METROPOLITAN
MUSEUM
Historic District

M-1 James R. and Nanaline Duke House, now the
New York University Institute of Fine Arts, 1 East
78th Street (Horace Trumbauer, 1909-12).

M-2 Payne and Helen Hay Whitney House, now the
Office of Cultural Services, Embassy of France, 972
Fifth Avenue (McKim, Mead & White, Stanford
White, partners in charge, 1902-05).

M-3 988 Fifth Avenue Apartments (McKim, Mead &
White, William S. Richardson, partner in charge, 1910-12).

M-4 1095 Fifth Avenue House, also known as the
Benjamin N. and Sarah Duke House (Welsh, Smith
& Proctor, 1899-1901).

TREADWELL FARM
Historic District

Welcome to the oldest historic district on the
Upper East Side, the Treadwell Farm Historic District. Named for the Treadwell family, landowners between 1815 and
the late 1860's, this residential neighborhood of
predominantly four-story Italianate row houses dates between 1868 and 1875. In the 1920s, the residences were modernized
by stripping off much of the original architectural detail. 207 East 62nd Street, however, recently underwent an excellent
restoration that added back missing architectural features. This neighborhood, with its quiet midtown elegance and special
ambiance, has housed notables such as
Walter Lippmann, Tallulah Bankhead, Kim Novak, Montgomery Clift, and
Eleanor Roosevelt.

*Abigail Adams Smith Museum 421 East 61st Street
Although the daughter of John Adams never slept here, she
and her husband did own the land. They bought twenty-
three acres in 1796, intending to build a country estate
called "Mount Vernon." The current museum, originally
a stone stable, was remodeled as a hotel in 1826. The
Colonial Dames of America acquired the property in
1924 and have restored it as a 19th-century hotel.

An architectural grotesque
in the Metropolitan Museum
Historic District

998 Fifth Avenue This building set the standard for Upper East Side
luxury apartment buildings. The design was to afford residents the
same amenities found in town houses—marble fireplaces, jewelry safes,
and separate servants' quarters—without the upkeep of a private house.

*The New York Society Library 53 East 70th Street
Founded in 1754, the oldest library in the city was
known as "the city library" for over 150 years. It was originally located in the old City Hall on Wall Street.
Between 1789 and 1790, the U.S. Congress deemed the library the first Library of Congress. Past notable
members include Washington Irving, James Fenimore Cooper, Herman Melville, Willis Carter, Edgar Allan Poe,
and Leonard Bernstein. Nonmembers are allowed access to the ground floor for reading and reference work.

Picturesque windows typical of the
Treadwell Farm Historic District

In this district you will find a picturesque group of seven houses, all constructed!
CARNEGIE HILL

Historic District

Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum 2 East 91st Street Originally Andrew Carnegie's residence. This was one of the first buildings in New York City with air conditioning; ducts in the south drew cool air from fans aimed at large ice blocks in the basement.

G 1. Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, also interior designation, 1071 Fifth Avenue (Frank Lloyd Wright, 1956-59).


G 3. George L. Mclain House, now part of the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum complex, 9 East 90th Street (George Keister, 1902-03).


G 5. Emily Trevor House, 15 East 90th Street (Mot B. Schmidt, 1927-28).


G 7. 1251 Madison Avenue Apartments (Buchman & Fox, 1900-01).

G 8. Otto and Addie Kahn House, now the Convent of the Sacred Heart, 1 East 91st Street (J. Armstrong Stiebling, with C. P. H. Gilbert, 1918-19).


G 12. 120 East 92nd Street House (architect unknown, 1871).

G 13. 122 East 92nd Street House (attributed to Albro Howell, carpenter-builder, 1859).

G 14. Felix and Frieda S. Warburg House, now the Jewish Museum, 1100 Fifth Avenue (C. P. H. Gilbert, 1907-08).


G 16. William Goodman and Florence Baker Loew House, now the Smithies Orthopedic Center of Roosevelt Hospital, 50 East 93rd Street (Walker & Gillette, 1906-11).

G 17. 1251 Madison Avenue House (James F. Ware, 1899-91).

G 18. George F. Baker, Jr., House Complex, now (in part) the Roman Catholic Church of St. Isidore, 67, 69, and 71 East 89th Street (No. 71: E. B.,d w, 1911-12; No. 73: C. F. Conn, 1912; No. 69, 1928-29; No. 67, 1931-32 by Delano & Aldrich).

G 19. Willard and Dorothy Whitney Straight House, now the National Audubon Society, 1120 Fifth Avenue (Delano & Aldrich, 1913-15).

G 20. Mrs. Amory S. Carhart House, now the French Institute of New York, 3 East 95th Street (Horace Trumbauer, 1913-14).


G 22. Ogden Codman House, now the Manhattan Country School, 7 East 96th Street (Ogden Codman, 1912-15).

G 23. Lucy Dalgren House, later the Pierre Cartier House, 15 East 96th Street (Ogden Codman, 1913-16).

In the 18th century, this area was known as Prospect Hill. After a Scottish, industrialist Andrew Carnegie, moved in, locals referred to it as "The Highlands." The first use of the term "Carnegie Hill" occurred in 1903.

*Marx Brothers Family House: 179 East 89th Street (c. 1895-1910), the Marx family lived in an apartment at this location. All the brothers attended P.S. 86 on East 96th Street—none, however, graduated.

*denotes building not within historic district.
In this district you will find a picturesque group of seven houses, all constructed in 1889 for William C. Rhinelander, a prominent New York real estate leader. Henry Hardenbergh, architect of notable New York City buildings such as the Plaza Hotel and the Dakota Apartments, designed all of the buildings. The lively mix of architectural details enhances the district.

*Yorkville* This vanished enclave reflects its roots as a European and Irish working class immigrant neighborhood. Yorkville encompasses the area between East 79th and 96th Streets, from Lexington Avenue to the East River. Germans first arrived here during the mid-19th century, and the area later became the principal German-speaking neighborhood in New York City. East 86th Street stood as the center of the community, lined with illuminated theaters and ethnic businesses. Although today there are still some old-world churches, traditional restaurants, and charming shops on and near Second Avenue, much of Yorkville's unique flavor has all but disappeared under the pressures of development and growth.

**HENDERSON PLACE**
*Historic District*

The Henderson Place Historic District is one of New York City's most charming neighborhoods. John C. Henderson, a prosperous fur importer and dealer, constructed the homes between 1881 and 1882. Instead of building in a traditional manner, Henderson had the 32 small Queen Anne-style dwellings along a new cul-de-sac. Designed by Lamb & Rich, the homes are three-stories tall with sunken basements. Creative siting and the repetition of decorative details make Henderson Place a visually striking enclave.

**HARDENBERGH/ RHINELANDER**
*Historic District*

*denotes building not within historic district*
UPPER EAST SIDE HISTORIC DISTRICTS

Cultural Organizations

The following organizations offer a wide variety of public programs. Please call for information on current and upcoming events.

**in the UPPER EAST SIDE HISTORIC DISTRICT**

- Americas Society 680 Park Avenue, 249-8950
- Asia Society 725 Park Avenue, 288-6400
- China Institute in America 125 East 66th Street, 744-8181
- English-Speaking Union 16 East 69th Street, 879-6800
- Frick Collection 1 East 70th Street, 288-0700
- Italian Cultural Institute 686 Park Avenue, 879-4242
- New York Academy of Sciences 2 East 63rd Street, 838-0230
- New York School of Interior Design 170 East 70th Street, 472-1500
- Sculpture Center Gallery 167 East 68th Street, 879-3500
- Spanish Institute 684 Park Avenue, 628-0420
- Sylvia and Danny Kaye Playhouse 605 Park Avenue, 772-4448
- Whitney Museum of American Art 945 Madison Avenue, 570-3676

**in the METROPOLITAN MUSEUM HISTORIC DISTRICT**

- American-Irish Historical Society 991 Fifth Avenue, 288-2263
- Cultural Division of the French Embassy 972 Fifth Avenue, 439-1400
- Goethe Institute 1014 Fifth Avenue, 439-4700
- Metropolitan Museum of Art Fifth Avenue at East 82nd Street, 535-7710
- New York Society Library 53 East 70th Street, 288-6900
- Ukrainian Institute of America 2 East 70th Street, 288-8660

**in the CARNEGIE HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT**

- Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, Smithsonian Institution 2 East 91st Street, 887-6898
- Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum 1071 Fifth Avenue, 423-3500
- International Center of Photography 1130 Fifth Avenue, 860-1777
- Jewish Museum 1109 Fifth Avenue, 423-9200
- Liederkranz Club 6 East 87th Street, 534-6880
- National Academy Museum and School of Fine Arts 1083 Fifth Avenue, 360-4880

**outside historic districts**

- Abigail Adams Smith Museum 421 East 61st Street, 838-6878
- American Hungarian Library and Historical Society 215 East 82nd Street, 744-5298
- Arsenal/Administration Building of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation Central Park at East 64th Street, 360-0111
- Czech Center New York 1109 Madison Avenue, 288-0830
- Diacpo Opera Theatre 184 East 76th Street, 288-0438
- El Museo del Barrio 1230 Fifth Avenue, 831-7272
- French Institute/Alliance Française 22 East 66th Street, 355-6100
- Gracie Mansion East End Avenue at East 88th Street, 570-4751
- Grolier Club 47 East 60th Street, 288-6690
- Hungarian House 213 East 82nd Street, 669-1974
- Jewish Repertory Theatre 1395 Lexington Avenue, 996-1100
- Bertha and Karl Leubsdorf Art Gallery at Hunter College southwest corner of Lexington Avenue and East 68th Street, 772-4991
- Marymount Manhattan Theatre 221 East 71st Street, 517-0475
- Museum of the City of New York 1220-1227 Fifth Avenue, 534-1672
- New York Academy of Medicine 2 East 103rd Street, 822-7321
- Society of Illustrators 128 East 63rd Street, 838-2560
- Syracuse University Lubin House 11 East 61st Street, 826-0320

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Best,

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President

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