

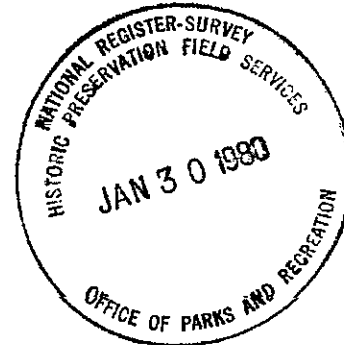
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State Street Houses	Brooklyn Kings County



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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic State Street Houses

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 291-299, 290-324 State Street not for publication

city, town Brooklyn vicinity of congressional district 15

state New York code 036 county Kings code 047

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Various - See Continuation Sheet

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 Street

city, town Brooklyn state New York

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Landmarks Preservation Commission, Designation Reports
LP-0744 through LP-0766 has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date November, 1973 federal state county local

depository for survey records New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission

city, town 305 Broadway
New York state New York

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- | | | | |
|------|--|------|--|
| #290 | Stanley C. Pizarro
290 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 | #300 | Charles J. Bailey
300 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 |
| #291 | Katherine Uniss-Haddad
291 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 | #302 | Edward I. Buxbaum
302 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 |
| #292 | Susan S. Monteiro
292 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 | #304 | Robert C. Shufeldt
304 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 |
| #293 | Edward Buxbaum
302 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 | #306 | Maxwell G. Goding
526 Third Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y. |
| #294 | Thais Lathem
294 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 | #308 | Robert T. Newsom
308 State Street
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201 |
| #295 | Leslie E. Maltman
297 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 | #310 | William J. McDonough, Jr.
310 State Street
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201 |
| #296 | George Johnson
296 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 | #312 | Michael R. Klahr
41 Schermerhorn Street
Brooklyn, N. Y. |
| #297 | Leslie E. Maltman
297 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 | #314 | Wilhelm Huebschmann
314 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. |
| #298 | John S. Sharnik
298 State St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 | #316 | Leonard Borenstein
316 State Street
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201 |
| #299 | George Furiya
299 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 | #318 | Patricia L. Maynard
318 State Street
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201 |

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- #320 Carlos Ortiz
320 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

- #322 Richard Rieber
322 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

- #324 Chang May Ying
324 State Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The State Street Houses line parts of both sides of State Street, on the block between Hoyt and Smith Streets in downtown Brooklyn. The five houses on the north side of the street are bounded by a parking lot on the west and an empty lot on the east. Another parking lot is found on the Smith Street corner of the south side of the block and the fourth corner is occupied by a small group of stores. Most of the surrounding area is filled with business and commercial buildings of various sizes although some other rowhouses still exist to the east, on the next block of State Street.

The eighteen houses on the south side of the street, are numbered 290-324. They were built between 1847 and the mid-1870's and their detailing includes both Greek Revival and Italianate elements. Three stories high on raised basements, they all have approximately the same cornice lines and similar window heights. The entrances are on the left of the three bays above high stoops. #304 maintains similar fenestration to the others on the block, but by slightly lowering the floor heights and increasing the distance between the top floor windows and the roof cornice, an extra story has been gained, with windows only on the rear of the house.

These houses have brick facades with basements of either brick, brownstone or stucco. #322 is the only exception to this. The entire facade has had stucco applied over it. Its stoop has been removed and the entrance lowered to the ground floor. While all the other buildings in this group have brick bearing walls, #322 is of frame construction on a brick foundation. #324, the last house constructed on the block, in the mid-1870's, is similar to the remainder of the houses. However, it has a three-sided projecting oriel above the entranceway which was probably added after the original construction.

With the exception of #290-296 and #322, these houses still have their original cast iron railings on the stoops and in front of the areaways. Many of these railings contain delicate curvilinear and fretwork motifs, typical of the Greek Revival period. Others have heavier curvilinear patterns associated with Italianate detailing. The railings of #324 consist of heavy balusters, more typical of post-Civil War architecture.

The five buildings on the north side of the street, #291-299, were built as a group in 1871 and are almost identical. All are three stories high on raised, rusticated basements and are three bays wide. Elaborate entranceways are on the right side of each building. The original double doors are recessed within the arched entrances, each of which is surmounted by a bold, segmental-arched pediment, supported by brackets. The brownstone fronts, entrance detailing and modillioned cornices are reflective of the Italianate styling of this period of architecture. Several of the houses retain all or part of their original cast-iron stair and yard railings with their heavy, curvilinear balusters typical of the post-Civil War period. #291 and #299 have modern stair railings and others have modern sections

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interspersed with the old.

The houses in this district are generally in good condition, some being better maintained than others. All are still in use as residences and present a solid and coherent street facade. Few major changes have been made on the exteriors of these houses but new windows, window grilles and some painting or application of stucco over stone has been carried out.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1847 - c. 1875 **Builder/Architect** Various

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The group of twenty-three houses on State Street between Hoyt and Smith Streets comprise an impressive streetscape of brick and brownstone facades, with details from both the Greek Revival and Italianate styles.¹ They form a coherent group of generally well-kept houses amid an area near downtown Brooklyn which has become largely commercial in use and filled with various types of buildings as well as parking lots. These remaining houses reflect the vast numbers and rich variety of styles of middle class row houses built in the New York area around the middle and late 19th century. They provide the area with a sense of substantiality and care for detailing which was commonplace when these houses were built.

These houses were part of the Boerum Hill community which had formed the original Town of Breuckelen founded in 1646 by Dutch colonists. It was incorporated into the larger City of Brooklyn in 1834. The development of Boerum Hill as an urban community began in the 1840s and continued into the 1870s. These houses were built for merchants and professional people, many of whom worked in the Wall Street area or in the vicinity of the Fulton Street ferry.

All the land on the south side of this block had originally been part of the Jacob Van Brunt farm. He willed it to his daughter Jane, wife of Samuel T. Gerritsen in 1824. State Street was originally known as Gerritsen Street. The Gerritsens and the Van Brunts, both old Dutch families, had long been interconnected by marriage and had some of the largest landholdings in Kings County. Charles Hoyt and Russell Nevins, two Manhattan real estate developers with extensive interests in Brooklyn, acquired the properties on this block in 1833. Both Hoyt and Nevins had streets named after them to the east of this block.

The south side of the street began development in 1847. Eight houses were built in 1847-48 and these show the strongest Greek Revival elements of the block. Others, built at the same time and for the following twenty-five years, contain varying amounts of Italianate detailing, sometimes combined with the Greek Revival.

The five houses on the north side of the street, numbers 291-299, were part of a group of six houses (No. 289 has been demolished) erected by Michael Murray, a local builder. Murray acquired the land for Nos. 289-295 in 1872, and the land for Nos. 297 and 299 in 1874, from William Schermerhorn. The Schermerhorns were one of Brooklyn's old, wealthy Dutch families; Peter Schermerhorn, William's

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father, was, with his brother Abraham, one of Brooklyn's largest land-
holders. Schermerhorn Street, one block north of State Street, was
named after them.

The north side of State Street was largely undeveloped when
Murray began erecting Nos. 289-295 in 1872. Nos. 291-299 are five,
almost identical, brownstone houses built in a late version of the popu-
lar Italianate style. They have undergone only minor alterations in the
past one hundred years and the row retains integrity and a unity which
greatly enhance the entire block.

These houses on State Street have remained as residences through-
out the changing uses of the rest of the area. As an intact group they
are a reminder of the large numbers of these substantial houses which
once filled the city.

¹Material for the text of this report was taken from the New York
Landmarks Preservation Commission Designation Reports. State Street Houses
(LP-0744 - LP-0766), November, 1973.

9. Major Bibliographical References

A complete bibliography may be found in the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission research file: State Street Houses.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Approximately 2 acres

Quadrangle name Brooklyn

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification See attached map

Borough of Brooklyn, Tax Map
Block 170, Lots 43-47
Block 176, Lots 5-22

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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Joan R. Olshansky, National Register Coordinator Ralph

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street & number 305 Broadway telephone (212) 566-7577

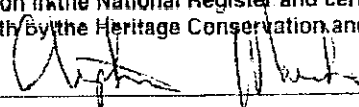
city or town New York state New York

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 

title Director, Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau date 10/24/79

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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