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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Daniel LeRoy House is located near the middle of a block on the south side of St. Mark's Place between Second Avenue and Third Avenue in an area of altered nineteenthcentury rowhouses and small tenement buildings. It is a three-and-one-half story; twenty-six foot wide rowhouse. The basement and stoop are of limestone as are the window lintels and sills and the large arched door molding with its vermiculated triple keystone and trim. This type of surround displays small rectangular blocks arranged at regular intervals which project horizontally through the molded architraves at the jambs of the enframement. The sides of the basement window moldings are treated similarly. The basement is faced with smooth blocks of limestone while the upper floors are of red brick laid in Flemish bond. Originally, the upper part of the door frame would have held a semi-circular transom of leaded glass above an eight-panel wooden door flanked by leaded-glass sidelights. Today, the fan-shaped transom is clear glass and the door and sidelights have been replaced with a pair of wooden doors in the Italianate style. The original iron stoop railings are still in place, and the base of one newel remains atop its paneled limestone plinth. The front parlor windows were lengthened to casement-type French windows soon after the house was built. The double-hung wooden sash of the upper floors are six-over-six and appear original. The cornice is completely enveloped in sheet metal. Segmental-arched dormer windows pierce the peaked roof. The basement has been converted to commercial use and one of the windows was converted to a door. The basement of the house is now a bar and grill, the first floor is an electronics shop, and the upper floors are residential. The side party walls abut adjacent buildings, and the rear elevation, which faces a small yard is not visible from the street.

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Daniel LeRoy House is significant as an example of a large one-family dwelling in the late Federal style. It was built in 1832 as one of a group of houses on both sides of the block in what is believed to have been one of New York City's first large development schemes. The developer, Thomas E. Davis, had the houses built to sell on speculation. As a result of this successful venture, Davis went on to buy a large tract of land on the north shore of Staten Island where he founded the village of New Brighton in 1836. The area for several blocks around St. Mark's Place was the most fashionable residential section of New York City in the 1830s and '40s, and the people who lived there were members of well-to-do branches of old and respected New York families. Daniel LeRoy, who purchased the house at 20 St. Mark's Place, married Susan Fish, who was the daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Stuyvesant Fish and the sister of Hamilton Fish. Through her mother's family she was descended from Governor Peter Stuyvesant. The area became commercial after the Civil War, and the ground floors of many of the houses were converted into shops.

The Daniel LeRoy House is a rare and intact surviving example of the late Federal style mansions which once lined St. Mark's Place. With its handsome limestone detail, particularly the James Gibbs inspired door surround, elegant ironwork, and generous proportions, the house not only exemplifies the features of that style, but also reflects the prosperity and social status of the family that originally occupied it. As such it is a tangible reminder of one of the last neighborhoods of old New York where the founding families resided side-by-side in an exclusive community.

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