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For several years, RKM has been the subject of archaeological research by Dr. Christopher Matthews of Hofstra University. Over the course of several field seasons Dr. Matthews has demonstrated the archaeological significance of this site. It was due to his absence that CAC was asked to undertake monitoring. MNL subcontracted the excavation and installation of the trees to Urban Arborists under the direction of Bill Logan.

Prior to work three areas were determined for tree planting and noted for their potential sensitivity. Two areas were located within the confines of the fence surrounding RKM and the third was located approximately five meters outside the northern gate of the house. The trees being planted were four inch trees and required four by four foot circular pits to be excavated to a depth of approximately thirty inches to accommodate the root balls.

Two of the three excavated areas (T02 and T03) proved to be devoid of material remains. However, during the excavation for T01, what appeared to be a late nineteenth century/early twentieth century refuse deposit was uncovered in the southern portion of the excavation pit. Below this layer of debris, mostly brick building materials was a layer of three mortared wide bricks in association with two broken green blown wine/liquor bottles with a typical mid to late eighteenth century “blob” top.

Upon uncovering the in situ layer, excavation was halted and the pit for the tree was moved approximately one meter to the north. The original excavation pit was backfilled with the hopes that further excavation would be undertaken by Dr. Matthews during his upcoming field season.

It is the recommendation of this report that future excavations in the area around RKM continue to be monitored for its cultural sensitivity. Although no material remains were uncovered in two of the three excavation trenches, this was due, in part, to the previous work by Dr. Matthews in those areas. Future plans should consult with the field maps created by Dr. Matthews as well as continued to be the subject of monitoring.
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I. Introduction:

On Monday, April 10, 2006 Chrysalis Archaeological Consultants (CAC) undertook the monitoring of tree installation at Rufus King Manor (RKM), Rufus King Park, Queens, New York (Figure 01) on behalf of the City of New York Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks). Mathews/Nielsen Landscape (MNL) was retained for the installation of trees around the historic, landmarked structure. MNL subcontracted the excavation and installation of the trees to Urban Arborists under the direction of Bill Logan. CAC staff on site included Alyssa Loorya, M.A., R.P.A. (Principal Investigator) and Christopher Ricciardi, Ph.D., R.P.A.

The Cultural Resource Request for Proposal called for archaeological monitoring of all subsurface excavation work prior to the installation of the trees due, in part, to the historic nature of the property and the sensitivity of the area based, in part, upon previous archaeological excavation. The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Figure 01: Rufus King Manor

For several years, RKM has been the subject of archaeological research by Dr. Christopher Matthews of Hofstra University, as well as other archaeological undertakings. Over the course of several field seasons Dr. Matthews has demonstrated the archaeological significance of this site. It was due to his absence that CAC was asked to undertake monitoring.

A documentary study was not required as part of this specific project. As part of Dr. Matthews long term archaeological study of Rufus King Park, documentary information is being gathered and will be reported on.
II. Archaeological Monitoring:

Prior to the positioning of the three excavation areas for the trees, Dr. Matthews was consulted with by Parks. This was done to ensure placement in areas that had either been previously tested or were least likely to contain significant deposits.

The three areas excavated by hand, with the assistance of a mechanical bob-cat, were staked out (Figure 02 and Appendix A). The excavation pits were classified as Tree 01 (T01), Tree 02 (T02) and Tree 03 (T03).

Figure 02 - Rufus King Manor/Park - rough site map, based upon MNL site plan -
Note - site map is not to scale
Excavation Area Tree 01:

Situated approximately four (4) meters east and five (5) meters north of the wrought iron fence opening (Figure 02), this excavation pit was the only one outside of the house’s property within Rufus King Park (Figure 03). The pit was to be excavated to a diameter and depth of one and a quarter (1.25) meters by one (1) meter.

![Figure 03: What would become known as T01A’s location](image)

Excavation work immediately revealed two distinct soil sections. The southern half of the pit was a mixture of moist dark loamy soil, while the northern half was comprised of sand and reddish clay. Broken fragments of red brick were scattered throughout the dark loamy soil (Figure 04). Approximately thirty (.30) centimeters below surface larger pieces of red brick fragments were exposed along with a piece of whiteware ceramic. Excavation was halted and scraping using trowels began to determine if the pieces were scattered fill, or part of a larger deposit and/or feature (Figure 05). It was the working assumption, at that stage, that the fragments were refuse materials deposited in that area and the excavation was allowed to continue.
Figure 04: T01A - Brick fragments

Figure 05: T01A - Hand scraping of the excavation pit
At approximately one (1) meter below surface, and just at a point where the excavation pit was almost completed, a series of three mortared red bricks were uncovered. Adjacent to them were the remains of at least two green blown wine/liquor bottles, a piece of transfer-printed blue pearlware, a blue painted porcelain ceramic fragment and a fragment of an animal’s rib (Figure 06). It was determined that this may be an in situ feature that could date from the late eighteenth to the early nineteenth century. After consultation with all parities, it was decided not to plant the tree in this pit, but rather move approximately one (1) meter north to avoid the uncovered material remains. This excavation pit was then relabeled as T01A and the new excavation pit would be called T01B.

Figure 06: T01A - Possible in situ eighteenth to nineteenth century brick feature

T01B was located along the same north-south point, but one (1) meter further into the park (Figure 02). Unlike T01A, just below the surface, the soil was comprised almost completely of the sandy, red clay soil and was devoid of all material remains (Figure 07). The excavation pit, upon completion was the required one and a quarter (1.25) meters in diameter by one (1) meter in depth.

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1 For a listing of the material remains recovered in T01A see Appendix B.
Figure 07: T01B - Excavation completed

Excavation Area Tree 02:

Located in the north western corner of the house’s property (Figure 02), within the confines of the house’s perimeter fence (Figure 08), T02 was located near the area that previous excavations uncovered a stone-lined shaft feature. The proposed excavation pit for the tree installation in this area was slightly larger than the others at approximately one hundred fifty (150) centimeters in diameter.
Figure 08: T02 Location in relation to RKM and previously excavated stone lined shaft feature - the dark, barren soil area just to the southwest of the stake.

Excavation for T02 was undertaken both manually and with some mechanical assistance (Figure 09). The pit contained a layer of topsoil, approximately thirty (.30) centimeters in depth, followed by a light reddish brown subsoil layer, which extended to the bottom of the excavated pit. This unit was excavated to a depth of approximately sixty (.60) centimeters below surface. No artifact remains were uncovered during this excavation.
Excavation Area Tree 03:

This excavation area was located east of the house, Figure 04, in the northeastern half of the property (Figure 02). This location was selected due to a previous tree that was recently removed and because the area was previously excavated by Dr. Matthews in 2005. The proposed diameter and depth for this pit was to be approximately one and a quarter (1.25) meters by one (1) meter.

An initial excavation attempted to place the excavation pit exactly within the area of a previously excavated archaeological test pit (Figure 10). As the excavation neared the projected depth, a metal gas pipe was encountered (Figure 11). It was determined that this area should not be used for the tree because future growth could damage the pipe. The excavation was halted and for designation purposes this pit was labeled T03A.

A decision was made to move the pit approximately one (1) meter to the north and slightly east of this previously excavated pit T03A. It was the hope of the arborists that this new placement would avoid the gas line that was running east-west towards the house. This pit was identified as T03B.
However, at approximately thirty (30) centimeters below surface, another metal utility pipe was encountered (Figure 12). As with T03A, this pipe was also running in an east-west orientation. It was determined to abandon this pit for the same reasons as T03A was abandoned and move further north and east, closer to the existing wrought iron fence.

Figure 12: T03B: utility pipe encountered

T03C was located approximately one hundred and twenty-five (125) centimeters, northeast of the previous two pits in the north east corner of the property within the perimeter fence (Figure 13).

Shortly after excavation began another metal utility pipe was encountered. However, this pipe was cut and no longer in use. The crew removed and discarded the pipe. The soil in this area was similar to the disturbed soils in the other two attempted pits, a topsoil layer followed by a dark brown disturbed layer. In this pit however, the bottom was beginning to reveal a reddish brown layer and single broken paving stone was revealed. This pit was excavated to a depth of approximately one (1) meter below surface and approximately one hundred twenty-five (125) centimeters wide (Figure 14).
III. Summary and Recommendations

Previous excavations around RKM have shown the site to contain significant, in situ, stratigraphic layers, material remains and features. Although monitoring of the installation of three trees around the property only revealed an in situ feature and material remain, in one excavation pit, it is recommended that continued archaeological monitoring be undertaken for any future subsurface work.

It is hoped that future excavation in the area of T01A will be undertaken to determine what the feature is. It has been determined that the upper portion of the test pit was used as a refuse deposit area, but the laid mortared bricks in association with at least two partially intact green blown bottles provide hints of a possible eighteenth or early nineteenth century deposit. Work has been limited in the areas north of house, outside of the perimeter fence. Uncovering this potential feature once again reveals that areas such as these should be considered for further testing.
Appendix A:
Site Map
Appendix B: Material (Artifact) Remains Catalogue
From T01A:

Mixed into the upper half/refuse deposit level:

**Brick:** 2 earthenware red bricks

**Ceramic:** 1 earthenware, whiteware, body shard (post 1850)

Mixed into the lower half/in situ brick layer level:

**Bone:** 1 fragment - rib

**Ceramic:** 1 earthenware, pearlware, transfer-printed blue body shard (c. 1790-1840)
1 porcelain, blue painted, body shard (post 1780- approx. 1840s)

**Glass:** (all blown green “liquor” bottle)
2 bases
1 neck/rim, blown (blob) top
1 neck
13 body shards

**Total Artifact Count:** 23 pieces
Appendix C:
Other Images
Figure 15: T01A - Green Blow Bottle remains

Figure 16: T01A - Ceramic and Bone fragments
Figure 17: T01A - Excavation

Figure 18: T01A - Trowel excavation
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EDUCATION:

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, Syracuse, New York.
Ph.D in Anthropology/Historical Archaeology, June 2004

M.A. in Anthropology/Historical Archaeology, May 1997

BROOKLYN COLLEGE, Brooklyn, New York

EMPLOYMENT:

UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Project Archaeologist, September 2001 to present
Cultural Resource Specialist, NHPA, NEPA, EA, EIS and Environmental Coordinator,
Project Manager – Mattituck Inlet Study, Mud Creek Planning Assistance Study
Project area includes: Long Island and the Hudson Valley.
Projects include Storm Damage Reduction, Ecosystem Restoration, Navigation Control,
NY-NJ Harbor Deepening Legal Team, Independent Technical Review Lead - Louisiana
Coastal Protection and Restoration Project and Alabama Storm Damage and Restoration
Project

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - RESEARCH FOUNDATION/GOTHAM CENTER
Archaeologist, October 2004
Lecturer at the City Hall Academy on archaeology

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT
Archaeologist, May 2001

URS-GREINER WOODWARD-CLYDE
Principal Investigator, January to February 2000, February to May 2001
Stone Street, New York, NY, Bronx River Parkway Extension, New York, NY,
Westchester Creek Storage Tank Project, Bronx, NY.

ELLIS ISLAND FOUNDATION
Archaeologist, November – December 2000
Ellis Island Project, New York, NY

SAYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Co-Director, Edwards Homestead Archaeological Project October 2000, April-May 2001

NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE
Archaeological Technician, April 2000
Liberty Island Project, New York, NY
NEW YORK COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES
Lecturer - Speakers in the Humanities Program, January 2000 to December 2002, January 2006 to present

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES
Archaeological Educator, November 1999

HENDRICK I. LOT T HOUSE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION, INC.
Project Director, September 1999 to September 2001

BROOKLYN COLLEGE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTER
Co-Director, May 1998 to August 2001
Hendrick I. Lott House Archaeology Project; Brooklyn, NY

BROOKLYN NEW SCHOOL, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK
Archaeology Educator, December 1998

NEW YORK CITY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Site Supervisor, October 1998 to December 1998
Chambers Street Project; New York, NY

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY; FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
Adjunct Instructor (Anthropology), January 1998 to May 1998
Introduction to Archaeology

INSTITUTE FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AT MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE
Curriculum Developer and Archaeological Educator, September 1997 to December 1998
PS 134; New York, NY, Parkway School; Greenwich, CT, Congregation Emmanuel of Harrison, NY; Temple Israel of New Rochelle, NY

NEW YORK CITY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Intern – Archaeologist, September 1997 to December 1997
Stone Street Project; New York, NY

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY - DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
Graduate Assistant, September 1995 to December 1995 and September 1996 to May 1997

WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE
Teacher Assistant, August to May 1993-1994
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

RYE (NEW YORK) HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Timothy Knapp House; Rye, NY

ARCOPLEX/KEY PERSPECTIVES, ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP
Excavator, July 1990, July, August 1991
Sign Road; Staten Island, NY, Bartow-Pell Mansion; Bronx, NY, Elmhurst Park; Queens, NY
VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

CHRYSALIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS, INCORPORATED

Field Director and Researcher, January 2002 to present
Rufus King Park, Queens, New York, April 2006
Columbus Park, New York, New York, September 2005 to present
Martin's Field Phase II Project, Queens, New York, September 2005 to present
311 Broadway, New York, New York, February 2005 to June 2005
Roger Morris Park, New York, New York, January 2005 to March 2005
Page Ave - Block 7792, Staten Island, New York, December 2004 to August 2005
Martin's Field Phase I Project, Queens, New York, September 2004 to present
63-65 Columbia Street, Brooklyn, New York, October to December 2004
Queens County Farm Museum, Queens, New York, July 2004 to December 2004
Pieter Claesen Wyckoff House, Brooklyn, New York, May 2004 to December 2004
Wayanda Park, Queens, New York, August 2003
Gravesend Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York, January 2002 to February 2002

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK'S RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Archaeologist, November 2004 to present
City Hall Academy Educational Project

HUBBARD HOUSE HISTORY PROGRAM

Archaeological Director, May to June 1998
Elias Hubbard House, Brooklyn, NY

BROOKLYN COLLEGE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTER

Co-Director, August 1999
147 Hicks Street Cistern Excavation Project, Brooklyn, NY

Laboratory Assistant – Volunteer Instructor, June 1994 to July 1995; June 1997 to July 2001
Introduction to Archaeological Laboratory Methods

Assistant to the Director - Teacher Assistant, June 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996; August 1997
Marine Park; Brooklyn, NY, Pieter Claesen Wyckoff House; Brooklyn, NY, Bartow-Pell Mansion; Bronx, NY

Trench Supervisor, July-August 1994
Kamenska Chuka, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY FALL FIELD EXCAVATION

Excavator, September-October 1995
The Erie House; Port Byron, NY

WILLIAM AND MARY FIELD SCHOOL

Surveyor, May 1994
St. Martin; Netherlands Antilles

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

NEW YORK CITY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Intern – Archaeologist, September 1997

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS: HISTORIC HOUSE TRUST DIVISION

Research Assistant, January 1995 to July 1996
AWARDS/GRANTS:
Brooklyn Borough President's Historians Award (through the Brooklyn College Archaeological Research Center) - 1998
CUNY-PSE Grant (through the Brooklyn College Archaeological Research Center) - 1998, 1999, 2000
Conference Travel Grant - Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York – 1997 through 2001
USACOE District Commander's Award for Scholarly Research 2005

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:
The Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology (CNEHA)
The Friends of New Netherland Society (FNN)
The New York State Archaeological Association (NYSAA)
The New York Archaeological Council (NYAC)
The Professional Archaeologists of New York City (PANYC)
The Register of Professional Archaeologists (ROPA)
The Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:
2005 to present Board of Trustees - Salt Marsh Alliance
2005 CNEHA – Student Paper Judge
2004 to 2005 President – Professional Archaeologists of New York City
2003 to present President – Brooklyn Heritage, Incorporated
2002 Trustee/Treasurer - Brooklyn Heritage, Incorporated
2002 to 2003 Vice President – Professional Archaeologists of New York City
2001 to present Advisor - Pieter Claesen Wyckoff House Museum Advisory Board
2001 Advisor - Brooklyn Heritage, Incorporated
1997 to present Trustee - The Hendrick I. Lott House Preservation Association
1997 to 2001 Secretary - Metropolitan Chapter–NYS Archaeological Association

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS:
Ricciardi, Christopher


2004a Changing Through The Century: Life on the Lott Family Farm, Town of Flatlands, Kings County (Brooklyn), New York in the Nineteenth Century. Doctoral Dissertation, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.


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1999 "127 Hicks Street Cistern Report”. Report on file with the Brooklyn College Archaeological Research Center; Brooklyn, NY.

Ricciardi, Christopher, Alyssa Loorya and Dr. H. Arthur Bankoff.


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Bankoff, H. Arthur, Christopher Ricciardi and Alyssa Loorya.


"Rediscovering Brooklyn's Dutch Heritage: The Hendrick I. Lott House Project"

04-14-98  New York State Archaeological Association - Metropolitan Chapter; New York, New York  
"Excavating the 4th Largest City in America: The Hendrick I. Lott House Archaeological Project"

04-10-99  Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
Chairperson – Contributed Papers in Farmstead Archaeology Session

04-10-99  Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
"Excavating Brooklyn's Farmsteads: Urban Archaeology Meets Traditional Rural Sites"

10-12-99  New York State Archaeological Association - Metropolitan Chapter; New York, New York  
"More Questions Then Answers: The Hendrick I. Lott Archaeology Project"

10-14-99  Norwalk Community-Technical College, Norwalk, Connecticut Lecture Series  
"Historical Archaeology at the Hendrick I. Lott House in Brooklyn, NY"

01-08-00  Society for Historical Archaeology Conference; Quebec City, Canada  
"Excavating Brooklyn, New York's Rural Past: The Hendrick I. Lott Farmstead Project"

04-16-00  Professional Archaeologists of New York City's Public Program, New York, New York  
"Archaeology at the Hendrick I. Lott House in Brooklyn, NY"

06-13-00  Suffolk County Archaeological Association, Long Island, New York  
"Historical Archaeology at the Hendrick I. Lott House in Brooklyn, NY"

06-15-00  New York History Annual Conference; Bronx, New York  
"Public Archaeology at the Hendrick I. Lott House in Brooklyn, New York"

04-19-01  Society for American Archaeology Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana  
"Beyond Community Involvement: The Hendrick I. Lott House Archaeological Project and Its Impact in the Surrounding Community"

10-07-01  Gotham Center for New York City History Conference, New York, New York  
"Unearthing 19th Century Farm Life in New York: The Lott House Project"

10-19-01  Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology Conference, Niagara, Canada  
"Unearthing 19th Century Farm Life in New York: The Lott House Project"

11-26-01  New York University, New York, NY; "Slavery at the Lott House"

10-03-02  The Dutch In New York Conference, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York  
Conference Chairman and Organizer

04-19-03  Professional Archaeologists of New York City - 23rd Annual Conference, New York, New York: Conference Chairman and Organizer

LECTURES TO COMMUNITY GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS, TEACHER WORKSHOPS, GRADE/HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES:

04-20-93  John Dewey High School; Brooklyn, New York; "The Archaeology Of New York City"

06-05-95  St. Luke's School; New York City, New York; "What It's Like To Be An Archaeologist"

04-10-97  Cos Cob Elementary School; Cos Cob, Connecticut; "Archaeology in Your Backyard"

05-20-97  Parkway School; Greenwich, Connecticut; "Archaeology and History – What it all Means"

05-29-97  Order of Colonial Lords of Manors in America Annual Meeting; New York, New York  
"The Archaeology of Van Cortlandt Park; Bronx, NY"

06-08-97  Glenville Elementary School; Glenville, CT; "Archaeology and History – What it Means"

01-27-98  The Science Activity Exchange - Dig Into Archaeology; Greenwich, Connecticut  
"Integrating Archaeology Into The Grade School"

03-12-98  John Dewey High School; Brooklyn, New York; "Archaeology in Your Backyard"

03-17-98  James Madison High School; Brooklyn, New York; "Archaeology and the Lott Family"

04-04-98  James Madison High School; Brooklyn, New York; "The Archaeology of Flatlands"

09-08-98  Community Board 13; Brooklyn, New York; "Archaeology and Education in Brooklyn"

09-15-98  Manne Park Civic Association; Brooklyn, New York; "Excavating the Lott House"

10-25-98  Brooklyn History Day; Brooklyn, New York; "Brooklyn History from the Dirt Up"

12-21-98  Brooklyn New School, Brooklyn, New York; "The Archaeology of Brooklyn"
10-00-03  Hendrick I. Lott House; Brooklyn, New York: "Teacher Workshop-Archaeology"

01-15-04  Bartow-Pell Society; Bronx, NY: "The Lott House Archaeology Project"

01-30-04  Malloy College, Rockville Center, NY: "The Archaeology of New York City"

03-09-04  Fraunces Tavern; New York, NY: "The Archaeology of New York City"

04-13-04  Oyster Bay Historical Society; Oyster Bay, NY: "The Lott House Archaeology Project"

06-30-04  Woodhaven Historical Society; Queens, NY: "The Lott House Archaeology Project"

07-12-04  Historic District Council/Architectural Institute of America Conference; New York, NY: "Archaeology and Preservation – Working Together"

08-29-04  Sons of the American Revolution; Brooklyn, NY: "The Revolutionary War Project"

10-22-04  City Hall Academy; New York, NY: "On Being An Archaeologist"

11-08-04  BELHS High School; Bronx, NY: "On Being An Archaeologist"

11-13-04  Hendrick I. Lott House, Brooklyn, New York: "Teacher Workshop-Archaeology"

11-20-04  The Wyckoff House; Brooklyn, NY: "Teacher Workshop – Archaeology"

12-02-04  City Hall Academy; New York, NY: "On Being An Archaeologist"

01-12-05  City Hall Academy; New York, NY: "NYC Archaeology"

01-20-05  City Hall Academy; New York, NY: "NYC in the Revolutionary War"

02-20-05  Salt Marsh Nature Center; Brooklyn, NY: "Archaeology In Your Backyard"

02-28-05  City Hall Academy; New York, NY: "NYC Archaeology and the Revolutionary War"

05-23-05  Brooklyn College: Brooklyn, New York: "Archaeology and the Parks Department"

06-11-05  Historic District Council; New York, NY: "Where Have All The Dutch Gone?"

07-27-05  Hofstra University; New York: "Slavery at the Lott House"

10-25-05  Fraunces Tavern Museum; New York, New York: "The Lott House"

02-01-06  City Hall Academy; New York, NY: "NYC Archaeology and the Revolutionary War"

02-27-06  City Hall Academy; New York, NY: "NYC Archaeology and the Revolutionary War"

03-06-06  Salt Marsh Nature Center; Brooklyn, NY: "Dutch Brooklyn: Where Is Everyone?"
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