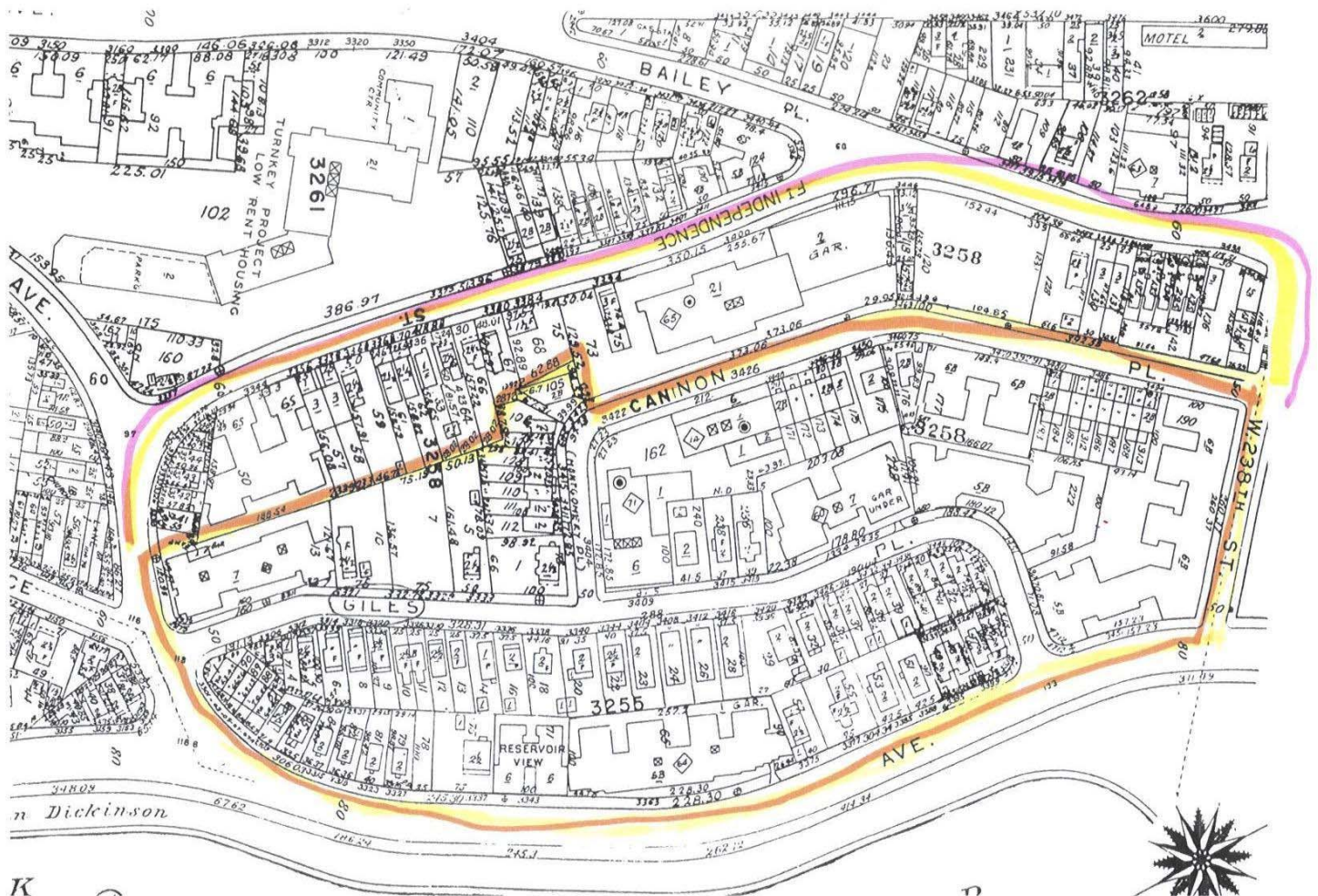


# Fort Independence Historic District Application

Re-submitted March 2004, originally submitted December 1997 by the Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Improvement Association (FIPNA)

May 17, 2004

## Proposed FORT INDEPENDENCE HISTORIC DISTRICT



Boundary includes both sides of the streets starting at the most southern point of Giles Place and Fort Independence Street northward for the entire Giles Place to Sedgwick Avenue, then southward along Sedgwick Avenue to Fort Independence Street, then northwest-ward until it turns to Orloff Avenue on the east, then right from Orloff onto Cannon Place including all of Cannon Place to the intersection of Cannon Place.



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# REQUEST FOR EVALUATION

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Your Name <b>Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Association</b>		Daytime Telephone No. <b>(718) 543-5047</b>	
Mailing Address <b>3340 Giles Place</b>		Apartment <b>PH</b>	
City <b>Bronx</b>	State <b>NY</b>	Zipcode <b>10463</b>	
Today's Date <b>March 8, 2004</b>			

**PROPERTY TO BE EVALUATED**

**Giles Place, Fort Independent Street, Cannon Place and Sedgwick Avenue (see boundaries below)**

Address

**Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Association (Arax Hogroian and Karen Argenti)**

Name (if any)

**Original Colonial dwellings and slate sidewalks, as well as Olmsted curved streets. (see notes attached)**

Building Type (Original Use)

**Frederick Law Olmstead**

Architect (if known)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

PLEASE INDICATE BELOW ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE CONCERNING THE PROPERTY: HISTORY, SIGNIFICANCE, PRESENT CONDITIONS, CURRENT STATUS, CURRENT USE, etc.

see attached pages describing the historic district:

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Arax Hogroian, Secretary Ft. Independence Park Neighborhood Assn.		718-543-5047	
Mailing Address		Apartment	
3340 Giles Place (Bronx)			
City	State	Zipcode	
New York	NY	10463	
Today's Date			
December 11, 1997			

**PROPERTY  
TO BE  
EVALUATED**

Giles Place, Cannon Place, Ft. Independence Park

Address  
Ft. Independence Street

Name (if any)

Building Type (Original Use)

Architect (if known)

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Giles Place is the site of George Washington's Fort Independence. The Giles Manor was erected on the site of the Fort on Giles Place and was visited as a landmark for many years. The cannon balls from the American Revolution were scattered all through Giles and Cannon Places and were dug up when our homes were built. These are in the Bronx Historical Society Museum.

The Jerome Park Reservoir was owned and operated by the Jerome family, Winston Churchill's grandparents, when it was a racetrack prior to its being developed as a reservoir.

Giles Place is known to have the highest elevation in this area on a level with Riverdale; therefore, it was an ideal location for the Fort.

The old 50th Police Precinct which is a landmark building had stables for the mounted police horses. They were kept on the grounds of the building on Kingsbridge Terrace, which is actually a continuation of Giles Place at Ft. Independence St.

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