In-Archives Handout
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Group 3: Gowanus Flushing Tunnel

Opening of the Gowanus Flushing Tunnel, v1986.247.1.20, 1911; Brooklyn sewers construction photograph collection, ARC.209; Brooklyn Historical Society.


Take detailed written notes for each photograph in your group.

1. Care and Handling
   Please put on gloves before handling any photographs. You may use your cell phone or digital camera to photograph the documents, but TURN FLASH OFF.

2. Observation
   Inspect each photo, front and back. Note its approximate size and weight and what it is made of. Describe any marks you notice. Transcribe any writing on it.

   Describe what you see in the photograph:

   People
   Objects
   Activities

3. Inference
   Based on what you have observed above and in the BHS catalog description, list things you might infer from this photograph.

   In addition to the subject of the image, think about how and why it was made, e.g. Who took the photo? Who was the intended audience? What do you think the photographer wanted to capture?

4. Questions
   What questions does this document raise in your mind? Where could you find the answers to these questions?