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**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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**IDENTIFICATION**

1. BUILDING NAME (S): Union Street Bridge over Gowanus Canal
2. COUNTY: Kings
3. STREET LOCATION: Union Street (BIN # 2-24027-0)
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: NYCDOT  
ADDRESS: 2 Rector Street, New York, NY 10006
6. USE: Original Vehicular transportation Present: Vehicular transportation
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain: Y: Bridge

**DESCRIPTION**

8. BUILDING MATERIAL a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  h. other: steel
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints  
(if known) b. wood frame with light members  
c. masonry load bearing walls  
d. metal (explain) steel girders  
e. other \_\_\_\_\_
10. CONDITION: a. excellent  b. good  c. fair  d. deteriorated
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site  b. moved  if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): \_\_\_\_\_
12. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
d. developers  e. deterioration   
f. other: \_\_\_\_\_
13. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY  
a. barn  b. carriage house  c. garage   
d. privy  e. shed  f. greenhouse   
g. shop  h. gardens   
i. landscape features: \_\_\_\_\_  
j. other: operator house
14. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING  
a. open land  b. woodland   
c. scattered buildings  d. densely built-up   
e. commercial  f. industrial  g. residential

NOTE: NOT INDIV. ELIGIBLE BUT ~~CONTRIBUTES~~ CONTRIBUTES TO A POTENTIAL GOWANUS CANAL HIST DISTRICT.

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15. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS (indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

16. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known) Union Street Bridge is a bascule bridge located in an industrial section of Brooklyn. Forming a traverse over the little-used (in this area Gowanus Canal, it conveys light vehicular traffic above and even less marine traffic below.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

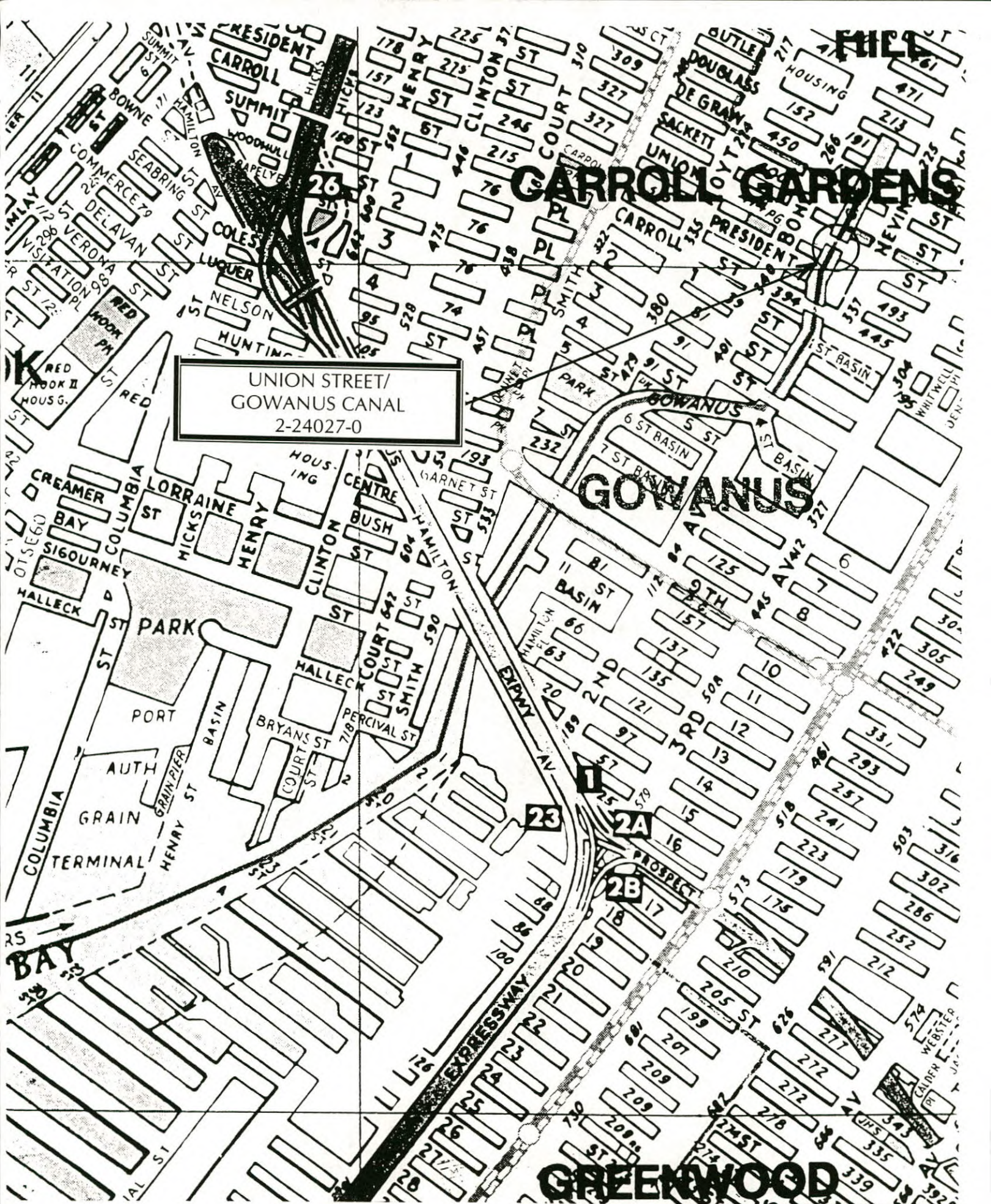
17. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1905

ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_

FABRICATOR: \_\_\_\_\_

18. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: \_\_\_\_\_





# LOCATION MAP





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VIEW LOOKING North  
DESCRIPTION Union Street Bridge over Gowanus Canal- south elevation (BIN # 2-24027-0)

PHOTO NO. 1



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VIEW LOOKING East PHOTO NO. 3  
DESCRIPTION Union Street Bridge over Gowanus Canal- top of bridge (BIN # 2-24027-0)



VIEW LOOKING East PHOTO NO. 4  
DESCRIPTION Union Street Bridge over Gowanus Canal- operator house (BIN # 2-24027-0)

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VIEW LOOKING South PHOTO NO. 5  
DESCRIPTION Union Street Bridge over Gowanus Canal- north elevation (BIN # 2-24027-0)