

SQUARE No 759.

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Lot.			Improvements		Remarks	Lot.			Improvements		Remarks
Part of Sub of Pt of Sub of	Assessed Val of prop	Assessed Value of	Material or Character of	Part of Sub of Pt of Sub of		Assessed Val of prop	Assessed Value of	Material or Character of			
of 1.	75	1,500.	3 frames								
1.	70	900	1 frame								
1.	70	2,000	1 frame								
2.	70	1,600.	1 frame								
2.	70										
2.	70										
3.	70	1,800.	1 frame								
3.	70	100.	1 frame								
4.	70										
4.	70	2,000	1 frame								
of S. A.	70	2,000.	1 brick								
A.	70										
B.	70	2,000	1 brick								
6.	60	2,000	1 brick								
7.	65	350	1 frame								
of 8.	65										
8.	60	450	1 frame								
9.	50	2,500.	1 brick								
9.	50	800.	1 frame								
9.	50										
10.	50	600	1 frame								
10.	60	500	1 frame								
11.	40										
12.	40										
13.	40										
of C.	50										
D.	45	1,500	1 frame								
E.	45	1,500	1 frame								
F.	45	2,000	1 frame								
G.	45	2,000	1 frame								
H.	45	2,000.	1 frame								
I.	45	1,500	1 frame								
H.	45	1,500	1 frame								
J.	45										
M.	45										

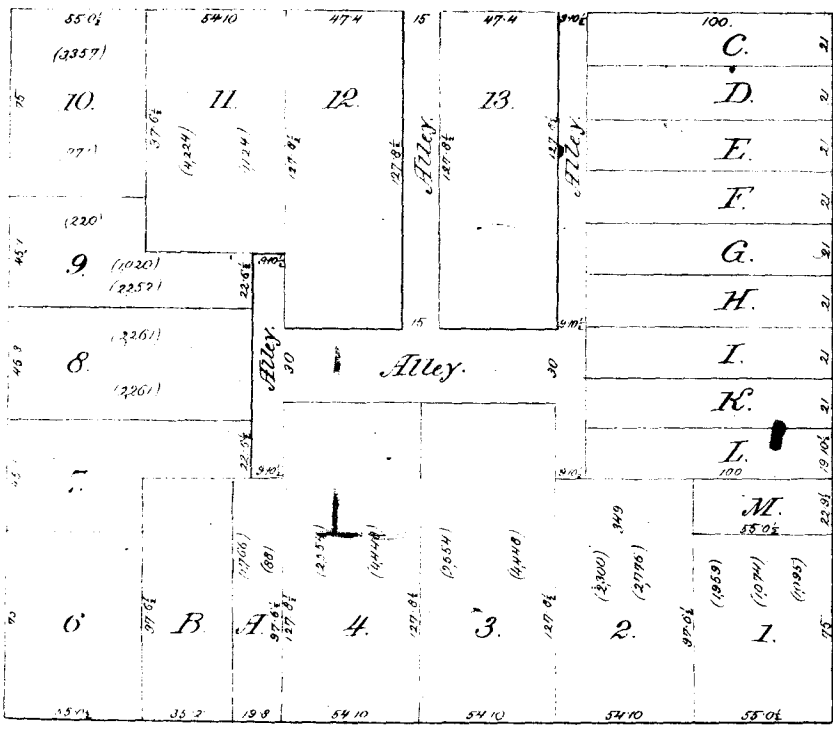
William C. Morgan
Supt Assessor City of New York

759.

Wm. G. Pratt

*Surveyor District
of Columbia*

North A. St.



East Capitol St.

*James J. Clarke Subd. lot 5 into lots A & B. April 21, 1870.
H. C. Sholes et al. Subd. lots 14-18 into lots C-M. Sept. 27, 1870.*

Faehz and Pratt year 1874
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to the report at hand, the tax records need further research if we are to learn when exactly lot 13 left the Fischer estate.

At this point in the chronology a rather curious fact emerges in the primary sources and records. On one hand the tax assessments give no improvements on lots 11, 12 or 13, and throughout the decade of the 1880s. But on the other hand, a permit issued for repairs and alterations of two existing brick residences, one at 217, the other at 219 A St., N.E., was found and it was dated September 11, 1884! The permit to repair was issued to the owner, Mr. John Grinder, and for the specific purpose of repairing brick fronts and making interior changes. This permit is a bit of a mystery. It contradicts both tax assessment rolls for that period and real estate plats completed about the same time. For instance, one of these real estate plats completed by an architect's and civil engineer's office, the office of Mr. Francis R. Fava, clearly shows the subdivision of lot 13 into new lots 19-20 and 21, where three homes were planned facing the street, and new lots 22-23-24 and 25 behind where four alley dwellings might be built. The date given for this new subdivision is February 13, 1889-- and it credits Mr. B.H. Warder for the subdivision. In short we have a discrepancy here between the date of John Grinder's permit and Mr. Warder's subdivision dated about five years later!

Application for Permit for Repairs, Alterations, Etc.

Washington, D.C. Sept. 11th 1884

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS:

The undersigned applies for a permit to repair

Description of Present Building.

Where situated: *Dms. 217 & 219, "A" street, n.e.*
 Name of owner: *two* Name of architect: *Geo. Grider*
 Name of contractor: _____ Name of the party _____
 Name of the party _____
 Name of the party _____
 Material: *brick*
 Height of building: *duelling*
 Width of building: *300*

Nature of Proposed Alterations, Etc. GIVE DEFINITE PARTICULARS.

To repair brick fronts, and make interior alterations.

duelling
 Signature: *John Grider*
 Address: _____

Permit- repairs & alterations
 issued to John Grider
 Sept. 11, 1884

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APPLICATION FOR
PERMIT FOR REPAIRS, ALTERATIONS, &c.

Owner, J.W. Grindler

LOCATION.

Lot, 19 + 28

Square, 759

Street, 217 + 219 "A" St.

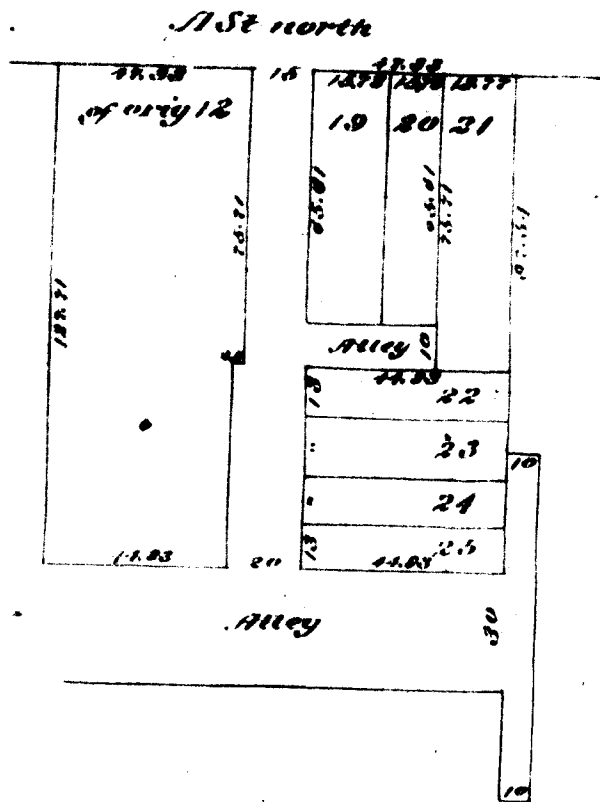
PERMIT GRANTED.

September 11th 1884.

\$300.00

Permit - repairs and alterations - Sept. 11, 1884

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Subdivision parts orig lots 12, 13,

into 19-25 incl alleys,

R.H. Yorder, Feb 13 1889.



Real Estate Plat- year 1890
showing subdivision of lot 13
Feb 13, 1889

John Grinder was a tradesman. Several members of his extended family resided on Capitol Hill and they too earned their living as carpenters, bricklayers and brickburners. It is possible, I suppose, that he could have built some kind of structure at 217 and 219 A St., N.E., which somehow materialized during the early 1880's and then were gone before 1886-- and all the while never appearing in any other record of taxes or real estate plats. But it is still very doubtful that either of these two buildings belonging to Grinder had any connection with the homes presently occupying those addresses. And here is why.

The tax assessments for 1886-87 show both lots 12 and 13 without improvements of any kind and being held in trust with no connection to John Grinder. Then in 1887 a Hopkins Real Estate plat was published which is entirely consistent with the information provided by the tax records. There were no improvements. A year later a Sanborn Fire Insurance map was issued and still no improvements. Finally on March 15, 1889, two additional building permits were issued. One permit authorized the building of three residences, one each on lots 19, 20 and 21. The second permit authorized the construction of four alley dwellings on the west side of Lamb's Alley (later name changed to Terrace Court). These alley dwellings were given the number address of 2, 4, 6 and 8. The three homes facing on A St. were numbered as 217, 219 and 221, suggesting that the home known today as 219 was previously and for