

Block: 550 Lot: 29

16 East 8th Street



Address: 16 East 8th Street
Building Name: 16 East 8th Street
Construction Date: 1834-35; altered 1923
Original Owner: Sailors' Snug Harbor
Original Architect: original unknown;
Original Architect: alterations by Murphy McGill & Hamlin
Original Use: Residential
Historical Notes: Originally constructed between 1834 and 1835 on land leased by Sailors' Snug Harbor. It was one of a few buildings on this block that were not converted in 1916, probably due to an outstanding lease. In 1923, the building was given a new facade and converted from a factory into apartments by Sailors' Snug Harbor. Acquired by NYU in 1949.
Landmark Status: Greenwich Village Historic District
Building Type: R3
Number of Stories: 5
Street Facade: East 8th Street (north)

Original & Historic Features

NB: A sidewalk bridge was installed across the building at the time of the survey (December 2006).

General

- Appearance of facade dates to 1923 conversion.
- Stuccoed-brick facade with red-brick and terra-cotta ornament matches neighboring buildings.
- Original wood 8/8 and 4-pane casement windows (100%).
- Simple stuccoed parapet terra-cotta ornament above center window, terra-cotta coping stones (100%).
- Original iron railing at center window on 5th story, all windows on 3rd story.
- Historic star ties installed at parapet and below 3rd story.

Ground Floor

- Original wood storefront windows (100%).
- Original wood door and enframingent.

Non-Historic Alterations

General

- Repairs being made to lintels and stucco during time of survey (December 2006).
- Windows on 2nd story obscured by sidewalk bridge.
- Original clay tiles from removed from parapet.
- Several window openings filled with a/c units.
- Stucco façade and all terra cotta painted; brick ornament around windows remain unpainted.
- Stucco previously patched with non-matching mix.

Ground Floor

- Non-historic can lights at door.
- Wooden sign box for store and metal numbers on door are non-historic.

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Existing Condition Photographs





Note: Center building is Block 550 Lot 29 (16 East 8th Street), not Lot 30 as indicated on the tripod.