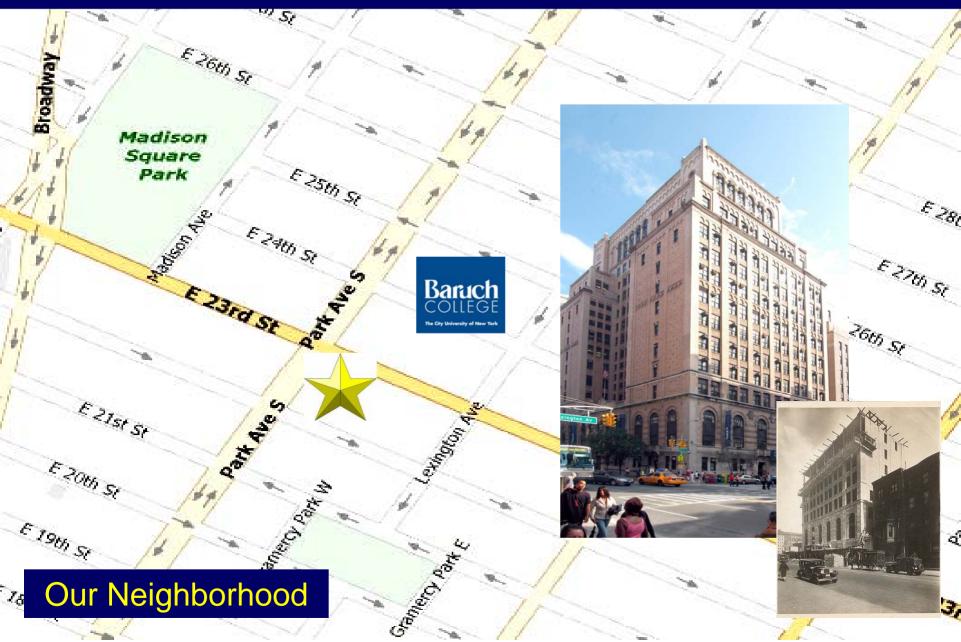


The corner of Lexington and 23rd Street was the original site of the **Free Academy**, a boys' high school that became the **College of the City of New York**. The College moved in 1907, leaving behind its business school. The Business School was to later become **Baruch College** in 1953.



The **Newman Vertical Campus**, opened in 2002 is located where the <u>**RCA Victor**</u> <u>**Studios**</u> once stood. Elvis Presley recorded "Hound Dog" and "Don't Be Cruel" in 1956. Other musicians included Marian Anderson, Harry Belafonte and Perry Como.

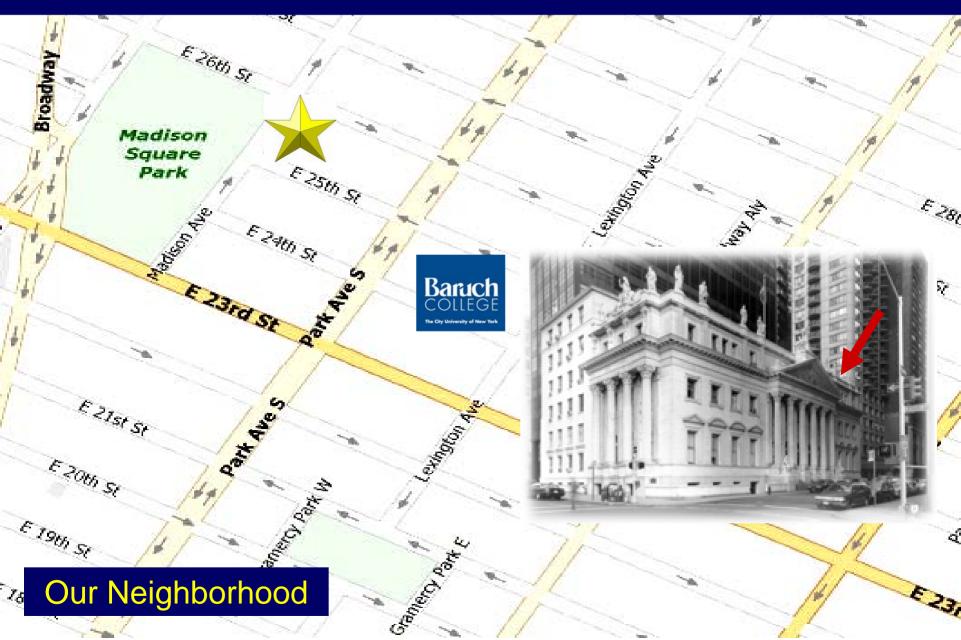


The Newman Library Building was built in 1894 as a power station for the cable cars that ran from north to south on the Metropolitan Street Railway Company of New York, and later the Lexington Company.

The building was converted to a library in 1994.



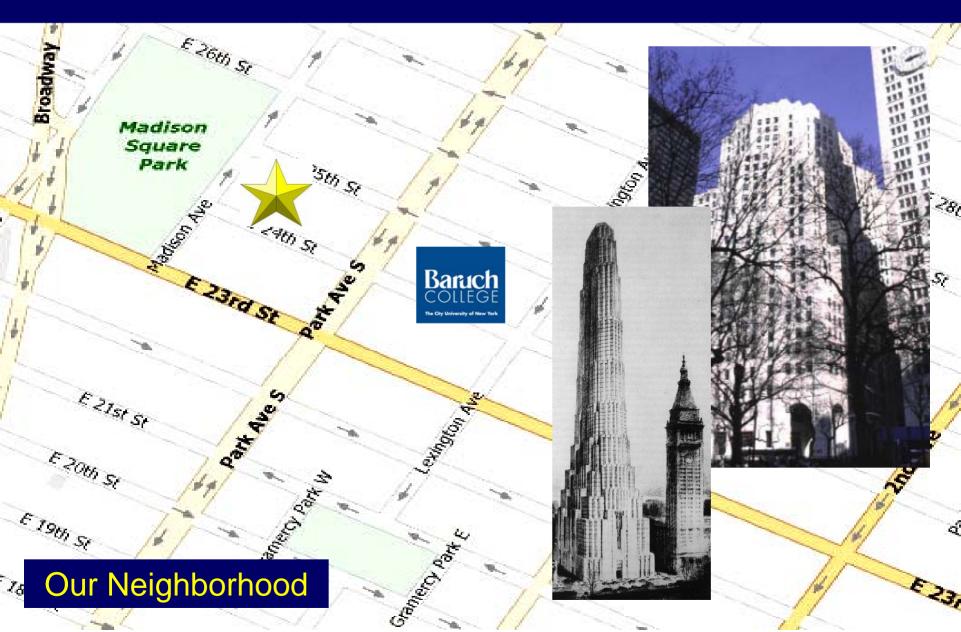
The Appellate Division Courthouse, built in 1900 is a lavish building of the Italian Renaissance style. It has one interesting, but little known fact. A pedestal for Mohammed remains vacant along the top. Muslims pointed out that any representation of Mohammed was idolatrous.



The 69th Regiment Armory Building was the home of the famous <u>Armory Show of 1913</u>, which many claim introduced modern art to the United States.



A building of 100 stories was planned by **Met Life**, but the Great Depressions stopped construction at 29 stories. This left the building's base looking huge. Built in 1929, it is now home to **Credit Suisse/First Boston**.

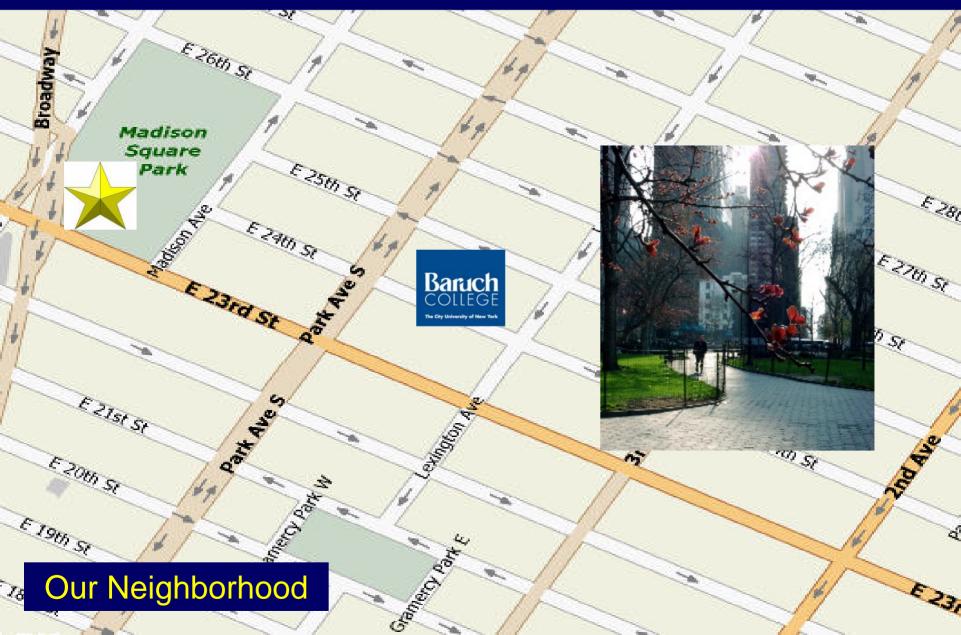


The Met Life Tower was built in 1909 and for four years, it was the tallest building structure in the world. It lost this title after the Woolworth Tower was completed in 1913.

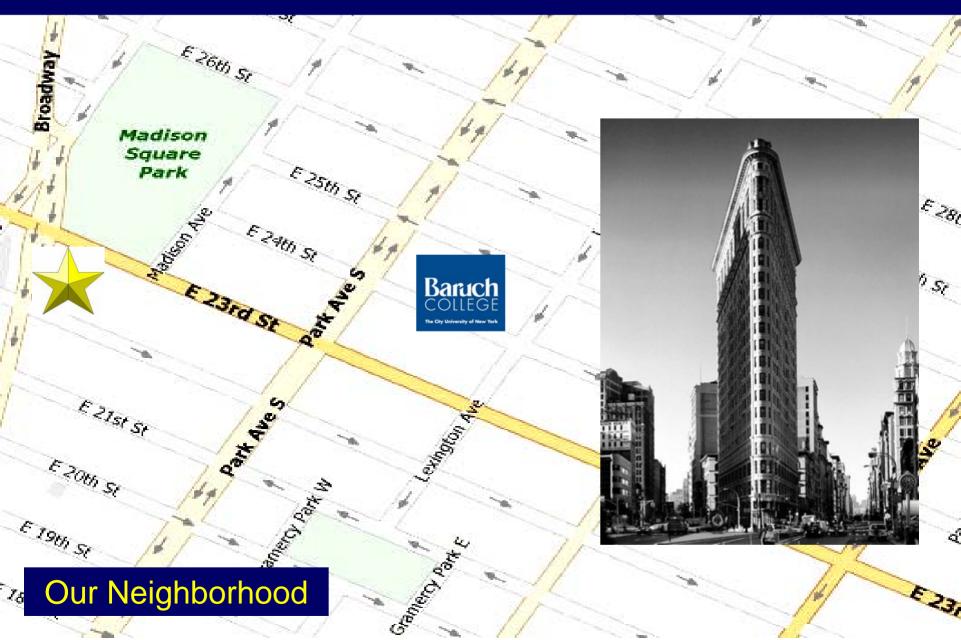


Originally planned in 1807 to be 240 acres, **Madison Square Park** was to be used for a military training area. When opened officially in 1847, less than 7 acres remained of the park. Its current layout was finalized in 1870,

where Madison Avenue springs from the park's southeast corner.



Built in 1903 as the **Fuller Building**, its striking shape earned it its nickname, **Flatiron**. It was recently featured in the Spider Man movie as the Daily Bugle Building. It was neither New York City's first skyscraper or tallest building.



Gramercy Park is New York City's **ONLY** private park. It was bought in 1831 by lawyer developer Samuel Ruggles. Each owner of the lots/properties surrounding **Gramercy Park** has a share in the park, and a gate key for entry. Building **34 Gramercy** (1883) is considered by many to be the city's first co-op.

