

In the matter of laying out and opening a public place between 59th and 106th Street in the City and county of New York the \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Ulshoefffer(?) and other Commissioners.

City and county of New York: William Mathew of said city Whitewasher being duly sworn doth defense and say that the Lot of ground on the South Westerly corner of Eighty fourth Street and the Seventh Avenue in said City of New York known on a map reference to in the deed of Nancy(?) \_\_\_\_\_ to this deponent is the property in fee \_\_\_\_\_ of this deponent.

That he is informed by Richard R. Ward his Counsel in this matter that the said Nancy(?) \_\_\_\_\_ at the time of said conveyance had an Estate in fee \_\_\_\_\_ in her own right in the said Lot of ground and further this deponent with not.

Sworn to before  
me this 30th day of October 1855  
N. Cr Everett  
Commissioner of Deeds

*William Mathew*

Mathew has been in possession 23 years  
House cost between 4 + 500 Dollars  
Filling worth 50  
Well of water 50  
Fruit Trees and shrubbery 100  
700

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Application of the \_\_\_\_\_ or its relative to the opening and laying out a Public Square between 59th and 106th streets and the 5th and 8th Avenues in the City of new york.

City and county of New York as : William Mathew being duly sworn deposes that he is the owner in fee of the house and Lot on the southwest corner of 7th Avenue and 84th Street in the City of new york and that he now resides and has resided on said premises for the last ten years that he has examined the Estimate made by the commissioners of estimate in the above matter and that he is of the opinion that said estimate is not sufficient for his said house and lot, that the value of his said house and lot after paying assessments and improvements made by him thereon, and after having made improvements to a great extent, with a view to permanent home, (and which has been my home for twenty three years), cannot be less to this deponent than the sum of twenty five hundred dollars, that he would not take a less sum for his said house and lot if the same was for sale, that he verrily [sic] believes that great injustice would be done to him, by taking away his said house and lot by an estimate of damage less than the sum of two thousand dollars.

Sworn to this 5th Nov. 1855 before me (representation name illegible).

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William Mathew  
Block 784, Lot 36  
Claim (lot and house) **\$2000**  
Award for Lot **\$1235**

Block 784  
Lot 36

Award  
Worth \$2000  
Claim \$2000

\*Note: gray type written in pencil, rest written in ink; red = indecipherable text