

PROPOSED PARK PLAC HISTORIC DISTRICT

Borough of Brooklyn

The proposed Park Place historic district consists of 13 Romanesque style row houses with Queen Anne style details that were constructed by 1894 and possibly designed by Walter Coots, who designed the recently-designated Alice and Agate Courts Historic District. These modest, but inventively-detailed two story on raised basement houses with high stoops are of brick, sandstone and terra-cotta. The row features three façade designs that are arranged to create a picturesque composition of alternating triangular gabled and flat roofed houses culminating in a central section of two unusual round gabled houses flanking a triangular-gabled dwelling. The five triangular-gabled houses feature rusticated sandstone trim, a variety of terra-cotta decorative moldings below the second floor windows and at the cornice, overscaled bead and reel brickmolds and a decorative triangular terra cotta plaque surround by bull-nose decorative bricks at the gable. The six flat roofed houses feature heavily rusticated door and window surrounds, corbelled projecting pilasters at the second floor and bracketed and elaborately molded cornices. The two unusual round gabled houses feature smooth and rusticated door and window surrounds and a molded cornice with a decorative keystone. The proposed Park Place historic district is an excellent example of modest rowhouses made unusual by the architect's inventive detailing and picturesque composition.

