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## \$9.12 M. Crowning Achievement

**Lee Harris Pomeroy** has worked on such landmarks as the Plaza Hotel and Grand Central Terminal, though perhaps none is as dear to his heart as the penthouse the architect created atop **285 Central Park West**.

He had lived in the 1900 landmark for more than a decade with his wife, the author **Sarah Pomeroy**, when they managed in 1984 to cobble together some air rights, a one-bedroom, two maids quarters and the cupola, which Mr. Pomeroy then fashioned into a home the likes of which are rare even in New York. While he would not say how much the couple paid to craft the 4,000-square-foot property, Mr. Pomeroy allowed that "you could have assembled a block on 42nd Street easier."

He also admitted that it was not nearly as much as the **\$9.125 million** the couple just sold the three-bedroom for, according to city records.

They still have a landmark to call home, albeit one of a different sort. No sooner did the old penthouse close on Jan. 27 than the next day the deal was done on their new two-bedroom condo at the **Manhattan House**, the city's first modernist apartment building. There they bought a 1,515-square-foot unit on the 11th floor of the East 66th Street complex for **\$2.19 million**.

The Pomeroy's new home is less than half the size of their old one, but there is one thing it has: convenience. "Particularly, my wife wanted to live on the East Side. She wanted to live near her friends, clubs and particularly Hunter College, where she teaches part time," Mr. Pomeroy told *The Observer*. "It'll be different, but at least there is room for our piano and harpsichord, which are coming with us." Those will be going in the 400-square-foot great room, one imagines.

The buyer of the Pomeroy's old penthouse is **A.W. Foley**, who lists an address at 1 Gracie Square. His full-floor, four-bedroom co-op located halfway up the 1929 building came on the market Feb. 2 with Corcoran's Deanna Kory and Christine Morgan for \$4.6 million.

285 Central Park West.



Manhattan House.

