

# COINCIDENCE ?



1. This lamp post is the Brooklyn Mirador. Aligned with Defenders' Arch it has a most beautiful and historic view. The original lamp post was planned in 1969.
2. Lean back against the lamp post and look through the Arch. The Tower of the Empire State Building, at 350 Fifth Avenue, precisely bisects Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Arch (1892).
3. Built at the same time, the Empire State Building was dedicated in 1931 and the Plaza's fourth fountain, Bailey Fountain, was unveiled in 1932.

The Plaza's axis, aligning the lamp post, Tower and Arch, divides the couple atop the Fountain. The Tower, Fountain, Arch, Mirador and 1965 JFK Memorial are aligned.



4. The 1869 Lincoln Statue (removed 1895) shared the exact same alignment with the 1873 Vaux Plaza Fountain and the center of Duncan's 1892 Arch.
5. In 1867, when Prospect Park Plaza opened, a single jet of water, the "Fountain of the Golden Spray" was its centerpiece. Built in 1862, the 4-story, 350 Fifth Avenue mansion of William Backhouse Astor occupied the site of the future Empire State Building.

Did planners, Vaux and Olmsted, intend to align the axis of their Civil War Plaza with the Astor mansion? This alignment is an artistic and historic 'work-in-progress.'

"THE PARK THROUGHOUT IS A SINGLE WORK OF ART... FRAMED UPON A SINGLE, NOBLE MOTIVE, TO WHICH THE DESIGN OF ALL ITS PARTS...SHALL BE CONFLUENT--- **Frederick Law Olmsted**

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The VIEW from the Brooklyn Mirador is threatened by Building 6 of Atlantic Yards