

THE MEASURE OF MANHATTAN: JOHN RANDEL, JR. and the 1811 GRID PLAN

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This presentation will discuss Marguerite Holloway's book, *The Measure of Manhattan*, which is the first biography of John Randel Jr., the surveyor, cartographer, and inventor who laid down the 1811 grid plan, made spectacular maps of the island, and was involved in some of the country's earliest infrastructure projects, including the Erie Canal and the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal. Randel was also one of the first people to propose an elevated railway for New York City.

