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Landmarks Preservation Commission

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Landmarks Preservation Commission
305 Broadway
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Very truly yours,

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143-35-37th Avenue, Flushing, New York 11354

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Mr. Harmon Goldstone
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305 Broadway
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Dear Commissioner Goldstone:

Enclosed are copies of the statements I made at the hearing on Tuesday in favor of the designations of the Isaac Strang House in Astoria and the Old Gatehouse at Calvary Cemetery.

Sincerely yours,

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The attached two statements ought to go into the folders on the 11/27/73 HRG. HHG.

Queens
Gatehouse Calvary Cem.

The Gate House at Calvary Cemetery on Greenpoint and Gale Avenues is one of the most picturesque examples of Queen Anne architecture in the borough. Built around 1894, the building may have originally functioned as Engine Company number 2 of the Long Island City Fire Department but is now associated with one of the most significant cemeteries in Queens. The smooth orange brick with inset terra cotta panels and white banding, the attractive alternation of gables and dormers, and the three story octagonal turret with belfry and finial make this building one of the most refined nineteenth century buildings in Queens. Because of its juxtaposition with Calvary Cemetery and the beauty of its appearance, we believe it should be preserved as a New York City Landmark.

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No. LP-0840

STATEMENT TO THE LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING AT CITY HALL TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1973

For the proposed designation of the Gatehouse at the Old Calvary Cemetery, Gale and Greenpoint Avenues, Queens, New York

Calendar No. LP-0840

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Built in the late 1800's this red brick Gatehouse is a fine classical example of this type, in the Queen Anne style, with a touch of Romanesque. The use of terra cotta trim and plaques is expertly handled.

As a little gem of a type structure now fast disappearing, it is our opinion that the preservation of this Gatehouse merits serious consideration and we endorse its designation as an historic landmark at this time.

William Lukacs, A.I.A., F.C.S.I.

Evaluation as prepared by:
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Mr. Frank B. Gilbert
Executive Director
Landmarks Preservation Commission
305 Broadway
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Dear Mr. Gilbert:

It has been brought to my attention that Calvary Cemetery Gatehouse, located at Gale Avenue and Greenpoint Avenue, is under consideration to be designated as a State historic landmark.

This is written to express the hope that the Landmarks Preservation Commission will give all possible consideration to favorable action on this proposed designation.

Sincerely yours,

James J. Delaney

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PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION

305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

Telephone: 566-7577

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1011 First Avenue
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CM #282472

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