

EAST 38TH STREET *Madison Avenue to Park Avenue (South Side)*



34 East 38th Street Tax Block/Lot #867/46

Four-story-and-basement Italianate brownstone row house (1861-62, for Charles Fox). Charles Fox described as a “merchant” in a deed (L.802 P.13). Stoop removed, basement front rebuilt with new stone (Clinton & Russell, 1905, for G. T. Rafferty). In 1895, home to John Jacquelin, broker. In 1924, became home to the Art in Trades Club. “The Art in Trades Club started its new clubhouse at 34 East Thirty-eighth Street last night with open house for members and their friends. The club, which has about 500 members, is made up of artists and members of business firms” (NYT). “The Art-in-Trades Club, which William Sloane Coffin founded twenty-six years ago, gave a dinner last night in its clubhouse, 34 East Thirty-eighth Street, in celebration of his recent election to the presidency of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.... The speakers traced the development of the club, which has as one of its objects the bringing into association of men engaged in or interested in the arts and art trades for mutual advancement and study” (NYT). The club left the building after 1934. In 1945 it was converted to apartments. Source: New York County Registers Office, Liber Deeds, L.874 P.240, L.859 P.453, L.802 P.13; New York Tax Assessments, Ward 21, 1860 to 1866; ALT 2063-05, ALT 1930-45; NYT 6-8-1895 p.5, 1-11-1924 p.19, 4-6-1932 p.20.