

EAST 38TH STREET *Lexington and Third Avenue (South Side)*



148 East 38th Street Tax Block/Lot #893/59

Originally part of the group including 140 through 146. Façade altered in 1936 for developer Russell A. Pettingill, as part of the renovation of Nos. 150 and 152 (see below). "The five-story private dwelling at 148 East Thirty-eighth Street, one of three residences comprising one of the most interesting groups in the old Murray Hill district of Manhattan, has been sold by Russell A. Pettingill to Julius S. LowenthalThe home was acquired by Mr. Pettingill to protect the other two which he had leased, one in the rear and the other at 150 East Thirty-eighth Street. Mr. Pettingill rebuilt and improved them 'to meet the exacting needs of modern city life.' He completed exterior alterations on the house at 148, but left the interior unfinished with plans prepared for changes which might be altered to suit the wishes of the buyer. Mr. Lowenthal will carry out this plan by providing for five three-room apartments in the style of an English country house, using paneling of a rare type. In style the three houses are an adaptation of English Regency. They are grouped about a formal garden such as is found in Charleston residences. Wrought-iron balconies and bay windows are features on the south side of the two front houses overlooking the garden....The houses were insulated and fitted out with special