

The Stuyvesant Apartment  
142 East 18th Street  
New York, N. Y.  
NEW YORK Co.

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District No. 4  
New York City

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Historic American Buildings Survey  
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STUYVESANT APARTMENT  
142 East 18th Street  
Borough of Manhattan, New York County, New York

Owner:

Elizabeth De Caraman Chinay (nee Elizabeth Stuyvesant)  
c/o Morris & McVeigh  
60 Wall Street, New York, N. Y.

Date of Erection:

1870

Architect:

~~Unknown~~ BICHARD HORN

Builder:

Rutherford Stuyvesant (Owner)

Present Condition:

Fair

Number of Stories:

Five and basement

Materials of Construction:

Foundations - stone

Floors - wood

Interior Walls - plaster on studs

Exterior walls - brick, furred and plastered

Roof - slag

Other Existing Records:

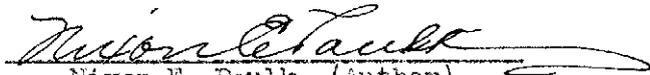
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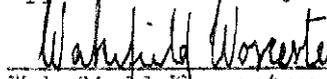
Additional data:

<u>Year:</u>	<u>Record:</u>	<u>Reference:</u>
	This site was in the eastern portion of the block which was part of the Peterefield Farm of Petrus Stuyvesant.	Recorded in Farm Histories Vol P Tract Report 370 Stuyvesant Chart 370
1843	December 5. Peter Gerard Stuyvesant conveyed this site to Moses G. Lenghi, by lease	NY Hall of Records Liber 438 Conveyances P 619
1845	December 9. Moses G. Lenghi conveyed the assignment of the lease to Charlee Vyse.	H of R L 470 Conveyancee P 87
1847	November 11. The block passed to Peter Gerard Stuyvesant, among whose heire it was divided as city lots by deeds.	Recorded in Farm Histories Vol P Tract report 370 Stuyvesant Chart 370
1848	November 21. Helen Stuyvesant conveyed the release of dower to Rutherford Stuyvesant.	H of R L 511 Conveyances P 233
1861	May 15. Charles Vyse conveyed the assignment of the lease to Charles Heebner.	H of R L 838 Conveyances P 488
1869	May 6. The Commissioners in Partition of the Supreme Court of the State of New York allotted this parcel of land, including several other lots, to Rutherford Stuyvesant in a suit presented before the latter Court by Gerard Stuyvesant. The defendants were Hamilton Fish, Rutherford Stuyvesant and the executors of Gerard Stuyvesant.	H of R L 1109 Conveyances P 356
	During this year, Jamee Levy occupied a shop on this site, which ran from 138 to 146 East 18th Street. An assessment of \$22,000. is recorded, which coincides with the assessments for the shop in years prior to this. This assessment is crossed out and an assessment for \$150,000. was entered.	Record of Assessments 18th Ward
1870	<u>The building was erected this year.</u> Rutherford Stuyvesant is recorded as the owner of a five-story apartment house running from 138 to 146 East 18th Street. The assessed valuation is \$150,000., with \$125,000. inserted in the " <u>Corrected Amount</u> " column.	Record of Assessments 18th Ward
1881	Rutherford Stuyvesant is recorded as the owner of the apartment house on this site. The assessed valuation is \$110,000.	Record of Assessments 18th Ward

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1911	January 7. The trustee deed of Rutherford Stuyvesant was recorded and on the same day a partition deed was conveyed to Elizabeth and Ruth Stuyvesant by the executors of Rutherford Stuyvesant.	
1936	At present the building is being used as an apartment house. It is owned by Elizabeth DeCaraman Chinay, the former Elizabeth Stuyvesant.	

  
Nixon E. Paulk (Author)

Approved: January 29, 1937

  
Wakefield Worcester, District Officer.

It is interesting to note that this property was owned by Peter Stuyvesant, the last Dutch Director of New Amsterdam, serving in this office from 1647 to 1664. The ownership has never passed out of the Stuyvesant family to this day.

Richard M. Hunt, distinguished architect, designed the building.

The earliest high-class apartment house in the city, it is still standing in good repair, and is still occupied by the class of tenants originally intended.

The elevation on the street is truly ingenious and while it may seem odd at this time, only a skilled designer could accomplish it. The plan is very disappointing because, with the exception of the studios and a few living rooms, the rooms are very small and the long corridors unattractive and inconvenient.

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February 18, 1937