

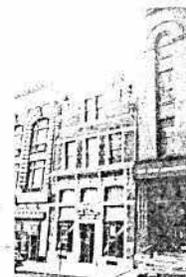
AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0411295711

Address: 5 East Lexington Street

Current Name:

Block: 623 Lot: 2 Lot size: 28 ft. x 92 ft.
 Height: 3 Materials: Brick and limestone
 Condition: Excellent Owner: Balto. Holding Company
 Use: Commercial Accessible: Yes, unrestricted
 Designation: Liber/Folio: CWM 4192-573



Historic Name: Joseph Schloss & Son Building

Date: 1904

Architect/Builder: Archer & Allen, arch.

Style (if appropriate): Flemish

Description:

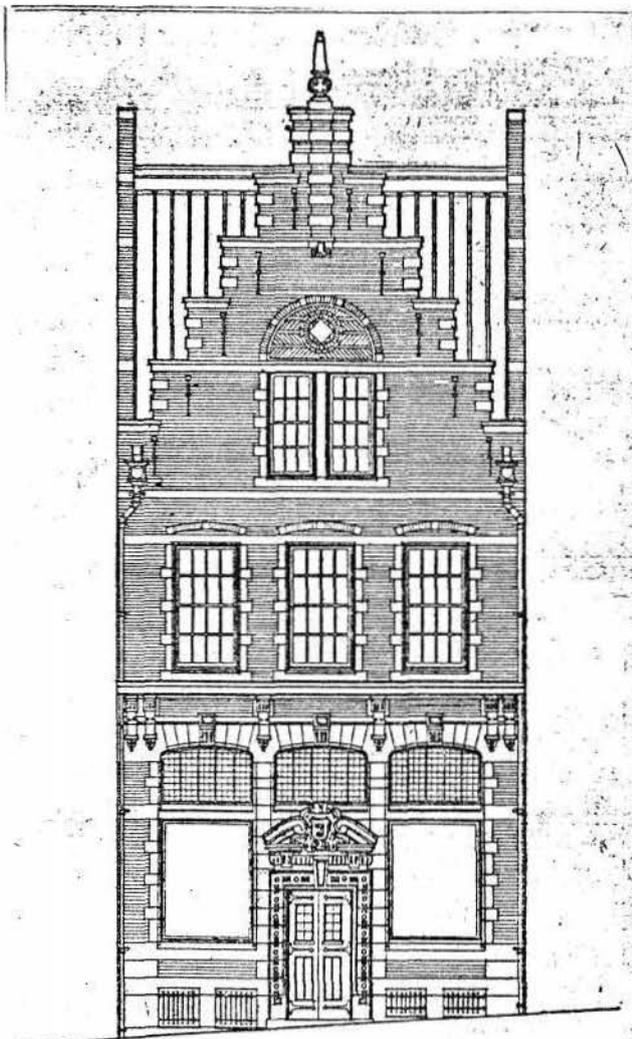
This three-bay wide, three story high, cross bond, red brick commercial structure with Indiana limestone trim is in the style of the old brick architecture of Holland. The first story features double wooden doors surrounded by geometric stone trim and flanked by three part bowed windows with metal window frames. Above the entrance is a broken curved pediment with scroll details, surrounding an elaborate cartouche. A cornice divides the first and second story with decorative end brackets. There are three, six over one windows on the second story and two centralized, six over six windows on the third story with diamond brick and tile details above them. The facade terminates in a stepped gable crowned by a small finial and a copper mansard roof recesses behind the brick facade.

Significance:

Area: architecture

Level: local

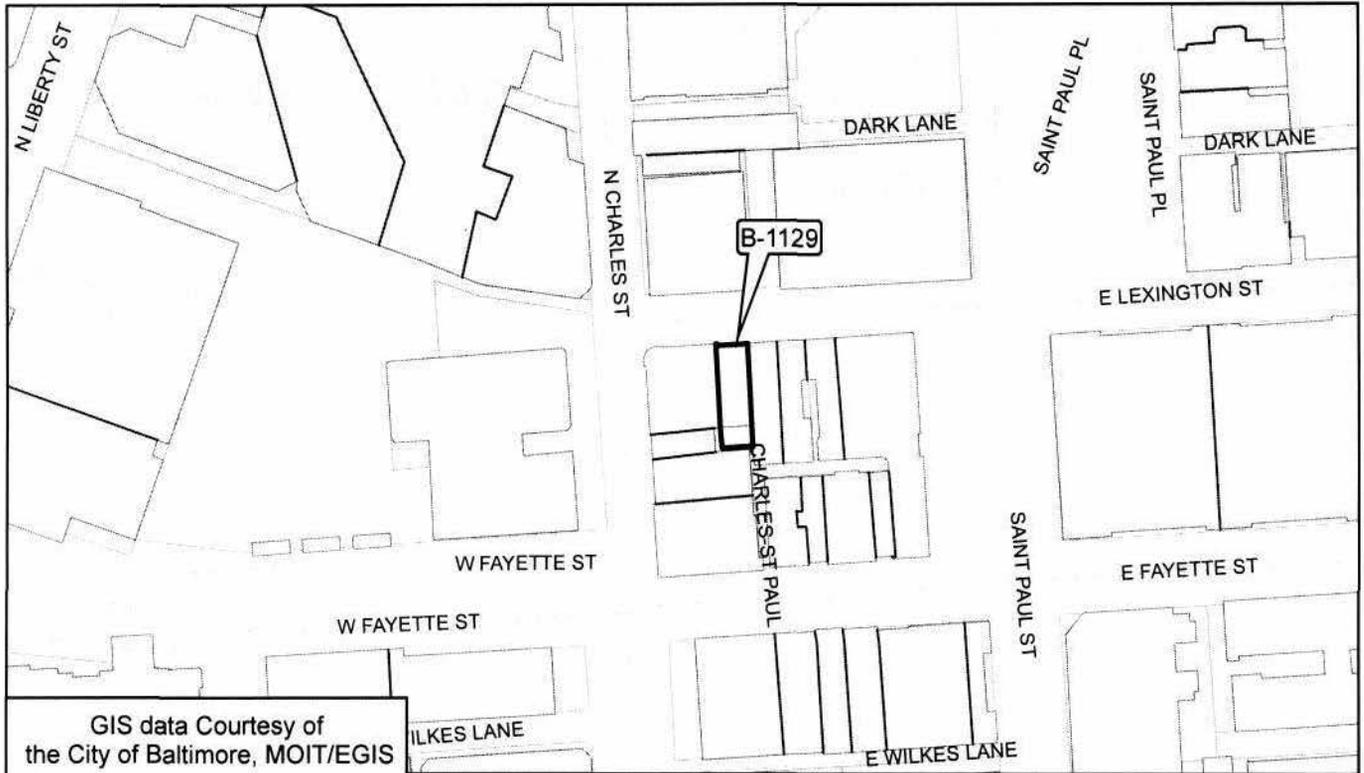
The small commercial building at 5 E. Lexington Street was originally owned and built by the Central Savings Bank. The building was designed in 1904 by the architects Archer & Allen for local merchant tailors Joseph Schloss & Son. It is the only small, Flemish style, commercial structure in downtown Baltimore. The most unique feature of the building is its stepped gable and copper mansard roof. The building has faced little alteration. Its unique architectural style contributes to the historical character of the area.



UNIQUE BUILDING FOR TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT.

The Central Savings Bank, owner of the property 5 East Lexington street, will erect on the site a building for the firm of Joseph Schloss & Son, tailors, which will be one of the most handsome tailoring buildings in the country. This structure was designed by Architects Archer & Allen especially for the needs of the tailoring firm. The building will be three stories high, with a frontage of 27 feet 7 inches and a depth of 13 feet. It is designed in the style of the old brick architecture of Holland. The facade will consist of Indiana limestone and dark red brick laid in cross bond, terminating in a stepped gable and copper roof. The handsome front entrance will be richly carved. The interior design will be in keeping with the front. The front portion of the first floor will consist of a large salesroom, to which a large brick fireplace and beamed ceiling will lend an air of comfort. The rear portion of this floor will contain the stairway and several fitting cabinets or rooms. Over these rooms will be a mezzanine floor, or gallery, where the offices will be located, with a balcony overlooking the main floor. All of the woodwork and furniture will be especially designed and finished in weathered oak. The second and third floors will be devoted to cutting-rooms and shops. Special care has been taken to secure proper light, ventilation and sanitary arrangement. The building has been designed so as to prepare for the present and future business of its occupants.

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Joseph Schloss & Son
5 E. Lexington Street
Block 0623, Lot 002
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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5 E, Lexington Street
Financial District- Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Fred Shoken
Date: October 1983
Neg.loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
North elevation