



Address: 3-5 Washington Place,
282-284 Mercer Street

Building Name: 5 Washington Place

Construction Date: 1890-91

Original Owner: Charles Wise

Original Architect: Alfred Zucker

Original Use: Commercial loft

Historical Notes: Built at a time when earlier residential buildings in the area were being replaced with taller commercial structures, this building replaced the Gen. James I. Jones House. NYU acquired the building in 1965 and converted its use.

Landmark Status: NoHo Historic District

Building Type: C1

Number of Stories: 6

Street Facades: Mercer Street (west) and Washington Place (south)

Original & Historic Features

General

- Orange-brick facade with brownstone and terra-cotta ornament.
- The south façade, which returns two bays along the west facade, has highly decorative sandstone and terra-cotta ornament. The ornament on the west façade is more restrained.
- Original brick parapet with terra-cotta coping and corner pinnacles.
- Original terra-cotta cornice.
- Original cast-iron window surround in central bays of south elevation, stories 3-6.

Ground Floor

- Original sandstone and cast-iron entry surrounds; original wrought-iron fanlight screens in entries.
- The small wood windows on the west elevation are original.

Non-Historic Alterations

General

- 11/06, facade work is underway. Original one over one wood sash are being replaced with one over one aluminum sash.
- Cornice removed from 2nd story, west elevation.
- Sill courses at 3rd and 5th stories, west elevation, have been panned.
- Color matching in recent painting and stone restoration is slightly off.
- Some windows have been filled with louvers.
- Rooftop addition and sheet metal covered parapet are visible from the street. Rooftop addition is shrouded at time of survey (11/06).

Ground Floor

- Glass and aluminum replacement doors at main entries. Original cast-iron enframing at service entry has been panned with aluminum; replacement doors are sheet metal.
- Storefront windows are aluminum replacements.
- Security lights, most mounted directly into masonry.
- Signage: non-historic wood numbering attached to the wrought-iron transoms.

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Existing Condition Photographs



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Historic Photograph, ca. 1940

