October 30, 2015

Dear LPC Chair Meenakshi Srinivasan:

I urge the Landmarks Preservation Commission to designate the mid-19th century clapboard house at 412 East 85th Street as an individual New York City landmark. Built circa 1860, the structure is a rare surviving example of a wooden house in the Yorkville neighborhood of Manhattan, and the only one of six wood frame houses on the Upper East Side which remains unprotected.

The home has been faithfully restored to its 1916 appearance according to the earliest and most complete existing photographs by its owners, who support its designation as an individual landmark. Important details of the restoration were drawn from historic fabric uncovered in the building during the restoration process and replicated. The continued existence of the building on the street speaks to the outstanding sense of history embodied by this structure. It imparts a unique sense of place to this section of Yorkville, and the owners have gone to great lengths to preserve its integrity through careful restoration.

Please designate this beloved neighborhood landmark to ensure its continual presence as a beacon of Yorkville's history.

Sincerely,

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