

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

11/16/73

STATE: New York	
COUNTY: New York	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER JUL 24 1972	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: James Watson House			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Mission of Our Lady of the Rosary (Shrine of Blessed Elizabeth Seton)			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 7 State Street			
CITY OR TOWN: New York			
STATE New York	CODE 36	COUNTY: New York	CODE 061

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☐ Object	☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☒ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☐ Park ☒ Private Residence ☒ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ ☐ Comments _____ _____ _____

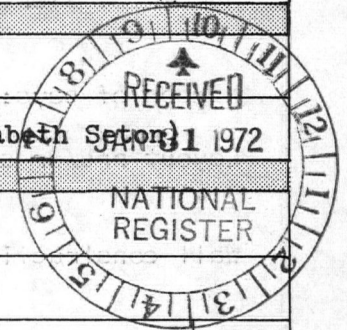
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York			
STREET AND NUMBER: 451 Madison Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN: New York	STATE: New York	CODE 36	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: New York County Hall of Records			
STREET AND NUMBER: 31 Chambers Street			
CITY OR TOWN: New York	STATE New York	CODE 36	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission			
DATE OF SURVEY: November 23, 1965 ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☒ Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission			
STREET AND NUMBER: 305 Broadway			
CITY OR TOWN: New York	STATE: New York	CODE 36	

Rep. Bella Abzug

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☒ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Number of stories: The house is three stories high with an attic and a basement.

Number of bays: The house is five bays wide.

Layout and/or shape of plan: The plan of the building is wedge-shaped with wide curved front and truncated rear.

Wall construction: The walls are of brick laid in Flemish bond. The basement is constructed of stuccoed stonework.

Structural system: The structural system is masonry bearing wall.

Roof, cornice: The roof is multi-level with varying pitches. The cornice of wood has modillions and is surmounted by a wood balustrade.

Porches, dormers, chimneys: There is a large curved portico which follows the curve of State Street. At the first floor level the portico has square wood piers and the two stories above have slender unfuted Ionic columns. There are several high brick chimneys at the roof.

Important interior features: The front dining room is restored with its original mantel and appropriate Federal detailing.

Other notable features: There are oval windows on the west wall, splayed window lintels with double keystones and rectangular and oval panels of stone set between the windows of the east portion of the house.

Alterations and additions: The west portion of the house was added in 1806 with the large curved portico in front. There were dormers at the roof over the east portion which were removed in 1964.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) East portion 1793; west portion, 1806

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☒ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

osophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☒ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This recently restored Federal house at 7 State Street was originally built in two parts. The eastern portion is two bays of a larger 5-bay house built in 1793 for James Watson. He later divided his house, selling the easternmost portion to a neighbor. The distinctive colonnaded section to the west was added in 1806 when the house was owned by Moses Rogers. The 1793 house has been attributed to John McComb (1761-1853) who designed another State Street house, and who is best known for his work in connection with the designing of New York's City Hall.

When Moses Rogers decided to extend his house to the west, the bend in State Street posed a problem, which was solved by the curve of the monumental portico. Its colonnade screens the angle of the joining of the two sections of houses and also provides them with a most unusual and arresting feature.

When State Street was laid out near the end of the 18th century, it became a street of impressive residences. Number 7 is the last of the Federal townhouses that once lined the street, and the architect of its 1964-65 restoration called its survival a "near miracle". As restored on the basis of a print from Valentine's Manual of 1859, the house has been returned to its original appearance with its fine cornice, surmounted by a wood balustrade and its handsome triple sash windows at the main floor. An important residence when it was built, its preservation today makes it an extremely rare and important monument of the American Federal period.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Files of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
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NE	0 0 0	0 0 0	74	00	51
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: under one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Stephen S. Lash, Associate

ORGANIZATION: New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission DATE: Sept. 30, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 305 Broadway

CITY OR TOWN: New York STATE: New York CODE: 36

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name

Chairman, N.Y. State

Title

Historic Trust

Date

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NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert H. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

7/24/72

ATTEST:

Bradford
Keeper of The National Register

Date

7/19/72

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

New York Co.

Watson, James, House 72000891

PROPERTY

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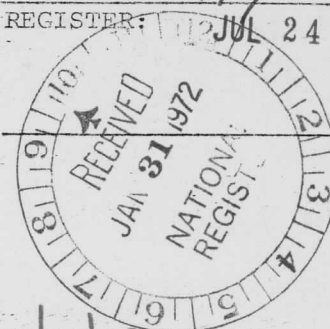
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REVIEW

AIA NY guide + Ada Louise Huxtable's Classical New York have good "write up" material on this.

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ARCHITECT

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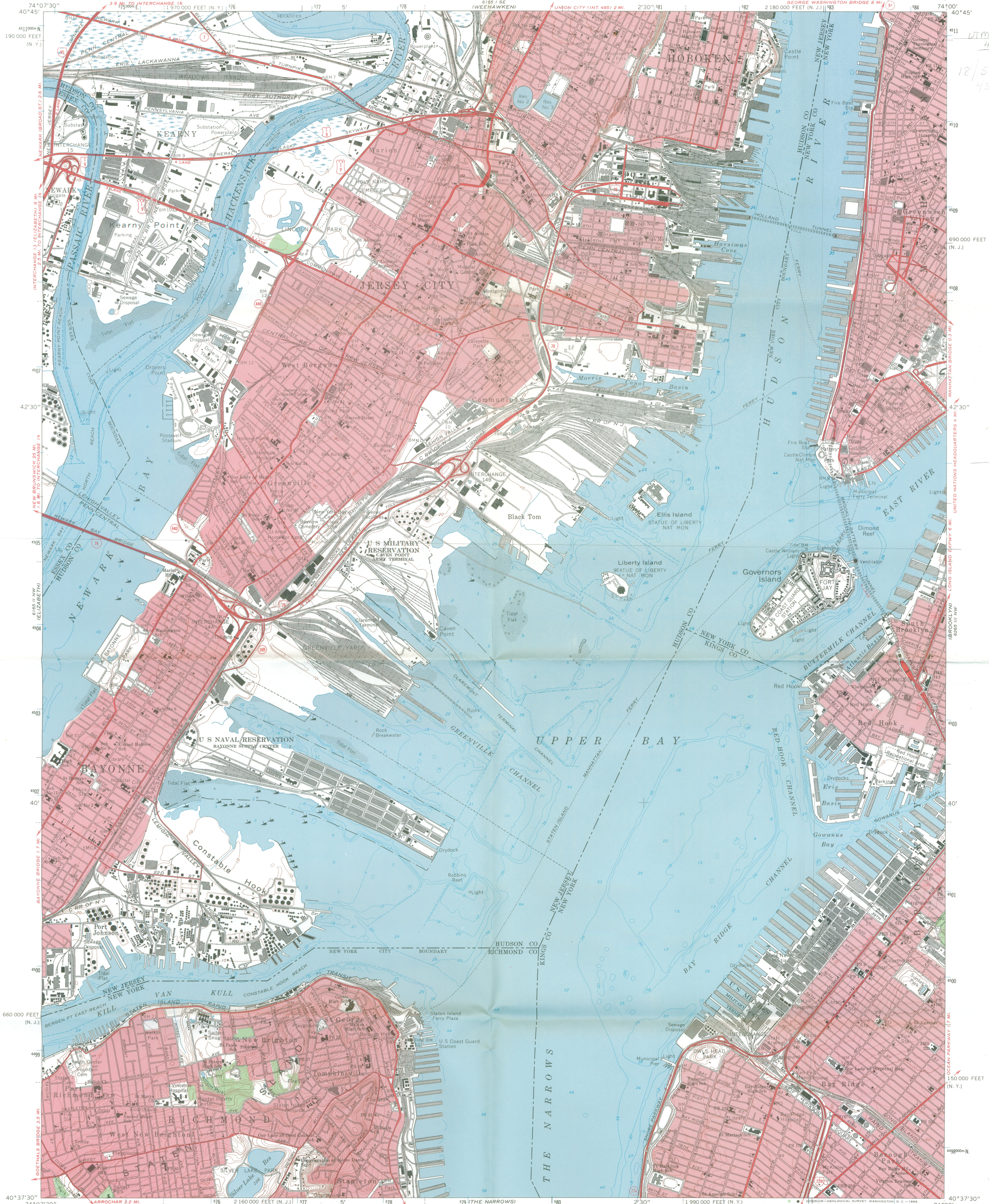
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UNITED STATES
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JERSEY CITY QUADRANGLE
NEW JERSEY-NEW YORK
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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New Jersey coordinate system, and New York coordinate system. Long Island zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

SCALE 1:24,000
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THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 4.4 FEET IN
UPPER BAY AND 4.8 FEET IN NEWARK BAY

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

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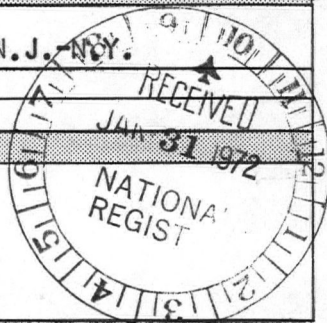
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
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(CENTRAL PARK)

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Watson (James) House	New York New York County
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St. James Church	New York New York County
Flatbush Town Hall	Brooklyn Kings County
Fulton County Courthouse	Johnstown Fulton County
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