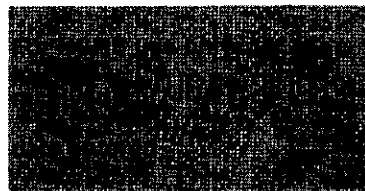


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**National Register of Historic Places  
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic \_\_\_\_\_

and/or common Carroll Gardens Historic District

**2. Location**

street & number Carroll and President Streets, between Smith and Hoyt Streets for publication

city, town Brooklyn \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district \_\_\_\_\_

state New York code 036 county Kings County code 047

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Various

street & number \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kings County Register's Office

street & number Municipal Building, 210 Joralemon

city, town Brooklyn state New York

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Landmarks Preservation Commission (LP-0696) has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date September 25, 1973  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission, 20 Vesey Street

city, town New York state New York 10007

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date <u>NA</u>

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Carroll Gardens Historic District includes over 160 buildings, primarily two- and three-story rowhouses, lining President and Carroll Streets between Smith and Hoyt Streets in Central Brooklyn. They were constructed in separate groups within the twenty years from the 1860s to the 1880s in response to the rapid industrialization of this area. The boundaries are those established by the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission in 1973.

The rowhouses within the district are mostly residential, though shops occupy the first floors of the houses on Smith Street. A church was previously located within the district on the north side of Carroll Street, but burned several years ago. The New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission has approved the construction of new rowhouses on this site. The buildings will retain the scale, material, and setback of the older rowhouses within the district. At present only the foundations have been erected.

The houses within the Carroll Gardens Historic District are constructed of brownstone in the late Italianate and neo-Grec styles. Those on President and Carroll Streets have uniform setbacks from the street with fenced front yards and landscaped gardens. The careful relationship of stoop heights and cornice levels among the two- and three-story buildings unifies the design. Carroll and President Streets are dead ends between Hoyt Street on the east and Smith Street on the west. This street arrangement contributes to the district's sense of intimacy and isolation from the surrounding neighborhood.

A few of the rowhouses have been altered. Stoops have been remodeled or redesigned, entrances changed, and occasionally an extra story added. In some cases the original cornices have been replaced by masonry parapets and some houses have been re-sided with brick veneer or perma-stone. Despite these changes the district retains its 19th-century residential character due to the scale of the rows, the uniform setback of the houses, their spacious and beautiful front gardens, and the careful preservation and restoration of original architectural details.

Attached to this report is a copy of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission designation report for the Carroll Gardens Historic District which fully describes the individual buildings within the district. The district contains the following six intrusions:

- 297-299 Carroll Street: three modern rowhouses constructed on the site of a church; designed with similar height and setback to the rest of the district
- 325 Smith Street: severely altered rowhouse; now used as a funeral chapel
- Hoyt Street (rear of 350 President Street): garage
- Hoyt Street (rear of 354 Hoyt Street): garage

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1860s-1880s      **Builder/Architect** Various

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)** The Carroll Gardens Historic District is architecturally significant as a largely intact, cohesive residential neighborhood containing distinctive examples of popular late nineteenth century architectural styles. The district was developed during a short period of time between the 1860s and the 1880s and is a notable result of the cooperation of different builders in employing uniform setbacks, scale and materials and in choosing complementary designs for the rowhouses, mainly in the late Italianate and neo-Grec styles. The district is especially distinguished for its unusually deep building lots (a result of the area's original layout in the 1840s) which allowed for fenced front yards and landscaped gardens and created a sense of open space unusual in New York City's urban environment. Despite alterations to individual structures, the district retains almost complete integrity of plan and scale, thus recalling the unique ambience that has distinguished the neighborhood since its initial development.

The uniformity of the setback, the careful accommodation of one style to another throughout the district, and the care taken to maintain even cornice lines and stoop levels were the products of considerable cooperation among the builders of Carroll Gardens. As sections of the rows were constructed during the twenty years between the 1860s and the 1880s by different builders, this successful attempt to maintain a sense of unity among the buildings is very significant.

Carroll Gardens is a reminder of the mid-19th century building boom in South Brooklyn which was spurred by the rapid industrialization of the Red Hook and Gowanus areas. In addition, the proximity of the area to the commercial center of Manhattan also encouraged the development of residential neighborhoods in the mid-19th century. Many of these areas have now been obscured by the expansion of commercial activity and increasingly larger residential buildings. Carroll Gardens remains today as an exceptionally well-preserved example of Brooklyn rowhouse development and as a distinct, self-contained, architecturally unified community that illustrates an unusually spacious urban planning scheme.

Attached to this nomination is a copy of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission designation report for the Carroll Gardens Historic District, which forms part of this nomination.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Stiles, Henry R. The Civil, Political, Professional and Ecclesiastical History and Commercial and Industrial Record of the County of Kings and the City of Brooklyn, N.Y. from 1683-1884. New York:W.W.MunseLL & Company, 1884.

Weld, Ralph Foster. Brooklyn is America. New York:Columbia University Press, 1950.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 12 acres

Quadrangle name Brooklyn, N.Y.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UMT References

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H 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

(See Continuation Sheet and attached designation report)

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

NA

state code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

(See continuation sheet)

### Contact:

name/title Larry E. Gobrecht, National Register Program Coordinator

Historic Preservation

organization Field Services Bureau

date August, 1983

street & number Agency I, E.S.P.

telephone 518-474-0479

city or town Albany

state New York 12238

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Alvin Lehman*

title Commissioner

date

8/8/83

For NCRS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*[Signature]*  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date

7/20/83

Attest

date

Chief of Registration

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PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE CARROLL GARDENS HISTORIC DISTRICT:

Carroll Street	Nos. 256-306 255-309
President Street	Nos. 297-355 304-350 356
Smith Street	Nos. 315-353
Hoyt Street	Nos. 318-356 327-361

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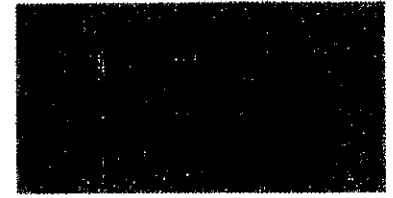
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Verbal boundary description and justification:

The district comprises the property bounded by the southern property line of 353 Smith Street, the southern property lines of 256 through 302 Carroll Street, the southern property line of 356 Hoyt Street, Hoyt Street, First Street, the eastern property lines of 361 through 355 Hoyt Street, part of the southern property line of 353 Hoyt Street, the eastern property lines of 353 through 347 Hoyt Street, Carroll Street, the eastern property lines of 345 through 335 Hoyt Street, the eastern property line of 356 President Street, President Street, Hoyt Street, the northern property lines of 355 through 297 President Street, the northern property line of 315 Smith Street and Smith Street to the southern property line of 353 Smith Street.

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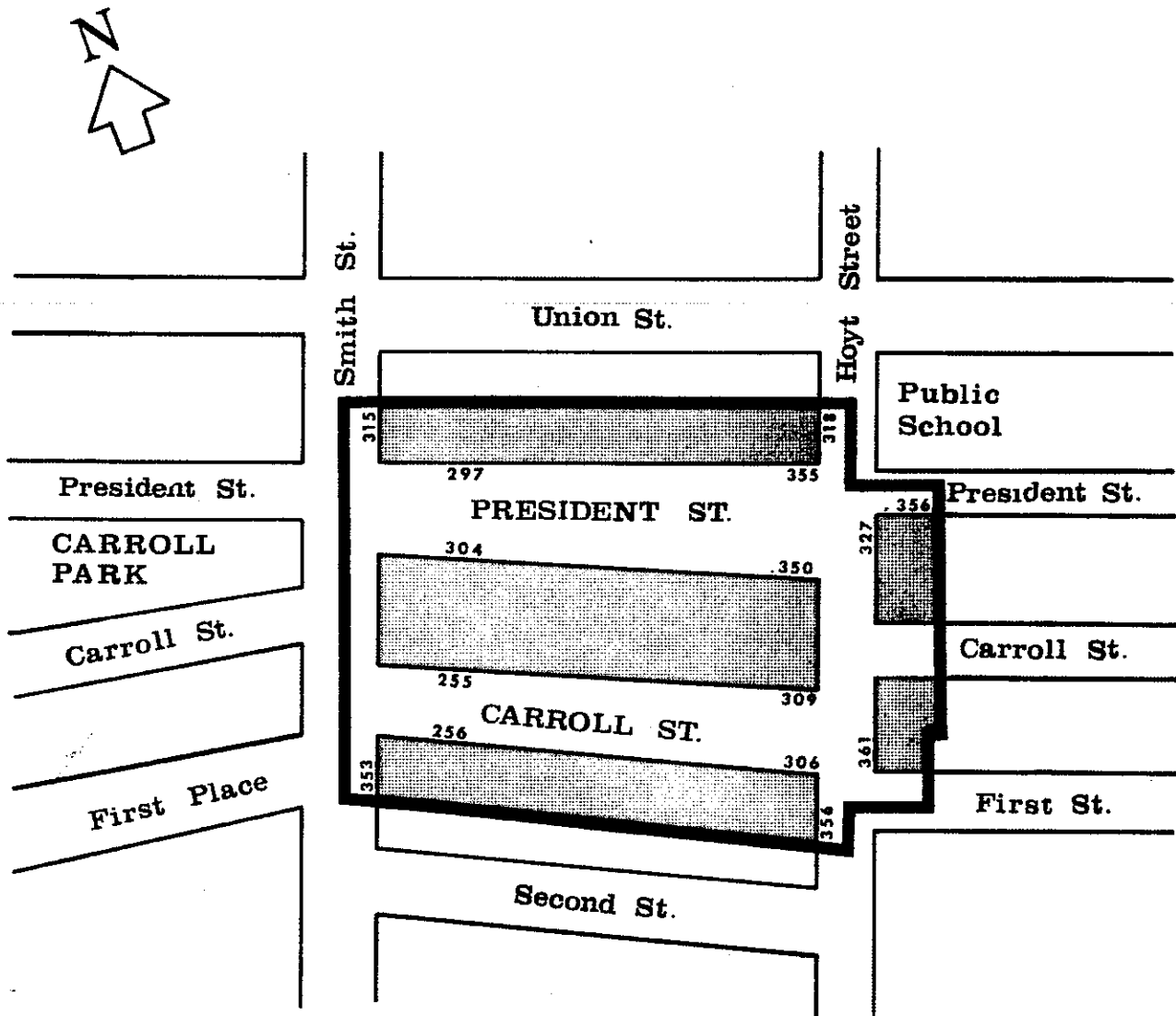
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BROOKLYN, KINGS COUNTY



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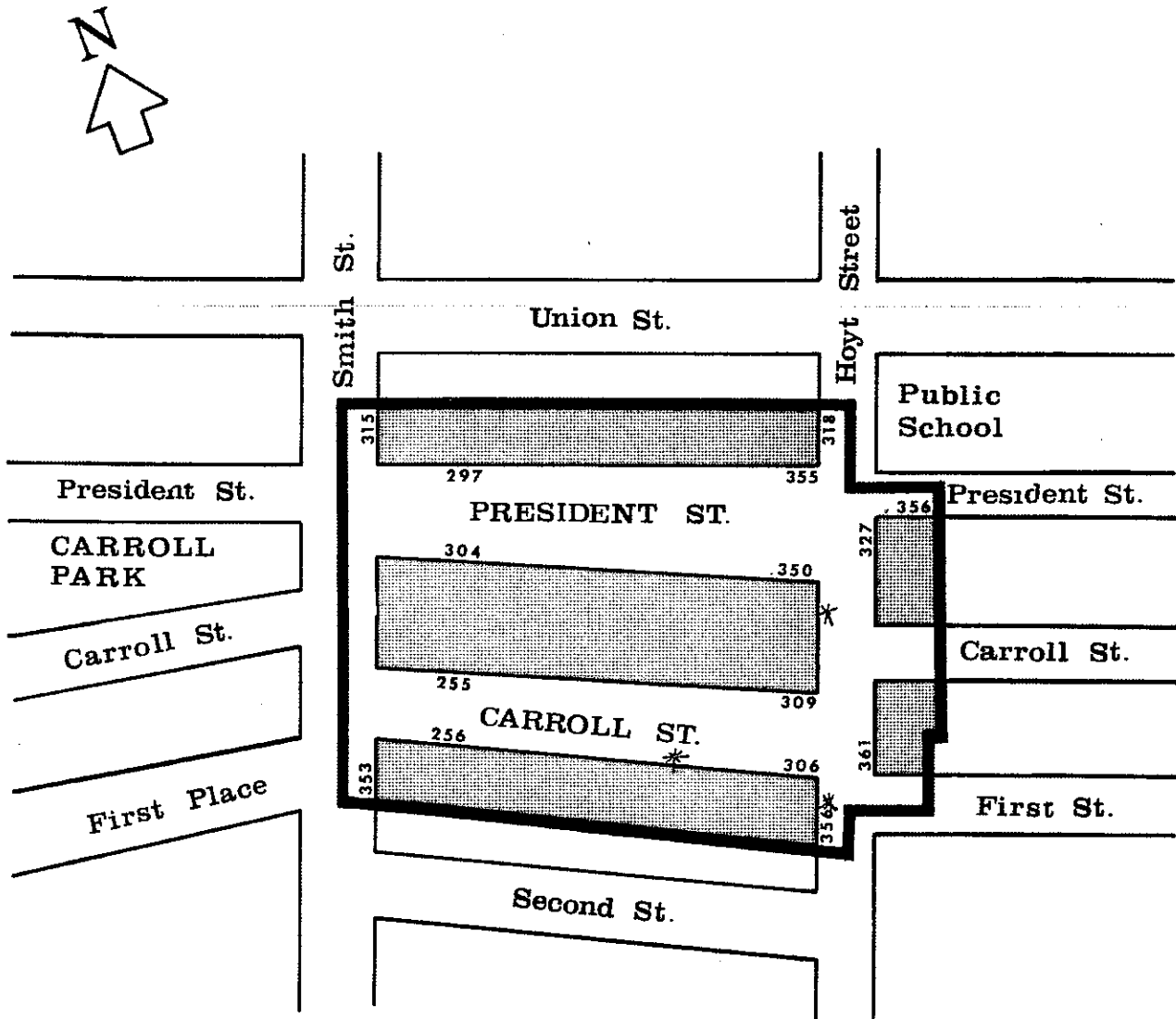
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CARROLL GARDENS HISTORIC DISTRICT  
Kings County, New York  
Landmarks Preservation Commission Map  
District Boundaries  
Boundary lines extend around the edges of  
the properties. The numbers shown are  
properties within the district.



# CARROLL GARDENS HISTORIC DISTRICT

BROOKLYN, KINGS COUNTY



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CARROLL GARDENS HISTORIC DISTRICT

Kings County, New York

Landmarks Preservation Commission Map

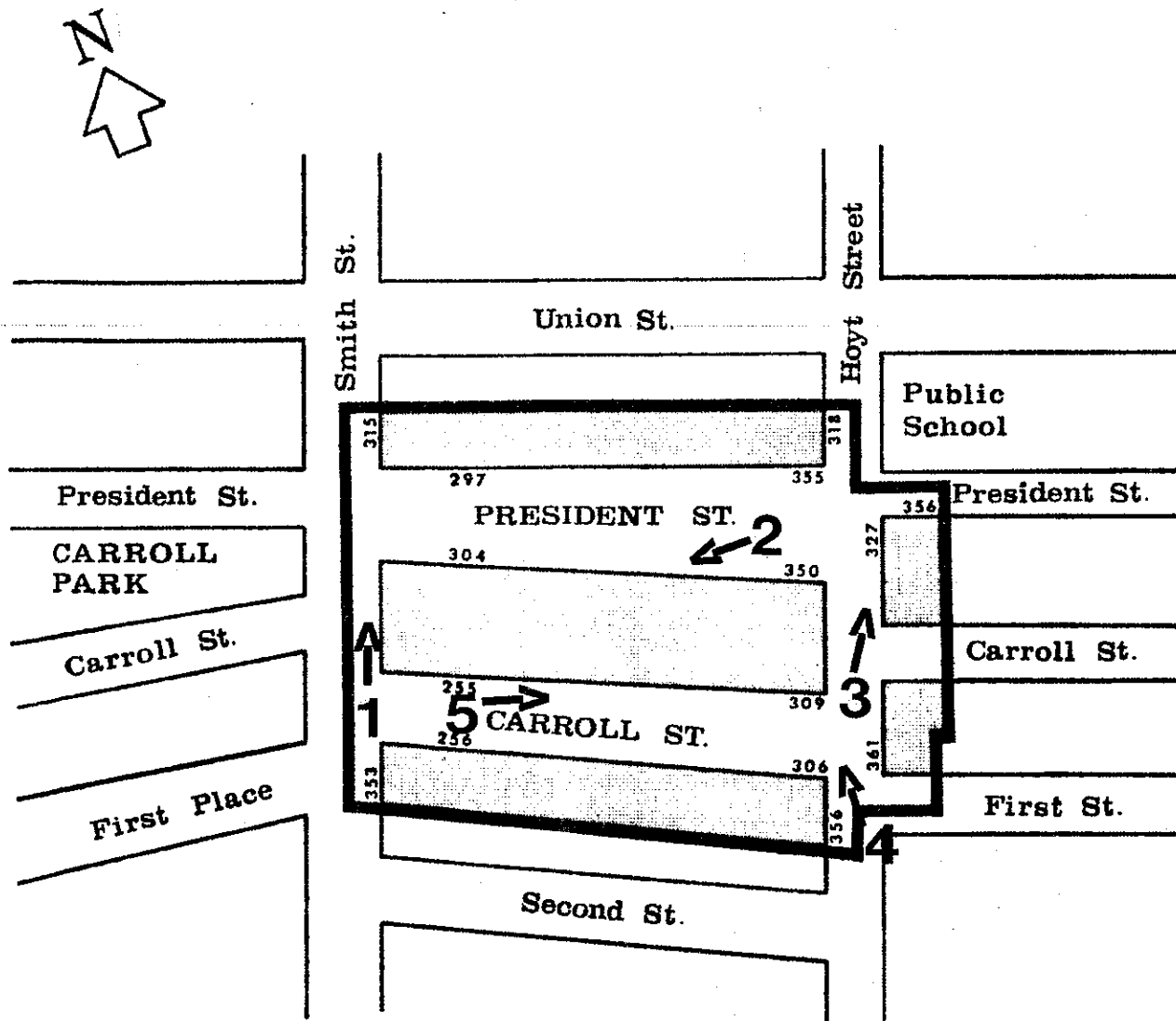
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\* = INTRUSIONS

# CARROLL GARDENS HISTORIC DISTRICT

## BROOKLYN, KINGS COUNTY PHOTO KEY



DESIGNATED SEPT. 25, 1973

**Numbers show buildings inside boundary of district**

CARROLL GARDENS HISTORIC DISTRICT  
Kings County, New York  
Landmarks Preservation Commission Map  
District Boundaries  
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Carroll Gardens Historic District  
Brooklyn, Kings County, N.Y.  
Brooklyn Quad

UTM References:

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- B. 18/ 585110/ 4503360
- C. 18/ 584910/ 4503480
- D. 18/ 585980/ 4503640

