

**Continental Iron Works, Builders of the U.S.S. Monitor
Along Bushwick Inlet and the East River**

Cargo Exchange Along The East River & Newtown Creek

LOOKING BACK TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS. . .

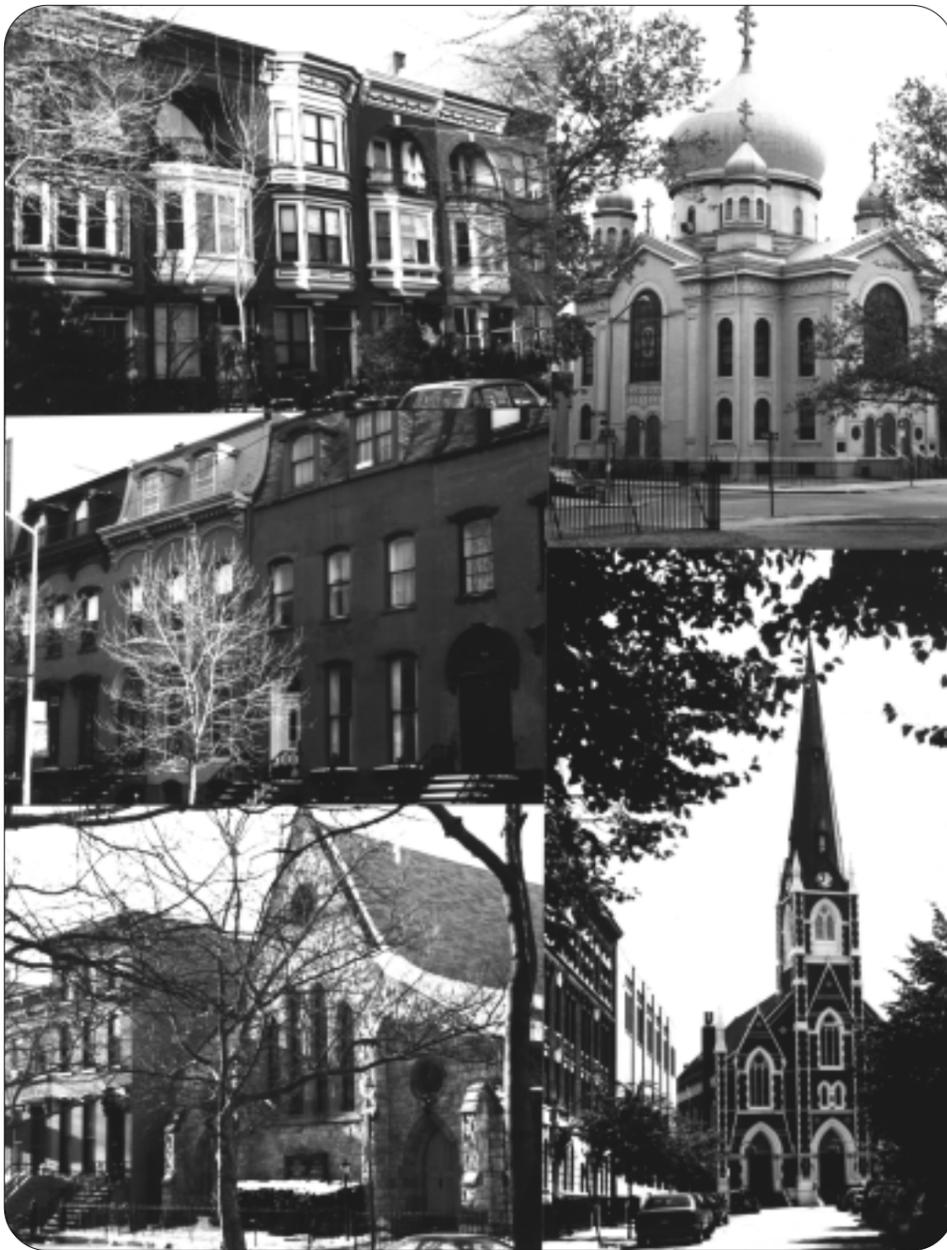
. . . when Greenpoint was an agricultural community surrounded by clean waterways; when Greenpoint's East River shore was the home of one of the greatest shipbuilding centers of the world (home of such great vessels as the U.S.S. Monitor, the first Union ironclad that turned the tide of the Civil War, and the steamship Adirondack); when Greenpoint's Newtown Creek surpassed the Mississippi River in cargo tonnage and value of merchandise shipped; when Greenpoint was open to the world's manufacturing market with ships unloading and loading cargo from around the world at piers leading to streets appropriately named Java Street, India Street, etc.

Greenpoint is a unique early industrial community. In close proximity to one another one finds a combination of homes formerly owned by shipbuilders and industrial entrepreneurs, housing for the workers, their places of worship and the industrial structures in which they worked.

Though best known for shipbuilding and maritime industries, ironworking, boxmaking, pottery, cordage, glass production, oil refining and pencilmaking all flourished here.

Greenpoint manufacturers were in the past or have become world renowned. **American Manufacturing Company** - Once located at West and Noble Streets was the largest manufacturer of rope in the world.

Eberhard & Faber Pencil Company - manufactured lead pencils on Greenpoint Avenue.



**(Above) Greenpoint's Landmark District
(Below Left) S.S. Adirondack under Construction in Greenpoint
(Below Right) Sailors on the U.S.S. Monitor.**

Pratt Oil Works - Once located on No. 12th Street and the East River, produced Pratt's Astral Oil, reputed to be the safest. Astral Oil was shipped around the world. To accommodate his workers, Pratt constructed worker housing for his employees. The Astral Apartments still stand today on Franklin Street.

Continental Iron Works - Once located between Quay & Oak Sts., West St. and the East River, earned its place in history as the builder of the Union ironclad U.S.S. Monitor.

John Englis & Sons - Once located on Greenpoint Ave. was known for the construction of elegant Hudson River steamships.

Union Porcelain Works - Located on Eckford St. produced porcelain which is now on display at such world renowned museums as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum and the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

Bedi-Rassy Foundry (now known as Bedi Makky Art Foundry Corp.)-

Located on India St. fabricated the World War II famed Iwo Jima Monument.

To preserve this heritage the Greenpoint Historic District was designated on Sept. 14, 1982 and The Greenpoint Monitor Museum was provisionally Chartered on April 24, 1996. Today the Museum is assisting in efforts to extend Greenpoint's Landmark District to include remaining structures and property that once were vital to the community's growth and livelihood.

