

NEWARK FIRE INQUIRY.

Grand Jury Fixing Responsibility for Building the Tenement.

NEWARK, N. J., March 15.—The Grand Jury began an investigation to-day to determine the responsibility for the remodeling of the frame church at Morris and Fourteenth Avenues into a tenement house, the building in which sixteen Italians were burned to death Monday.

The records at the Building Inspector's office show only a permit for raising the frame portion of the structure and building a ten-foot basement of brick. This was ap-

proved by E. M. Van Duzer, then Superintendent of Buildings, and granted by the Fire Department Committee of the Common Council in October, 1896. The plans of the remodeled building are missing from the files, and no record appears concerning the conversion of the church into living apartments.

The funeral ceremonies of the sixteen Italians burned to death will be held in St. Peter's Church at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. High mass will be celebrated. All the Italian societies in this city will join in the procession to the cemetery.

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