

James Watson House  
7 State Street  
New York, N. Y.  
New York Co.

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District No. 4  
New York City

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Historic American Buildings Survey  
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25 West 44th Street, New York, N. Y.

JAMES WATSON HOUSE  
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Borough of Manhattan, New York County, New York

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Owner or Custodian: Church of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Date of Erection: East portion in 1794  
West portion in 1808

Architect: Possibly John McComb, who designed #1 State Street, which was similar.

Builder: James Watson - east portion (owner)  
Moses Rogers - west portion (owner)

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: Three stories, basement, and attic.

Materials of Construction: Foundations - stone; floors - wood; interior walls - plaster and wood; exterior walls - brick; roof - originally wood shingles removed, present - composition roof.

Other Existing Records:

1. Photostatic copy Bridges Map of 1824 - "Plot of the Battery", November 5, 1824, by E. W. Bridges.

(Found in Manuscript Map Room in New York Public Library, 42nd Street and 5th Avenue)

2. Lithograph from Valentine's Handbook called a "View of State Street in 1859."

(Room 300 New York Public Library, 42nd Street and 5th Avenue)

3. Photograph in picture collection of New York Public Library, un-numbered - unidentifiable, called "Whitehall Street and Produce Exchange". Date, 1889.
4. Kings Handbook of New York City. Published by Moses King, Boston, 1892. Page 412 shows 6, 7 and 8 State Street prior to 1892. It indicates that 6 and 7 State Street were one house.

(Room 300 New York Public Library, 42nd Street and 5th Avenue)

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Additional data:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Record:</u>	<u>Reference:</u>
1660	Part of Peter Stuyvesant's garden during the Dutch occupation of New York. His house was located on the corner of Whitehall and State Streets and the garden ran west from it.	Stokes Iconography of Manhattan, N. Am. Vol. 2 p. 329
1664	Peter Stuyvesant's house and garden became the property of Thomas Dongan, Governor General of the Province of New York, after the surrender of the Dutch. It was officially conveyed to Governor Dongan by William Dervall in 1686.	ditto p. 209
	There is no record of a conveyance by Governor Dongan to his son, John Dongan, and by John Dongan to Thomas C. Dongan, a nephew.	
1791	Thomas C. Dongan conveyed this property to Gozen Ryerse.	N.Y. Hall of Records Liber 46 Conveyances p. 526
1792	February 10. Gozen Ryerse conveyed this property, including several lots and adjoining, to James Watson.	ditto L. 73 p. 438
1793	Previous to this year, State Street was called Copsie Street. This name was derived from the rocky point near the southern shore line, which the Dutch called, "Capskie", or Little Cepe.	
1794	James Watson erected a house on the property covering Nos. 5 and 6 State Street. The architect was probably John McComb, who erected No. 1 State Street.	
1795	James Watson is recorded as the owner of a house and stable on this site.	Record of Assessments.
1805	May 4. James Watson sold the house, stable and lots to Moses Rogers.	N. Y. H of R Liber 71 Conveyances p. 397
1806	Moses Rogers sold one half of the house, the portion covering No. 5 State Street, to William Bayard. Rogers continued living in the portion covering No. 6 State Street and built an addition, or west wing, over the portion which was previously used as a garden.	Stokes Iconography of Manhattan Vol. 1 Plate 164 A

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1806 (cont'd.)	The new numbering in 1806 made this building No. 7 State Street.	

The record of owners and occupants of No. 7 State Street was as follows:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Owner:</u>	<u>Occupant:</u>
1808	Moses Rogers	--
1809	" "	Francis B. Winthrop
1810	" "	" " "
1815	" "	" " "
1845	" "	--

1867	The executors of the will of Moses Rogers, (Samuel and Nathaniel P. Rogers and William P. Van Rensselaer), sold the property to Robert P. Getty.	H of R Liber 1005 Conveyances p. 258
1869	Robert P. Getty sold the property to Isabella Wallace.	H of R Liber 1100 Conveyances p. 418
1886	Isabella Wallace sold the property to Rev. John J. Riordan.	H of R Liber 1922 Conveyances p. 128
1887	Rev. John J. Riordan sold (gave for \$1.00) the property to the Mission of Our Lady of the Rosary.	H of R Liber 2083 Conveyances p. 318
1936	The Mission of Our Lady of the Rosary remains the owner of No. 7 State Street and the first floor of the building is used as a Chapel, while the second and third are used as living quarters by the pastors.	

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