



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
123 and 125 West 87th Street
September 10, 2019**

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 123 and 125 West 87th Street, both are neo-Grec style rowhouses designed by Increase M. Grenell and built in 1883-84 from within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. The application is to install stoop balustrades and newel posts and replace doors.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee appreciates the applicant's detailed drawing package. It is wholly possible that when these rowhouses were completed, in their ABAB'A configuration that some elements were modified for budget or to client taste. Following precedent that follows the same DNA of the time and period but bringing it up to modern day safety code and plausible materials is a logical choice and a believable one. By completing two at the same time, its as if we are in the same vein of discussions of 135 years ago. These interventions will enhance the landmarks and continue in their presence of coherence while complimenting the rest of the original row.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee fully supports these applications.