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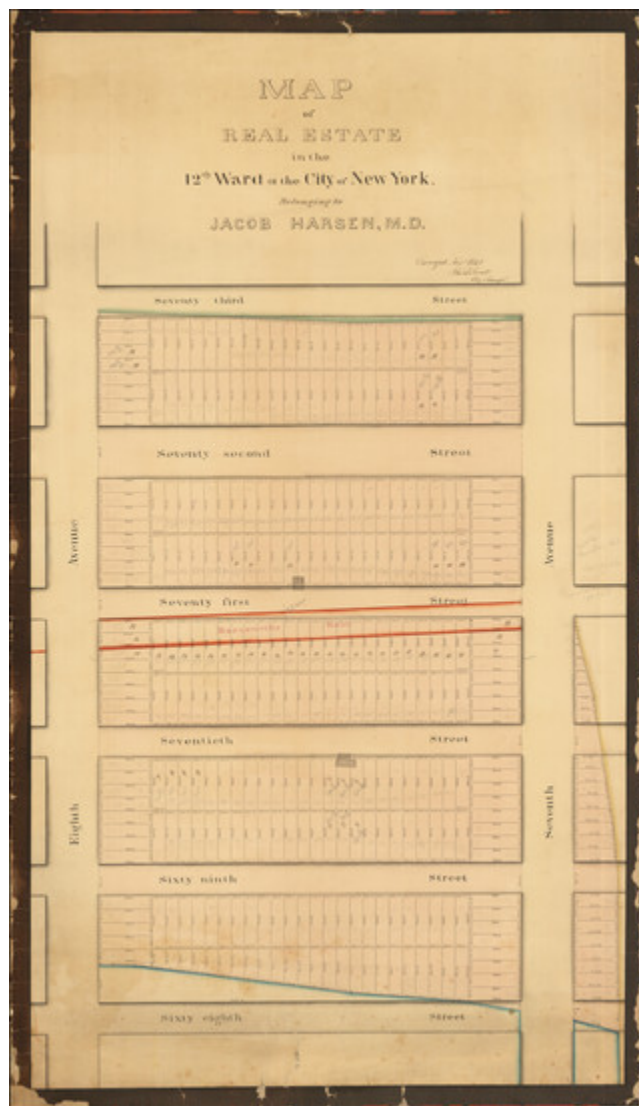
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**(Upper West Side) Map of Real Estate in the 12th Ward of the City of New York,
Belonging to Jacob Harsen, M.D.**

Stock#: 80781
Map Maker: Serrell
Date: 1848
Place: New York
Color: Pen & Ink with Wash Color
Condition: See Description
Size: 30 x 51 inches
Price: \$ 3,500.00



Description:

Transforming the Upper West Side from Rural to Urban.

Large manuscript real estate survey map of Harsenville on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

The survey was made by New York City Surveyor John J. Serrell, and shows the progression of the hamlet



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of Harsenville (one of the first semi-urban areas of the Upper West Side) into the regimented, subdivided neighborhood that remains there today.

The map maintains some hints of the loose plot lines and uneven roads that can be seen on [our 1810 map of the area](#).

We also have [a further manuscript map of Harsen family property](#), though elsewhere in Manhattan.

John J. Serrell

John J. Serrell was City Surveyor in New York throughout the 1840s and '50s. Most of his maps seem to be focused on the Upper West Side and Midtown, which makes sense given the development of New York City in this period.

Serrell also surveyed for Jacob Harsen, M.D., the grandson of the owner of the present property. Those surveys can be differentiated by his use of "John Harsen, M.D." as opposed to "John Harsen, Decd."

John J.'s younger brother, John E. Serrell, was also a surveyor. Much of the latter's cartographic output is in the collections of the New York Public Library, in the [Serrell-Opdycke-Patrick Papers, ca. 1828-1963](#).

Jacob Harsen

The Harsen family were among the earliest Dutch settlers of Manhattan.

The New York State Library includes papers of the Harsen and Dyckman families and gives the following biography of Jacob Harsen:

In 1773 Jacobus Harsen (1750-1835), the eldest son of Johannas Harsen and Rachel Dyckman Harsen, married Catharine Cozine (1750-1835), whose family had immigrated to Manhattan in 1684. The approximately 122-acre Cozine family estate, the title to which was given by the Duke of York, stretched between the North and East rivers in northern Manhattan that adjoined the Dyckman family estate. Jacobus Harsen, who is sometimes referred to by the Anglicized name "Jacob", was active in New York City's political life, serving as both alderman and city magistrate. Jacobus was also an active member of the Reformed Dutch Church, serving as a ruling elder.

Jacob's children and grandchildren were prominent in New York City life. His grandson, also Jacob (the



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one referred to on this map), was a prominent Manhattan physician.

"Harsenville" -- named for the family -- is a "lost village" of the Upper West Side. The website 6sqft gives the following description:

Harsenville ran from 68th Street to 81st Street, between Central Park West and the Hudson River. It began in 1701 when Cornelius Dyckman bought a 94-acre farm at Broadway and 73rd Street. His daughter Cornelia then married a farmer named Jacob Harsen, and they built their homestead at Tenth Avenue and 70th Street in 1763. Other farming families began to follow suit, setting up what became a small village, complete with schools, churches, and shops. At its height, it had 500 residents and 60 buildings, thanks largely to the perfect-for-tobacco soil and waterfront views. Harsenville Road was the main street, and it ran through present-day Central Park.

Detailed Condition:

Pen and watercolor on paper, backed on linen. Overall the map image is in Very Good or better condition. However, the map paper is friable and prone to chipping, as can be seen in the scan. With proper care there is no reason to think the map will deteriorate further, but, especially with its size, it is not the most durable object.