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October 4, 1978

Dr. William Murtagh Keeper of the Register Department of the Interior 18th and C Streets, NW Washington, DC 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

OFFICE COPY Greenwich Village Re: Historic District New York County

We are enclosing the Greenwich Village Historic District nomination and request that it be expedited through the federal review process. We have FY1979 grant candidates whose awards are contingent upon the district being listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

National Register and Survey

Coordinator

Historic Preservation Field Services

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(The following streets and numbers are included in the district) #11-29, #2-28 East 11th Street: #3-15, #4-24 East 10th Street: **#1-23, #20** East 9th Street: #13-23, #4-26 East 8th Street: #42-64, #1-16 Washington Mews: #1-2¤ Washington Square North: #2-16 University Place: #1-45**,** #2-48 Fifth Avenue: #1-259, #2-260 . West 10th Street: #1-69, #2-70 West 9th Street: #1-63, #2-62West 8th Street: #1-17%, #6=19 MacDougal Alley: #29-39 Washington Square West: #169-181, #176-180 MacDougal Street: #101-249, #100-246 Waverly Place: #67-127, #64-128 Washington Place: #129-351, #220-356 West 4th Street #340-482, #345-475 Sixth Avenue #1-5 Village Square #10-15, #1-9 Sheridan Square: #2-84, #1-97 Barrow Street: #1-49, #2-46 Seventh Avenue: #289-417, #296-404 Bleecker Street: **#10-20, #7-19** Gay Street: #(-129, #2-120 Greenwich Avenue: #1-49, #2-46 Seventh Avenue: #69-173, #26-192 Seventh Avenue South: #9-54, #11-73 8th Avenue: #1-121, #2-120 Charles Street: #1-139, #2-130 Christopher Street: #2-98, #17-61 Grove Street: #9-41**,** #16-50 Commerce Street: #272-71, #32-70 Morton Street: #51-57 Leroy Street: #1=17 St. Luke's Place:

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West 12th Street: West 11th Street: Hudson Street: Bedford Street: Perry Street: Bank Street: Jane Street: Horatio Street: Eighth Avenue: Washington Street: Greenwich Street: Patchin Place: Milligan Place:

#12-366, #11-371 #2-344, #7-345 #420-636, #447-639 #110-60, #59.-117 #1-103, #2-108 #1-131, #2-136 #1-95, #2-94 #2-92, #1-83 #11-73, #9-54 #703-195 #653-829, #836-738 #1-10 #1-4

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Greenwich Village Historic District is located on flat land on the west side of lower Manhattan. Its more than one hundred irregularly shaped blocks encompass the area south of 13th Street, north of St. Luke's Place, east of Washington Street, and west of University Place. Washington Square, a large park in the southeastern section is included in the district. Other smaller parks are located throughout the village. The boundaries of this district are the same as those designated by the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission. Within the boundaries are a wide variety of structures dating from 1799 until well into the twentieth century. For purposes of ease of discussion and mapping, the village has been divided into nine areas.

The village has been justly famous for its many elegant rows of town houses dating from the very beginning of the nineteenth century to the Civil War. Federal, Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, and Italianate styles are all represented. The village contains a small number of churches but among them are two very fine Gothic Revival structures located on the west side of 5th Avenue, and a superb Greek Revival Church, on West 13th Street. There are a number of apartment houses ranging in date from 1880 until the 1930's that are good examples of their types and that appear in significant enough numbers so that the skyline in the village varies from two and one-half to four stories with frequent punctuations by towers of fifteen or twenty stories. A fine cluster of twentieth-century apartment buildings can be found along 5th Avenue.

The fine town houses usually had stables connected with them and a few such stables remain, now turned into housing. Washington Mews and MacDougal Alley are nearly intact streets of stables. Other former stables remain throughout the village, sometimes only one on a street. The south side of West 10th Street between 5th and 6th Avenue has several. The western section of the village is characterized by town houses side by side with garages and commercial structures of mixed quality and generally an early twentieth-century date.

Aside from the importance of the very fine twentieth-century town houses of the village, their placement within the streetscape is significant. Although the village is laid out on a north/south street axis east of 6th Avenue, the area west of 6th is a labyrinth of winding narrow streets where even the native can get disoriented. Morton Street, Commerce Street, Barrow Street, Grove Street, and Gay Street all bend oddly adding an element of surprise to the streetscapes.

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When 7th Avenue and 8th Avenue were cut through, mercilessly imposing the city's uptown street plan on the village, odd triangles were created which called for imaginative treatment. Instead, most of these triangles contain gas stations or nondescript structures of little architectural value.

The village is a visual treat in part because of its odd layout. Coming round a bend in the street one suddenly is confronted by a row of town houses, or if a bend is gradual the street seems to unfold before one's eyes with every step. Tenth Street opposite the superb Jefferson Market Courthouse contains Patchin Place, a tiny enclave of row houses set back from the street. On the west side of 6th Avenue just north of 10th Street is Milligan Place with its tiny houses. It is hard to find even when you know exactly where to look.

The most dramatic use of space in the village is no doubt Washington Square with the magnificant rows of Greek Revival townhouses to its north and the arch of triumph, Washington Arch, marking the beginning of 5th Avenue.

The oldest house in the village is 77 Bedford Street, a frame structure dated 1799 which sits on the corner of Bedford and Commerce Streets. Another frame house is on the corner of Bedford and Grove (100 Bedford) and numerous other frame houses are found in the village. Generally, however, the houses are of brick, in either common or Flemish bond. The village is noted for the fine iron work which survives from the Federal, Greek Revival, and Italianate periods of architecture. Undoubtedly, the most distinctive feature of the village is the number of artist's studios which discreetly top many a town house. A list of noteworthy structures in the village would be exceedingly lengthly. What follows is a list of the most notable Greenwich Village landmarks along with characteristic types of structures.

- 1. Washington Square North, c. 1831, three and one-half story town houses in the Greek Revival style;
- Washington Square Park, a potter's field converted in the 1820's to a public park;

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- 3. Washington Mews and MacDougal Alley stables behind the town houses on the park;
- 4. One 5th Avenue, a highrise apartment building, 1926, designed by Helmle and Corbett and Sugarman and Berger;
- 5. Eighth Street, visually unappealing on the first floor, 8th Street is a thriving commercial block of small shops and is a curious but delightful anomaly in the village;
- 6. West 10th and West 11th Streets: There are numerous noteworthy period houses on these streets including, on West 10th Street, Terrace, a row of twenty Anglo-Italianate town houses with English basements. Still handsome, this row has Renwick suffered some loss of design integrity; Fourteen to twenty=eight West 11th Street is a superb row of elegant brick Greek Revival town houses built in 1844-45 and has exceptionally well-preserved The Church of the Ascension designed by Richard Upjohn in 1840 and the First Presbyterian Church designed by Joseph C. Wells in 1845 are both on the west side of 5th Avenue at the corners of 10th and 11th Streets, and are fine examples of the Gothic Revival style of architecture. Fifty West 10th Street is a brick stable and a good example of the early Romanesque Revival style. Thirty-five West 10th is a fine 1832 Federal town house with Greek Revival alterations.
 - 7. West 12th Street has less uniformity and more apartment houses, some of which are stylishly handsome, such as the three houses at 137-151 West 12th Street designed in 1910 by Henry S. Lion in a classical manner;
 - o. West 13th Street is notable, especially the north side of the street between 6th and 7th Avenues. Rows of Greek Revival town houses are punctuated by a hexagonal Greek Revival church of 1046 with an elegant portico and beautifully proportioned entrance door;

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- 9. Sixth Avenue is a commercial street which has maintained its dignity to a large extent. The most exquisite gem of the village, the Jefferson Market Courthouse, occupies its own block and fronts on 6th Avenue. This structure is an excellent example of Gothic Revival and has been adapted for use as a library by Giorgio Cavalgieri, restoration architect;
- 10. Just when the casual visitor is sure he has found the "best" street, there is always its equal just around the bend. St. Luke's Place, located in the southwest portion of the district, retains many of the original features such as the ironwork. These very elegant town houses were built in 1852-1853 in the Italianate style;
- 11. Tiny bending streets like Grove, Barrow, Commerce and Morton contain a variety of less pretentious houses, many in the Federal style. Bedford Street has the oldest house (#77 of 1799) and the narrowest as well (#75), once the home of poetess Edna St. Vincent Millay, who spent at least one night away from it riding back and forth on the Staten Island Ferry;
- 12. Gay Street is a tiny dogleg street tucked between Waverly Place and Christopher Street. These houses, built in the 1820's through the 1840's are Federal and Greek Revival in style and are rather simple in treatment;
- 13. The acres of town houses seem at times endless. Bank, Perry, Bethune, Jane and Horatio Streets are lined with fine examples in the Greek Revival and Italianate styles;
- 14. The east side of Washington Street is heavily commercial.

 Seven hundred nineteen to seven hundred thirty-nine is a row with some fine original ironwork;
- 15. Seven hundred ninety-three Greenwich Street in the Neo-Federal style was designed by Ralph Townsend in 1905 as a six-story hotel. Its handsome stone quoins and lintels contrast with the brick walls. It is typical of a number of early twentieth-century structures in the village.

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Photo Key

Intrusions--and vacant lots(*)

Area 1 1:1, #11 5th Avenue, highrise modern apartment building 1:2

Area 2 2:1 #402 6th Avenue, (63 West 8th Street), four-story modern brick box

2:2 #420 6th Avenue (69 West 9th Street), modern highrise apartment building

2:3 #51 West 10th Street, modern highrise apartment building

2:4* #18 West 11th Street, vacant lot in row of town houses

2:5 #65 West 11th Street, 1955 wing of New School for Social Research

2:6 #482 6th Avenue, seven-story modern brick box

2:7 #15 West 12th Street, 1957 modern brick highrise

2:8 #37 West 12th Street, Butterfield House, 1959 designed by Mayer, Whittlesey, and Glass. A well-designed modern building which is unusually sympathetic to its neighbors.

Area 3
Washington Square Park. There are no intrusions in the park.

Area 4 4:1, #2 5th Avenue, a modern apartment building, low rise on the 4:2 park, a huge tower on 5th Avenue

4:3 #16-22 West 8th Street, one and one-half story, modern

√4:4 #171-175 MacDougal Street, an old 1890's building extremely
altered in 1966

4:5 #179 MacDougal Street, one-story taxpayer

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4:6	#40-44 West 8th Street, one-story taxpayer	
ħ : .l	#56 West 8th Street, one-story taxpayer	
4:8	#398 6th Avenue (62 West 8th Street), one and one-half story modern brick structure	
1 4:9	*#356-372 6th Avenue, parking lot	
4:10	#340-354 6th Avenue, two-story modern structures	
4:11	#407, 413-415, 403 6th Avenue, one-story taxpayer	
4:12	391-401 6th Avenue, one and two-story modern commercial structur	es
√ 4:13	#1-5 Village Square, one-story taxpayers	
4:14	*#11 Christopher Street, a high brick wall hides a parking lot	
4:15	#109-125 7th Avenue South, one-story taxpayer	
4:16	#91-95, 97-99 7th Avenue South, one-story taxpayer	
~ 4:17	#22 Barrow Street and 81 East 7th Avenue	
4:18	#73 7th Avenue, south of Barrow	
. 4:19	#3 Sheridan Square (2 Barrow Street)	
Area 5:1	_5 #18-20 Greenwich Avenue (125 West 10th), one-story taxpayer	
√ 5:2 *	#32-42 West 11th Street, playground	
5:3	#116 West 11th Street, P.S. No. 41 (1955)	
5 : ¹ 4	#133-141 West 11th Street, 1961, hospital	
5:5	#475 6th Avenue, (100 West 12th Street), modern brick box	
√ 5:6	134-146, 148-158, 168 West 12th Street	
5:7	#175 West 12th Street, modern brick highrise	

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- 5:8 #20 7th Avenue, starkly modern building
- 5:9 #175 West 13th Street, (41-49 7th Avenue South), modern highrise
- 5:10* #122 Greenwich Avenue, (72 8th Avenue) parking lot
- 5:11 #70-72 8th Avenue, (White Tower), one-story structure

<u>Area 6</u>

- 6:1 #49 Morton Street, modern brick building
- 6:2 #27 Commerce Street (#78 Bedford Street), modern brick box
- 6:3 #81 Bedford Street (#31 Commerce Street), modern brick box
- √6:4 *#69 Barrow Street (35 Commerce Street), alleyway
- √6:5 #62-64 7th Avenue South, gas station, #48-52 7th Avenue South, gas station, but here the 1922 station itself is designed to look like a tiny Italian Renaissance chapel with tile roof and should not be considered an intrusion.
 - 6:6 #301-315 Bleecker Street, one to three-story commercial structures
 - 6:7 #110 7th Avenue South (70 Christopher Street), a one-story taxpayer
 - 6:8 #74 Christopher Street, one-story taxpayer
 - 6:9 #106 7th Avenue South, one-story taxpayer
 - 6:10 *#465-471 Hudson and #651 Greenwich, vacant lots
 - 6:11 *#493-499 Hudson Street, vacant lots
 - 6:12 #501 Hudson Street (131 Christopher Street), two and one-half story structure, severely altered

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- 6:13 *#515 Hudson (256 West 10th Street), vacant lot
- 6:14 *#259 West 10th Street, (#697 Greenwich Street), recently demolished building
- 6:15 #707-711 Greenwich Street, brick boxes

Area 7

- 7:1 #536 Hudson Street (#112 Charles), commercial structure, with a truck loading facility.
- 7:2 #229-235 West 10th Street, two-story police station
- 7:3 #104 Charles Street, rear of #229-235 West 10th Street
- 7:4 #350 Bleecker Street, (98 Charles Street/221 West 10th Street)
- 7:5 #130-140 7th Avenue South, one-story structures
- 7:6 *137 7th Avenue South, gas station
- 7:7 #33 Greenwich Avenue, (#133 West 10th Street)
- 7:8 *#170 7th Avenue South, gas station
- 7:9 #15 Charles Street, (#157 7th Avenue South), modern highrise apartments
- 7:10 #173 7th Avenue South (5 Perry Street), one-story structure
- 7:11 ##61 Greenwich Avenue, Taco Rico and gas station
- 7:12 #200 West 11th Street, (#192 7th Avenue South), one-story taxpayer
- 7:13 #220 West 11th Street (St. John's Church), modern church

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- 7:14 #560,562,564,566 Hudson Street, modern apartments
- 7:15 #101-103 Perry Street, four-story modern structure
- 7:16 *#538 Hudson Street, gas station

Area 8

- 8:1 *#404-416 Bleecker Street, playground
- 8:2 #48 Bank Street, modern brick town house
- 8:3 #238 West 12th Street, a two-story stucco theatre
- 8:4 #292-294 West 12th Street, a modern brick box
- 8:5 #42 8th Avenue (#31 Jane Street), modern highrise apartment building
- 8:6 #18 Horatio Street, modern highrise apartment building
- 8:7 #10-12 Horatio Street, modern highrise apartment building
- 8:8 *#61 8th Avenue, gas station
- 8:9 #302-304 West 13th Street, altered brick building
- 8:10 *#638-650 Hudson Street, a large playground
- · ✓ 8:11 *#29 8th Avenue, (#38 Jane Street), small garden

Area 9

- 9:1 #639 Hudson Street, one-story shop
- 9:2 #832-836 Greenwich Street, modern apartment building
- 9:3 #623-635 Hudson Street, modern highrise
- 9:4 #818 Greenwich Street, modern one-story garage
- 9:5 #802-810 Greenwich Street, one-story garage

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- 9:6 #701 Washington Street, two-story undistinguished modern building
- 9:7 #755 Washington Street, two-story garage
- 9:8 #40-44 Bethune, one-story garage
- 9:9 #38 Bethune, one-story garage
- 9:10 *#731 Washington Street, vacant lot with small building (former gas station?)
- 9:11 #100, 110 Bank Street, (770 Greenwich Street), modern brick apartment buildings
- 9:12 #772-784 Greenwich Street, modern brick apartment building
- 9:13 #326-328 West 11th Street, modern apartment building
- 9:14 #149 Perry Street, three extensively altered three-story structures
- 9:15 #137 and 139 Perry Street, one-story garages
- 9:16 #535 Hudson Street, modern brick box
- 9:17 #541 Hudson Street, modern store
- 9:18 #555,557,559 Hudson Street, three modern or severely altered buildings
- 9:19 #767 Greenwich Street, recently constructed town house

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- 4:4 171-173 MacDougal
- 4:9 360-74 Sixth
- 4:13 1-5 Greenwich Avenue on Village Square
- 4:17 81 7th Avenue, South
- 5:2 Cross out 32-42, write 100-124 instead
- 5:6 #148-158 cross out
- 6:4 Alley behind 81 Bedford Street
- 6:5 Cross out 48-52
- 8:11 Change 38 to 40 Jane

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The boundaries of the Greenwich Village Historic District follow exactly those of the district of the same name designated by the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission. This was done to avoid confusion on the local level about which structures are local landmarks and which are on the National Register. The boundaries of the present district are logical and identify an area widely accepted as constituting the area known as Greenwich Village. Further surveys of adjacent areas may be conducted in the future.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Greenwich Village Historic District is unsurpassed in Manhattan as a collection of buildings representing the major architectural styles of New York beginning from 1800. Here vernacular interpretations stand side by side with sophisticated examples of high style architecture. The village is noteworthy for the variety of its streetscapes and parks, for its human scale and rows of nineteenth-century town houses. Historically, Greenwich Village has been a place of residence or work for many famous artistic or literary Americans among them Tom Paine, Edger Allan Poe, Henry Jarvis Raymond, Richard Watson Gilder, Henry James, Mark Twain, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Theodore Dreiser, Richard Morris Hunt, Albert Pinkham Ryder, Eastman Johnson, William Merritt Chase, Sanford Gifford, John Kensett, Frederick Church, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, and Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney. The cultural contribution of the village is plainly incalculable. In addition, the avant guard attitudes and independent spirit which has always filled the village air is as strong today as ever.

Attached to this nomination is the two-volume New York City Landmarks Designation Report for the Greenwich Village Historic District which further defines and describes the unique qualities of the nationally significant Greenwich Village Historic District.

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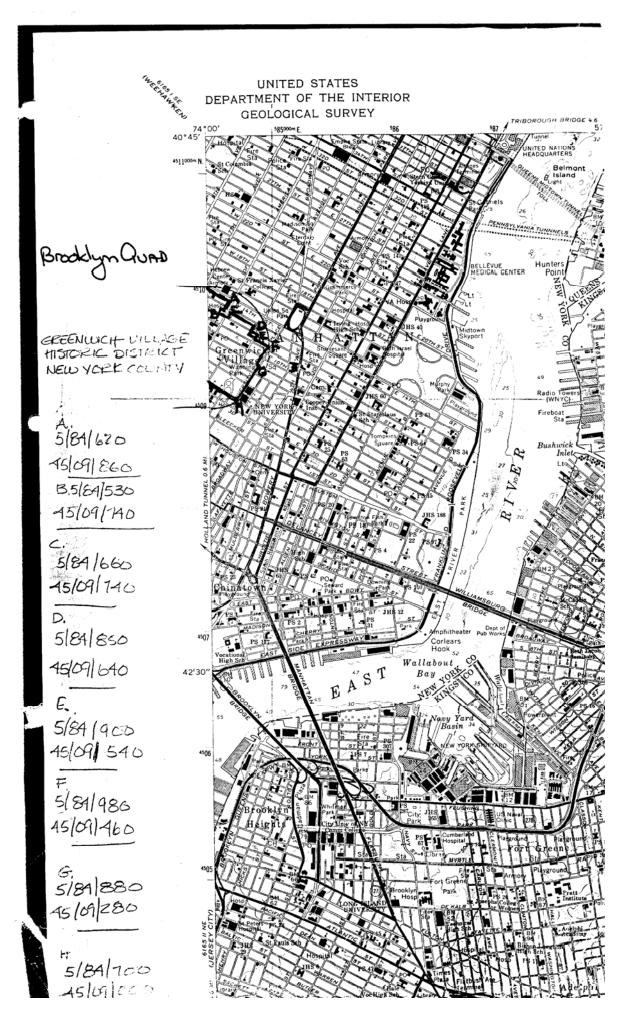
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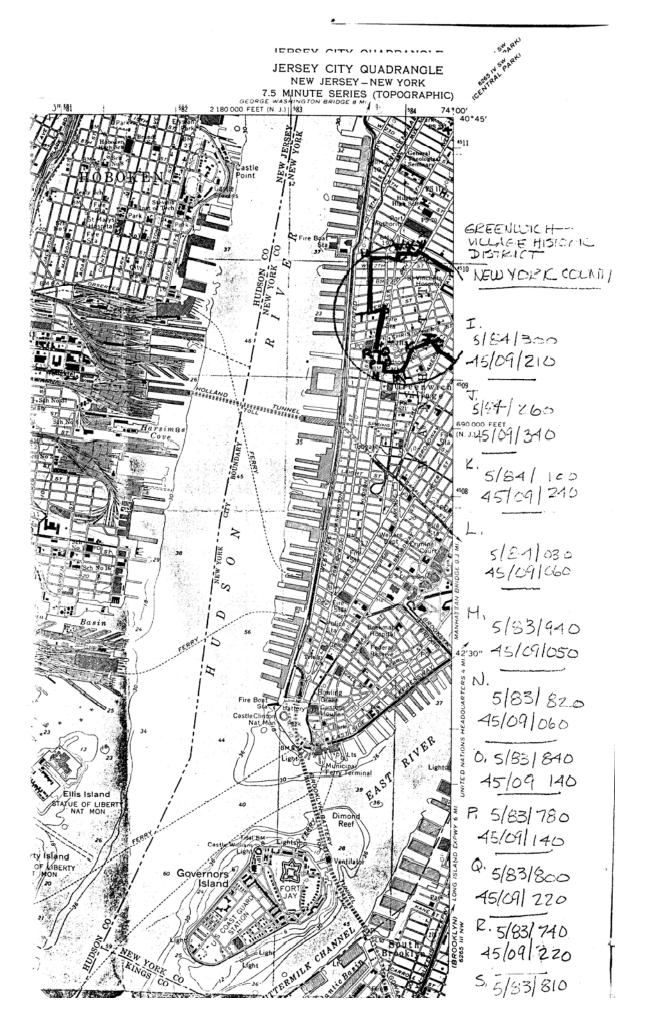
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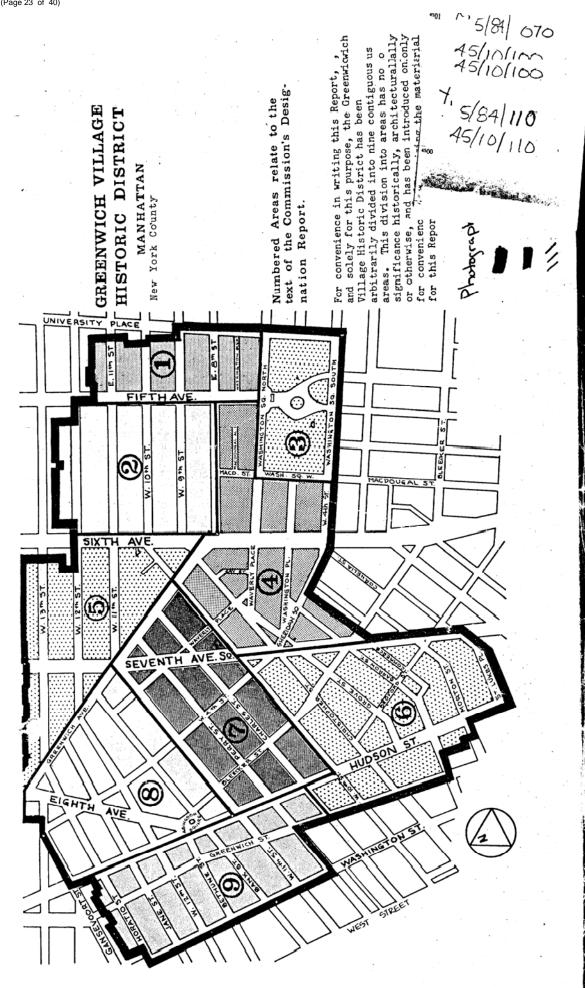
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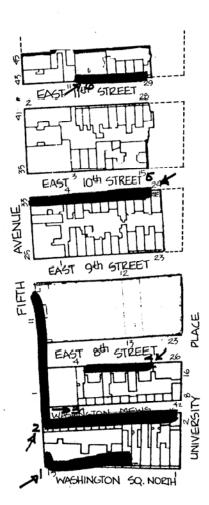
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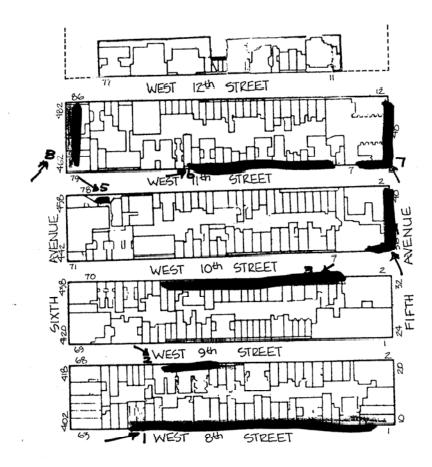




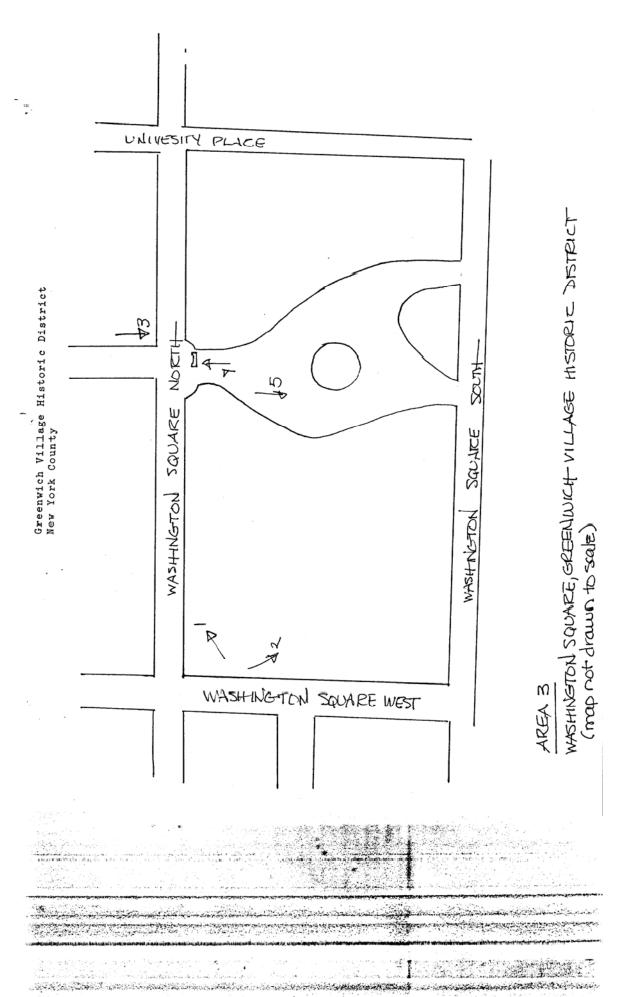


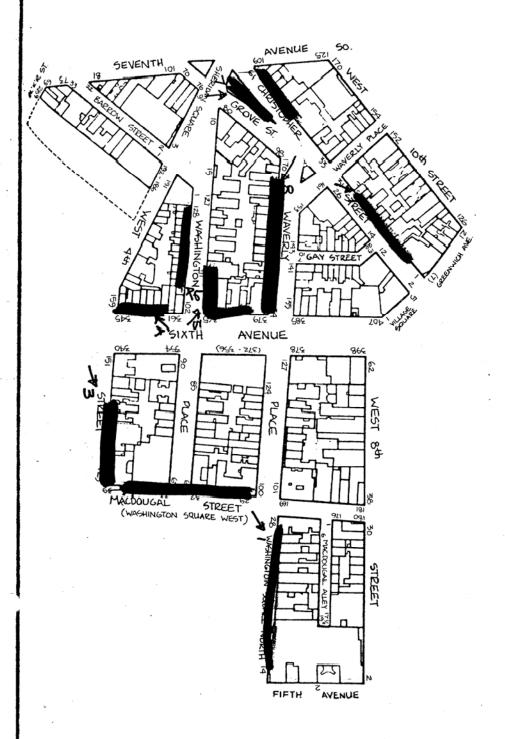




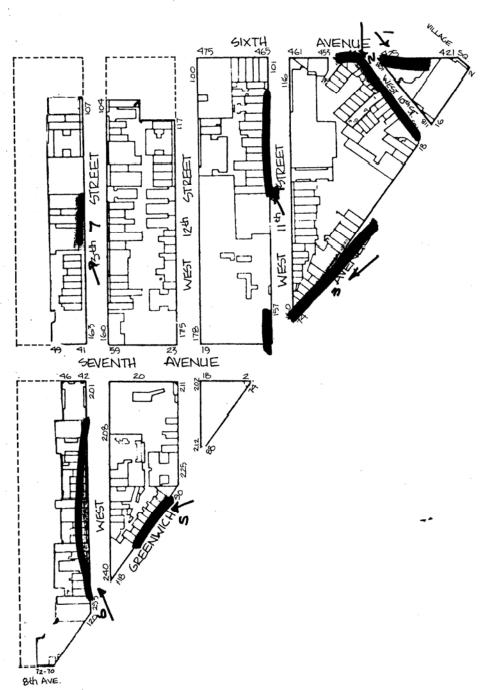


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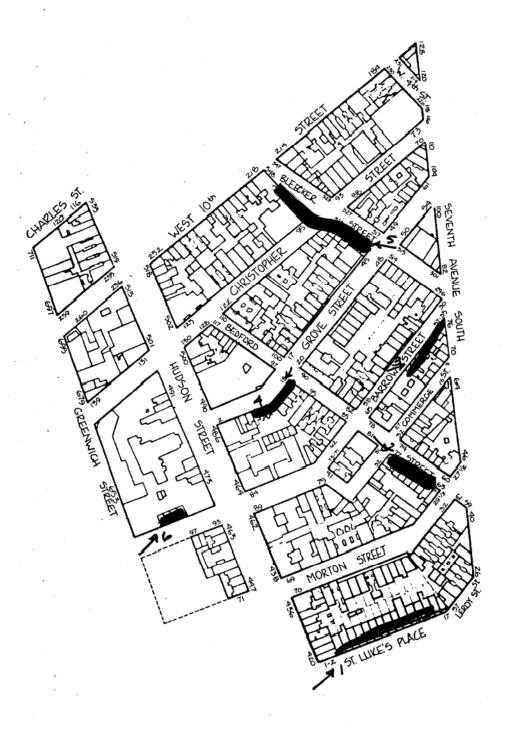




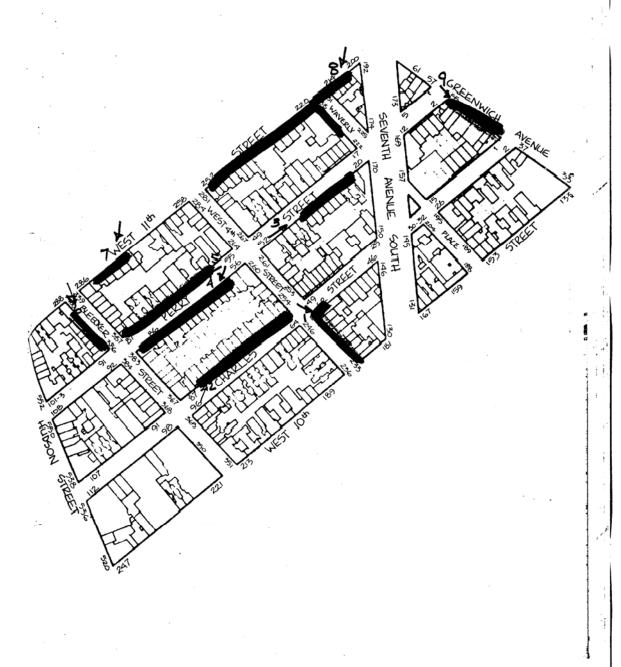
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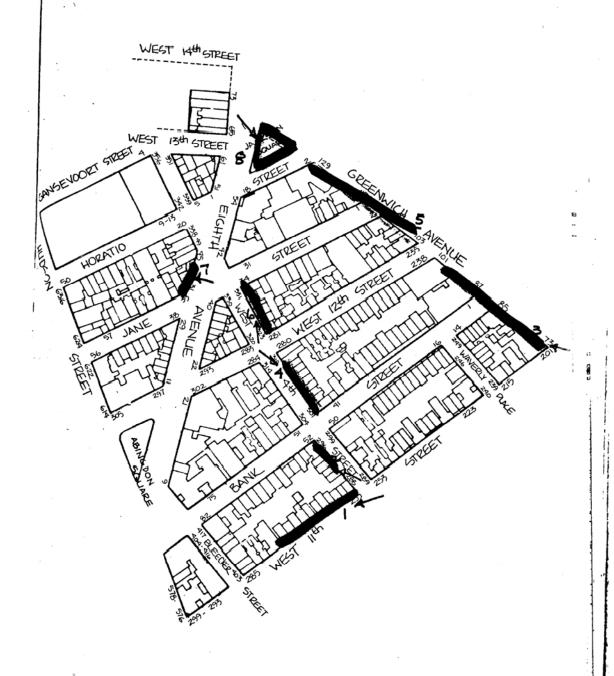
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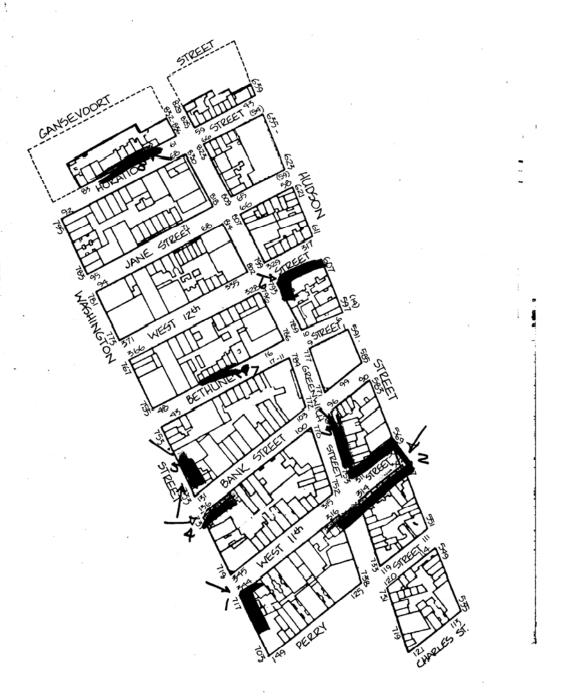
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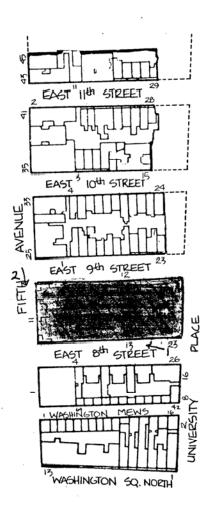
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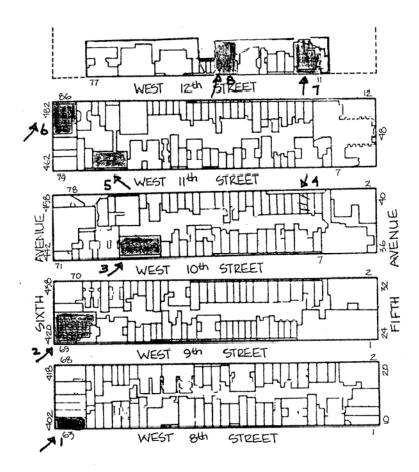


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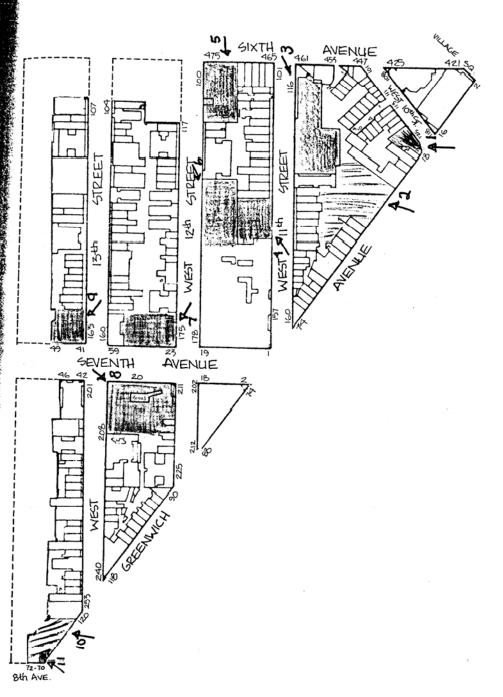


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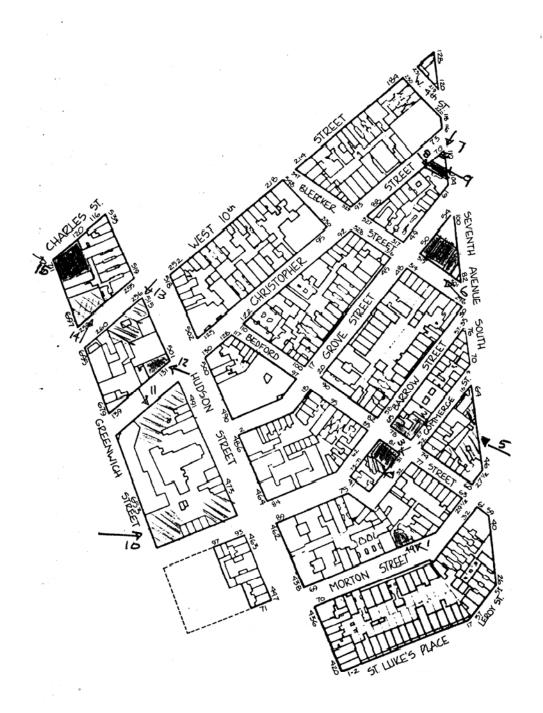
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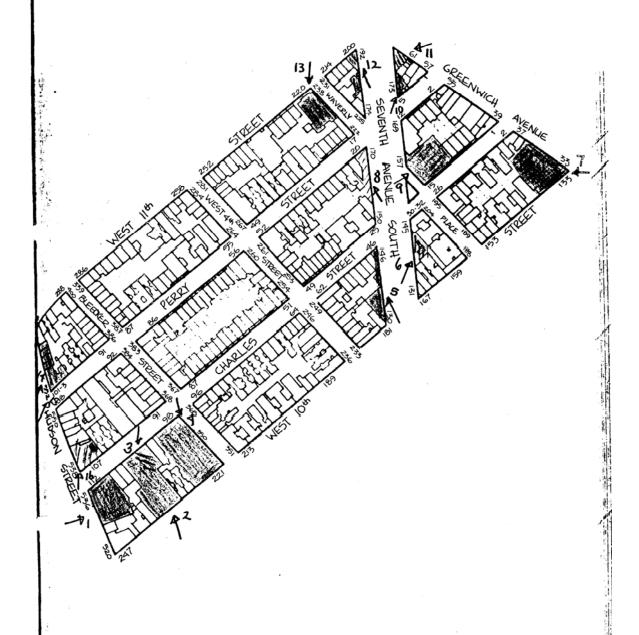


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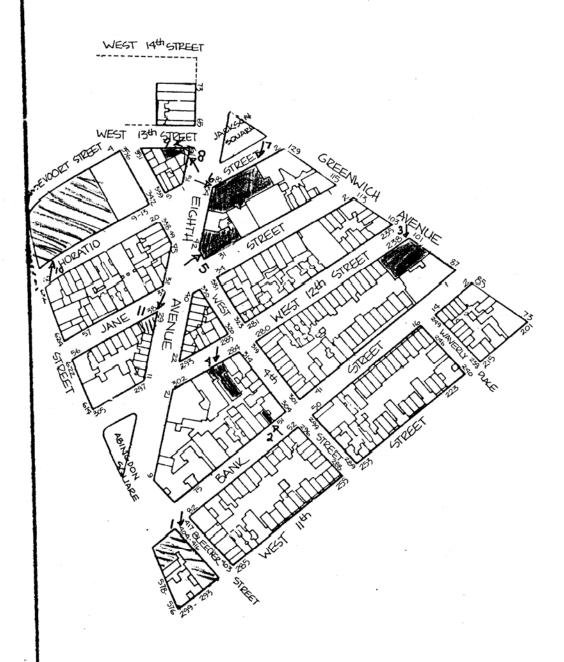
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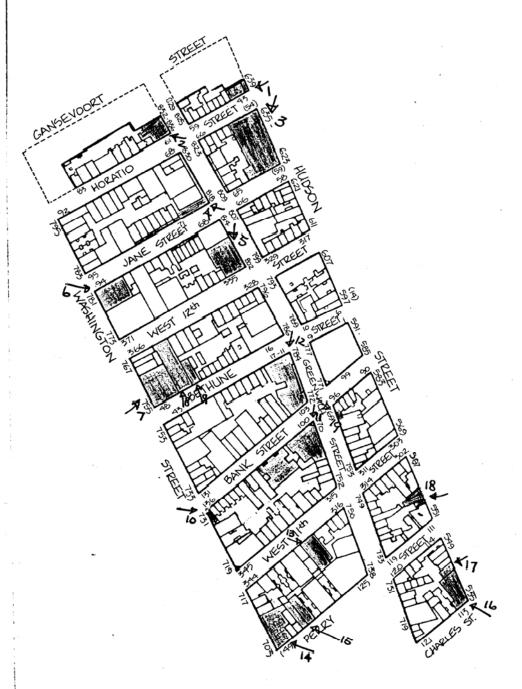


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