

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New York	
COUNTY: New York	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JUN 20 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Terrace
Henderson Place, Historic District
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Henderson Place
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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Various
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: **New York** STATE: **New York** CODE: **36**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

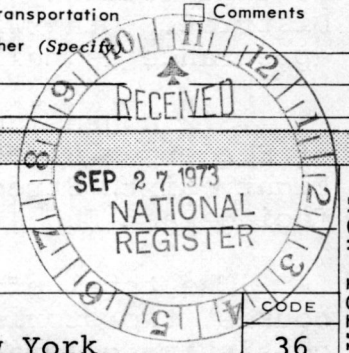
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
New York County Hall of Records
STREET AND NUMBER:
31 Chambers Street
CITY OR TOWN: **New York** STATE: **New York** CODE: **36**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
DATE OF SURVEY: **February 11, 1969** Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
STREET AND NUMBER:
305 Broadway
CITY OR TOWN: **New York** STATE: **New York** CODE: **36**

Congressional District: 17 Representative: John M. Murphy

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Henderson Place Historic District consists of a varied but completely homogeneous group of small town houses designed and built all at one time and retaining today much of the character of the eighteen-eighties. The District comprises the east side of Henderson Place itself, the north side of East Eighty-sixth Street from Henderson Place to East End Avenue, the entire East End Avenue blockfront between Eighty-sixth and Eighty-seventh Streets, and the south side of East Eighty-seventh Street extending some ninety-two feet from the East End Avenue corner. In this compact area, less than half an acre in extent, 24 of the original 32 dwellings have been preserved with remarkably little exterior alteration.

The eight original houses which are missing were once located on the west side of Henderson Place, facing those which remain. It was an exceptionally attractive little dead-end street of houses designed in a uniform style of architecture. The eight houses have been replaced by a multi-storied apartment house that now overshadows its neighbors so completely that they appear even more diminutive than they really are. Two of the remaining houses have been combined, and three other houses have also been joined inside so that actually there are only twenty-one dwelling units in the District. Otherwise most of the houses generally retain their appearance as built.

Six houses, numbers 6 to 16, are located on the east side of Henderson Place. Three have their entrances facing East Eighty-sixth Street, numbers 549 to 553. Eight have their entrances facing East End Avenue, Street numbers 552 to 558.

The total effect is that of a homogeneous group of individual houses, two stories high above basements, with the third stories consisting generally of dormer windows set in steeply sloping slate roofs. The tops of the dormers are carried back as flat roofs to meet vertical rear walls. The front walls are of smooth-faced red brick and are carried up for two full stories and include parapets, gables and pediments. The basement walls are of rock-faced sandstone, laid up in random ashlar and carried up to first-floor window sill level, a novel feature in its day.

Many of the houses are set back from the sidewalk to provide space for basement areaways or front yards which in many cases are made attractive with hedges and shrubs. Low stone walls separate these yards from the sidewalk and provide an attractive base for the planting.

The steep roofs of the houses are generally covered with scalloped dark gray slate and the dormer windows are of wood. The windows throughout are generally double-hung and have the upper sash divided into many small square panes of glass, while the lower sash consists of one large pane of plate glass. Tall chimneys of brick, serving the many interior fireplaces, manifest themselves in profusion above the roof tops and occasionally on the exterior walls.

STRUCTURE

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in the 1800's, Henderson Place Historic District is a residential area notable for the quality of its architecture. It consists of twenty-one contiguous dwellings facing four different streets, remarkable for the uniform effect they produce with regard to materials, height and color. They have a picturesque quality made interesting through minor variations of design and they display unusual charm and dignity for houses which were built for "persons of moderate means". Throughout its continuous residential use the district has provided homes for many distinguished New Yorkers, representing a wide range of occupations and professions.

Henderson Place is situated on land which, during the Eighteenth Century, was part of the farm of William Waldron. When Waldron died in the second half of the century, the land was divided and sold to various landholders. The block where Henderson Place is located today was purchased by John Jacob Astor and Archibald Gracie who later sold it to Joseph Foulke. In the eighteen-fifties, a part of these properties was acquired by John C. Henderson, who in 1881 started to build thereon houses for "persons of moderate means".

The group of contiguous dwellings constituting the Henderson Place Historic District exhibit the characteristics of the Elizabethan manor house combined with Flemish and classic detail. The style was developed in England between the years 1870 and 1910 principally by Norman Shaw, a scholarly architect who wished to evolve a comfortable and romantic domestic style.

It was a very personal style and depended largely on individual taste. Because it has such quaint and picturesque qualities, full freedom was permitted in the juxtaposition of otherwise disparate elements. This appealed to people who were looking for something both fanciful and novel. John C. Henderson was one of these. In 1880 he selected the architectural firm of Lamb & Rich (Charles A. Rich, 1855-1943 and Hugo Lamb, 1848-1903) to design this intimate group of residences. The project was virtually completed by 1882.

At one time or another, such well known personages as the Duchesse de Richelieu, Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne have owned or occupied houses in the district.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Files of New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

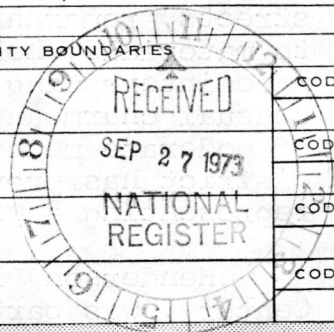
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: under one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Stephen Lash and Betty Exequelle, Associates

ORGANIZATION: New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission DATE: June 22, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 305 Broadway

CITY OR TOWN: New York STATE: New York CODE: 36

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 State Historic Preservation Officer

Date 9/24/73

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Associate Director
 Professional Services

Date JUN 20 1974

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date 6/18/74

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED. DATE: 10/17/73
NAME OF PROPERTY Henderson Place West Dist, N.Y.

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

NYSNHP
OCT 23 1973
Rec'd NCRK

- 1. Name. _____
- 2. Location. _____
- 3. Classification. _____
- 4. Owner of Property. _____
- 5. Location of Legal Description. _____
- 6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____
- 7. Description. _____
- 8. Statement of Significance. _____
- 9. Bibliography. _____
- 10. Geographical Data.
 - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. Longitude (or Latitude) appears to be off by about _____ . Please check.
 - b. Acreage. _____
- 11. Form Prepared By. _____
- 12. Certification. _____
- Photographic Coverage. _____
- Map Coverage. _____
- Other. _____

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked. *Thanks*
SIGNED: *Len [Signature]*

Terrace

PROPERTY Henderson Place Historic Dist. STATE N.Y.

WORKING NUMBER 9. 27. 73. 3685

TECH REVIEW PHOTOS 2 MAPS 1

New York

74001271

CONTROL REVIEW [signature]

cm 9-27-73

OK

HISTORIAN

Accept 10-5-73c. Shall

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept 10/9/73 6/18/74

ARCHEOLOGIST

nice bldg. Accept 10/10/73

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

Use "Henderson Place Terrace" for name

accept Call 3-12-74

KEEPER

Staff: Is not name "Henderson Place Terrace" more proper name than District? None of these units relates to another across a street space to create a district interaction. Discussion pl.

accept 6/18/74

National Register Write-up July 1974

Send-back 10.18.73

Federal Register entry August 6, 1974

Re-submit 2.28.74

Entered

JUN 20 1974



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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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STATE New York	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JUN 20 1974

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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COMMON: Henderson Place Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Henderson Place

CITY OR TOWN:

New York

STATE:

New York

CODE

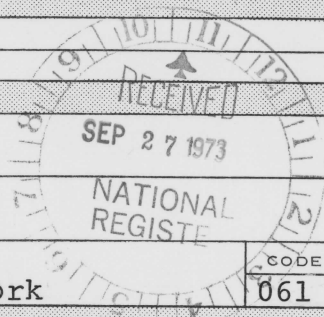
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COUNTY:

New York

CODE

061



3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission

DATE OF PHOTO: Circa 1970

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View of east side of Henderson Place looking north from East 86th Street.



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COUNTY New York	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Henderson Place Historic District
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

East End Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

New York

STATE:

New York

CODE

36

COUNTY:

New York

CODE

061

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

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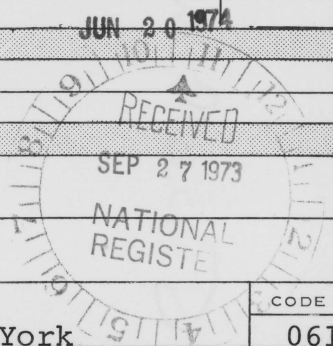
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New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View along west side of East End Avenue between East 86th and 87th Streets.



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

1. NAME

COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
Henderson Place Historic District		JUN 20 1974

2. LOCATION

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
New York	New York	New York

STREET AND NUMBER

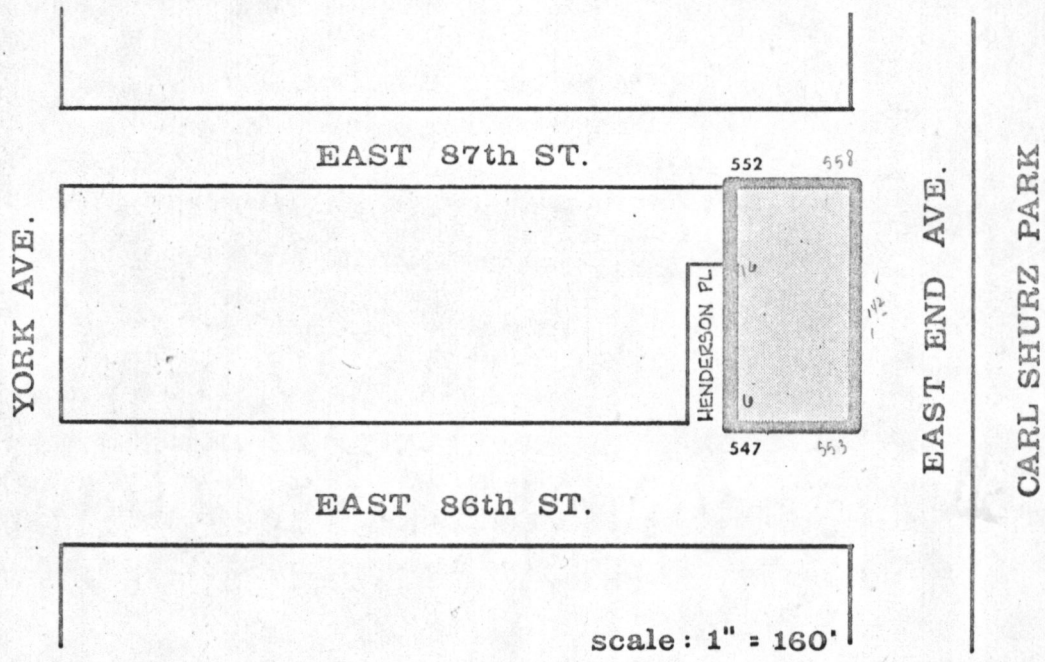
3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission	1969	1:60"

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW:



HENDERSON PLACE HISTORIC DISTRICT MANHATTAN



DESIGNATED FEBRUARY 11, 1969
Numbers show buildings inside boundary of district

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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COMMON Henderson Place Historic District	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE <i>(Assigned by NPS)</i> JUN 20 1974
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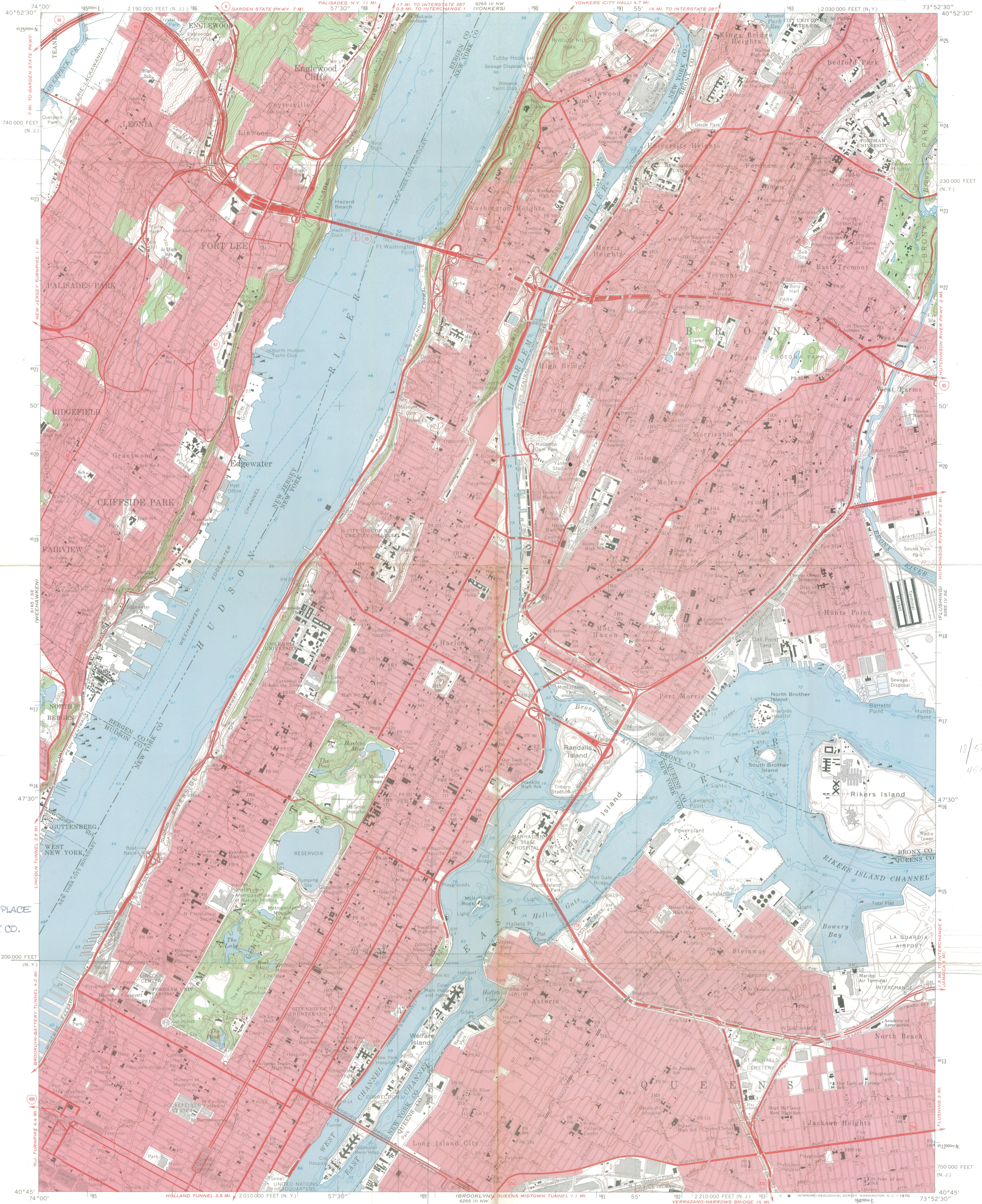
STATE New York	COUNTY New York	TOWN New York
STREET AND NUMBER		

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SOURCE USGS Quadrangle 7.5 Series Central Park, NY-NJ	DATE 1966	SCALE 1:24,000
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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.





HENDERSON PLACE
DISTRICT, N.Y. CO.

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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,
T-5089, T-5264, T-5278, T-5448, T-5449, T-5451, T-5452, T-5453, T-5458,
and T-5778. Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1954 and planimetric surveys 1956
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 grids 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

SCALE 1:24,000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY
4 FEET IN THE HUDSON RIVER AND 5 FEET IN THE EAST RIVER

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
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

CENTRAL PARK, N.Y.—N.J.
SW 1/4 HARLEM 15 QUADRANGLE
N4045—W7352.5/7.5
1966
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HENDERSON PLACE DISTR.

NY CO., N.Y.



NEW YORK STATE PARKS & RECREATION South Swan Street Bldg. South Mall, Albany, New York 12223 Information 518 474-0456
Alexander Aldrich, Commissioner

September 24, 1973



Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

As the State Historic Preservation Officer, I am forwarding the enclosed nomination to the National Register of Historic Places:

Henderson Place Historic District, New York, New York, New York County

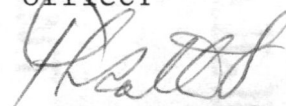
The above nomination has been reviewed and approved by the Committee on the Registers in accordance with the criteria outlined in Section 2.2 of the Grants Guide.

The staff of the New York State Division for Historic Preservation, the officially designated Preservation Agency, would welcome the opportunity to discuss this submission with your office.

Sincerely,

ALEXANDER ALDRICH
State Historic Preservation
Officer

By:


F. L. RATH, JR.
Deputy Commissioner

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **NEW YORK**

Date Entered **JUN 20 1974**

Name

Location

Henderson Place Terrace

**New York
New York County**

Also Notified

Hon. Jacob K. Javits
Hon. James L. Buckley
Hon. John M. Murphy
Regional Director, North
Atlantic Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Alexander Aldrich
Commissioner
Parks and Recreation
Room 303, South Swan St. Bldg.
Albany, New York 12223

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6/21/74