

Demolished, Destroyed or Altered Historic Buildings in the South Village Since Proposal for Historic District Designation Submitted in 2006



CIRCLE IN THE SQUARE THEATRE

Destroyed: 2004

Circle in the Square, New York's first non-profit theatre, moved to this building in 1959, the site of a former 1917 theatre. Dustin Hoffman, James Earl Jones and others performed on its stage.

Nearly the entire building was demolished and replaced with an 8-story residential building.



SULLIVAN STREET PLAYHOUSE

Destroyed: 2005

This 1831 building became famous as home to New York's (and, by reputation, the world's) longest running play, *The Fantasticks*, which was performed here continuously for more than 40 years.

The building was stripped to its bones and unrecognizably altered for conversion to luxury condominiums.



TUNNEL GARAGE

State/National Register of Historic Places eligible

Demolished: 2006

This stunning Art Deco building was built in 1922 at the dawn of the automobile age and was named for the nearby Holland Tunnel, which was under construction at that time.

It was demolished to make way for a 10-story condominium.



PROVINCETOWN PLAYHOUSE AND APARTMENTS

State/National Register of Historic Places eligible

Demolished: 2009

Called “the cornerstone of bohemia”, the playhouse and apartments drew legendary talent, such as Eugene O’Neill and Edna St. Vincent Millay.

All but a tiny portion of the building, including the portion which housed the original Provincetown Playhouse, was demolished by NYU to make way for law school offices.



178 BLEECKER STREET

Demolished: 2010

This 1861 row house was part of a cohesive row constructed when Bleeker Street was an elegant residential thoroughfare for the upper middle class. Iconic artist studio windows were added to the entire row in the 1920s.

The building was demolished for a new mixed-use building, which is yet to be built, that will rise well above its neighbors.



186 SPRING STREET

Demolished: 2012

This 1824 Federal row house served as the residence of key activists at the dawn of the Gay Rights Movement in the 1970s, including Bruce Voeller, Jim Owles, and Arnie Kantrowitz.

A developer demolished the building for a new condo development.



CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

Compromised/Destroyed: 2013

One of the earliest social service organizations in the South Village formed to serve the area's immigrant children, this complex of buildings was sold for development in 2011. The current zoning allows a tall high-rise. Current plans are unclear, but all except the 1891 Victorian Gothic building designed by Calvert Vaux have been demolished, while the Vaux building has had its distinctive peaked roof and north-facing wall removed.