

**Block: 548 Lot: 9**

**13-19 University Place**



**Address:** 13-19 University Place,  
30-34 East 8th Street

**Building Name:** 13-19 University Place

**Construction Date:** 1895-96

**Original Owner:** Merck & Co.

**Original Architect:** Alfred Zucker

**Original Use:** Commercial

**Historical Notes:** Built for the chemical and drug concern, Merck & Co. Acquired by NYU in 1955.

**Landmark Status:** None

**Building Type:** C1

**Number of Stories:** 6

**Street Facades:** University Place (west) and East 8th Street (north)

## Original & Historic Features

### General

- Buff-brick masonry with buff-glazed terra-cotta ornament intact.
- Terra-cotta sill courses at 3rd and 6th stories. Terra-cotta columns at center of 6th story, both facades.
- Wood-framed transoms at 6th story are original.
- Original sheet copper cornice intact, with some in-kind replacement. Original copper acroteria at edges of pediments.
- Pedimented roofline at north and east facades.
- Original metal railings retained only on 2nd bay from south, west elevation, 6th story.

### Ground Floor

- Original limestone base retained.
- One original cast-iron door surround and louver-filled transom retained on north facade, eastern bay.

## Non-Historic Alterations

### General

- 1/1 aluminum replacement windows (95%).
- Windows infilled with brick or parging on southernmost bay of west facade.
- Extensive patching of brick and limestone.
- Fire escapes removed from southern bay of west facade, and eastern bay of northern facade.
- Nixalite bird-proofing at 6th story. Bird-proofing wires at all horizontal surfaces; most of these wires are detached.

### Ground Floor

- All storefront infill is non-historic: plate-glass windows with painted-metal framing, ornate metal bulkheads at west elevation.
- Non-historic flagpole at west facade.
- Non-historic metal signage installed into limestone; plastic campus map at corner.

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**Existing Condition Photographs**



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Historic Photograph, ca. 1940

