

**HISTORIC AND NATURAL DISTRICTS
INVENTORY FORM**

**DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD. _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Donald G. Presa DATE: August 1983
68-57 Forest Ave.
YOUR ADDRESS: Ridgewood, Ny 11385 TELEPHONE: 212-366-8721
ORGANIZATION (if any): Greater Ridgewood Restoration Corp.

1. NAME OF DISTRICT: 14: Cooper Ave.^{n⁴e} Row *Historic District*
2. COUNTY: Queens TOWN/CITY: New York City VILLAGE: _____
3. DESCRIPTION: see attached 6434--6446 Cooper Ave.

4. SIGNIFICANCE: see attached

5. MAP: see attached

6. SOURCES: **see major bibliography (item 9)**

7. THREATS TO AREA: **none**

BY ZONING BY ROADS BY DEVELOPERS

BY DETERIORATION OTHER _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

8. LOCAL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE AREA: **n/a**

9. PHOTOS: **see attached**

3. Description

The Cooper Ave. Row (photo 43) consists of seven structures that lie along Cooper Ave., between 64th Pl. and 64th La. The row, which covers approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre, contains two-story row houses, built in 1915, with flat facades and one apartment per floor. The buildings are characterized by simplified Romanesque and Renaissance Revival style detailing. The row's boundaries were drawn to exclude the surrounding frame and detached houses, and other buildings that are not in keeping with the architectural character of the row. The boundaries of the row are those delineated on the accompanying map.

The buildings, which are all identical, are constructed of yellow brick in stretcher bond with burnt orange brick detail such as panels, band courses, dentils, and arches (64-34 Cooper Ave.; Photo 44). The buildings are further characterized by brownstone stoops and water tables, double doors with glass panels and transom lights, cast-stone sills in a continuous band, segmental window arches on the first story and round window arches on the second story, and incised stone door surrounds with foliated consoles and egg-and-dart moldings. The facades are unified by simple pressed metal entablatures with dentils and blocks, visually supported at ground level by decorative ironwork.

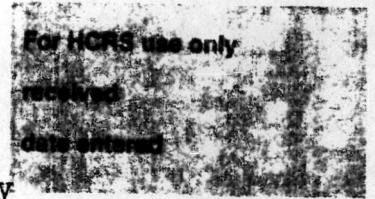
The Cooper Ave. Row remains largely intact. Typical alterations include replacement doors and windows, and the addition of metal awnings over the entrances. There are no non-contributing buildings in the district. An annotated list of buildings included in the district follows.

4. Significance

The Cooper Ave Row is architecturally significant as one of the most ornate and best-preserved rows of working-class houses in Ridgewood. Built as a row of seven identical houses in 1915 by German-born Albin Wagner from plans drawn by Louis Berger and Co., Ridgewood's most prolific architectural firm, the buildings feature some of Ridgewood's most striking and elaborate brickwork, including recessed banding, checkerboard bonding, dentils, and header brick arches. A similar use of yellow and burnt orange brick and header brick window arch construction is found on the "Mathews Flats," which were designed four years earlier by Louis Allmendinger. Berger may have been inspired by the brick detailing on the nearby "Mathews Flats" when he designed the Cooper Ave. Row. The row retains an outstanding level of integrity. All of the pressed metal cornices, original doors and elaborate ironwork remain intact. Retaining complete integrity of original design, the Cooper Ave Row recalls the ambience that has distinguished it since its development in 1915.

United States Department of the Interior
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Historic Resources of Ridgewood, New York, Queens County

Continuation sheet Building List Item number Page

Building Name Block/Lot	Photo No.	Color Code	Architectural & Historical Significance
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Historic District 14: Cooper Ave.

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|--------------------------------|-------|-------|--|
| 1. 6434 Cooper Ave.
3718/4 | 43/44 | green | attached brick row house, 1915, Romanesque and Renaissance Revival detail, arched lintels, pressed metal cornice; original doors, metal awning |
| 2. 6434 Cooper Ave.
3718/5 | 43 | green | " " " new door, metal awning |
| 3. 6438 Cooper Ave.
3718/6 | 43 | green | " " " new door, metal awning |
| 4. 6440 Cooper Ave.
3718/7 | 43 | green | " " " original doors, metal awning |
| 5. 6442 Cooper Ave.
3718/8 | 43 | green | " " " new door, metal awning |
| 6. 6444 Cooper Ave.
3718/9 | 43 | green | " " " original doors |
| 7. 6446 Cooper Ave.
3718/10 | 43 | green | " " " new door, metal awning |

Ridgewood Multiple Resource Area
New York, Queens/Kings Co., New York

Item 5:

The Cooper Ave. Row includes the following addresses as delineated on the accompanying tax map.

64-34 to 64-46 Cooper Ave.

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National Park Service

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date entered

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Multiple Resource Area dnr-11
Thematic Group

Name Ridgewood Multiple Resource Area
State New York

Comm accept 9/30/83

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-----|---|----------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | 68th Avenue-64 Place Historic District | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <i>Melrose Byers 9/30/83</i> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 2. | 75th Avenue-61st Street Historic District | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <i>Melrose Byers 9/30/83</i> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 3. | Central Avenue Historic District | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <i>Melrose Byers 9/30/83</i> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 4. | Central Ridgewood Historic District | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <i>Melrose Byers 9/30/83</i> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 5. | Cooper Avenue Row Historic District | Substantive Review | for Keeper | <i>Donna Ann Orszag 9/30/83</i> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 6. | Cornelia-Putnam Historic District | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <i>Melrose Byers 9/30/83</i> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 7. | Cypress Avenue East Historic District | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <i>Melrose Byers 9/30/83</i> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 8. | Cypress Avenue West Historic District | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <i>Melrose Byers 9/30/83</i> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 9. | Forest-Norman Historic District | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <i>Melrose Byers 9/30/83</i> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 10. | Fresh Pond-Traffic Historic District | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <i>Melrose Byers 9/30/83</i> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Cooper Avenue Row Historic District
(Ridgewood MRA)
Queens County
NEW YORK

Substantive Review

Working No. AUG 23 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 9/22/83 - 10/7/83
Action: ACCEPT 9/30/83
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*SHOULD HAVE BEEN NOMINATED UNDER
CATEGORY OF BUILDINGS.*

Recom./Criteria Accept / Criterion C
Reviewer [Signature]
Discipline A.P.
Date 9.30.83
____ see continuation sheet

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

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas 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
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

*NO MENTION OF REAR YARDS, BUT THEY APPEAR FROM THE MAP TO
BE INCLUDED*

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: _____



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Sheet 15

Ridgewood Multiple Resource Area

Photo #43

Name: 6434 to 6446 Cooper Ave.
Historic Resources of Ridgewood
District 14

Location: Queens County, New York City,
New York

Photographer: Tony Foscino

Date: 1/22/82

Negative: Con Edison
Photographic Dept.
4 Irving Pl.
New York, New York 10004

Direction of View: West along Cooper Ave
toward 64th Pl.

COOPER AVE Row 1A D



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Ridgewood Multiple Resource Area

Photo # 44

Name: 6434 Cooper Ave.

Historic Resources of Ridgewood
District 14Location Queens County, New York City,
New York

Photographer: Tony Foscino

Date: 1/22/82

Negative: Con Edison

Photographic Dept.

6434
4 Irving Pl.

New York, New York 10004

Direction of View: South

COOPER AVE ROUTE 1

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000586



District 14: COOPER AVE. ROW

scale: 160' = 1"

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 New York, Queens/Kings Co., New York



District 14: COOPER AVE. ROW

scale: 160' = 1"

LOCATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS

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