

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



**31 East 38th Street Tax Block /Lot #860/30**

Ohio-stone front, mansard-roofed town house (William P. Easterbrook, 1869, for Charles E. Butler). At 28 feet wide, substantially larger than the typical 18 to 20 foot wide Murray Hill brownstone of the period. Intact stoop, areaway, aedicular windows, mansard roof including cresting. By 1880, city residence of William R. Grace, founder of "William R. Grace & Co., shipping merchants. This establishment now has branches in this City, San Francisco, and London..." (NYT). William R. Grace was also mayor twice of NYC first in 1881 and then in 1885. Grace was "probably the most prominent Roman Catholic in this City.... He has a pew in St. Patrick's Cathedral, and also one in St. Francis Xavier's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Grace have had 11 children, and four of them have died.... He is of fair complexion, with brown hair, mixed with gray, a brown mustache, and is round and pleasant in appearance" (NYT). Source: NB 208-1869; NYT 10/19/1880 p.2.