- lingering questions over the wisdom of Consolidation.

About the Presentation:

Today's students are visual and interactive learners – and so are their teachers. Consequently, this multimedia presentation is built around 75-100 unique and carefully selected visuals, including vintage photographs, etchings, maps, cartoons, and documents (samples appear on this page). O'Donnell uses them to enhance a lively and interactive presentation. Ample time is allotted for Q & A, but O'Donnell always welcomes questions at any time during the session.

Benefits for your teachers:

- a renewed and/or deepened awareness of topic's **essential content**.
- an enhanced understanding of the topic's critical **questions, concepts, and ideas**.
- new ideas for finding and using **primary sources** and developing DBQ's, simulations, projects, debates, and field trip preparation.



Andrew Haswell Green,
the "Father of Greater New York"

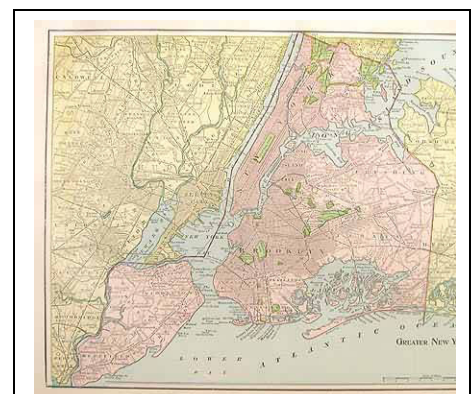


Brooklynites oppose the merger, 1894

Programming Options:

- Time Flexibility – all presentations and workshops can be tailored to meet your needs, from 1 to 3 hours.
- Pedagogy Workshops – O'Donnell is also available to lead workshops on primary sources, DBQ's, simulations, projects, and debates.
- Walking Tours & Historic Site Visits - O'Donnell has led thousands – just ask!

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