Manhattan Bridge
Spanning East River at Flatbush Ave.
New York, New York
Kings and New York Counties

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MANHATTAN BRIDGE
NY-127

DATE: 1909

LOCATION: Spanning East River at Flatbush Avenue
New York, New York

DESIGNED BY: Gustav Lindenthal, with approaches by
Carrere and Hastings

OWNER: New York Department of Public Works

SPECIFICATIONS: Suspension bridge; total length, 6,855 feet; center
span 1,470 feet; cables 21 1/4 inches in diameter;
cost, $2.6 million; steel towers

SIGNIFICANCE: This single span suspension bridge contains one of the
longest suspension spans in the U.S., and had the
largest carrying capacity in the country when it was
built. It is unusual in that it was designed as a
dual-level bridge; carrying street-cars on the upper
level and subway tracks on the lower, with roadways in
the center of each level. The approaches to the bridge
were designed by Carrere and Hastings, and incorporated
allegorical figures of Manhattan and Brooklyn by Daniel
Chester French, which have since been removed to the
Brooklyn Museum.

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