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## Tribeca Then and Now: The Unknowns (Part 1)

August 16, 2018 • History, Photo Essay

As I've mentioned in the previous roundups of [Jane Freeman's photos from the 1980s and 1990s](#), many were taken at locations I've been unable to identify. Some are right on the tip of my memory; others, I haven't a clue. Feel free to weigh in, but please don't just toss out a guess and leave me to verify it. Go to the actual building or street view on Google Maps and see if the photo lines up with what's there today. (You can identify the image by the number below it.) If it does, I'll take a corresponding "now" shot. N.B. It's possible that some of these are not Tribeca.

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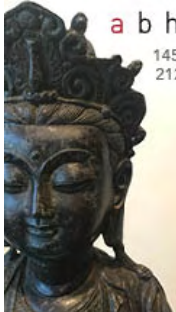
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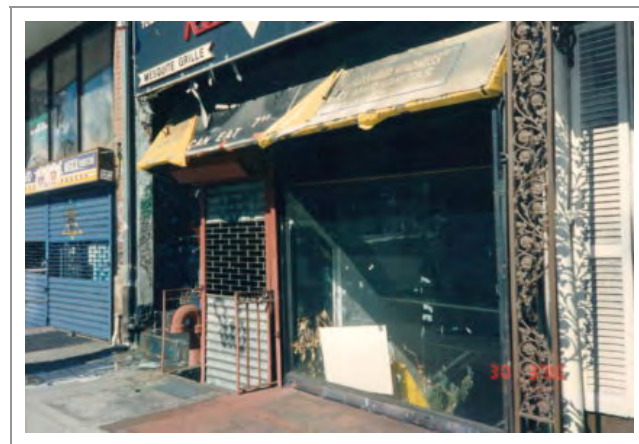
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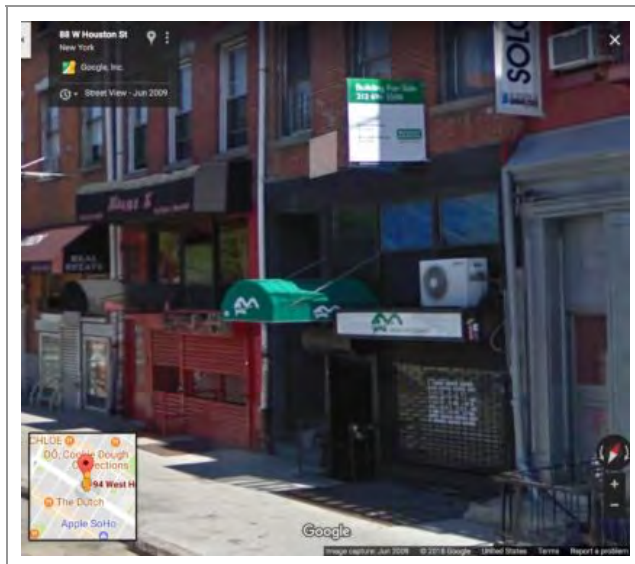


IMAGE #1

"This was tormenting me, and I finally remembered where it is—88 W. Houston," says Karen. "See the attached screen shot from the 2009 Google Maps archive" (above).

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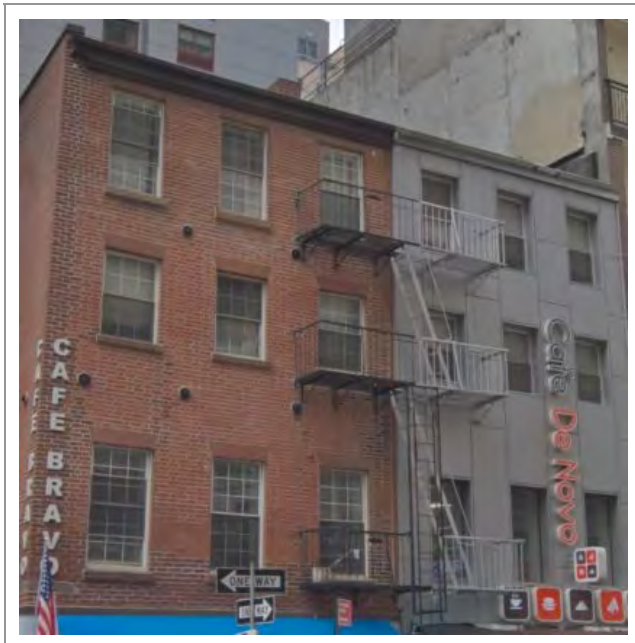
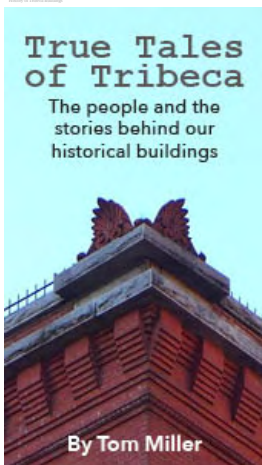
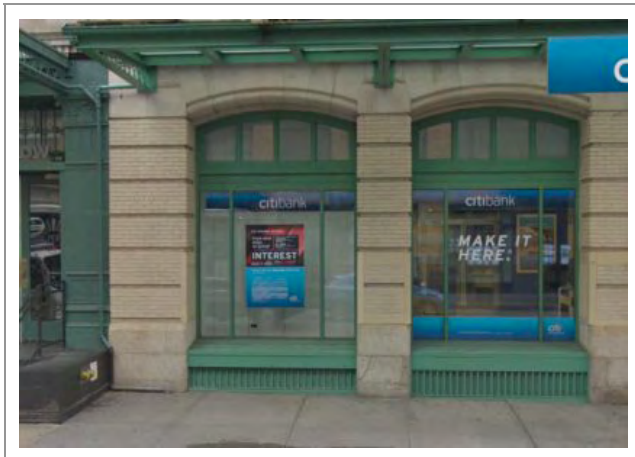


IMAGE #2

"Northwest corner of Greenwich and Rector Streets (#94 Greenwich St., where Cafe Bravo is now)," says James. The curent image is courtesy Google Maps, and note what happened to the poor building to the right.

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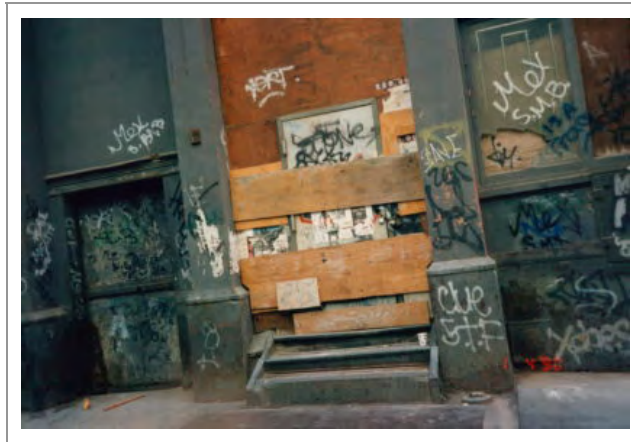
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**IMAGE #3**

Robert Ripps identified this as Hudson between Beach and N. Moore. Photo courtesy Google Maps.

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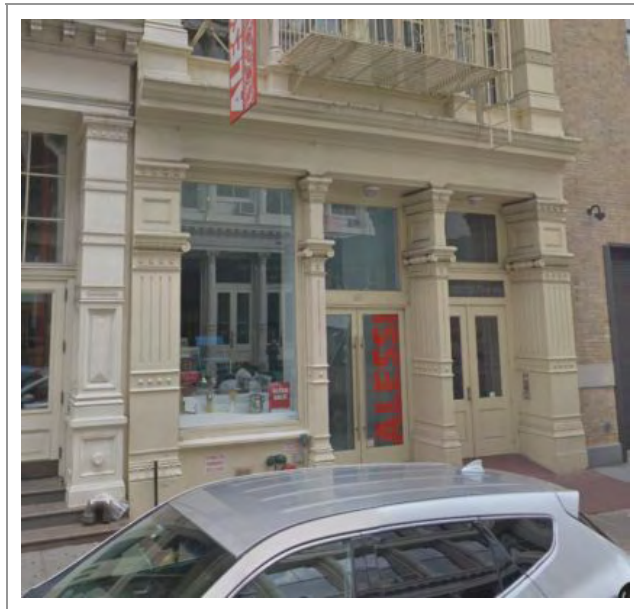
**IMAGE #4**

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**IMAGE #5**

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**IMAGE #6**  
130 Greene Street, says James.

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**IMAGE #7**

“This one looks a lot like 35-37 N. Moore, between Varick and Hudson,” said Robert Ripps, “although if it is, they switched the position of the ironwork in bays 1 and 3 when they renovated (as seen on Google Maps [here](#) [and above]). By the way, that ironwork pattern is used in other places as well on North Moore, and perhaps elsewhere in Tribeca.”

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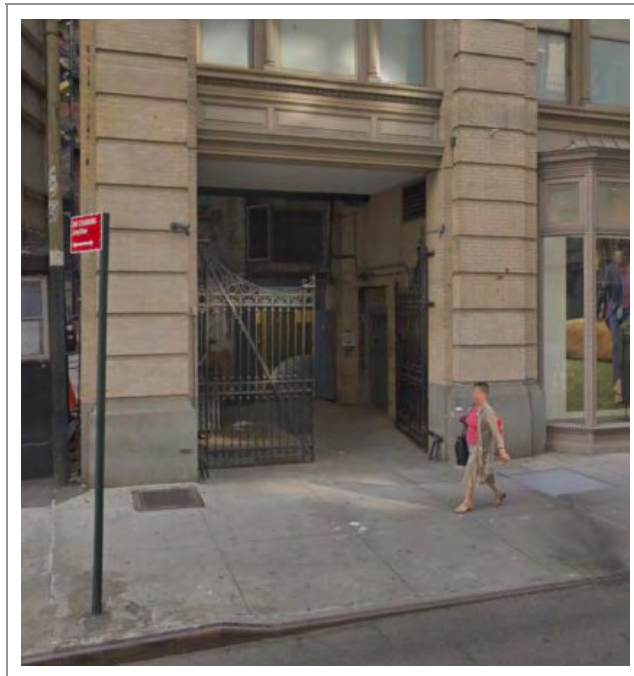




**IMAGE #8**

James identified this as 448 Greenwich (west side, between Desbrosses and Vestry). The second photo is from 1999; it's by Dylan Stone, courtesy the [New York Public Library](#).

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**IMAGE #9**

"95 Fifth Ave., entrance around the corner on the W. 17th St. side," says James. Photo courtesy Google Maps.

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**IMAGE #10**

From Sonia Stock: "I believe this doorway is located at #18 Commerce Street in the Village. There are two side by side, but this one has the window exactly as in image #10 along with the tiered wood at the top of the circular beams. I spoke with the neighbor Paula Easton at #16 and she told me she had been there since 1973 and that the neighbor had been there 2 years earlier. Paula said they had pointed the brick work and changed the outside color of the brick before she came. Attached is a photo of #18 for you trying to create the same photo. The door has been changed but the door lock is on the same side as it was prior along with many similarities."It certainly looks like it, although I do wonder about the large brick piece to the left of the door—you'd think it would show up in the "before" photo.

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**IMAGE #11**

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IMAGE #12

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Tags: Jane Freeman

## 16 Comments

**Robert Ripps**

August 16, 2018 • 9:12 am

#3, Hudson between North Moore & Beach Street- truck blocks exact same angle, but you get idea here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/@40.7202303,-74.0085463,3a,37.5y,271.92h,88.74t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1skao2VnOQxUWskGxA!2e0!7i16384!8i8192>

REPLY

**Slue**

August 20, 2018 • 12:24 pm

Image #12 is the warehouse next to 46 Laight St where I lived for 25 years. Just east off the NE corner of Hudson.

REPLY

**James**

August 20, 2018 • 2:36 pm

44 Laight? Doesn't seem like it to me. (Eagle was there at the time of LPC designation in 1992 and likely before. The other side of 46 was a gas station.)

<https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/bc3bede1-9aae-cebb-e040-e00a18064596>

Block 426: Laight Street between Varick Street and Hudson Street (north side)

TYPE OF RESOURCE

still image

GENRE

Photographs

DATE CREATED

1999

DIVISION

The Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Division of Art, Prints and Photographs: Photography Collection

PHOTOGRAPHER

Stone, Dylan, 1967-

[REPLY](#)

## native

August 16, 2018 • 10:22 am

I remember the way it was back in 1990. I would take it again any day. the neighborhood had artsy working class diverse people ( the originals who fought for Tribeca) PS 234, Food Emporium, Washington Market Park. They lived in Independence Plaza from the late 1970s when no one wanted to live here. I moved in in 1990. Yes it was quiet but it was home. I could afford to live here. Mom and pop stores in the area. We lived through 911 ( most of us sick from that exposure). Then they come in, they come in and little by little you can afford to shop or live in the neighborhood you built. It is really terrible. I miss those days when Tribeca had character !

[REPLY](#)

## James

August 16, 2018 • 1:49 pm

Image 8 is 450 Greenwich Street

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## Robert Ripps

August 16, 2018 • 2:07 pm

Not sure I agree with your assessment...

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## James

August 16, 2018 • 5:13 pm



Sorry, the building next door, # 448

REPLY

### Robert Ripps

August 16, 2018 • 5:27 pm

I still have issue with that location- if you look at the second floor windows on Google Maps [here](#),

currently 448 has 3 sections, while archival photo has 4. The windows could have been changed, but the current ones look pretty old, and the three window format is used at 433 Washington, which incidentally is almost a dead ringer for 448 Washington as seen on Google Maps [here](#).

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### James

August 16, 2018 • 8:48 pm

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Block 461: Greenwich Street between Vestry Street and Desbrosses Street (west side)

TYPE OF RESOURCE

still image

GENRE

Photographs

DATE CREATED

1999

DIVISION

The Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Division of Art, Prints and Photographs: Photography Collection

PHOTOGRAPHER

Stone, Dylan

### Robert Ripps

August 16, 2018 • 10:51 pm

Well done sir- I concede the point! And of course I meant 448 Greenwich.

But still interesting how 443 is basically same design, albeit with a 3 bay window...will have to check the Daytonian...

### Robert Ripps

August 16, 2018 • 1:56 pm

#7 This one looks a lot like 35-37 North Moore Street, between Varick & Hudson, although if it is, they switched the position of the ironwork in bays 1 & 3 when they renovated (as seen on Google Maps [here](#)).

BTW, that ironwork pattern is used in other places as well on North Moore, and perhaps elsewhere in Tribeca.

[REPLY](#)

**James**

August 16, 2018 • 1:56 pm

Image 9 is 95 Fifth Ave, entrance on W 17th Street side around the corner.

[REPLY](#)

**James**

August 16, 2018 • 10:02 pm

Image 2 – northwest corner of Greenwich and Rector Streets (#94 Greenwich St., where Cafe Bravo is now. )

[REPLY](#)

**james**

August 17, 2018 • 11:43 pm

Image 6 – 130 Greene Street, Soho.

[REPLY](#)

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**James Sarkisian La Piere Bono Allman Bogardus**

August 18, 2018 • 9:49 am

<https://goo.gl/images/6vaUSy>

[REPLY](#)

**TG**

August 20, 2018 • 9:25 am

Tenants have been in Independence Plaza since mid 1973, early 1974.

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