

HAMILTON FISH HOUSE

21 Stuyvesant Street, New York

This Federal style brick town house was the birthplace and residence of Hamilton Fish, scion of a distinguished New York family. After serving as governor of New York and as a U.S. senator, Fish became, at age 60, President Grant's secretary of state. There he provided stability and gained a modicum of respect for an otherwise demoralized and scandal-ridden administration. Fish's grandfather, Petrus Stuyvesant, built the house and once hosted General Lafayette for dinner here.