ABSTRACT

CREATIVE PROJECT: The Black Rock Market Square: The Forgotten History of an Early Market

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The Black Rock Market Square project was developed to help members of the Black Rock community in Buffalo, New York understand a forgotten part of their history. The community members have a very passionate interest in their history yet know very little about the market. The Black Rock Market Square was planned in 1830 by R. Chapin, Esquire, along with the rest of the village of Lower Black Rock, years before it was incorporated with the City of Buffalo. The Black Rock Market Square is the oldest extant market in the City of Buffalo. This paper reflects the issues involved in studying an urban site such as the Black Rock Market Square, a summary of the findings from historical research and preliminary archaeological investigations and what the future holds for the preservation of the historic Black Rock Market Square. It provides historical information for community members, guidelines for its treatment and preservation, and archaeological research that can be used in future excavations at the site. Additionally, this information can be used in the construction of a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the site and/or a National Register Historic District that the Market Square site will be located within.