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Robert Ulrich House

The Ulrich House is significant to Manhattan both for its association with Robert Ulrich, who had a hand in constructing many homes for prosperous clientele in Manhattan in the 1860s, 70s, and 80s with his successful brick



Robert Ulrich House, 121 N. 8th Street

manufacturing and construction business, and for its identity as a significant remnant of Manhattan's architectural past.

Ulrich's business was highly respected by citizens of the community. An 1881 community promotion publication by the Manhattan Nationalist declared that, "As a builder, Mr. Ulrich is second to none. As a brick layer he has but few equals, and he can point with pride to the larger share of the finest residences in Manhattan and say they are my work."

Ulrich's own house, built in 1868 and 1869 of brick that in all likelihood was obtained from his own brickyard, is one of the few brick residences from this period remaining in Manhattan. The Ulrich House was modest in comparison with most of the residences Ulrich helped construct in Manhattan. Nevertheless, it drew upon the same system

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of architectural design - that associated with Victorian villa and cottage architecture.

Also important to this system of design was the relationship of building to site - the most expansive site was desirable in order to reap the benefits of Nature's influence. The Ulrich House still occupies its original three-lot site and thus is fortunate in retaining the character of the original building site relationship.

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