



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
262 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
June 20, 2006**

LANDMARK WEST! is a not-for-profit community organization committed to the preservation of the architectural heritage of the Upper West Side.

The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on the application to alter the rear façade and to construct a rooftop addition to a Renaissance Revival style rowhouse designed by Norman Whipple and built in 1884.

The Committee does not object to the application to alter the rear façade. The proposed alteration is not visible from any thoroughfare, and the existing rear façade does not appear to be original to the building's construction.

The Committee is not opposed to approval of the proposed rooftop addition, as it has a minimal visible impact from the street. The proposal to raise the parapet decreases the addition's visibility, as does the proposed setback. Our only suggestion is that the applicant take special care to ensure that the masonry used to raise the parapet and replacement coping match the existing masonry.