



NYC
Landmarks Preservation
Commission

Backlog Initiative: Addressing 95 Properties
Bronx Items

First Presbyterian Church of Williamsbridge
and Rectory

730-736 E. 225th Street, Bronx
Bronx Block: 04838; Lot: 0066

Bronx Community Board 12
Public Hearing Date(s): 07/08/1980; 09/09/1980;
11/18/1980



Photos: 2014

Special Public Hearings

The Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a public hearing on the backlog of buildings in the Borough of the Bronx on **October 8, 2015** and encourages interested parties to submit written testimony in advance of that hearing. Each speaker will be given three minutes total to speak, and in that time may address all of the items within the Borough, just particular items, or add comments to support written testimony. In order to conduct efficient hearings, we ask speakers to register in advance, and submit their written statements and materials that will be read at the hearing by **October 1, 2015** to backlog95@lpc.nyc.gov.

If you have any questions about this property or the hearing process, please contact backlog95@lpc.nyc.gov or call (212) 669-7817. If you would like more information about this property, please see the research file summary (over) and go to our website (<http://www.nyc.gov/html/lpc/html/backlog95>) and click on the link for this building's research file.



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**First Presbyterian Church of Williamsbridge and
Rectory Description**

Landmark Type: Individual

Built: 1902

Architect: John Davidson

Style: Eclectic

Research Staff Hearing Statement (1980)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILLIAMSBRIDGE AND RECTORY, 730-736 East 225th Street, the Bronx.

The First Presbyterian Church of Williamsbridge and its adjacent rectory were designed in 1902 by local Williamsbridge architect John Davidson. The shingled church building is a vernacular structure making use of an eclectic mix of stylistic devices. The main body of the church, with its round-arched openings, is late Romanesque Revival in style, but the entrance porch is a Colonial Revival detail and the jigsaw roof ridges have an oriental flavor. The square belfry at the right of the front facade is capped by a particularly unusual ogival roof.

The rectory is a more conservative building, designed in a Colonial Revival style. The house makes use of such colonial architectural forms as shingle siding, a columnar porch and an oval window, but these forms are combined in a free manner to create a house reminiscent of 19th-century architectural taste. Together these two buildings create a charming enclave in this area of the northeast Bronx.