

Landmarks Preservation Commission
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122 EAST 92ND STREET HOUSE, Borough of Manhattan. Builder unknown.

Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 1520, Lot 63.

On December 27, 1966, the Landmarks Preservation Commission held a public hearing on the proposed designation as a Landmark of the 122 East 92nd Street House and the proposed designation of the related Landmark Site. (Item No. 79). The hearing had been duly advertised in accordance with the provisions of law. One witness spoke in favor of designation. There were no speakers in opposition to designation. The proposed designation of this building as a Landmark has been discussed with the owner of the house.

DESCRIPTION AND ANALYSIS

This mid-nineteenth century frame house, on a side street of New York's upper east side, unchanged by time, comes as a delightful surprise to the passerby. Set back from the street, it retains an ample, well planted front yard enclosed by an iron railing. Nestled against another frame house to the west, which stands closer to the street, it is related to its neighbor in height, and use of materials.

Entering through a gate in the railing and crossing the yard, one arrives at the low stoop which leads to a wide porch with attractive openwork columns. On the right hand end of the porch are the handsome paneled entrance doors, and on the left, two French doors with segmental arched heads surmounted by cornices. This same treatment is repeated at the two upper floors above the porch. The clapboard front wall is crowned by a cornice supported on paired brackets with panels in between. Set back above it, a penthouse addition of 1927 with large windows, provides a fourth floor. At the left, and also set back, a much earlier two story addition contains a service entrance. The architecture of this house is that of the local vernacular with the wood segmental arched window heads reflecting the contemporary design of those executed in masonry.

FINDINGS AND DESIGNATIONS

On the basis of a careful consideration of the history, the architecture and other features of this building, the Landmarks Preservation Commission finds that the 122 East 92nd Street House has a special character, special historical and aesthetic interest and value as part of the development, heritage and cultural characteristics of New York City.

The Commission further finds that, among its important qualities, the 122 East Ninety-Second Street House is a picturesque mid-nineteenth century frame house, that it has good proportions, interesting details and that it enhances the neighborhood where it stands, with its architectural variety and charm.

Accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 63 of the Charter of the City of New York and Chapter 8-A of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, the Landmarks Preservation Commission designates as a Landmark the 122 East 92nd Street House, Borough of Manhattan and designates Tax Map Block 1520, Lot 63, Borough of Manhattan, as its Landmark Site.