

### Hunts Point: Before the Big Buildings

Think about it: what do Faile, Tiffany, and Spofford have in common? Give up? If you said that all three are street names in Hunts Point, then you are only part right. The rest of the right answer is that before Faile, Tiffany, and Spofford were streets in Hunts Point they were people who lived in Hunts Point.

The Faile Family lived in a mansion at the top of the hill where Garrison Avenue and Lafayette Avenue intersect today. They called their estate *Woodside*, probably because of the woods that were all around Hunts Point more than a hundred years ago. There is a story that Mr. Faile loved his horses. He rode them everyday into Manhattan where he worked. Sometimes he raced them!

The Tiffany family's home was sometimes called *Foxhurst* and other times *Fox Woods*. But it was not called these because of all the foxes that were being hunted in Hunts Point more than a hundred years ago. It was called *Foxhurst* and *Fox Woods* because of a marriage between a member of the Tiffany family and a member of the Fox family.

All of the mansions named above were demolished in the early 1900's. This was done to make room for new apartment buildings and the crowds of people who were moving to the Bronx from Manhattan. There is one old Hunts Point mansion, though, that still survives. It belonged to Colonel Richard Morris Hoe, and it was known as *Brightside*. But that was then. Today it is known to many as *Bright Temple*. You can find it at the corner of Faile Street and Lafayette Avenue.

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1. Which came first in Hunts Point, a street named Spofford or a person named Spofford?
    - a. a street
    - b. a person
    - c. Both came at the same time.
    - d. There is not enough information.
  2. You can tell from the article that Tiffany Street was probably...
    - a. the first street in Hunts Point
    - b. the name of a mansion before it was the name of a street
    - c. named after a person in Hunts Point
    - d. all of these
  3. You can tell from the article that Mr. Faile probably would have paid...
    - a. a lot of money for new horses
    - b. a little money for new horses
    - c. no money at all for new horses
    - d. old horses for new horses
  4. You can tell from the article that more than a hundred years ago, there...
    - a. was a building called Foxhurst in Hunts Point
    - b. a family named Fox in Hunts Point
    - c. fox that were hunted in Hunts Point
    - d. all of these
  5. You can tell from the article that more than a hundred years ago, when Manhattan was the big city, Hunts Point was...
    - a. an even bigger city
    - b. a small city
    - c. the country
    - d. all of these