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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

House at 203 Prince Street

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

203 Prince Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

New York

VICINITY OF

CODE
036

COUNTY
New York

CODE
061

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED
- N/A

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Gordon H. McCollum, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

203 Prince Street

CITY, TOWN

New York

VICINITY OF

STATE

New York 10012

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New York County Register's Office

STREET & NUMBER

31 Chambers Street

CITY, TOWN

New York

STATE

New York 10007

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Landmarks Preservation Commission (LP-0830)

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

DATE

February 19, 1974

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Landmarks Preservation Commission, 20 Vesey St.

CITY, TOWN

New York

STATE

New York 10007

7 DESCRIPTION
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CONDITION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE
 UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE
 ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE N/A

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The handsome three-story townhouse at 203 Prince Street, with its front of Flemish bond brickwork and brownstone basement, was built in 1833-34. Its style is transitional from Federal to Greek Revival and it is one of the few surviving examples of its type in New York City. The impressive entrance set above a high stoop is the most striking Federal style element of the facade. The arched doorway is outlined by a molded enframingent of brownstone. The door is flanked by Ionic columns and engaged Ionic columns which enframe the three-paned sidelights. An entablature with carved wooden foliate moldings at the cornice and the architrave is surmounted by a semi-elliptical fanlight surrounded by egg-and-dart molding. The windows are crowned by brownstone lintels with cap moldings--typical Greek Revival features. The third floor was raised in 1888, replacing the original attic story with peaked roof and dormer windows. The metal cornice is carried on foliate brackets separated by molded panels in the fascia. The original wrought-iron stoop railings, which have cage newels with pineapple finials, are Federal style decorative features and add to the elegance of the house.

The house was sympathetically and painstakingly restored by the owner in 1972. The turn-of-the-century fire escape was removed, and the one-over-one sash of the same period were replaced by the six-over-six type. Wooden louvered blinds were restored to the windows. While the entrance enframingent and the fanlight are original to the building, the eight-panel Federal style door was salvaged from a house of the period which was being demolished.

Interior features:

The interior of the 203 Prince Street House is notable for the combined use of the Greek Revival and the earlier Federal styles, incorporating the finest decorative elements of both periods. Just inside the front door is a square vestibule; through another door (a duplicate of the front entrance) is the stair hall. The hall has original woodwork, plaster moldings and mahogany railings on the stairs. The parlors are large square rooms with high ceilings, original plaster moldings, Greek Revival woodwork with egg-and-dart moldings, paneled interior shutters at the windows, eight-panel doors and black marble mantelpieces supported by Ionic columns at the sides. The front parlor has its original plaster ceiling rosette with large curving acanthus leaves radiating from a decorative central boss. The woodwork of the second floor rooms is in the earlier Federal style, with six-panel doors and molded casings at the doors and windows, each of which has square blocks at the upper corners containing four small, carved acanthus leaves. The molded plaster cornices are original, as are the white marble Federal style mantelpieces. The original wide-board pine floors are preserved on the second floor. The third floor is quite plain and much of the woodwork dates from 1888 when the roof was raised.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1833-34

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 203 Prince Street House is one of the very few surviving examples in New York City of a transitional architectural style which incorporates Federal and Greek Revival elements together. At one time, New York City had hundreds of similar houses; however, only a handful remain and many of these have been drastically altered. Therefore, it is particularly fortunate that the carefully restored 203 Prince Street House remains to remind us of an era in New York City that is all but lost.

The 203 Prince Street House was built for John P. Haff, a leather inspector, who acquired several lots on the block in 1811 and built houses on three of them in 1833-34. This house is a characteristic example of an upper middle-class New York City residence of the 1830s. When built, it was located in the Eighth Ward, which had formerly been a part of Aaron Burr's estate "Richmond Hill." The gateway to Burr's estate stood near the end of MacDougal Street, about where No. 203 stands now, and Burr's mansion stood one block west on the corner of Charlton and Varick Streets. The Burr mansion was the official residence of Vice-President John Adams during the presidency of George Washington when New York City was the nation's capital.

8 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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New York City Directories 1830 to 1865.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

Quad: Jersey City Quad
Scale: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		

B			
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The 203 Prince Street house occupies Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 518, Lot 49, which is approximately 25 x 77 feet as outlined on the attached map.

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

NAME / TITLE

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OFFICE NUMBER

DATE

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STATE

CITY OR TOWN

Albany

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Albert E. Cuccere

TITLE Deputy Commissioner and Counsel

DATE

4/8/83

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

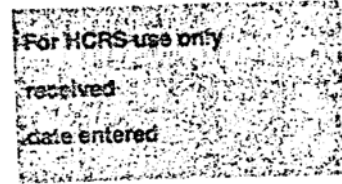
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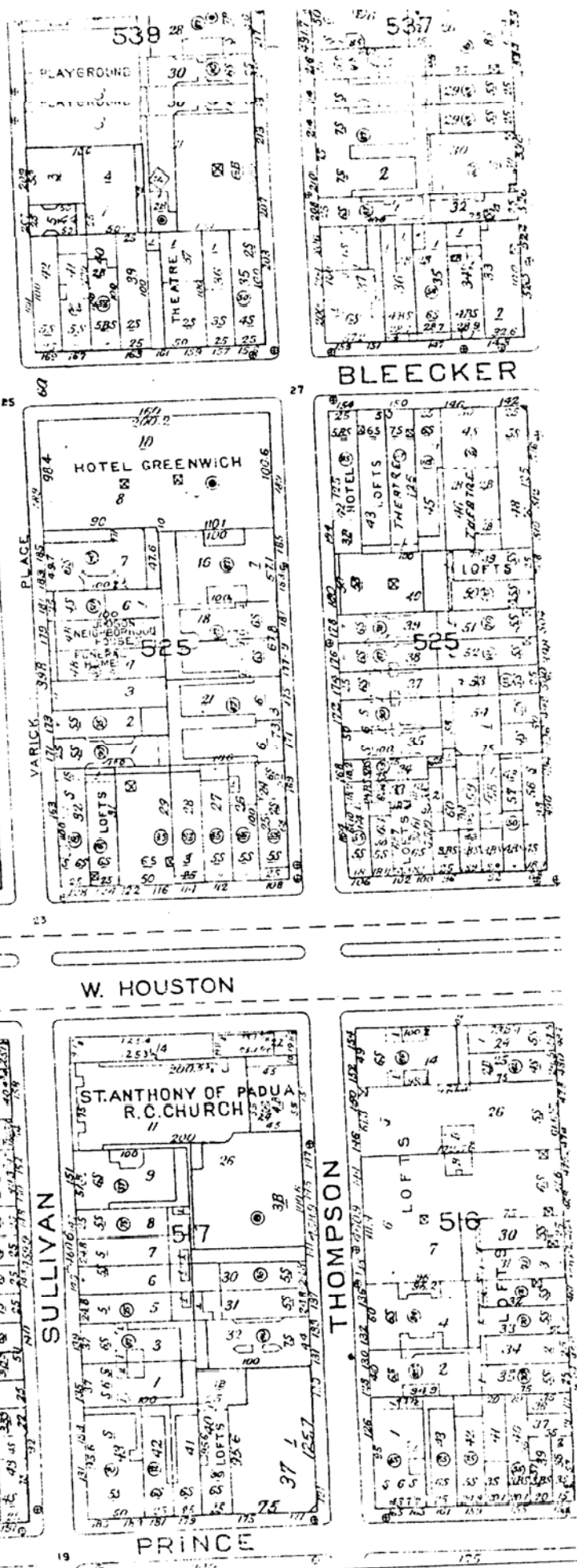
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Manhattan Land Book, Plate 22
New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1979-80,

Scale 120 ft. to 1 inch

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203 PRINCE ST. HOUSE