

## Proposed Astor Row Historic District



*Left: Nos. 47 to 51 West 130th Street between Fifth Avenue and Malcolm X Boulevard*

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The proposed Astor Row Historic District, bounded by Fifth Avenue and Malcolm X Boulevard, consists of Nos. 19 to 67 on the northside of West 130<sup>th</sup> Street; the individually-designated Astor Row houses, Nos. 8 to 60 on the south side of West 130<sup>th</sup> Street; and Nos. 3 to 53 on the north side of West 129<sup>th</sup> Street.

The 28 designated Astor Row houses were designed by architect Charles Beuk for William Astor, who owned a large residence at the corner of Fifth Avenue and West 130th Street. They are neo-Grec style, with wooden porches, and were designated by the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission on August 11, 1981. Unfortunately, No. 28 was demolished in 2021 due to its deteriorated condition, caused by owner neglect.

Built circa 1883, the brownstone buildings on the northside of West 130<sup>th</sup> Street, except for No. 65, are neo-Grec style with Italianate influences. While the design of these buildings is consistent on the lower floors, some have denticulated cornices (Nos. 19 to 51), and others have mansard roofs (Nos. 53 to 59).

Nos. 3 to 15 West 129<sup>th</sup> Street are neo-Grec style buildings with brownstone façades. Nos. 17 to 25 West 129<sup>th</sup> Street are brick Romanesque Revival buildings with terracotta and stone lintels.