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NEW YORK TOWNHOUSE ASKS \$38.5 MILLION

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The five-story house has about 10,500 square feet of living space, plus a garden, terrace and roof deck. PHOTO: MATT VACCA/BROWN HARRIS STEVENS

In 1923, the women's group Pen and Brush purchased a Manhattan townhouse to serve as their headquarters for \$52,000. Now the renovated house is on the market for \$38.5 million.

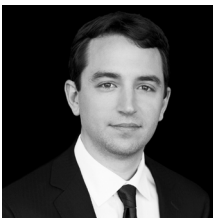
Built as a private residence in 1848, the 25-foot-wide Greenwich Village brownstone was the longtime home of Pen and Brush, a nonprofit organization that works to address gender inequality in the arts and literature. The group sold it in 2012 to developer David Amirian and surgeon Warren Hammerschlag, who renovated it and are now putting it on the market.

The five-story house has about 10,500 square feet of living space, plus a garden, terrace and roof deck, according to listing agent David Kornmeier of Brown Harris Stevens. Currently configured with five bedrooms, the house also has an elevator, and a 27-foot-long lap pool and hot tub in the basement.

Pen and Brush sold the house to the current owners for \$11.2 million. Ms. Sands said the group sold the building to move to a roughly 5,500-square-foot Flatiron District commercial condo, which has more exhibition space.

In renovating the house, the developers said they maintained its original look whenever possible. For example, they used photographs from the 1920s to re-create the look of the original windows, facade and front door. "The home is in a historic neighborhood and we wanted to make sure it blended seamlessly and appropriately with the surrounding townhouses," Mr. Amirian wrote in an email.

Mr. Kornmeier said it is rare to find such a large house in the Village.



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