

**LANDMARK DESIGNATION AMENDED
JUNE 30, 2020 - SEE ADDENDUM**

Landmarks Preservation Commission
October 14, 1965, Calendar No. 5
LP-0005

KINGSLAND HOMESTEAD, 40-25 155th Street, Flushing, Borough of Queens. 1774, architect unknown.

Landmark Site: Borough of Queens Tax Map Block 5270, Lot 14.

On September 21, 1965, the Landmarks Preservation Commission held a public hearing on the proposed designation of the Kingsland Homestead as a Landmark and the proposed designation of the related Landmark Site. (Calendar No. 5). The hearing had been duly advertised in accordance with the provisions of law. Ten witnesses testified in favor of designation of the building. Speakers included Councilman Seymour Boyers and Councilman Edward Sadowsky. There were no speakers in opposition to designation.

DESCRIPTION AND ANALYSIS

The Kingsland Homestead is a wooden two-story building with a basement and an attic. This is Flushing's second oldest house, pre-dated only by the historic Bowne House. It was built on a tract of land purchases in 1744 by Charles Doughty. It received the name "Kingsland" from the builder's son-in-law, Captain Joseph King, an English seaman who settled in Flushing.

In its present condition the house represents the main mass of the original structure in its original form; the house has had some minor interior alterations and a modern addition replacing the original service wing. The house represents our Dutch Colonial Style of architecture and is a rare example of a type of house that was once common in western Long Island. In the Kingsland Homestead there is an amalgam of Dutch and English architecture. The ascendant English and Colonial styles are reflected in the central chimney and the gambrel roof with round-headed and quadrant windows in the gable. The divided front door and the general boldness of proportion point to the Dutch inheritance.

The Kingsland Homestead has special significance today as an example of a middle-sized house of the Revolutionary period which was typical of its locality then and which is now unique in that community.

FINDINGS AND DESIGNATIONS

On the basis of a careful consideration of the history, the architecture and other features of the house, the Landmarks Preservation Commission finds that the Kingsland Homestead has a special character, special historical and aesthetic interest and value as part of the development, heritage and cultural characteristics of New York City.

The Commission further finds that, among its important qualities, the Kingsland Homestead is a typical house of the Revolutionary War period and that today it is the second oldest house in Flushing and its only remaining 18th Century dwelling.

Accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 8-A of the Charter of the City of New York and Chapter 8-A of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, the Landmarks Preservation Commission designates as a Landmark the Kingsland Homestead, 40-25 155th Street, Flushing, Borough of Queens, and designates Tax Map Block 5270, Lot 14, Borough of Queens, as its Landmark Site.

AMENDMENT OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION

Kingsland Homestead

143-35 37th Avenue, Queens

LANDMARK TYPE

Individual

NEW LANDMARK SITE

Borough of Queens Tax Map Block 5012, Lot 60 in part, consisting of the land beneath the building.

AMENDMENT OF LANDMARK SITE

June 30, 2020

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Kingsland Homestead

143-35 37th Avenue, Queens

Designation List 518 LP-0005A

Built: 1801

Architect: Unknown

New Landmark Site: Borough of Queens Tax Map Block 5012, Lot 60 in part, consisting of the land beneath the building.

Amendment of Landmark Site: June 30, 2020

Amendment Calendared: May 19, 2020

Public Hearing: June 30, 2020

On June 30, 2020, the Landmarks Preservation Commission (Commission) held a public hearing on the proposed amendment of the Landmark Site of Kingsland Homestead (Item No. 2). The hearing had been duly advertised in accordance with the provisions of the law. The Commission received testimony from representatives of the Historic House Trust of New York City and Queens Historical Society and Queens Kingsland Homestead House Museum, in support of the amendment.

Designation

Kingsland Homestead, one of the oldest buildings in Queens, was designated an individual landmark on October 14, 1965. It was named after Captain Joseph King, the son-in-law of Charles Doughty who constructed the property around 1785 in the Dutch Colonial style. The landmark was moved shortly after its designation.

Background and Existing Conditions

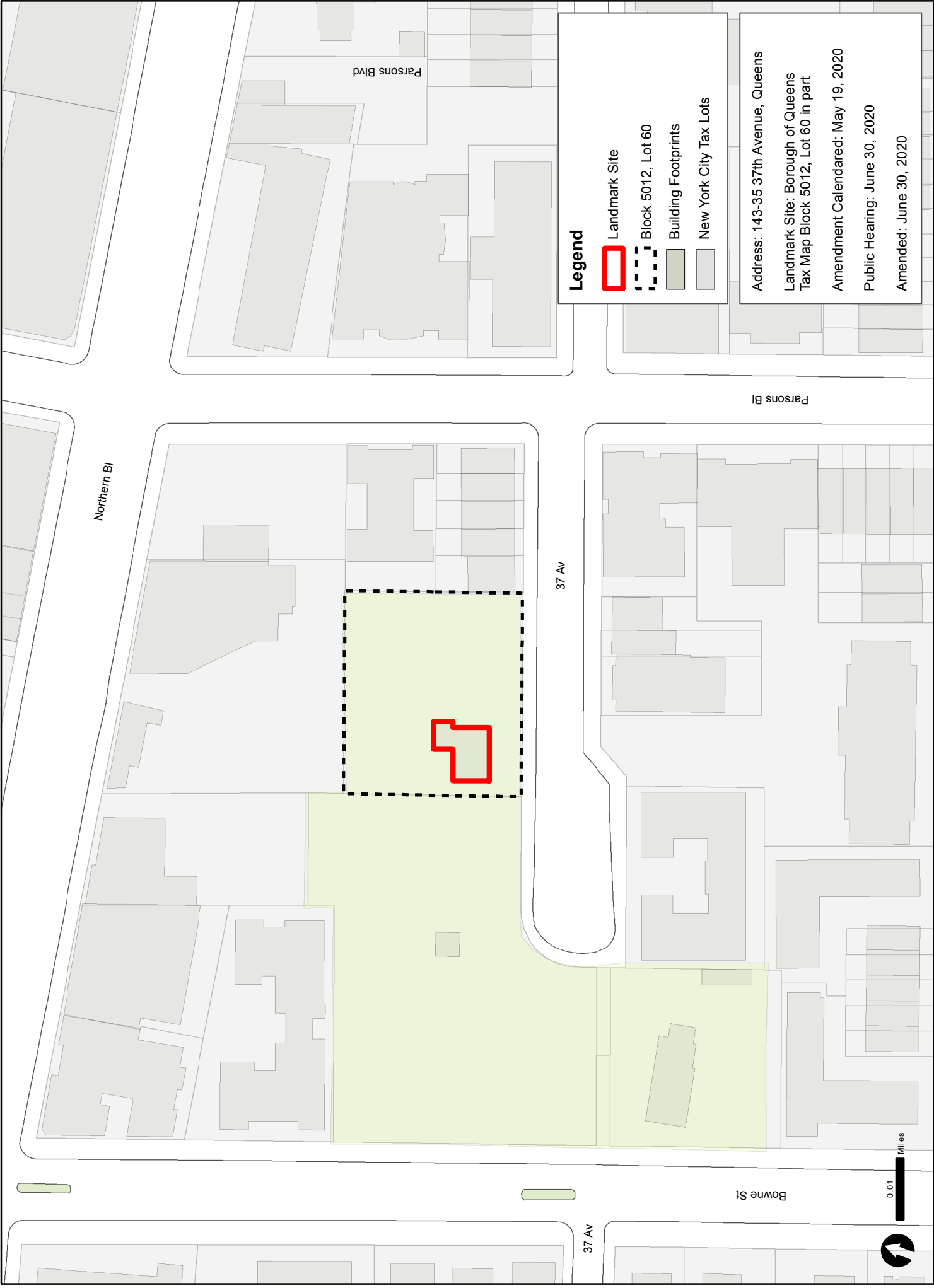
Kingsland Homestead was designated in 1965 at 40-25 155th Street, Block 5270 Lot 14. In an early decision LPC approved Certificate of Appropriateness No. 9 to relocate the landmark to its current site at 143-35 37th Avenue, Block 5012 Lot 60, which is also the site of the individual landmark Weeping Beech Tree. The building currently operates as the headquarters of the Queens Historical Society. It is maintained by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, which acquired the site in 1925 and expanded the park to its current size in 1976. In 1970, the former site of Kingsland Homestead, was subdivided into seven lots and brick row houses were constructed.

Findings and Amendment





Kingsland Homestead

The Landmarks Preservation Commission finds that the Kingsland Homestead was moved from the former Landmark Site of 40-25 155th Street, Block 5270 Lot 14 to its current site at 143-35 37th Avenue, Block 5012 Lot 60. The Commission further finds that the former Landmark Site no longer possesses special character or special historic or aesthetic interest or value as part of the development, heritage, and cultural characteristics of New York City, and that the relocated site at 143-35 37th Avenue, Block 5012 Lot60, does possess a special character or special historic or aesthetic interest or value as part of the development, heritage, and cultural characteristics of New York City.

Accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 74, Section 3020 of the Charter of the City of New York and Chapter 3 of Title 25 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, the Landmarks Preservation Commission amends the designation of the Kingsland Homestead to make its Landmark Site 143-35 37th Avenue, Borough of Queens Block 5012 Lot 60, in part, consisting of the land beneath the building.



Legend

-  Landmark Site
-  Block 5012, Lot 60
-  Building Footprints
-  New York City Tax Lots

Address: 143-35 37th Avenue, Queens
 Landmark Site: Borough of Queens
 Tax Map Block 5012, Lot 60 in part
 Amendment Calendered: May 19, 2020
 Public Hearing: June 30, 2020
 Amended: June 30, 2020

