

## THE JAMES R. WHITING HOUSE

22 EAST BROADWAY

BOROUGH: MANHATTAN

BLOCK, 281/LOT, 9

BUILT: C.1832

ARCHITECT: UNKNOWN

ORIGINAL OWNER: JAMES R. WHITING

STYLE: FEDERAL

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: NONE

MAJOR ALTERATIONS: STOREFRONT, WINDOWS REPLACED, PAINTED FACADE

22 East Broadway is a grand Federal style house on the Lower East side of Manhattan. Evidence indicates that 22 East Broadway was constructed c.1832 as a house for district attorney James R. Whiting, who also served as a City Council member and later served as a New York Supreme Court Judge. Whiting who is listed in City Directories living at 22 East Broadway in 1834, and is listed as late as 1848, and retained ownership until shortly before his death in 1872.

This house is a three-bay, three and a half stories late Federal style house retains its form, with pitched roof and segmentally arched dormers and a significant amount of its original architectural fabric including Flemish bond brickwork, (now painted) what appears to be original molded stone lintels and original sills at the second and third stories. The prominent segmental dormers which retain some of their original trim particularly the segmental arched pediments. The alterations to the façade include: the reconfiguration of the basement and first floor storefronts, the replacement of the windows at all floors and the façade has been painted.

22 East Broadway was once the home of the Chatham Square branch of the New York Free Circulating Library, it opened July 5, 1899, and served the community until the Carnegie Chatham Square Library opened across the street at 33 East Broadway in 1903.

The James Raynor Whiting house at 22 East Broadway reflects its handsome origins, making it a rare surviving Federal style house in the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Despite the alterations, it is an important link in understanding the full range of the Federal style in Manhattan.

