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### LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION DESIGNATES AN INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK IN STATEN ISLAND

*“The house at 1 Pendleton Place is an exceptional work of architecture with rich details and an impressive history,”* said Robert B. Tierney, Chairman of the Landmarks Preservation Commission. *“This is a proud day for the Landmarks Commission.”*

#### **One Pendleton Place, Staten Island**

Constructed in 1860 by architect Charles Duggin for William S. Pendleton, this exceptional house is a rare surviving example in New York City of a High Victorian picturesque villa incorporating elements of the English Rustic and Swiss Styles. Designed to complement its hillside site, which commands views of New York and New Jersey, the house features a dominant tower and multiple porches. It is richly embellished with decorative details and is surmounted by a



complexly-massed gabled roof, which is set off by overhanging eaves, exposed rafters, open work brackets, decorative trusses, and several prominent chimneys. This house was published twice, in 1862 and 1869, in the *Horticulturalist* magazine, the journal which helped popularize picturesque designs in the United States.

Born and trained as an architect in England, Duggin immigrated to New York City in 1853, where he became a prominent designer and developer of residential architecture. William S. Pendleton, a prominent businessman who, together with his brother John, had established the first commercially successful lithographic firm in the United States, moved to Staten Island around 1845 where he served as president of the North Shore Ferry Company and invested in real estate. From the mid-1920s to the mid-1940s the house was owned by William Wirt Mills, a prominent journalist and political leader, who served as Tax Commissioner for the Borough of Staten Island and later as Tax Commissioner for the City of New York under Mayor LaGuardia. The present owners have undertaken a careful restoration of the house and received an award from the Preservation League of Staten Island in 2005.

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The Landmarks Preservation Commission is the New York City agency responsible for designating and regulating New York City’s landmarks. To date, the Commission has designated 1,130 individual landmarks, 105 interior landmarks, 9 scenic landmarks, and 84 historic districts.