

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park 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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received **MAR 22 1983**

date entered

1. Name

historic

and/or common 48th Police Precinct Station

2. Location

street & number 1925 Bathgate Avenue not for publication

city, town Bronx New York vicinity of congressional district

state New York code 036 county Bronx code 005

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	NA in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	NA being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Commissioner, N.Y.C. Dept. of General Services

street & number 1800 Municipal Building

city, town New York vicinity of state New York

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Bronx County Register's Office, Surrogate's Court

street & number 1960 Benedict Avenue

city, town Bronx County, New York state New York 10462

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

New York City Landmarks Preservation
title Commission - Bronx Survey Files has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1978 ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☒ local

depository for survey records 20 Vesey Street

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 NA

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The 48th Police Precinct Station is a freestanding 3-story, rectangular block approximately 47' high, facing Bathgate Avenue between Tremont Avenue and 178th Street. The facades are composed of yellow brick with stone trim and Italian Renaissance Revival details. The compositional organization of the building recalls the Renaissance palace format of three horizontal divisions defined by string courses at each level.

The main facade is articulated by seven bays. The first story has round-arched openings in a rusticated stone veneer wall; the second story contains alternating triangular and segmental arched window lintels supported by Corinthian pilasters; and the third story has windows with shelf lintels, architrave surrounds, and cartouche keystones. Both the second and third stories have stone quoins at the corners and a yellow brick wall surface. The cast-iron cornice is severe with a decorated frieze, dentil molding, modillion blocks, and mascarons along the crown molding. In the center of the cornice is a panel reading "49 Precinct 49 / Police Station."

While the first floor openings have been sealed with concrete blocks, the upper stories retain paired double-hung wood sash with common transoms. The structural system is masonry Roebling construction using steel beams, concrete floors and brick walls.

In the early 1970s the building was left empty. The interior of the structure has been vandalized and several small fires have damaged the roof towards the rear and side. The interior has been generally stripped and contains no significant elements. The building has been sealed since circa 1975.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1901	Builder/Architect	Horgan (Arthur J.) & Slattery (Vincent J.)
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The 48th Police Precinct Station, designed in 1900 by Horgan & Slattery and completed in 1901, is an excellent example of Italian Renaissance Revival municipal architecture. The station survives as a prominent architectural landmark in the East Tremont section of the Bronx.

The firm of Horgan & Slattery was active during the period 1892-1901. Arthur J. Horgan (1868-1912) and Vincent J. Slattery (1867?-1939) maintained offices in the World Building and later at 1 Madison Avenue. Their chief assistant at the time of the design of the 48th Precinct Station was E. T. MacDonald. Designs by the firm include the 50th Police Precinct Station, Harlem Hospital, the Sanitarium at Snug Harbor and other less well known commercial buildings. Horgan later formed a partnership with John Rochester Thomas, one of the most prolific late nineteenth century architects in the New York area, and was responsible for completing Thomas's New York City Hall of Records (Surrogate's Court) in 1910. Horgan & Slattery specialized in commercial and public buildings in the French Beaux-Arts and Renaissance Revival styles.

Originally begun for the 37th Police Precinct, by the time of its completion it had become the home of the 49th. The estimated cost of the construction was \$90,000. Later changed to the 48th Precinct, it was occupied as a station until the early 1970s.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Francis, Dennis Steadman. Architects in Practice, New York City, 1840-1900.
New York: Committee for the Preservation of Architectural Records, 1980.

Whithey, Henry F. and Elsie. Biographical Dictionary of American Architects
(Deceased). Los Angeles: Hennessey & Ingalls, 1970.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Central Park

Quadrangle scale Scale: 1:24000

UMT References

A 18 59 29 10 45 22 150
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property occupies Borough of the Bronx Tax Map Block 3043, Lot 30 and is approximately 94' x 106'. See attached maps and boundary outline as shown on attached map with scale of 1 inch = 100 feet.

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

state	code	county	code	NA
state	code	county	code	

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Anne B. Covell, Field Representative

organization Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau

date August 18, 1982

street & number Agency Bldg. 1, Empire State Plaza telephone (518) 474-0479

city or town Albany state 12238

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

 national state X 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Anne Webster Smith

title Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation date 3/15/83

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

Daniel M. O'Neil

date 5/6/83

Keeper of the National Register

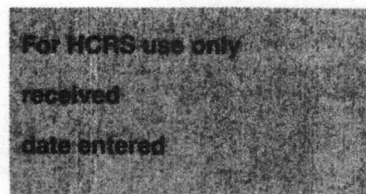
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior
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Continuation sheet 48th Police Precinct Station Item number 11

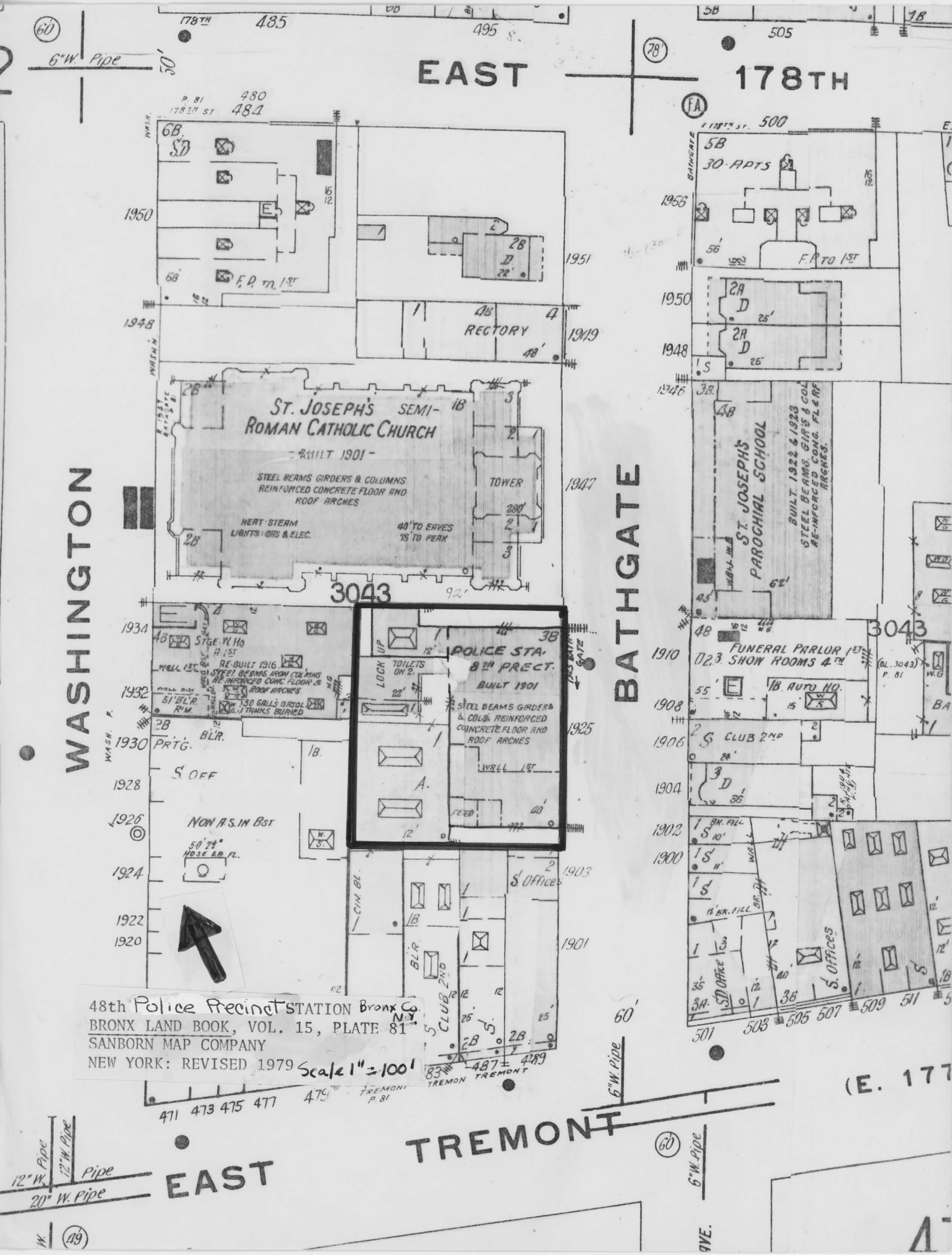
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Bronx, Bronx County

Form Prepared By:

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WASHINGTON

EAST

178TH

BATHGATE

TREMONT

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48th Police Precinct STATION Bronx Co. N.Y.
BRONX LAND BOOK, VOL. 15, PLATE 81
SANBORN MAP COMPANY
NEW YORK: REVISED 1979

Scale 1" = 100'

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

48th Police Precinct Station
Bronx County
NEW YORK

Working No. MAR 22 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84
Date Due: 4/21/83 - 5/6/83
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 5/6/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

The 48th police Precinct Station is eligible for the National Register for its significance as an excellent example of turn-of-the-century, Italian Renaissance Revival municipal architecture

Recom./Criteria ACCEPT / C
Reviewer HARRISON
Discipline ARCH. HISTORY
Date APRIL 22, 1983
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☒ summary paragraph
☒ completeness
☒ clarity
☒ alterations/integrity
☒ dates
☒ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ☒ summary paragraph
- ☒ completeness
- ☒ clarity
- ☒ applicable criteria
- ☒ justification of areas checked
- ☒ relating significance to the resource
- ☒ context — COULD BE STRONGER
- ☒ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Average of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____

date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



48th Police Precinct Station
1925 Bathgate Avenue

Bronx, NY , Bronx Co.

Photo by: Larry Gobrecht

Neg. at: Div. for Historic
Preservation

View: facade and side elevation
from the south
1982

#1064



48th Police Precinct Station
1925 Bathgate Avenue
Bronx, Bronx Co. NY
Photo: L. Gobrecht, 1982
Neg: Div. for Historic
Preservation
View: detail, facade

#264



48th Police Precinct Station
1925 Bathgate Avenue

Bronx, Bronx County, N.Y.

Photo: L. Gobrecht, 1982

Neg: Div. for Historic
Preservation

View: detail, brackets, roofline



48th Police Precinct Station
1925 Bathgate Avenue

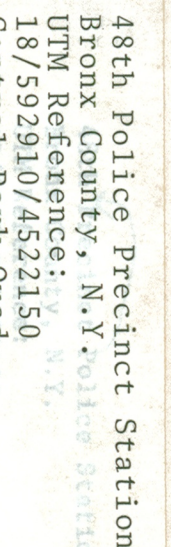
Bronx, Bronx Co. N.Y.

Photo: L. Gobrecht, 1982

Neg: Div. for Historic
Preservation

View: cornice detail from the
south

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