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### **TWO RARE, FEDERAL STYLE HOUSES IN MANHATTAN DESIGNATED AS NYC LANDMARKS**

*Constructed Nearly 200 Years Ago, Row Houses Survive Despite Transformation of Surrounding Neighborhood*

The Landmarks Preservation Commission today unanimously approved landmark status for two Federal style buildings at 486 and 488 Greenwich streets in Greenwich Village, as part of the Commission’s ongoing efforts to preserve examples of the City’s development following the Revolutionary War.



The brick-clad row houses on Greenwich Street between Spring and Canal streets were constructed c. 1823, and feature 2 ½ stories, single-dormered peaked roofs, three bays, and commercial ground stories. Each was most likely constructed by John Rohr, a mason and builder, who also is believed to have constructed 506-508 Canal St., both of which survive today and are New York City landmarks.

“These modest treasures are significant reminders of our rich past and development, and today’s vote underscores the Commission’s commitment to ensuring they remain a permanent part of New York City’s historic fabric,” said Commission Chairman Robert B. Tierney. “They were originally located in a mixed residential district, which subsequently was redeveloped with industrial and loft buildings in the late-19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. It’s remarkable that they remain largely intact to this day.”

The Landmarks Preservation Commission is responsible for protecting and preserving New York City’s architecturally, historically and culturally significant buildings and sites. Since its creation in 1965, LPC has granted landmark status to some 24,000 buildings, including 1,171 individual landmarks, 108 interior landmarks, nine scenic landmarks and 88 historic districts in all five boroughs. Under the law, the Commission must be comprised of at least three architects, a historian, a realtor, a planner or landscape architect, as well as a representative of each borough. There are 11 commissioners, all of whom are appointed by the Mayor for staggered three-year terms.