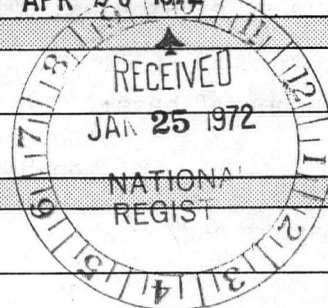


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AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1 West 72nd Street			
CITY OR TOWN: New York			
STATE New York	CODE 36	COUNTY: New York	CODE 061

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☒ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☐ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☐ Comments ☒ Other (Specify) Apartment Building

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: The Dakota, Inc.			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1 West 72nd Street			
CITY OR TOWN: New York	STATE: New York	CODE 36	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: New York County Hall of Records			
STREET AND NUMBER: 31 Chambers Street			
CITY OR TOWN: New York	STATE: New York	CODE 36	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: c. 1934, 1937 ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D.C.	CODE 08	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ Excellent☐ Good☐ Fair

(Check One)

☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Number of stories: There are seven stories plus two stories housed under the roof.

Number of bays: The West 72nd Street and Central Park West facades are both eleven bays wide; the West 73rd Street facade is thirteen bays wide; and the rear facade is seventeen bays wide.

Layout and/or shape of plan: The building is square in plan with an I-shaped central courtyard.

Wall construction: From the basement level to the first floor window sills the walls are of a yellowish-gray sandstone. Above this they are of yellow brick laid up in common bond. There is a terra cotta beltcourse carved with a diaper pattern between the second and third floors. The rear wall is of red brick, laid up in common bond.

Structural system: The structural system is masonry bearing wall construction.

Roof, cornice: The building has an irregular roofline with gabled and pyramidal roofs covered with slate. There is a stone cornice.

Dormers, chimneys: There are two, three and four levels of dormer windows at various levels of the roof, some with stone faces and some covered with copper. All have one-over-one, double-hung sash. There are several corbeled yellow brick chimneys on each side.

Important interior features: The corner stairways have iron balusters with wooden railings; from the first to second floors there is marble wainscoting. The hallways have wooden wainscoting and plaster walls and ceilings. The eight original hydraulic elevators -- four passenger and four service -- are still functioning, but new cabs have been installed.

Other notable features: The main entrance on 72nd Street consists of a stone archway with an iron gate and three windows above it. The entrance is flanked by double metal urns mounted on large pedestals and a sentry box for the doorman guarding the passageway into the inner court where the four corner entrances with stairways lead to the upper floors. A second iron gate opens into the courtyard. A glass enclosed passageway runs along the west side of the courtyard. At the seventh floor level a stone balcony with an iron railing runs along the West 72nd Street side and partially along the Central Park West and the West 73rd Street facades. A dominant feature of the end pavillions on the south facade are the two semicircular bay windows which extend up through seven stories.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☐ 18th Century

☐ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) completed 1881

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal

☐ Education

☐ Political

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Engineering

☐ Religion/Phi-

☐ Other (Specify)

☐ Historic

☐ Industry

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☐ Agriculture

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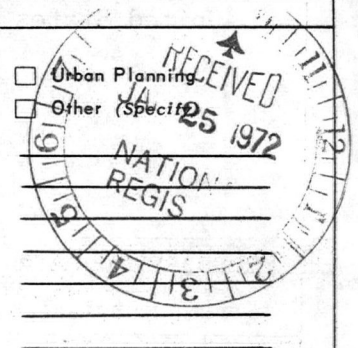
☐ Military

☐ Theater

☐ Conservation

☐ Music

☐ Transportation



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dakota, designed by Henry Janeway Hardenbergh (1847-1918), is one of the earliest and most distinguished apartment houses in the United States. The world famous Plaza Hotel at 59th Street and Central Park South is another example of Hardenbergh's monumental style. Overlooking the northern end of Central Park, the Dakota simultaneously affords its residents a magnificent view of the park and presents an impressive appearance to passers-by. Its richly varied skyline makes this building a prime example of late 19th century picturesque eclecticism, and its German Renaissance flavor is explained by the fact that Hardenbergh was trained by the architect Detlef Lienau, who was educated in Germany and France.

The Dakota was a large apartment building for its day, seven stories tall above a basement, with two more full stories and an attic under the steep roof. Myriad peaked gables with elaborate finials, dormer windows, oriels and dome-crowned vertical bay windows create a veritable village of roofs atop the building.

With its massive load-bearing walls, heavy interior partitions and double thick floors of concrete, it is one of the quietest buildings in the city. Service elevators, among the first to be installed in New York, were placed behind the kitchens of each bank of apartments.

The Dakota was erected for Edward S. Clark, ^{founder of} ~~heir to~~ the Singer Sewing Machine fortune, and inaugurator of the development of the Upper West Side area. While under construction, it was jocularly referred to as "Clark's Folly", not only because of its extraordinary size, but also because of its location so far uptown. Clark's colleagues teased him by saying that if he went a few blocks farther from the mainstream of Manhattan life, he might as well build his apartment in Dakota, then still Indian territory. The name of the building still reflects this old joke.

Remarkably well maintained, and never extensively remodeled, the Dakota stands today in virtually the same condition as it did in the 1880s when it was new. Its plan and decorative features have not been significantly altered, and even the view of Central Park, visible from many of the apartments, has not changed since the 1880s. Still one of the most prestigious apartment addresses in New York, the Dakota counts many people involved in the arts among its residents.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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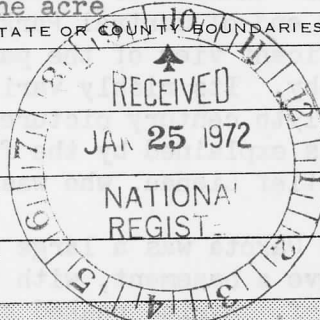
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Under one acre

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <u>Stephen S. Lash, Associate</u>		DATE: <u>July 20, 1971</u>
ORGANIZATION: <u>New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission</u>		
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>305 Broadway</u>		
CITY OR TOWN: <u>New York</u>	STATE: <u>New York</u>	CODE: <u>36</u>

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name [Signature]

Title Chairman, New York State Historic Trust

Date 14 I 72

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

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/26/72

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date APR 26 1972

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Alterations and additions: The grounds of The Dakota originally extended 175 feet to the west beyond the rear of the building. The property contained gardens, croquet and tennis courts, which are no longer extant. A boiler room was located beneath this open area.





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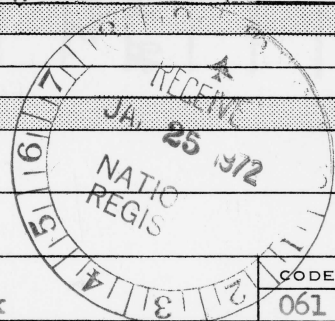
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NEGATIVE FILED AT: New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. View of the south facade on West 72nd Street and east facade on Central Park West.			



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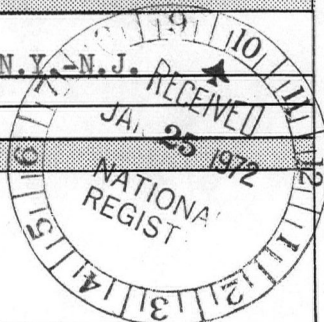
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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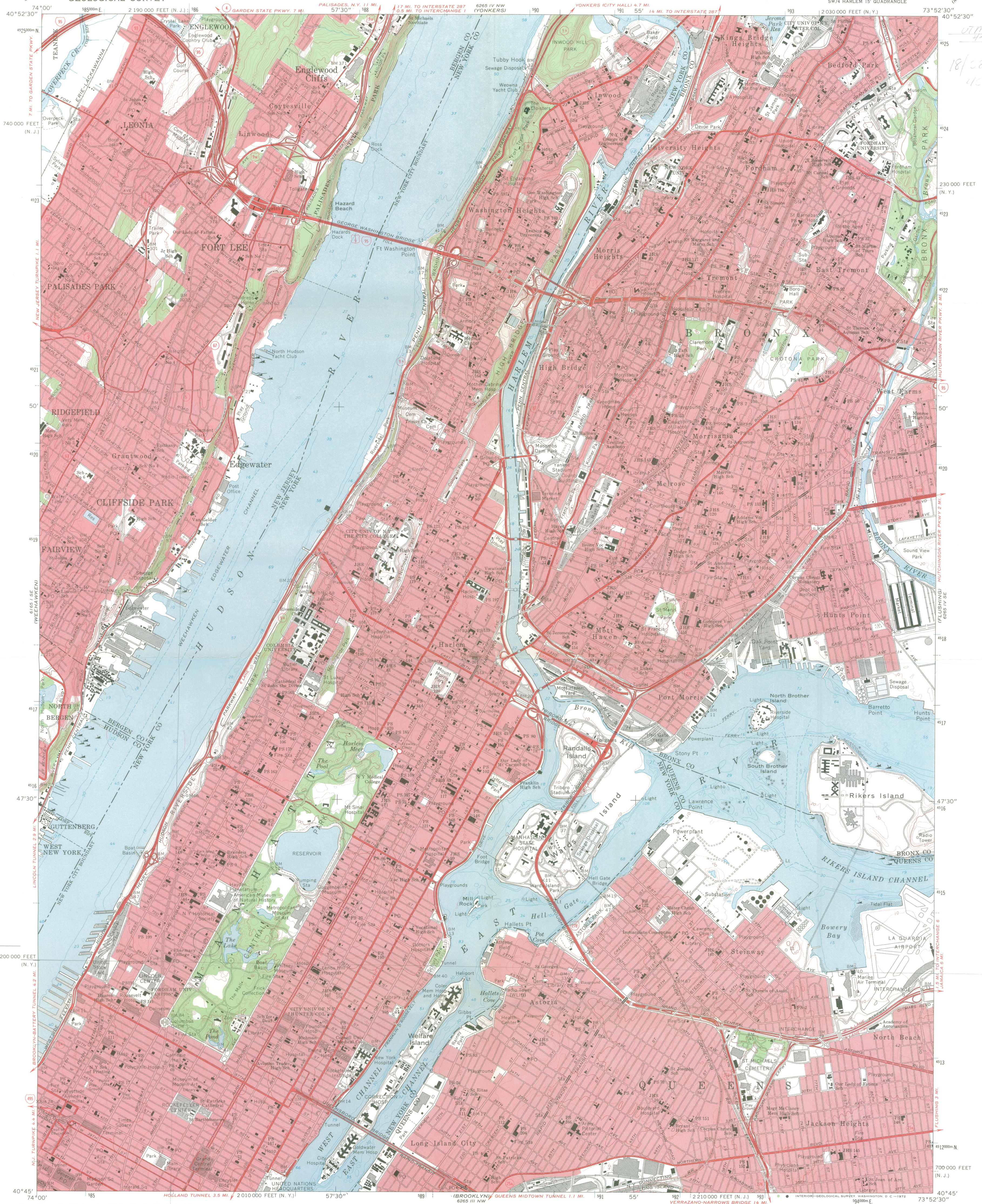
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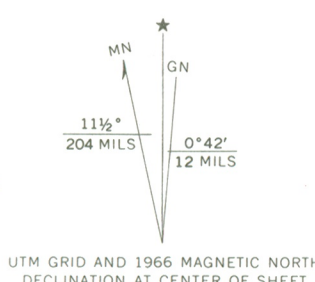


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NEW YORK—NEW JERSEY
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SW/4 HARLEM 15' QUADRANGLE



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Church of the Holy Apostles	New York New York County
Bialystoker Synagogue	New York New York County

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Albany, New York 12226

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