Welcome

Stories from North of Main



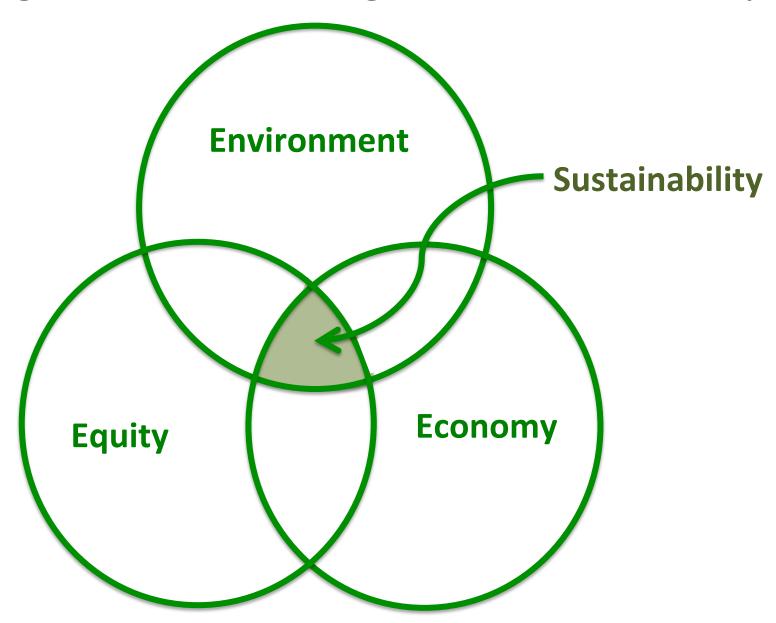


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Neighborhood Heritage and Sustainability

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- Define sustainability at the local level
 - Introduce local knowledge into the discussion
 - Understand change in terms of sustainability
- Interview residents and document stories of change.
- Establish indicators to measure change
- Learning about: people and place

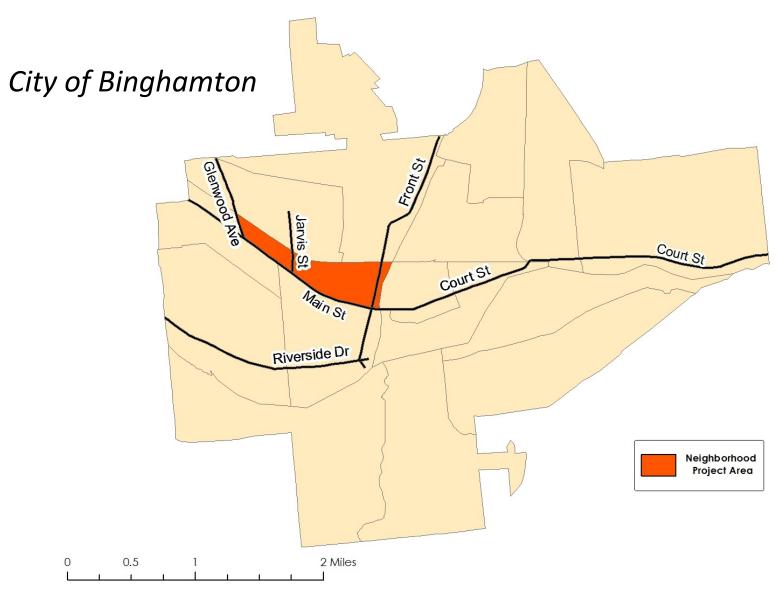
Agenda

- Public Administration class: Research Design and Methods
 - Census data and interviews
 - Elizabeth and Janice
- Anthropology class: Heritage and Communities
 - Interviews and archival data
 - Story Map a place-based visualization of what we learned
 - *Katie, Maura, Brandon, Amy, and Kasey
- Concluding remarks Siobhan Hart
- Time to engage Story Map and talk to the students

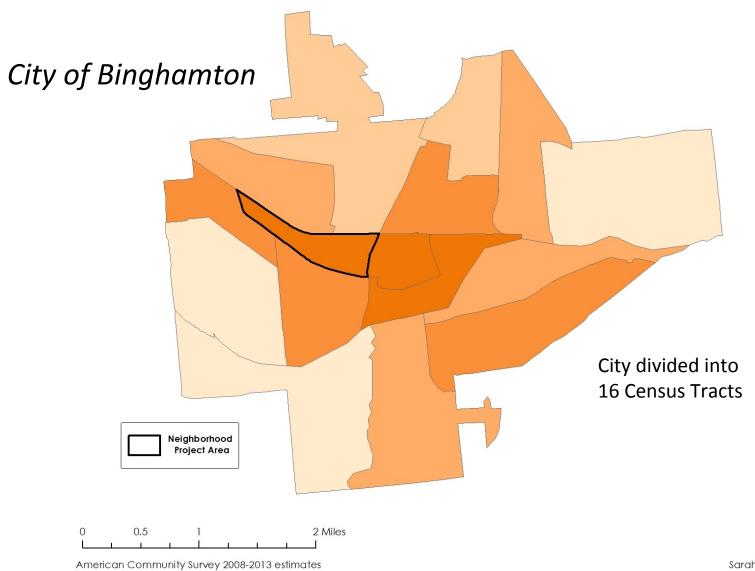
Neighborhood Numbers

- Snapshot of a place, establish a baseline
- Compare neighborhood to city and region
- Examine change over time
- Demographic data from US Census
 - 2000 Decennial Census
 - 2010 Decennial Census
 - 2008-2012 American Community Survey Five-Year Averages (sample)

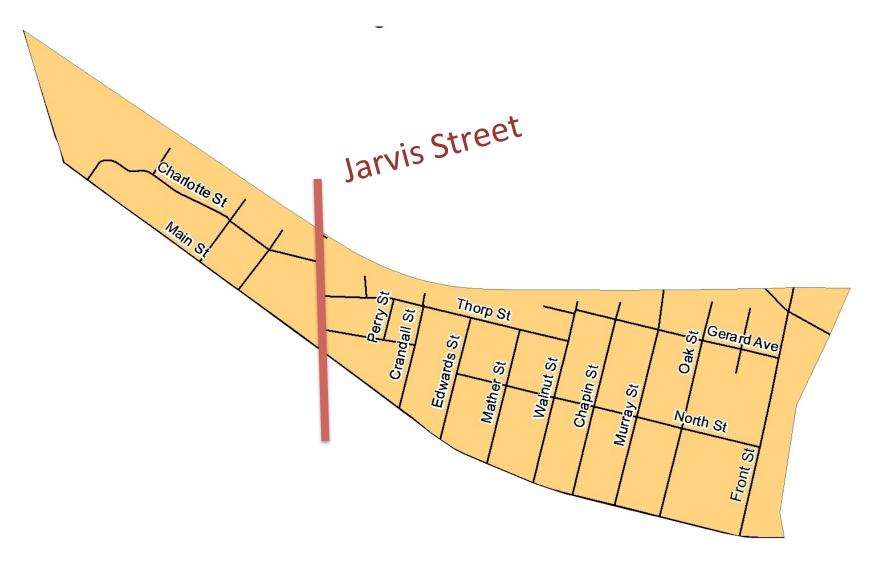
The Neighborhood in the City



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The Neighborhood – Census Tract 13

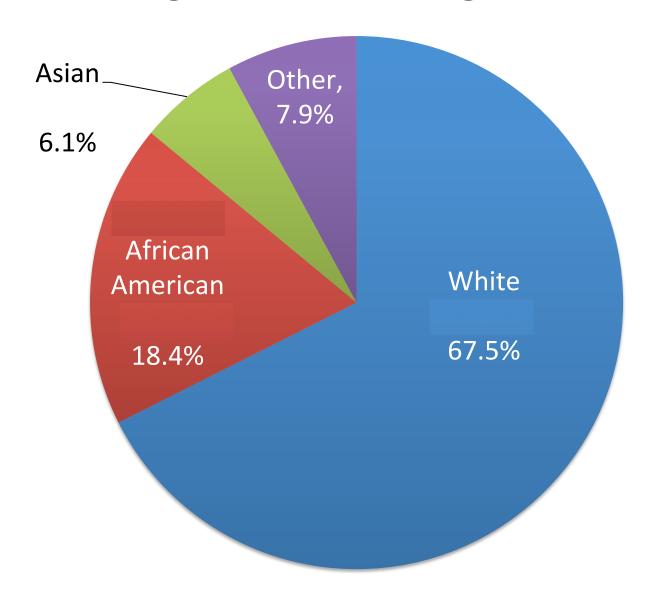


Population Change

Location	Population in 2000	Population in 2010	Percent Change
Neighborhood (Census Tract 13)	2,696	2,762	2.45%
City of Binghamton	47,380	47,376	-0.01%
Broome County	200,536	200,600	0.03%

Source: US Census

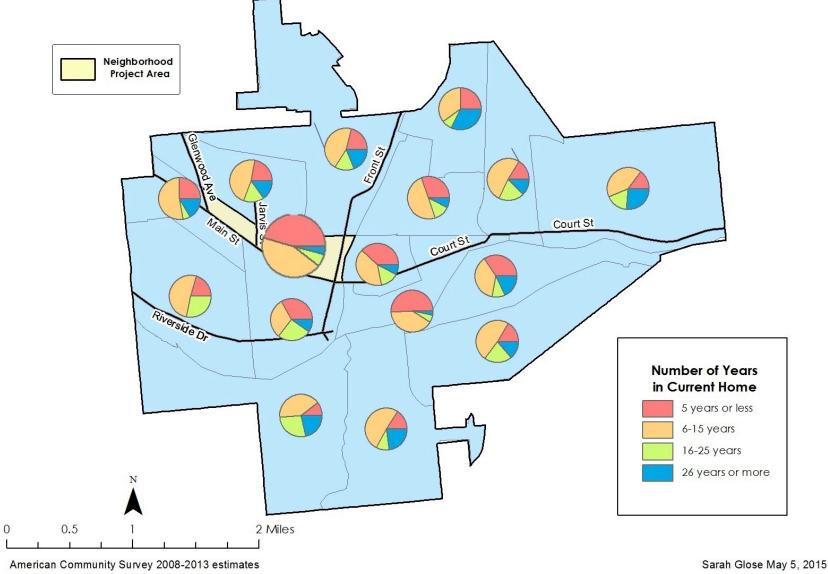
A Melting Pot – The Neighborhood



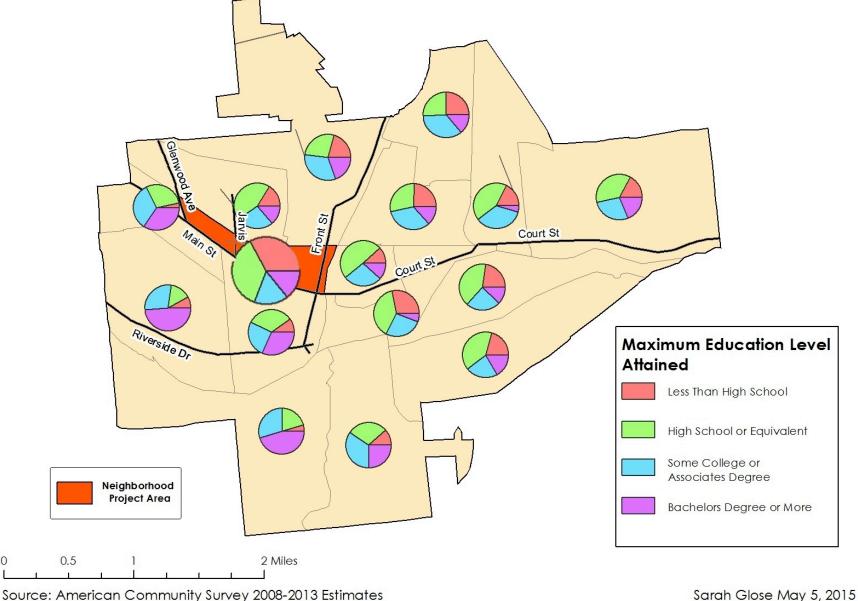
A Melting Pot – The Region

	Neighborhood	Binghamton	Broome
	(Census Tract 13)	City	County
White	67.5%	77.9%	88.5%
African-American	18.4%	11.1%	4.7%
Asian	6.1%	5.3%	3.5%
Other	7.9%	5.7%	3.3%
Latino	13.8%	5.6%	3.4%
Not Latino	86.2%	94.4%	96.6%
Born in US	89.0%	90.1%	94.1%
Born Overseas	11.0%	9.9%	5.9%

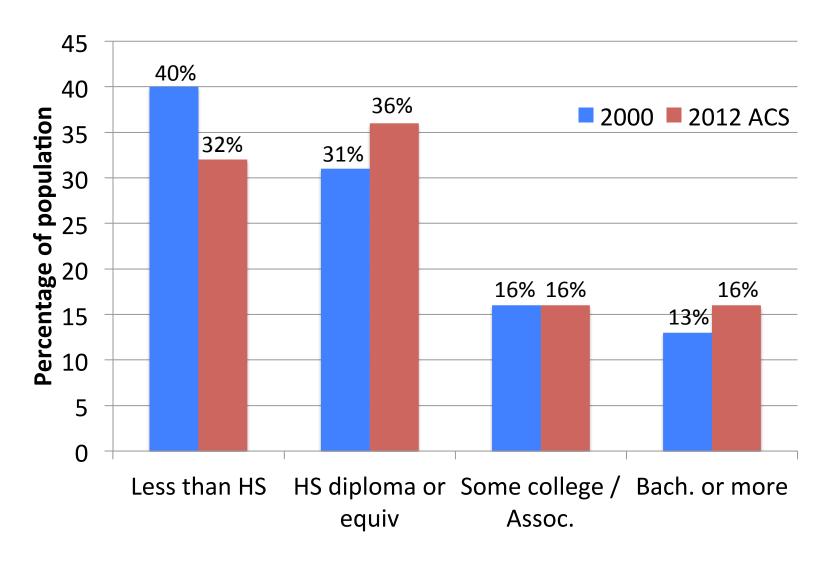
A Changing Place



Educational Attainment – The City



Educational Attainment – The Neighborhood



Source: US Census

On Neighborhood Businesses Aspirations, challenges, and looking ahead

"When I was growing up, I really wanted to be a doctor or lawyer and I didn't get to do it. So I would really like for my kids to get to do it. I would really like for my kids to get to be doctors and lawyers. The store would be something for them, part time. But I want them to go out there and do better than me."

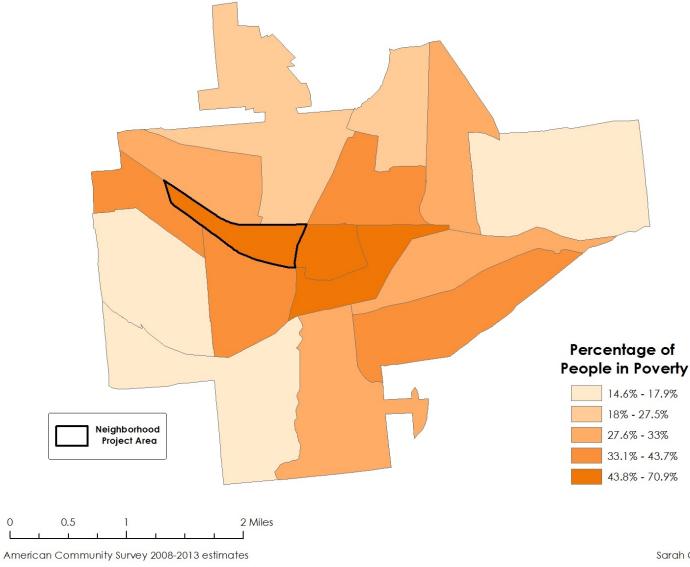
"Technology has changed a lot of things with the way that you work, and to stay educated on the technology and heavy equipment is very expensive.

[But] you have to stay focused on it or your gonna be out of the game relatively quick."

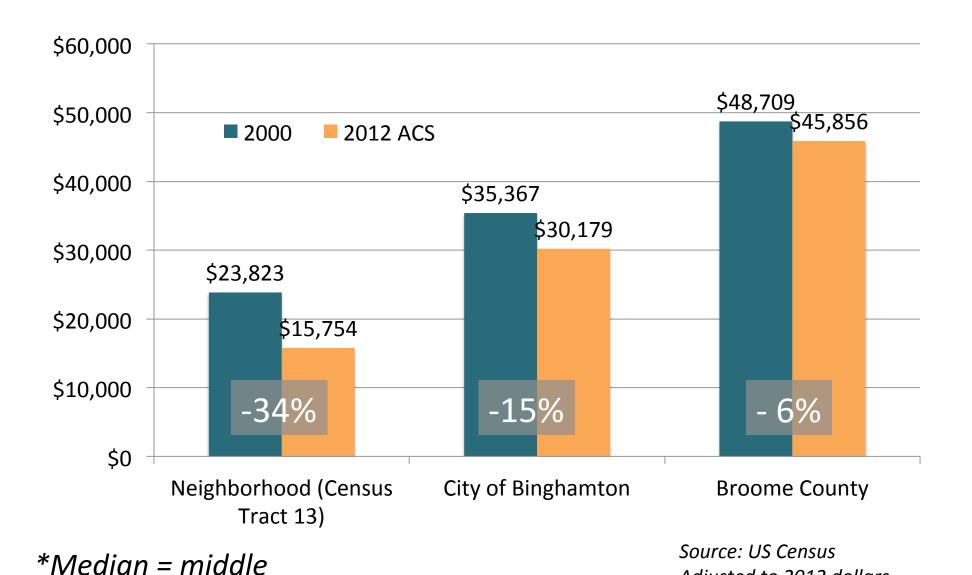
On Neighborhood Cohesion Challenges of community change

"There used to be families in the neighborhood, if they weren't on this block they were around here, that had young boys that wanted to earn money and they'd come to your door, they'd have their shovel and, "Want us to shovel for you lady?" And they shoveled, you know, and you'd give them ten bucks and they were thrilled! It doesn't exist."

Poverty Across the City

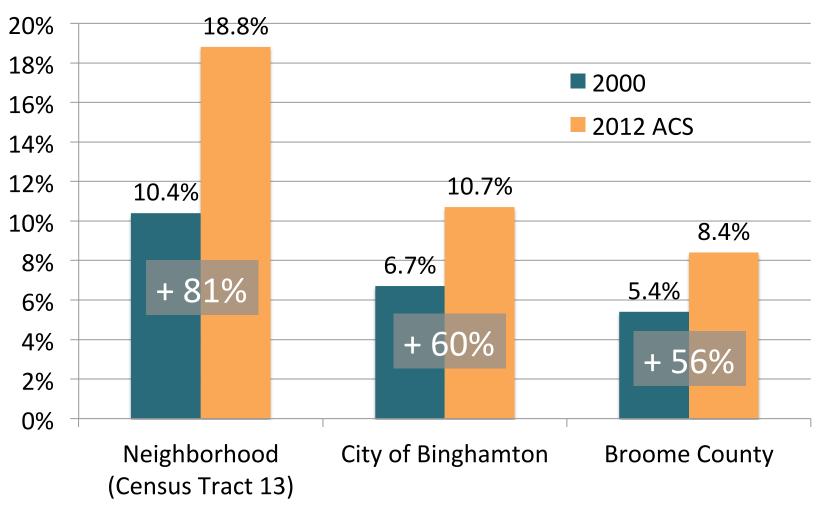


Median Household Income



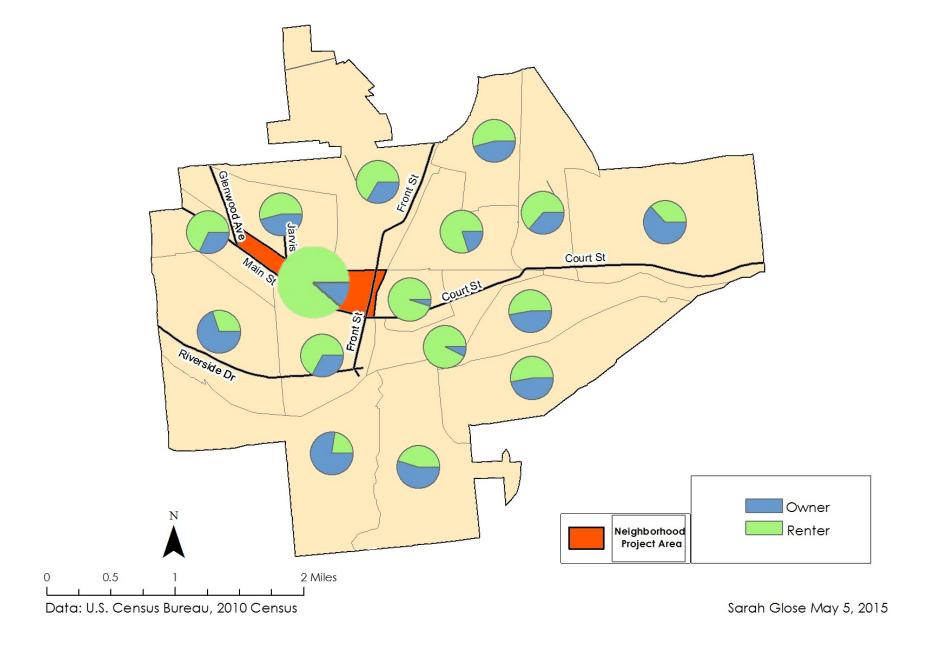
Adjusted to 2012 dollars

Unemployment Rates



Source: US Census

Housing –Percentage of Renters and Owners

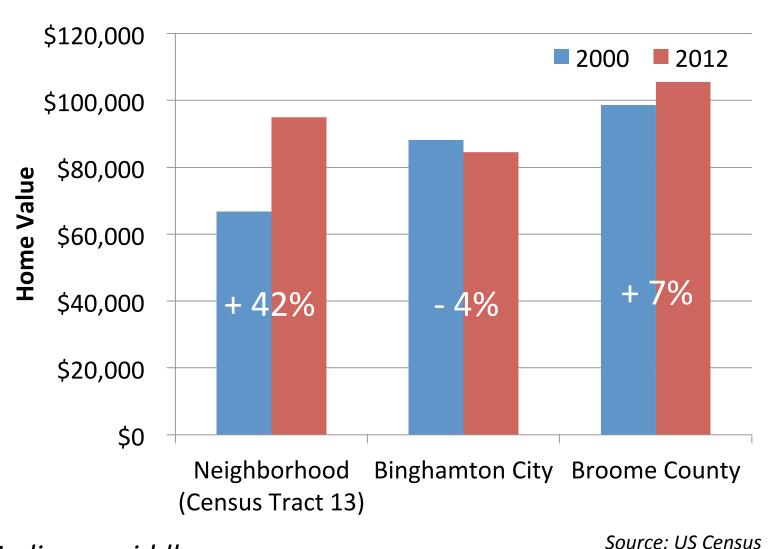


On Changing Residents...

Challenges driven by external forces

"The population has changed here especially the rental population, because there are no jobs. When I first moved here in the 80's, we had a lot of high tech manufacturing businesses in the area. So if you went out at night you had a lot of young professionals that were out and about. A lot of them. You know IBM they had so many IBM workers here that they would rent a house and 4 or 5 guys would live together. They would live here amongst the college students."

Median Home Values



Median Rent



Source: US Census Adjust to 2012 dollars

On Changing a Neighborhood...

Notions of hope and rising to challenges

"You just have to keep working at it. And we've seen a great improvement here. A big improvement with Crandall Street, and this house here, people are starting to pick up and take care of their places."

"It's been a slow process, but I think the fact that people are concerned and are doing things and won't give up on it, I think that is a big difference right there."



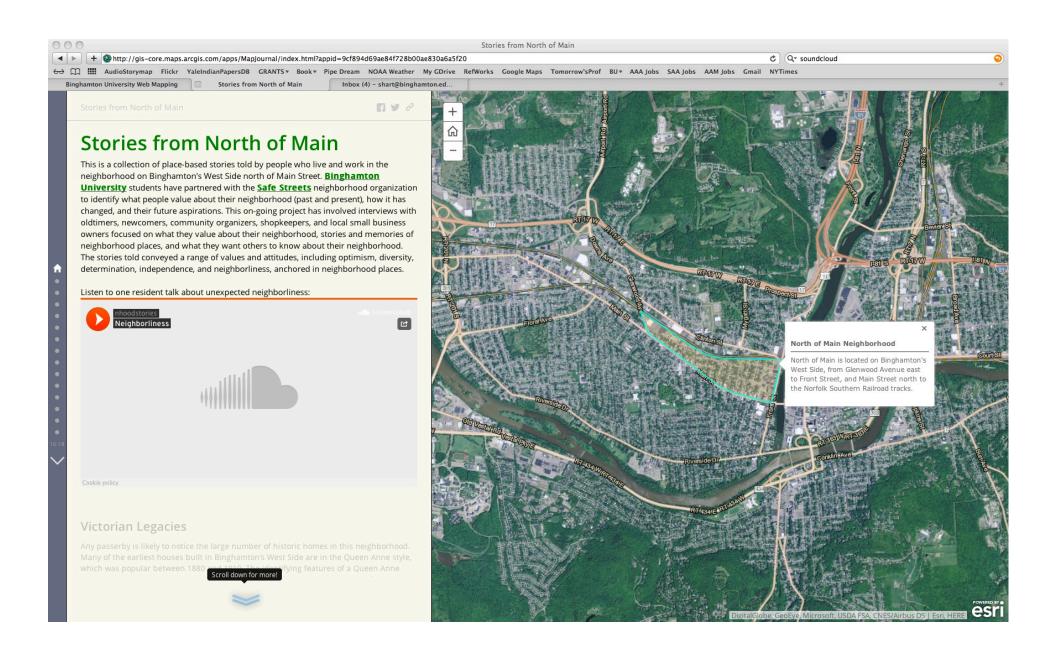
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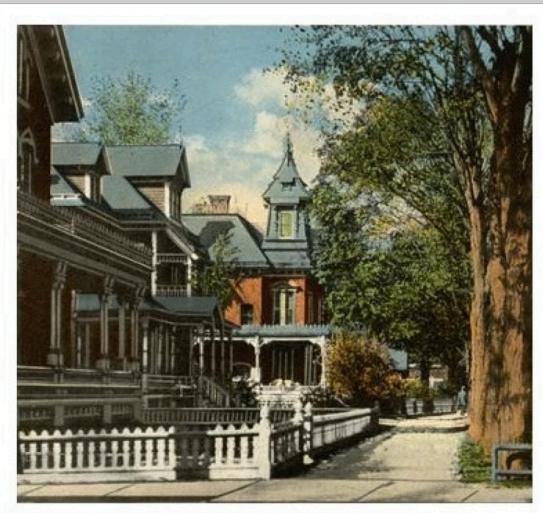
"I guess the growth of neighborhood involvement is the biggest change I've seen... and probably the most important. When you know your neighbor and you speak to them, you're more likely to care about what they think and care about how what you do affects them."



Above, schematic of Queen Anne style home from A Field Guide to American Houses by Virginia and Lee McAlester (1984). At right, an old postcard shows what historic homes looked like c.1920 at the corner of Main Street and Chapin Street, image courtesy of Special Collections, Binghamton University.

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MAIN STREET, LOOKING WEST FROM CHAPIN STREET, BINGHAMTON, NY

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Turn of the Century Neighbors

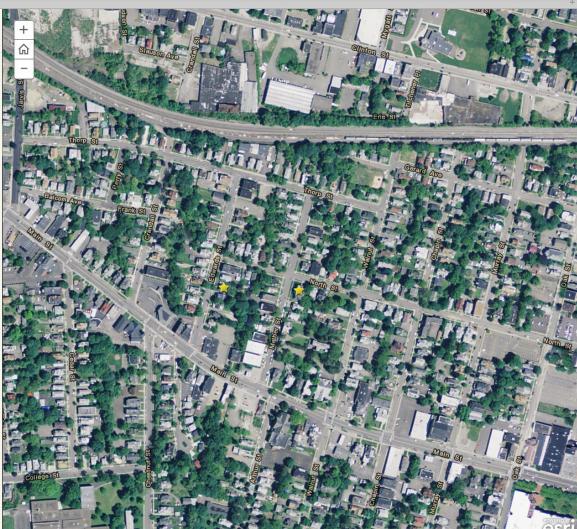
One of the Queen Annes on Edwards Street was home to the Larrabee family. The **Sturtevant-Larrabee Company** was a successful carriage and sleigh company based in Binghamton. The current owner of the house shared the following:

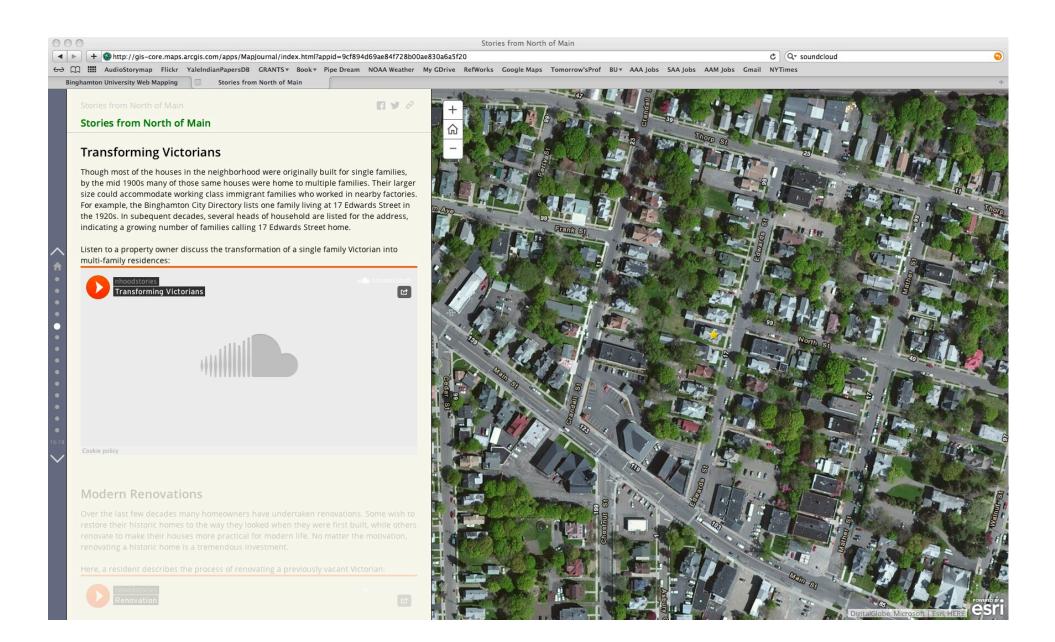
"Enter my house and you may still find the ghosts of Chester and Emily Larrabee, who built the houseand moved in as newlyweds in 1892. One day a man knocked on my front door and told me that Emily was his grandmother and he has memories of playing secret games with his cousins in the cupboard under the stairs. Helen Larrabee lived in this house all her life, and I bought the house from her estate." Mary Webster, *Herstory*

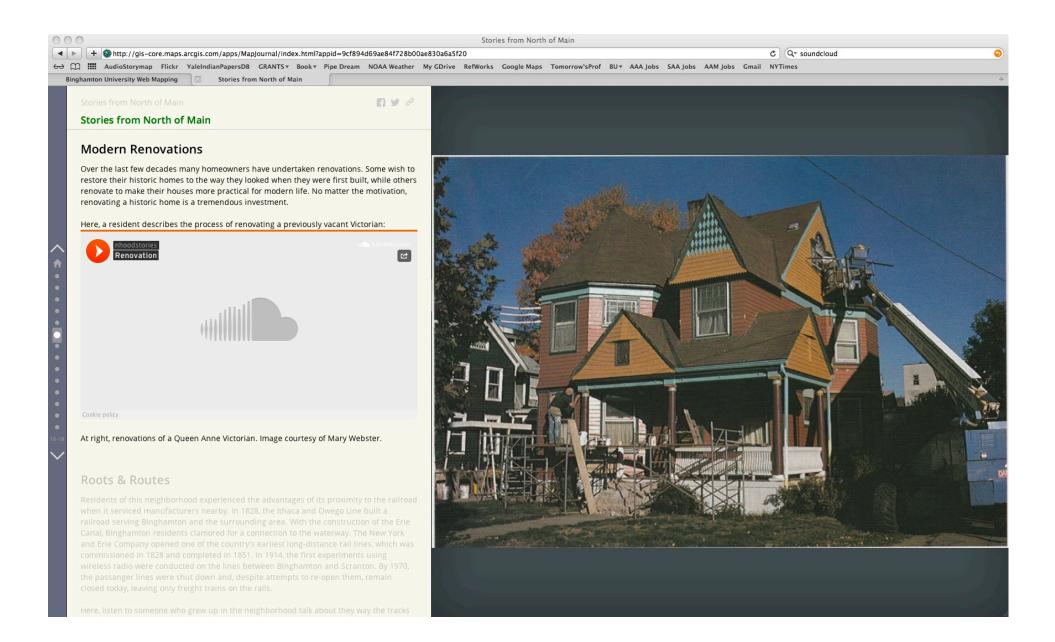


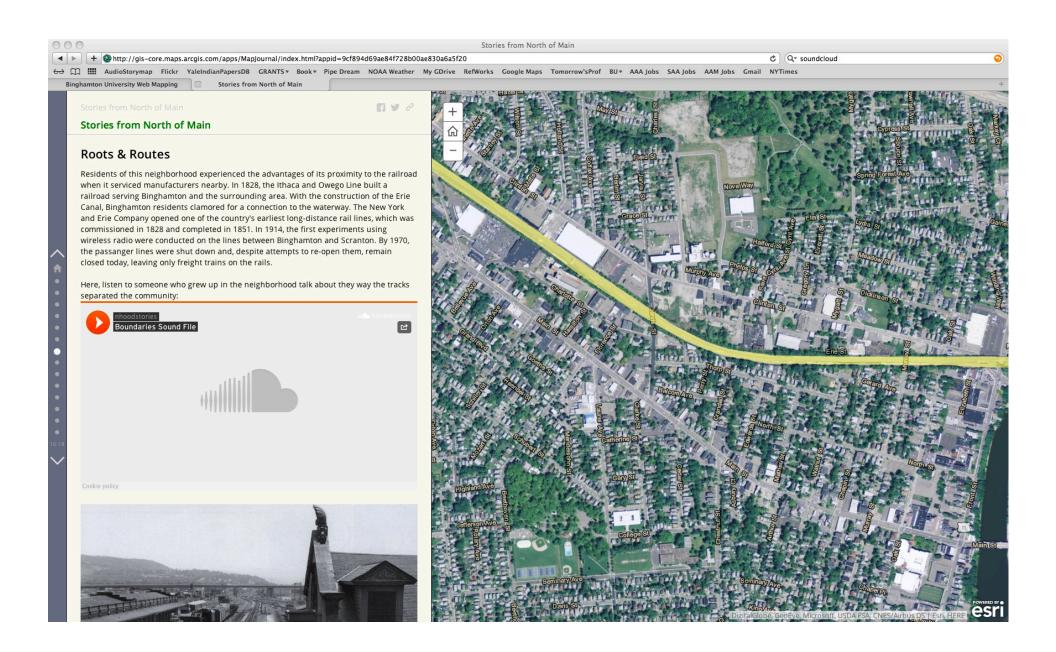
The Sturtevant-Larrabee wagon, sleigh and carriage factory in Cincinnatus, circa 1880. The business later moved to Binghamton and evolved into the Larrabee-Deyo Truck Company.

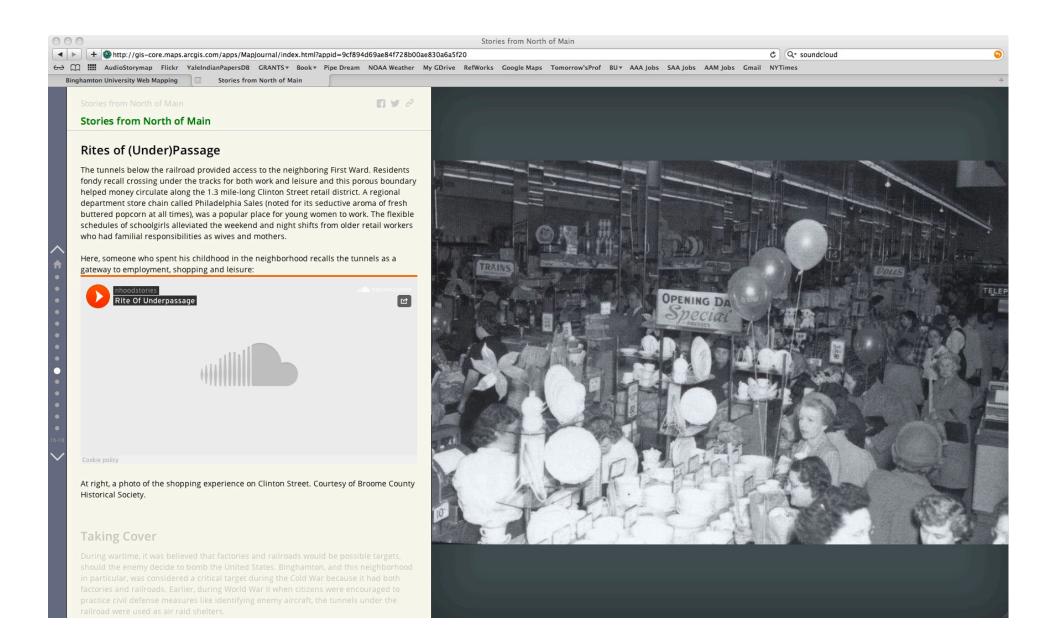
Above and at right from *Southern Tier Memories*, images courtesy of the Broome County Historical Society.











This Is A Civil Defense Test Issue

Emergency

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Saturday, July 11, 1953

C.D. Emergency Issue

Six U.S. Cities Bombed; American Planes Retaliate

ping of atomic bombs on six This means that the only food cities in the United States and in Broome County is in retail the swift retaliation against the grocery stores and in your homeland of the enemy.

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Blood Needed Desperately

An appeal for thousands of blood donors to help save the Food. lives of persons injured in the BROOME COUNTY

Grocer's Supplies Limited; PLEASE

Conserve All Food

VOLUNTEERS homes. By honestly telling you Formal declaration of war is the true situation, we feel that ARE NEEDED in Washington can be assembled. grocer's supply is limited to Without awaiting such a what he has on hand and so we Wheeler, director of the Broome surrounding areas formal declaration, long range are asking you to curtail your County Civil Defense organizabombers of the United States buying to the bare minimum for tion. ment is used in limiting your Beyond the bare announce- purchases. We are asking all reto cooperate with us in this dis-Army and Air Force officials astrous emergency. They will continue to give you your ac- are able bodied men to act as number of planes dispatched for customed service but they will stretcher bearers; women with have to limit your purchases to first aid experience for the medistretch their supply on hand. cal division; laborers for rescue ed by the atomic blast, officials city was estimated to have a Just be reasonable for the next work and unloading of supplies; declared that all available few days.

Try to be patient and above all Conserve and Share your

An urgent appeal for volunteers to assist in rescue, med-

"Because of the widespread destruction from the atomic explosion, workers of every type are needed at once," Mr. Wheeler said. "It is physically impossible for enrolled Civil Defense workers to handle the load."

drivers for trucks and ambulances; clerks, typists and telephone operators; messengers and cooks.

Albany, July 9 — world war Three, feared and dreaded by the free nations of the world, exploded today with the dropping of atomic bombs on six This means that the only food Explosion of an atomic bomb over Binghamton in a surprise enemy attack at 4:45 p.m. Friday has devastated the entire central area of the city with 24,000 persons reported dead and 18,000 injured. An additional

40,000 persons are homeless. All available Civil Defense personnel and equipment the effects of the atomic blast You can readily see that your ical and rehabilitation work was has been mobilized, with trained personnel and equipissued today by Claude A. ment of all types pouring into Broome County from the

A-Bomb Hits Binghamton;

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dents of Broome county and the six surrounding areas to refrain stressed, however, that from attempting to use telephones was issued today by officials of the Broome County for the injured and that the Among the volunteers needed Civil Defense organization.

telephone exchange for the city rapidly as possible. of Binghamton has been destroylines are needed to handle offi- force and power of the bomb cial calls to Civil Defense officials and workers.

Telephone operators will re-

Rescue efforts are being hampered by raging fires and blocked streets in the areas surrounding the cen-An urgent appeal to all resi- tral district of the city.

Civil Defense officials every effort is being made to provide medical attention homeless will be provided Pointing out that the main with food and shelter as

The bomb dropped over the power of 40 kiltons, double the dropped on Hiroshima.

Casualties from the disaster were reduced to some extent by

