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INTEACTIVE TIMELINE OF HUNTS POINT AND ITS HISTORY

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Hunts Point is a neighborhood located on a peninsula in the [South Bronx](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Bronx,_Bronx) in [New York City](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_City). It is the location of one of the largest food distribution facilities in the world. The neighborhood is part of [Bronx Community Board 2](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bronx_Community_Board_2). Its boundaries are the [Bruckner Expressway](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bruckner_Expressway) to the west and north, the [Bronx River](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bronx_River) to the east, and the [East River](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_River) to the south. Hunts Point Avenue is the primary street through Hunts Point. The neighborhood is considered to be a "Red Light District" in many cases for its crime and prostitution.[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunts_Point,_Bronx#cite_note-Hunts_Point_-_No._3-1) The neighborhood is served by [NYPD](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NYPD)'s 41st Precinct.[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunts_Point,_Bronx#cite_note-2)

Europeans first settled Hunt’s Point in 1663. At this time, Edward Jessup and John Richardson arrived on the peninsula and purchased the land from the Wekkguasegeeck tribe indigenous to the area. After Jessup died, his widow Elizabeth, entrusted the land to Thomas Hunt Jr., her son in-law for whom the area is named.[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunts_Point,_Bronx#cite_note-9)

In the years between the Hunts’ inheritance and 1850, several other wealthy landowning families occupied the peninsula. Legend has it that [George Fox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Fox) (1624–1691), founder of the[Society of Friends](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Society_of_Friends) (commonly known as Quakers), preached in the area in 1672. [William H. Fox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_H._Fox), a descendant of the Quaker leader, and his wife Charlotte Leggett, owned much of the land that is now Hunts Point.

As time passed and more New Yorkers became aware of the luxurious lifestyle available in Hunt’s Point, more City dwellers flocked to the area between 1850 and 1900. Later, the property wound up in the hands of Fox's and Leggett's son-in-law, H.D. Tiffany, a member of the family that owned the famous jewelry and decorative arts store [Tiffany & Co.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiffany_%26_Co.) now on [Fifth Avenue](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fifth_Avenue) in[Manhattan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manhattan). Fox, Tiffany and Leggett Streets derive their names from these former landowners. In 1909, the Fox mansion was demolished.

Hunts Point’s status as a home and vacation spot to the city’s elite came to a rather abrupt end in the period following World War I. At this time, a train line was built along [Southern Boulevard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_Boulevard_(Bronx)). Apartment buildings replaced mansions, streets replaced meadows and Hunt’s Point became a virtual melting pot for the City’s masses.[[10]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunts_Point,_Bronx#cite_note-10)

Aside from being a period of residential growth for Hunt’s Point, the 20th century has also been a time of industrial expansion for the peninsula. As more people moved to the area, the city’s business owners began to realize the advantages of locating to Hunt’s Point. Among them were the convenient access to the Tri-State region, the existing rail lines running through the Hunt’s Point area and the abundance of space available for the development of industrial and commercial activity.

This discovery led to an influx of businesses to the area. As the momentum of incoming businesses increased, the reputation of Hunt’s Point grew accordingly among business circles. With the openings of the New York City Produce market in 1967 and Hunts Point Meat Market in 1974, and culminating with the designation of Hunts Point as an In-Place-Industrial Park in 1980, Hunts Point has grown into a successful economic zone. The Hunts Point Industrial Park hosts over 800 businesses providing an array of products and services to points throughout the world.

The second half of the 20th century, has been a difficult time for the district's residential community. Characterized by frequent arson and mass abandonment throughout the 1960s, 70s and 80s, this period was a low point in the area's history. Living conditions became so difficult that almost 60,000 residents, approximately two-thirds of the existing population, left the neighborhood during the 1970s.[[11]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunts_Point,_Bronx#cite_note-11) The first full-service post office in the neighborhood opened in 2001.[[12]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunts_Point,_Bronx#cite_note-12)[[13]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunts_Point,_Bronx#cite_note-13)

Hunts Point has suffered from crime and poverty for many years and is part of the poorest congressional district in the country, with over half the population living below the poverty line.[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunts_Point,_Bronx#cite_note-dcp_profile-3) The neighborhood's 41st police precinct consistently records the highest violent crime rate per capita in New York City.[[14]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunts_Point,_Bronx#cite_note-14) As a result, the area has a high rate of incarceration.[[15]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunts_Point,_Bronx#cite_note-15) Due to the lucrative drug trade in the area, many drug addicts reside in the community. The neighborhood is also notorious for its [prostitution](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prostitution) industry.

After the Second World War new housing was built and the makeup of the population changed. Construction ranged from luxury apartment buildings in Riverdale to public housing in the southern Bronx. Longtime residents and former servicemen moved from older housing in the southern neighborhoods of Hunts Point, Morrisania, and Mott Haven into privately built housing in the northern Bronx, to the other boroughs, and to the suburbs. About 170,000 persons displaced by slum clearing in Manhattan, mostly Black and Puerto Rican, moved to Hunts Point and Morrisania, as well as to Melrose, Tremont, and Highbridge. In 1950 social workers reported enduring poverty in a section of the southern Bronx.

European settlers first settled in the Bronx region in the 1600s, with its name acquired from Swedish sea captain, Jonas Bronck, from the Netherlands, who purchased the land in 1639.10 Settlers arrived in today’s Hunts Point in 1663, with this land purchased by Edward Jessup and John Richardson from the local Wekkguasegeeck tribe. After Jessup’s death, the land was entrusted to Thomas Hunt Jr., his widow’s son-in-law.9

Legend states that George Fox, founder of the Quakers, preached in this area, and William H. Fox, his descendant, later owned much of the land that is today’s Hunts Point. Within a few hundred years, rich New Yorkers became more aware of the luxurious allure of Hunts Point, and the area became an elite home and vacation spot. This abruptly changed after World War I, however, and Hunts Points quickly became a “virtual melting pot for the city’s masses.”9

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