

Block: 550 Lot: 4

4 Washington Square North



- Address:** 4 Washington Square North
- Building Name:** 4 Washington Square North
- Construction Date:** 1833
- Original Owner:** Sailor’s Snug Harbor; Samuel Thompson, original lessee
- Original Architect:** unknown
- Original Use:** Residential
- Historical Notes:** One in a row of six (1-6 Washington Square North) Greek Revival houses built in 1833 on undeveloped land leased to builders by the owner, Sailor’s Snug Harbor. The house was built for Samuel Thompson, but Thomas J. Oakley was the first resident (1833-43). Acquired by NYU in 1949.
- Landmark Status:** Greenwich Village Historic District
- Building Type:** R1
- Number of Stories:** 3.5 + basement
- Street Facade:** Washington Square North (south)

Original & Historic Features

General

NB: Sidewalk bridge installed at time of survey (November 2006).

- Red pressed-brick facade with stone lintels, sills and base.
- Original wood cornice (100%).
- Tuckahoe marble stoop is intact.
- Original wood door with egg-and-dart molding, door surround, Ionic columns, transoms and sidelights.
- Original 8/8 wood windows at basement.
- Bluestone pavers at sidewalk. Tuckahoe marble paving at fenced-in areaway.
- Historic wrought-iron fence at areaway is original.

Non-Historic Alterations

General

- 6/6 wood replacement windows at 1st story; 1/1 wood replacement windows at stories 2 and 3; wood casement replacements at attic.
- Window opening at westernmost bay, 2nd story, filled with air-conditioning unit.
- All stone is painted.
- Metal flashing or gutter at cornice is corroding.
- Selective repointing near leader for 5 Washington Square North.
- Nixalite installed at entrance.
- Lantern-style light fixture installed into wood at entry.
- Non-historic signage: paint on glass, plastic sign and metal number above door.
- Iron fence at basement stair is non-historic.

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Existing Condition Photographs

