

Landmarks Preservation Commission
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267 HENRY STREET BUILDING (a part of the Henry Street Settlement), Borough of Manhattan. 1834; architect unknown. Remodeled about 1910.

Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 287, Lot 8 in part, consisting of the land on which the described building is situated.

On October 19, 1965, the Landmarks Preservation Commission held a public hearing on the proposed designation as a Landmark of the 267 Henry Street Building and the proposed designation of the related Landmark Site. (Calendar No. 69). The hearing had been duly advertised in accordance with the provisions of law. Three speakers, including a representative of the owner, spoke in favor of designation of the buildings of the Henry Street Settlement. There were no speakers in opposition to designation.

DESCRIPTION AND ANALYSIS

This handsome Georgian Eclectic three-story town house with basement represents the remodelling of an 1834 house done about 1910. As seen today, it is Georgian Eclectic in style despite the fact that the basement entrance and shallow arches above the first floor windows are more reminiscent of Federal architecture. The facade of this building is architecturally interesting as a fine illustration of similar Georgian Eclectic town houses that were being built with such freedom of interpretation in New York City at the turn of this Century.

In addition to its architectural significance 267 Henry Street is the easternmost of three houses which form the famous Henry Street Settlement founded by Lillian Wald in 1893. Pride in these buildings resulted in restoration work carried on in 1964 in lieu of razing them and rebuilding on the site. As a part of Henry Street Settlement, 267 Henry Street has been of outstanding service to the neighborhood since it was added to the Settlement.

FINDINGS AND DESIGNATIONS

On the basis of a careful consideration of the history, the architecture and other features of this building, the Landmarks Preservation Commission finds that the 267 Henry Street Building has a special character, special historical and aesthetic interest and value as part of the development, heritage and cultural characteristics of New York City.

The Commission further finds that, among its important qualities, the 267 Henry Street Building, a part of the Henry Street Settlement, is a handsome building illustrating in its present form the type of Georgian Eclectic architecture that was popular at the start of the Twentieth Century and that the building is a part of the great and historic tradition of neighborhood service initiated by Lillian Wald in 1893.

Accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 8-A of the Charter of the City of New York and Chapter 8-A of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, the Landmarks Preservation Commission designates as a Landmark the 267 Henry Street Building, Borough of Manhattan and designates as its related Landmark Site that part of Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 287, Lot 8 which contains the land on which the described building is situated.