

## BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY

SURVEY NO.: B-1113

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0411133611

Address: 106-108 E. Lexington Street  
Current Name:

Block: 610	Lot: 15	Lot size: 45 ft. x 100 ft.
Height: 7		Materials: Brick and granite
Condition: Good		Owner: State of Maryland
Use: Commercial		Accessible: Yes, unrestricted
Designation:		Liber/Folio: JFC 1801-391



Historic Name: Maryland Telephone Company Building

Date: 1900

Architect/Builder: Joseph Evans Sperry

Style (if appropriate):

**Description:** This very distinctive structure is a three bay wide, seven story high, brick and granite building. The building has a grand entrance which features attached corinthian columns, an elaborate lintel with egg and dart and pearl molding along with floral and leaf details. The first story also features a rusticated facade and one over one segmental arched windows. A stringcourse of egg and dart and pearl moldings extend out from the lintel and divides the first and second story. The upper stories are embellished with an abundance of details including cartouches, geometric moldings, elaborate consoles, more attached corinthian columns, trefoil decorations and a heavy cornice with dentils, modillions and egg and dart molding. The west elevation is seven bays wide with many of the same details as the front facade.

**Significance:**

Area: architecture

Level: local

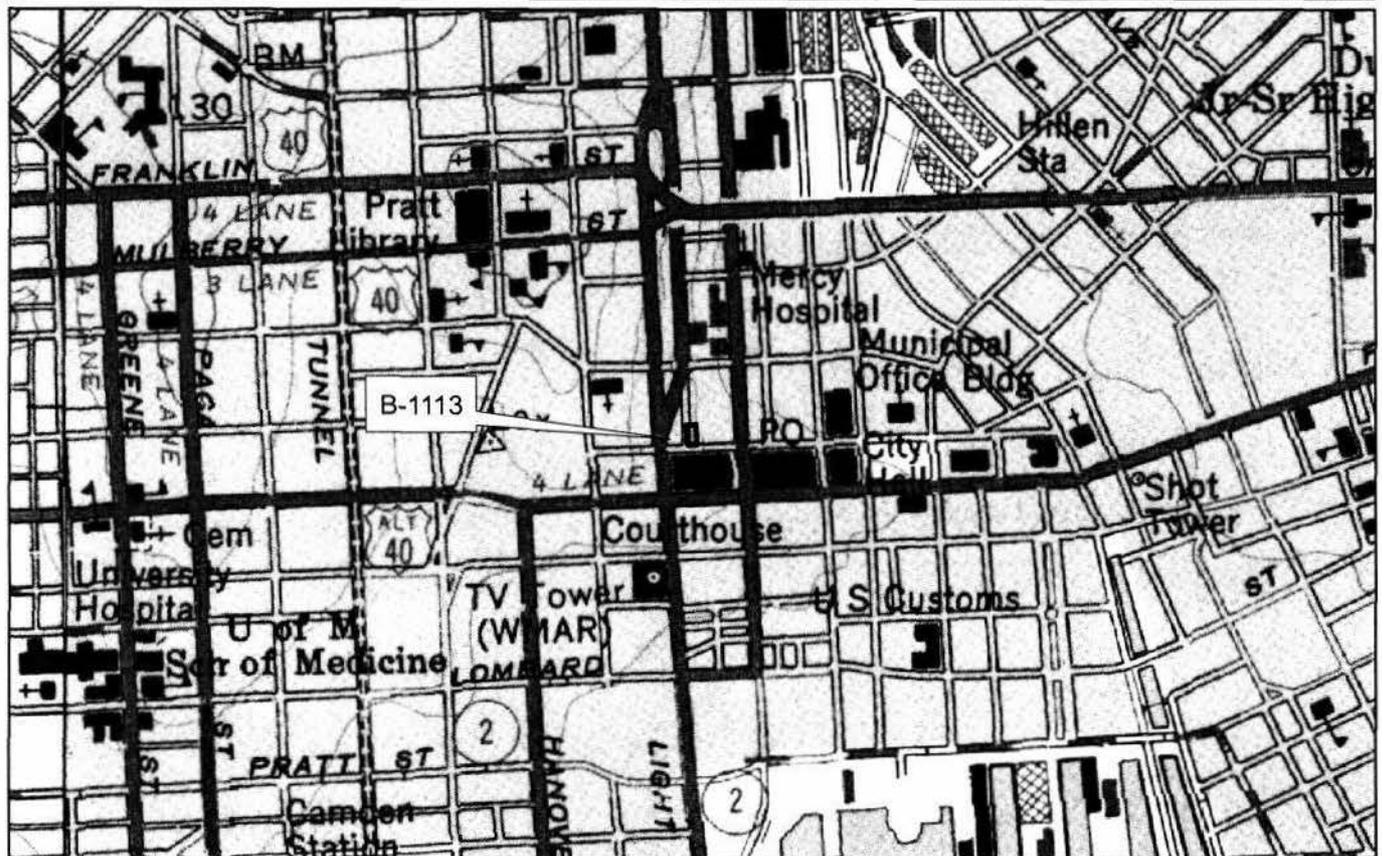
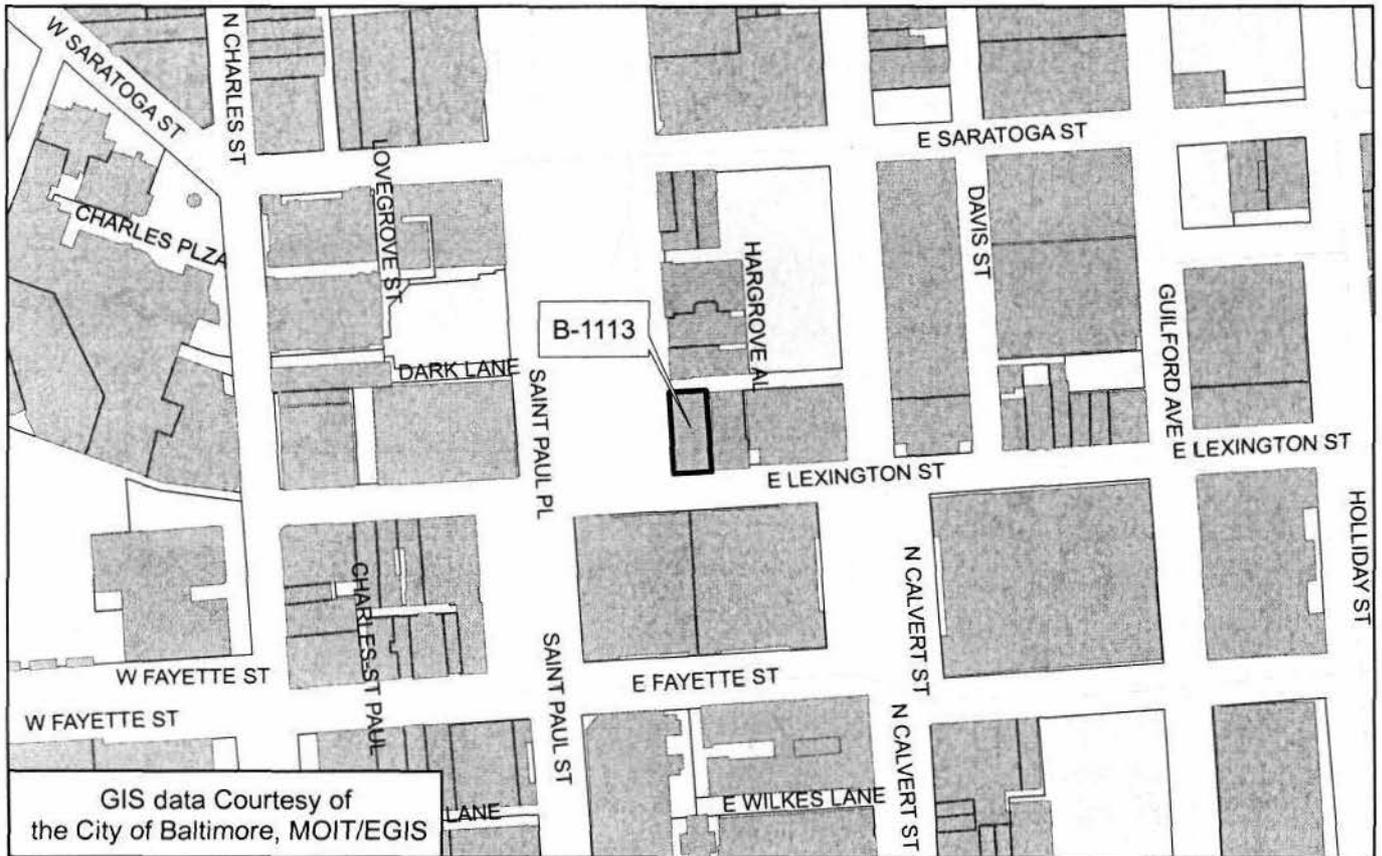
The building is architecturally significant and contributes to both the Courthouse Square area and the Financial District as a whole. The building was built by John Water in 1900 for the Maryland Telephone Company and was designed by Joseph Evans Sperry. The Maryland Telephone Company later became the present day Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. Its many architectural features include a grand entrance with attached corinthian columns, an elaborate lintel with egg and dart and pearl molding. The upper stories are embellished with cartouches, geometric moldings, elaborate consoles, corinthian columns, trefoil decorations and a heavy elaborate cornice. This distinctive, monumental structure is in good condition and presently houses government offices.

Sources: BS 8-16, 1899, p.10, col. 4

Surveyor and Date: Caroline Hardy, July 1985



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Maryland Telephone Company Building (State Roads Commission Offices)  
106-108 E. Lexington Street  
Block 0610 Lot 015  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad





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Baltimore (City), Maryland  
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Neg.loc.: Maryland Historical Trust  
West elevation