For this assignment I found very useful to overlook at all the potential corpora listed in the syllabus; however, the summer social register from 1904 – 1910 – 1916 – 1917 – 1918 – 1919. I chose it because it is organized as a list, therefore easier to analyze for my purposes.

The corpora present a portion of text which are not accessible with the FSU subscription, probably due to copyright; from what I have been able to download the corpus is apparently very organized but the .txt files are in the form of rough data. It will take a consistent amount of effort to clean them and organized them to be presentable and, subsequently, to do some basic research on them. The main feature that can be observed in the .txt file is how some entries are broken in multiple lines and mixed with the previous or the following ones; probably due to the digitization of the material, the plain text file has not been curated in detail.

My goal for this material would be to compare the different years, especially 1918 and 1919, to understand how the Spanish Flu pandemic and the global depression after the Great War impacted the possessions of New York City residents, as well as their ability to move for the summer season. I believe it will take a further research into the other registers of New York City. Some lines of the summer registers report the death of the residence owner, so I find very interesting inquire in those two years, spectators of one of the hardest times the world has ever experienced.