



## The New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission

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### **COMMISSION GRANTS LANDMARK STATUS TO PAIR OF FEDERAL-STYLE HOUSES ON MANHATTAN'S LOWER EAST SIDE**

*Constructed Nearly 200 Years Ago, Houses at 511 and 513 Grand Street Remain Significantly Intact*

The Landmarks Preservation Commission today voted unanimously to designate as New York City landmarks two rare, Federal-style houses at 511 and 513 Grand Street near East Broadway in Manhattan, as part of its ongoing efforts to preserve examples of the City's development following the Revolutionary War.



“These Federal-style treasures recall an important period of New York City’s development,” said Commission Chairman Robert B. Tierney. “It’s remarkable that they have remained largely intact, even as the neighborhood around them changed dramatically.”

Both 2 ½ story row houses were constructed c. 1828 as investment properties by James Lent, a merchant, Queens judge and U.S. Representative, and his nephew, Henry Barclay, a major landowner descended from the second rector of Trinity Church on Wall Street. Barclay’s family owned 511 and 513 Grand Street into the 20<sup>th</sup> century and leased them to long-term tenants who ran businesses there and lived above them.

Shaped by the irregular footprint of the lot, 511 Grand Street features an extra bay on its west side, as well as such elements as a peaked roof, pedimented dormers, brick chimney and side entrance. Its neighbor, 513 Grand Street, has only two bays and features evenly spaced second story windows with stone sills and molded lintels. The first floor of the building was remodeled in the 1940s when it was converted into single-family dwelling.

Earlier this year, the Commission approved the designation of two other Federal-style houses, 486 and 488 Greenwich Street.

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has granted landmark status to some 24,000 buildings, including 1,180 individual landmarks, 120 interior landmarks, nine scenic landmarks and 89 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.

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