FIFTH AVENUE
OLD AND NEW
1824-1924
FIFTH AVENUE ASSOCIATION

View of Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street looking South 1888. Rutgers Institute and the Creton Reservoir built 1859-60, demolished 1899, to be replaced by the New York Public Library. Fifth Avenue in 1824 was practically open country. The old Horn House after which the Fifth Ave Hotel and the Post Office Magazine were at 23rd St. occupying the present Hudson Square site.
THIS MAP OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND ISLAND OF MANHATTAN as laid out by the COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE LEGISLATURE April 1st, 1811 is respectfully Dedicated to the MAYOR, ALDermen, and Commonalty thereof by their most obedient servant Wm. Bridges

THE COMMISSIONERS' MAP, 1811

It was this plan which determined the present layout of New York
WHERE FIFTH AVENUE BEGINS
WASHINGTON SQUARE, AS A PARADE GROUND IN 1853

In the original lithograph, all the faces in the picture were small photographs, so that each member of the Regiment could be readily identified. The building in the background is the New York University, now at University Heights. Statues to Garibaldi and to Holley, inventor of Bessemer steel, are also in the Square, and a tablet to Adam Roelantsen, first New York schoolmaster, is an interesting feature of the new building erected on the site of the old University.
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Fifth Avenue's Early Tributaries. The Boston Post Road running through Union Square to Madison, connecting with Fifth Avenue, then called the Middle Road to distinguish it from the Albany Post Road (west) and the Boston Post Road (east). The building in center, erected by an important bank during great yellow fever scourge (1822), would be corner Broadway and 17th Street to-day.

This excellent picture was drawn from life for Harper's Weekly. It is particularly interesting, as it shows the houses at that time on the east side stood quite far back from the street, allowing spacious lawns in front. Gov. E. D. Morgan's house is on the corner of 36th Street. The skating pond to which we have referred elsewhere ran along 36th Street almost to Madison Avenue. The monotony of the "brownstone fronts" is also plainly indicated in this contemporary sketch.
Bronze traffic signal tower at 42d Street and Fifth Avenue. Unveiled December 18, 1922. Designed by Joseph H. Freedlander and presented by the Fifth Avenue Association, Inc., to the City of New York along with six other towers of similar design. Total cost of towers approximately, $125,000.
Panoramic view of the Fifth Avenue section, comprising Fifth Avenue from Washington Square to 110th Street; Madison, Park, Fourth Avenues and intersecting streets—the area protected through the activities of The Fifth Avenue Association.
West side of Fifth Avenue looking north from 34th Street
PRESENT DISTRIBUTION OF EUROPEAN RACES
(generalized scheme)
by Madison Grant