

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic New York Public Library and Bryant Park (Expansion)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Bounded by: 40th & 42nd Sts, Avenue of the Americas
& 5th Ave. not for publication

city, town New York vicinity of _____ congressional district 18

state New York code 036 county New York code 061

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
☐ district	☒ public	☒ occupied	☐ agriculture
☐ building(s)	☐ private	☐ unoccupied	☒ museum
☐ structure	☐ both	☐ work in progress	☐ commercial
☒ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	☐ educational
☐ object	☐ in process	☐ yes: restricted	☐ entertainment
	☐ being considered	☒ yes: unrestricted	☐ government
		☐ no	☐ industrial
			☐ military
			☒ other: Library

4. Owner of Property

Also See Continuation Sheet

name Mr. Gordon Davis, Commissioner, Dept. of Parks & Recreation

street & number 830 Fifth Avenue

city, town New York vicinity of _____ state New York

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. New York County Register's Office

street & number 31 Chambers Street

city, town New York state New York

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

LP-0879 Also See Continuation Sheet
title Bryant Park Designation has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date November 12, 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☒ local

depository for survey records 305 Broadway

city, town New York state New York

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This nomination includes the New York Public Library situated at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street which was designated a National Historic Landmark (10-15-66). The park, which is located behind the library and is an integral part of its setting, is being added to the nomination. Continuation sheets are included here for description and significance of the park.

See Continuation Sheet

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New York Public Library and Bryant Park (Expansion)

Continuation sheet

New York County

Item number 4 & 6

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Owner of Property:

James F. Capalino, Commissioner
Department of General Services
1800 Municipal Building ✓
New York, NY 10007

Mr. Gerald Gold, Manager
New York Public Library
Fifth Avenue and 42nd St. ✓
New York, NY 10018

Representation in Existing Surveys:

New York Public Library Designation (interior)
November 12, 1974 Local
305 Broadway
New York, New York

New York Public Library Designation (exterior)
January 11, 1967 Local
305 Broadway
New York, New York

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Bryant Park
CONTINUATION SHEET N.Y. County ITEM NUMBER 7 PAGE 1

Bryant Park is a small axial park with a central green and peripheral walks, designed in the French classical tradition. Strategically located just west of the New York Public Library, Bryant Park is bounded by West 40th Street, the Avenue of the Americas, West 42nd Street, and the western property line of the New York Public Library, and is approximately 500' x 500' in size.

The present landscape design dates from 1934. It was the creation of architect Lusby Simpson of Queens, New York, who won the competition for the Bryant Park design. Simpson's plan is straightforward and symmetrical. Raised above street level, the park is enclosed by a granite retaining wall crowned by balustrades at the raised terrace area and by cast- and wrought-iron railings. The height of the wall varies in accordance with the slope of the site. The focal point of the park is the depressed central lawn area which is enclosed by balustraded railings. The east-west axis of the park is emphasized by four flagstone walks, two on each side of the lawn, sheltered by four rows of plane trees. The walks, which are separated by beds of ivy, are bordered by handsome benches.

The central vista of the park is dominated at the western end by the Josephine Shaw Lowell Memorial Fountain. Designed by architect Charles A. Platt in 1912, the fountain is constructed of pink Stoney Creek granite. A shallow contoured basin rests on a handsome sculptured base set in a large pool.

The raised terrace at the eastern end of the park, which dates from the time of construction of the library building and was designed by architects Carrère & Hastings, is the most "architectural" portion of the park. The terrace is raised in a series of gradual steps from the central lawn and paved with gray flagstones and red brick, providing a contrast in texture, color and pattern. The statue of William Cullen Bryant, by the sculptor Henry Adams, dominates the terrace. The handsome Roman-style arch protecting the statue incorporates a small demi-rotunda with coffered semi-dome. The arch and rotunda are supported on elegant columns and pilasters. Flanking the arch are two stone urns set on the balustraded wall which spans the width of the terrace. The urns are strikingly decorated by a Roman motif of garlanded friezes with central stylized bull's heads.

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Adding further sculptural interest to the terrace at the north and south ends are statues of William Earl Dodge by John Quincy Adams Ward, and Johann Wolfgang von Goethe by Karl Fischer.

The stone kiosks set in the outer walls at the western end of the raised terrace are also of Carrère & Hastings' design. These were originally used as comfort stations. The sides of the buildings which face the street are embellished by garlanded bull's-eye windows set beneath segmental arches. A garlanded frieze incorporating the Roman motif of garlands and bull's head decorates all four sides of each building.

Handsome bronze lamps line the walkways and terraces. A slender fluted shaft placed on a base with crossed laurel motifs supports each lamp.

More recent additions to the park include the square cut into the park at the northwest corner, facing the Avenue of the Americas, made to accommodate a memorial to Jose Bonifacio de Andrada e Silva (1763-1835), patriarch of Brazilian independence. It is dominated by the statue of Andrada, executed by Jose Lima in 1889, and presented to the United States by Brazil in 1954.

The landscape and architectural elements of Bryant Park work together to create a contained and orderly open space which encourages repose and leisurely strolling. Its natural elements provide a pleasant and welcome enhancement both of the Public Library, immediately adjoining the park, and the surrounding urban environment.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☒ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400-1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600-1699	☒ architecture	☒ education	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☒ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☒ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates 1933-34	Library 1911	Builder/Architect	Lusby Simpson	Carrère & Hastings
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

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Acreeage of nominated property 12 acres

Quadrangle name Central Park, N.Y.

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Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and iustification

Bounded on the east by Fifth Avenue, on the north by 42nd Street, on the west by Sixth Avenue, and on the south by West 40th Street.

List all states and counties for properties overlaapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

Contact: Elizabeth Spencer-Ralph
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Holly Huckins, Research Consultant for
name/title Joan Olshansky, National Register Coordinator

organization Landmarks Preservation Commission date October, 1979

street & number 305 Broadway telephone (212) 566-7577

city or town New York state New York

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Director, Historic Preservation Field Services

Bureau date

2/28/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

Leppa S. Reese

Chief of Registration

date

May 4, 1980

date

April 23, 1980

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Bryant Park, with its central lawn and peripheral walks, is a prime example of an axial park in the French Classical tradition. Located just west of the New York Public Library, it creates a harmonious environment and complementary setting for the library building.

Bryant Park has had an illustrious and somewhat controversial history. George Washington and his troops defended themselves against the British on the site during the Revolutionary War. During the 1820's the city used the land as a potter's field.

The vast Croton Reservoir was built in 1842 on the land now occupied by the New York Public Library. In 1846, the Common Council ordered the ground adjoining the reservoir to be "graded, sloped and sodded on the sides bordering upon the avenue and streets, and that the same be enclosed by a neat ornamental wooden fence..., the same to be used as a public park until required for reservoir or other purposes." The park idea apparently never came to fruition, for in 1853 when the Crystal Palace was under construction there, the site was described as consisting of "vacant lots, strewn with rocks, deep pits and relics of shanties."² The Crystal Palace exhibition hall for the International Exhibition of the Industry of All Nations, was perhaps the most famous occupant of the site until it burned to the ground in 1858.

On May 12, 1884, the name of the site was officially changed from Reservoir Square to Bryant Park, in honor of William Cullen Bryant (1794-1878), poet, editor and orator.

Late in the 1890s the Croton Reservoir was removed to enable the New York Public Library to be built on the site. The architects of the library, Carrère & Hastings, carefully planned certain architectural elements that would harmonize the building with the park: the raised terrace at the east end of the park, the stone kiosks, and the handsome archway enclosing the statue of Bryant which was presented to the city by the Century Association in 1911, the same year the library was opened; the Lowell Memorial Fountain was erected the following year.

By the late 1920s the park was sadly neglected, and even further disrupted by the subway construction on Sixth Avenue. A copy of Federal Hall, built in the spring of 1932 and razed the following year, did not help the general state of the park.

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Various city groups began to call for the renovation of Bryant Park during this period. In 1928, the Fifth Avenue Association presented a new plan for landscaping the park to the Board of Estimate. Although the plan was not approved, it is interesting to note that it called for a large, depressed central lawn area--very similar to the present landscape scheme.

Finally in 1933 the Architects' Emergency Committee held a competition for a new Bryant Park design open to all unemployed architects and draftsmen registered with the committee. The winning design by Lusby Simpson of Queens was carried out by PWA³ workers under the supervision of the Parks Department in 1934. Bryant Park was officially rededicated on September 15, 1934.

Since its rededication in 1934, Bryant Park, with its fine statues and graceful fountain, has become a necessary and useful part of the urban fabric and is much used and enjoyed by the people of New York City.

¹The above quote has been taken from: Landmarks Preservation Commission, Bryant Park Designation Report (LP-0879) (New York: City of New York, 1974).

²Ibid.

³PWA (Public Works Administration)

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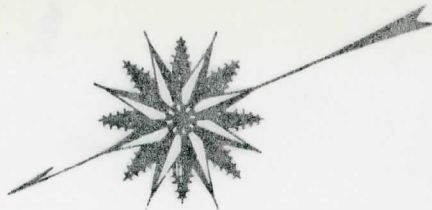
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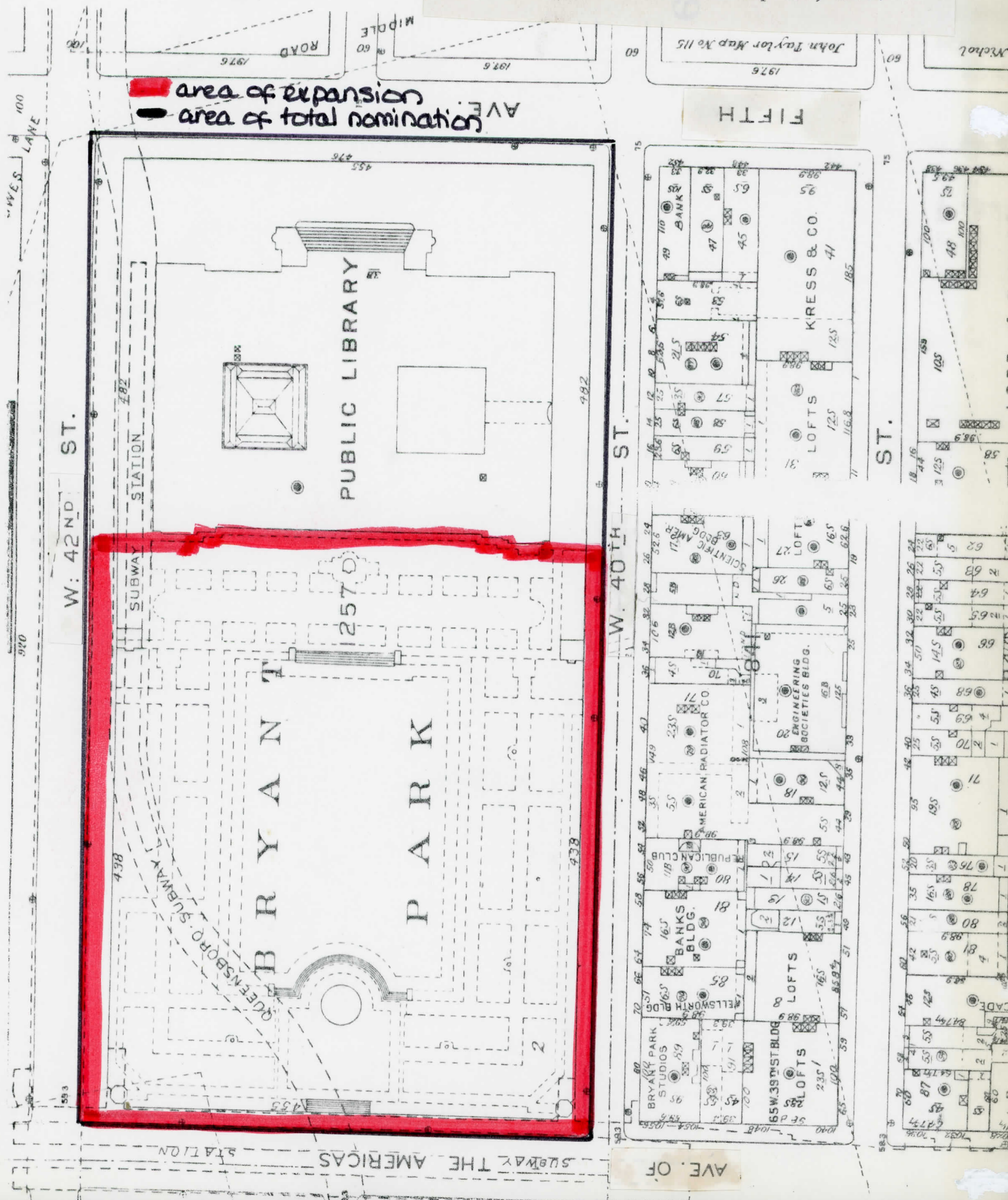
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NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY AND
BRYANT PARK EXPANSION
New York County, New York **FEB 29 1980**
Manhattan Land Book Plate 66
New York: Sanborn Map Co., 1977.

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NATIONAL SURVEY OF HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS

1. STATE New York		2. THEME(S). IF ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE, WRITE "ARCH" BEFORE THEME NO. XX, Ar and Sciences, Subtheme: Education	
3. NAME(S) OF SITE The New York Public Library		4. APPROX. ACREAGE	
5. EXACT LOCATION (County, township, roads, etc. If difficult to find, sketch on Supplementary Sheet) Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, New York			
6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PRESENT OWNER (Also administrator if different from owner) Board of Trustees, Mr. Gilbert W. Chapman, President (same address)			
7. IMPORTANCE AND DESCRIPTION (Describe briefly what makes site important and what remains are extant) The New York Public Library is one of the Nation's major libraries. Its extensive and invaluable manuscript and rare book collections, plus some 7,000,000 volumes for general use, make it an almost unrivaled center of study and research in the United States.			
The Library traces its ancestry back to the philanthropy of three wealthy New Yorkers. John Jacob Astor, albeit unknowingly, took the first action that eventually culminated in the creation of the New York Public Library when in 1838 he decided to leave the City of New York \$350,000 and a piece of ground for a public library. A year later, he increased the sum of money to \$400,000. Following Astor's death in March, 1848, the trustees of the fund decided to build the Library on the east side of Lafayette Place and to call it the Astor Library. A competition for a suitable design produced a winning plan, finally adopted on December 10, 1849, and the cornerstone was laid on March 14, 1850. When opened on January 9, 1854, the library occupied a Byzantine style building and owned between 80 to 90,000 volumes. The books alone had cost about \$100,000. In the succeeding decades, the Astor Library greatly expanded, but remained difficult to use. Apropos its growth, the building had two additions by 1879 and 225,477 volumes by 1895. Its books made the Astor one of America's major libraries, but the library so restricted readers that the institution alienated the public. No books could be borrowed; and the librarians discouraged any but well-to-do individuals from visiting the library. While the Astor Library grew and discouraged the general reader, another rich New York citizen, James Lenox, created a new library. Lenox's affluence enabled him to retire from business in 1845 and to devote himself to book collecting. A shrewd bookman, he gathered up the works of Milton, Shakespeare, and Bunyan. He also specialized in Americana, and bought, among other things, the famous Bay Psalm Book. Ten years before his death in February, 1880, Lenox founded the Lenox Library, conveying to its trustees \$7,000,000 worth of stocks and bonds and a plot of ground on Fifth Avenue, between 70th and 71st			
8. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES (Give text sources; citation of manuscripts and rare works) Harry Miller Lydenberg, <u>History of the New York Public Library</u>, (New York, 1923); New York Public Library, <u>"After One Hundred Years,"</u> (New York, 1948).			
9. REPORTS AND STUDIES (Mention best reports and studies, i.e., NPS study, HABS, etc.)			
10. PHOTOGRAPHS* ATTACHED: YES ☒ NO ☐		11. CONDITION Excellent	12. PRESENT USE (Museum, farm, etc.) Library
14. NAME OF RECORDER (Signature) S. Sydney Bradford		15. TITLE Staff Historian	13. DATE OF VISIT 8/25/65
		16. DATE October 20, 1965	

* DRY MOUNT ON AN 8 X 12 1/2 SHEET OF FAIRLY HEAVY PAPER. IDENTIFY BY VIEW AND NAME OF THE SITE, DATE OF PHOTOGRAPH AND NAME OF PHOTOGRAPHER. GIVE LOCATION OF NEGATIVE. IF ATTACHED, ENCLOSE IN PROPER NEGATIVE ENVELOPES.

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STATE	NAME(S) OF SITE
New York	The New York Public Library

Streets. When the building was opened on January 15, 1877, most of Lenox's collections had been transferred to it.

New York City had a magnificent new library, but admission, as at the Astor Library, was difficult to obtain. Even after admission tickets had been abandoned in 1887, only scholars could use the institution's books. That restrictive policy did not go unnoticed. A cartoon that appeared in Life, January 17, 1884, shows the library as a beleaguered fortress, with bodies of would-be users lying around the building.

The public benefactions of Astor and Lenox were duplicated by Samuel Jones Tilden, an eminent politician, in his creation of the Tilden Trust. Upon his death in August, 1886, he left the city a library of about 20,000 volumes and an endowment of some \$2,000,000. The sum of money became involved in litigation, which only ended in March, 1892, and resulted in a substantial decrease concerning the amount finally received by the city.

Even before litigation over the Tilden Trust had been concluded, a movement had developed that contemplated the consolidation of the Astor, Lenox, and Tilden Trusts. Although ample when given, neither the Astor nor Lenox Trusts provided sufficient income for their respective libraries by the 1890's. New York had grown within fifty years from 500,000 to 2,000,000 people, and neither library, even as restrictive as they were, could properly serve their users. Supported by prominent men in the city, the consolidation movement rapidly advanced. On May 23, 1895, the consolidation of the trusts occurred, which resulted in the creation of the New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations--The Reference Department. In 1901, as the result of a gift by Andrew Carnegie, the New York Public Library consolidated with ten independent circulation libraries to form the Circulation Department.

The consolidation was a major achievement, but the new library needed a building. Negotiations with the city resulted in an agreement on December 8, 1897, whereby the City agreed to erect a library building and the library agreed to establish a free circulating library and a free circulating branch.

Little time was lost after the agreement with the city in beginning work on the new building. A design by the firm of Carrère and Hastings was accepted on November 11, 1897, and the demolition of the Croton Reservoir, the site for the library, began on June 2, 1899. The completed building was formally opened on May 23, 1911, having cost \$9,002,523.09, or about eighty-seven cents a cubic foot.

Since the New York Public Library's opening in 1911, it has become one of America's leading cultural institutions. Open to all, general readers and scholars from throughout the United States have benefited from the generosity of Astor, Lenox, Tilden, and the City of New York.

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STATE	NAME(S) OF SITE
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Present Condition of the Site

The handsome and monumental library building sits some distance back from Fifth Avenue. At the top of a flight of steps from the sidewalk sit two stone lions, and just beyond them a flight of stairs leads up to the triple-arched and Corinthian-columned main entrance. A spacious hallway lies behind the entrance, with a handsome stairway at its north and south ends. Two flights up and at the back of the building is the main reading room.

The main reading room is one of America's most heavily used rooms. It covers half an acre, being two blocks long, and is fifty feet high. There are sufficient spaces at the reading tables to seat almost 300 people. Open shelves border the walls and they contain some 20,000 reference works, which the reader may use himself. Other volumes are obtained by filing requests in the Public Catalog Room. Some eighty miles of shelves hold the remainder of the library's volumes. Just outside of the main reading room is the public catalog. The heart of the library, the catalog contains 10,000,000 index cards for the Reference Department's 4,000,000 volumes.

Twenty-one specialized reading rooms supplement the main reading room. The reading room for American History, for example, is at the south end of the main reading room and there the reader may obtain special works on America. A specialized room of major interest is the manuscript room, which contains some of the great collections of Americana.

The library is open every day of the year, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday.

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FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. APPLICANT'S APPLICATION	3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER	4. NUMBER	5. DATE
1. TYPE OF ACTION ☐ PREAPPLICATION ☒ APPLICATION (Mark appropriate box) ☐ NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (OIL) ☐ REPORT OF FEDERAL ACTION		4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT a. Applicant Name : NYS Office of Parks & Recreation b. Organization Unit : Division for Historic Preservation c. Street/P.O. Box : Agency Bldg. #1, Empire State Plaza d. City : Albany e. State : New York f. Contact Person (Name & telephone No.) : Orin Lehman (518) 474-0443	5. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO. 14-6013200	6. NUMBER HP78-10002	7. DATE 1978 12 13
7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY, New York City, New York County, New York. Preservation to include general construction, plumbing, electrical, architectural fees and one project sign. The New York Public Library, 526,859 square feet of floor space in a total of five stories, was completed in 1911. This project will concern Room 80 of the Central Building, CONTINUED		8. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT A-State B-County C-City D-School District E-Other (Specify) F-Community Action Agency G-Higher Educational Institution H-Indian Tribe I-Other (Specify) Enter appropriate letter <u>A</u>		9. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE A-Grant B-Loan C-Insurance D-Other (Specify) Enter appropriate letter(s) <u>A</u>	
10. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT (Names of cities, counties, States, etc.) New York City		11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING 1,539,233		12. TYPE OF APPLICATION A-New B-Renewal C-Revision D-Continuation E-Augmentation Enter appropriate letter <u>A</u>	
13. PROPOSED FUNDING a. FEDERAL \$ 120,000 b. APPLICANT 120,000 c. STATE d. LOCAL e. OTHER f. TOTAL \$ 240,000		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. APPLICANT N/A b. PROJECT 18		15. TYPE OF CHANGE (For 12a or 12b) A-Increase Dollars B-Decrease Dollars C-Increase Duration D-Decrease Duration E-Cancellation F-Other (Specify) Enter appropriate letter(s) <u></u>	
16. PROJECT START DATE Year month day 19 Sep 81		17. PROJECT DURATION Year month day 9/30/80 Months		18. EXISTING FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	
19. ESTIMATED DATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL AGENCY 1978 12 13		20. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST (Name, City, State, ZIP code) U.S. Dept. of Interior, Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service, Washington, D. C.		21. REMARKS ADDED ☒ Yes ☐ No	
22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT a. To the best of my knowledge and belief, and b. If required by OMB Circular A-95 this application was submitted, pursuant to it, No restrictions thereon, to appropriate clearinghouses and all responses are attached: () NYS Clearinghouse () ()		23. CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE a. TYPED NAME AND TITLE Orin Lehman State Historic Preservation Officer b. SIGNATURE <i>Orin Lehman</i> c. DATE SIGNED 1978 12 12		24. AGENCY NAME Department of the Interior	
25. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT HCRS		26. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE Grants Admin. Div.		27. FEDERAL APPLICATION IDENTIFICATION 1978 01 05	
28. ADDRESS Washington, D.C. 20243		29. FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION 36-09627		30. ACTION TAKEN a. AWARDED b. REJECTED c. RETURNED FOR AMENDMENT d. DEFERRED e. WITHDRAWN	
31. FUNDING a. FEDERAL \$ 120,000 b. APPLICANT 120,000 c. STATE d. LOCAL e. OTHER f. TOTAL \$ 240,000		32. ACTION DATE 1979 1 19		33. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Name and telephone number) Stephen D. Newman 202-343-4941	
34. STARTING DATE 1979 01 01		35. FINISHING DATE 1980 09 30		36. REMARKS ADDED ☐ Yes ☒ No	
37. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 ACTION a. In taking above action, any comments received from clearinghouses were considered. If agency response is due under provisions of Part 1, UMD Circular A-95, it was done or is being made. b. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 OFFICIAL (Name and telephone no.) same as #35					

SECTION IV-REMARKS (Please reference the proper item number from Sections I, II or III, if applicable)

which is 6,834 square feet. The ceiling involved is unique in that it is believed to be the only remaining castiron ceiling in a public building in New York City. The building will continue to serve the City in its present capacity.

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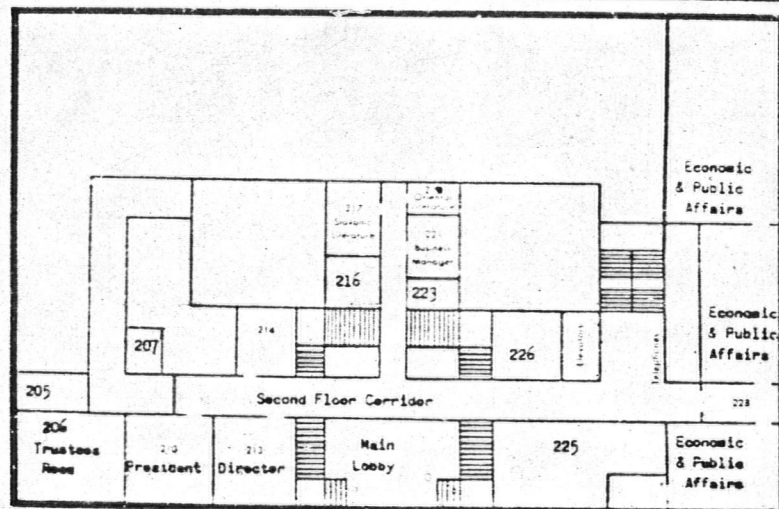
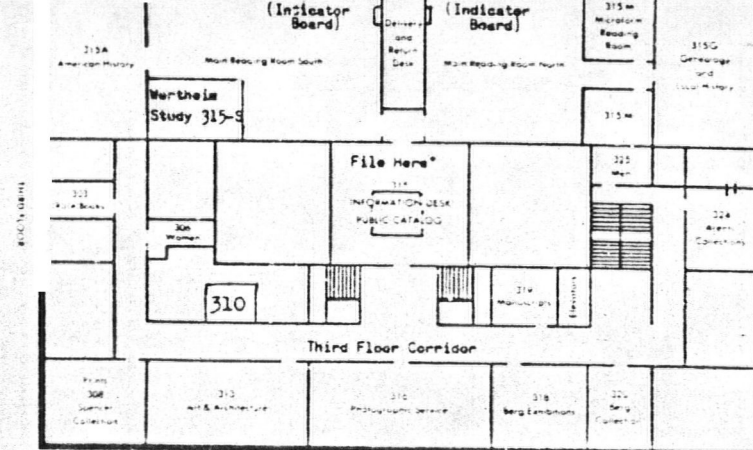
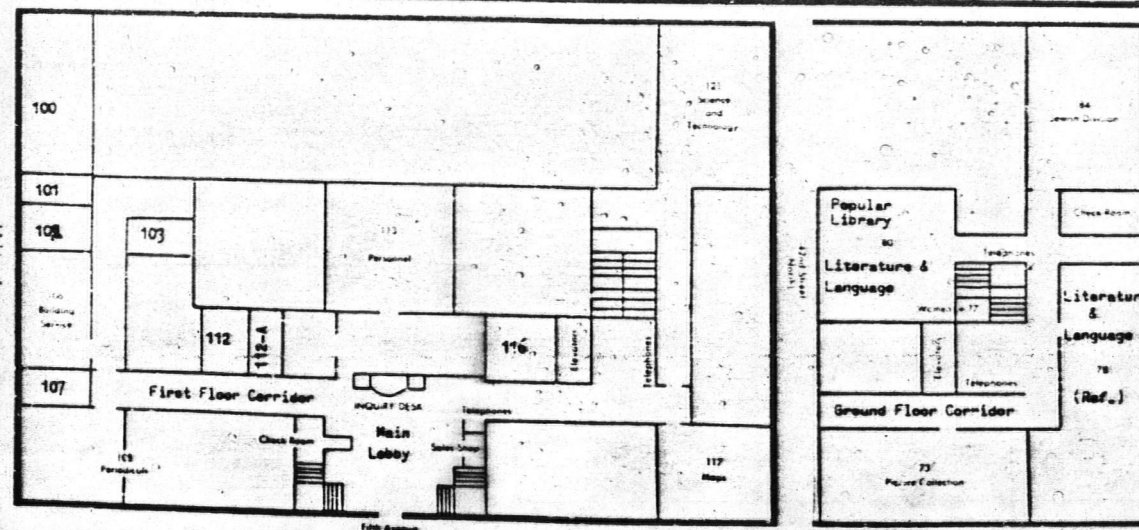
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TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT N-Community Action Agency H-Higher Educational Institution J-Indian Tribe K-Other (Specify):	
Enter appropriate letter ☐ A	
TYPE OF ASSISTANCE a. Grant b. Insurance c. Supplemental Grant d. Other Enter appropriate letter(s) ☐ A	
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D. C.	21. REMARKS ADDED ☒ Yes ☐ No
If no response submitted, pursuant to 21. No response and all responses are attached: response Response attached ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	
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28. REMARKS ADDED ☐ Yes ☒ No	
FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 OFFICIAL (Name and telephone no.)	

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CENTRAL BUILDING



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Property

New York Public Library and
Bryant Park (Expansion)BOUNDARY REVISION
INCREASE ☒
DECREASE ☐
MOVE ☐

State

NY (NY)

Working Number 2.29.80

TECHNICAL

Photos 3Maps 2

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TAX REFORM ACT

CONTROL

HISTORIAN

The expansion includes Bryant Park, an open landscape area behind the NY Public Library. The site has a series of important historical associations beginning in the 19th century. The present landscaping was part of a WPA project of 1934. It is considered an integral part of the setting of the Library and thus a justifiable expansion of the library site.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept P. Reed 4/23/80 ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

NHL file for the Library cannot be located. NHL staff believes the NHL boundary encloses only the bldg. This expansion would enlarge the NR listing, not the NHL listing; ~~and~~ no revision of the NHL boundary is contemplated now.

Accept.
L. Burke
4/23/80

Although the present landscaping plan dates from a 1934 WPA project, the park has been associated w/ the library since the library's construction, & certain arch'l. features were designed by the library's architects, ~~in order to~~ in order to integrate the park & the library further.

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS BOUNDARY REVISION IS ACCEPTED

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST:

CHIEF, BRANCH OF REGISTRATION

DATE

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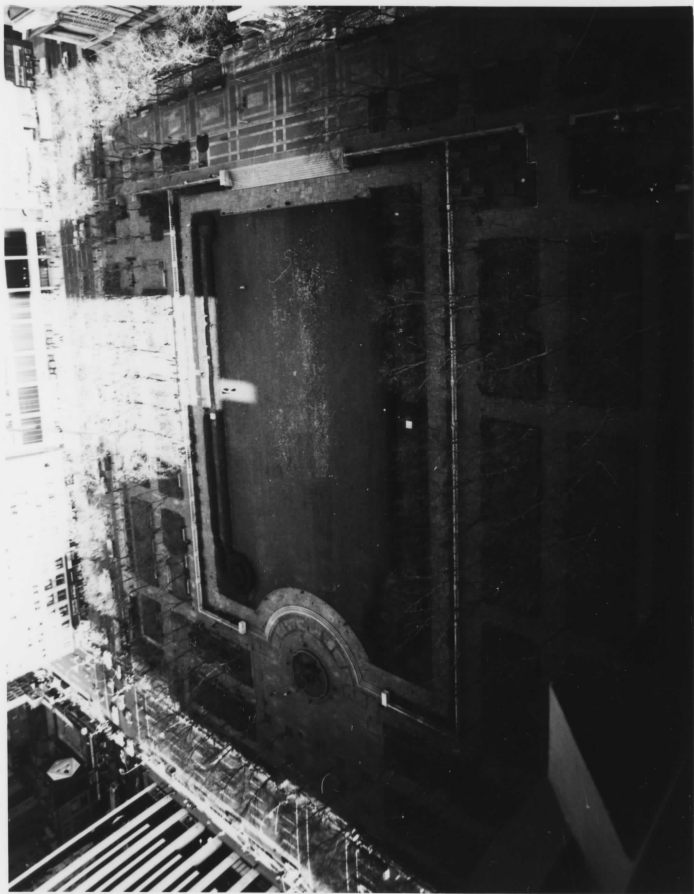
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New York Public Library and Bryant Park

. BRYANT PARK

New York, New York *County*

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Preservation Commission

Aerial view of park looking north.

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2. BRYANT PARK

New York, New York *County*

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View towards east, fountain in foreground.

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BRYANT PARK

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Detail: Statue of William Cullen Bryant

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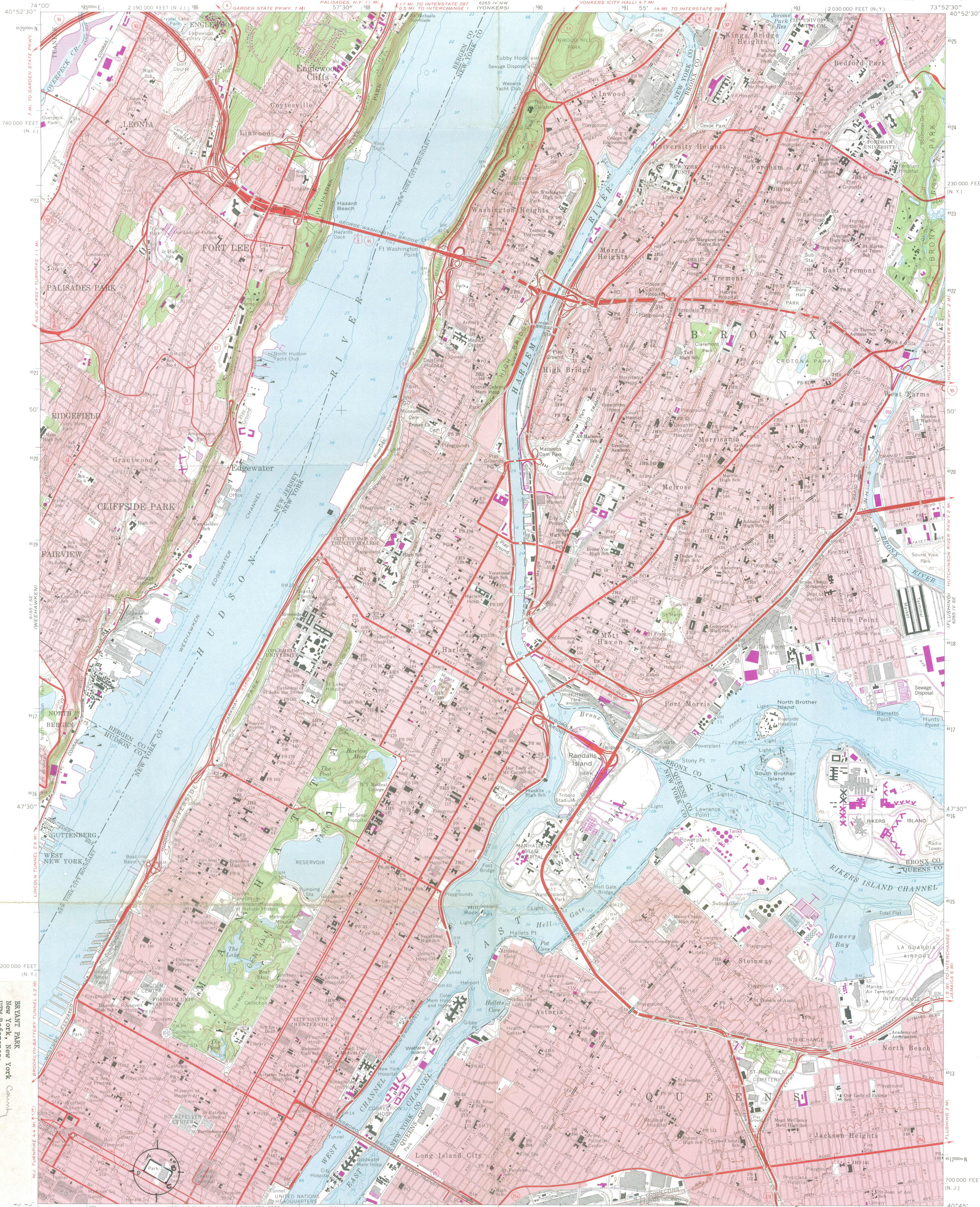
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



CENTRAL PARK QUADRANGLE
NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW 1/4 HARLEM 15' QUADRANGLE



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Revised in cooperation with New York
Department of Transportation
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and New Jersey Geodetic Survey

Planimetry by photogrammetric methods and from USC&GS Charts T-4567,
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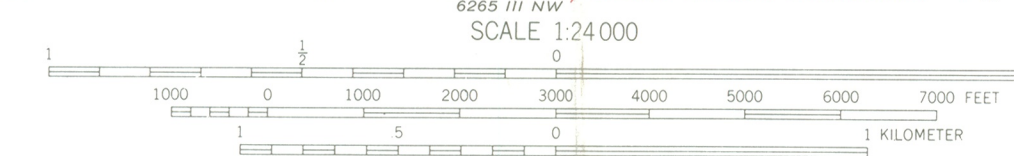
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Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 226, 274, 745,
746, and 747 (1966). This information is not intended for navigational purposes

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on New York coordinate system, Long Island zone,
and New Jersey coordinate system

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE AVERAGE RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET
4 FEET IN THE HUDSON RIVER AND 5.7 FEET IN THE EAST RIVER

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route ——— U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1977 and other source data. This information
not field checked. Map edited 1979

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE NEW YORK

Date Entered

Name

Location

New York Public Library and Bryant Park

New York
New York County

Boundary increase approved May 6, 1980.

Also Notified

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For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

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