

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0411325711

Address: 11 East Lexington Street
Current Name: Supplee Building

Block: 623	Lot: 5	Lot size: 31x110
Height: 6		Materials: Brick and stone
Condition: Good		Owner: Maxine C. and Aaron Kadish
Use: Commercial		Accessible: yes, unrestricted
Designation:		Liber/Folio: SEB 199-761



Historic Name: Hoffman Building
Date: 1904
Architect/Builder: William J. Beardsley
Style (if appropriate):

Description: The building is a four bay wide, six story high, brick commercial structure with stone trim. Unlike its neighbors to the west, the first floor has not been significantly altered since it was built in 1904. The first floor, large segmental arched window is flanked by pedimented entryways with elaborate scroll end brackets and floral and leaf details inside the pediment. The western entrance has been changed to a window. The upper floor windows are aluminum and some have been filled in on the upper portions. Above the rusticated second floor is a three foot wide band of large egg and dart molding. Roman style attached balusters enhance the third story windows and both the third and fourth floor windows feature shared lintels with pronounced keystones. The fifth story windows have filled in segmental arches, and a band of egg and dart molding runs between the windows. The upper half of the fifth story is a rusticated stone and is surmounted by a heavy cornice with egg and dart molding and elaborate consoles. A heavy wood, painted cornice runs along the roofline.

Significance:

Area: architecture

Level: local

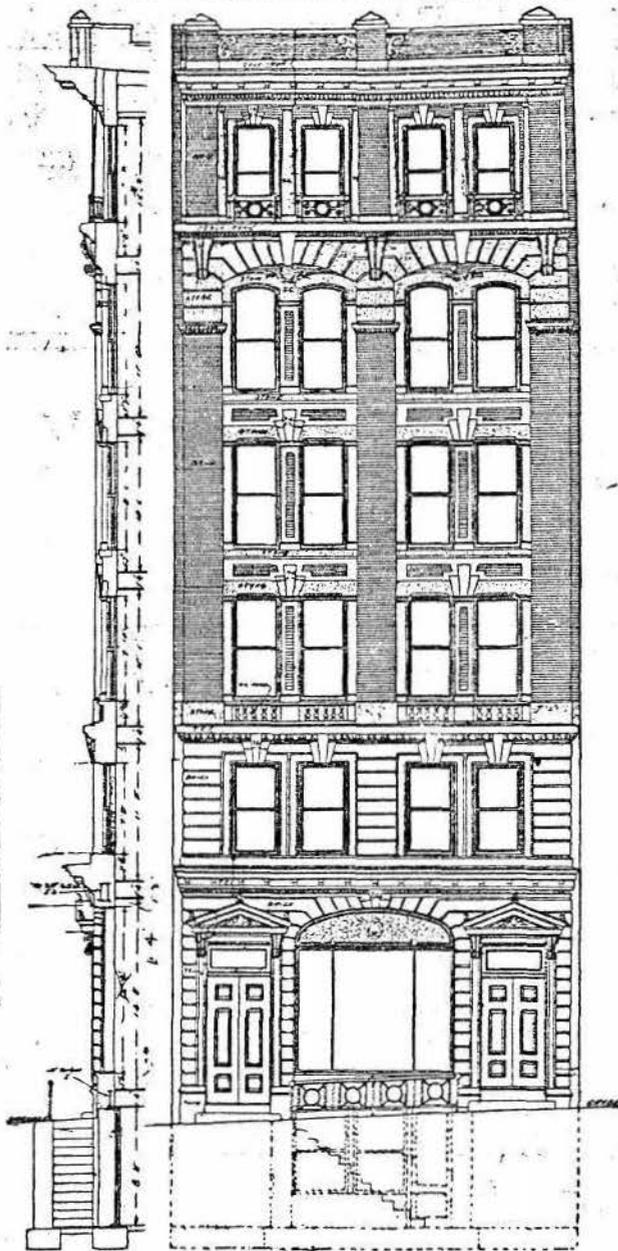
This is one of the most distinctive small commercial buildings in this area. The building was erected in 1904 by Mr. J. Latimer Hoffman and was often referred to as the Hoffman Building or the Plaza Building. The architect of the structure was William J. Beardsley. The building has also been called the Title Annex Building because it was an annex built to the Title Building at 13 East Lexington Street. The Hoffman Building features an abundance of details including a large segmental arched window, embellished pedimented entryways, elaborate scroll end brackets, wide bands of egg and dart molding and Roman style attached balusters at some of the windows. The building has faced little alteration and is in good condition.

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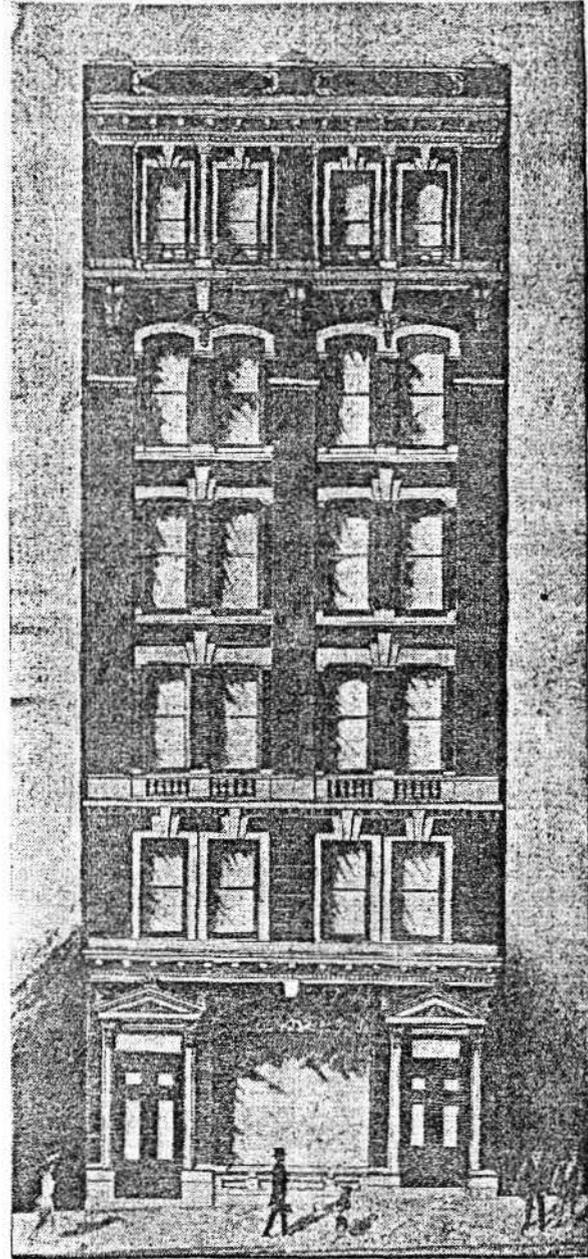
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THE HOFFMAN BUILDING

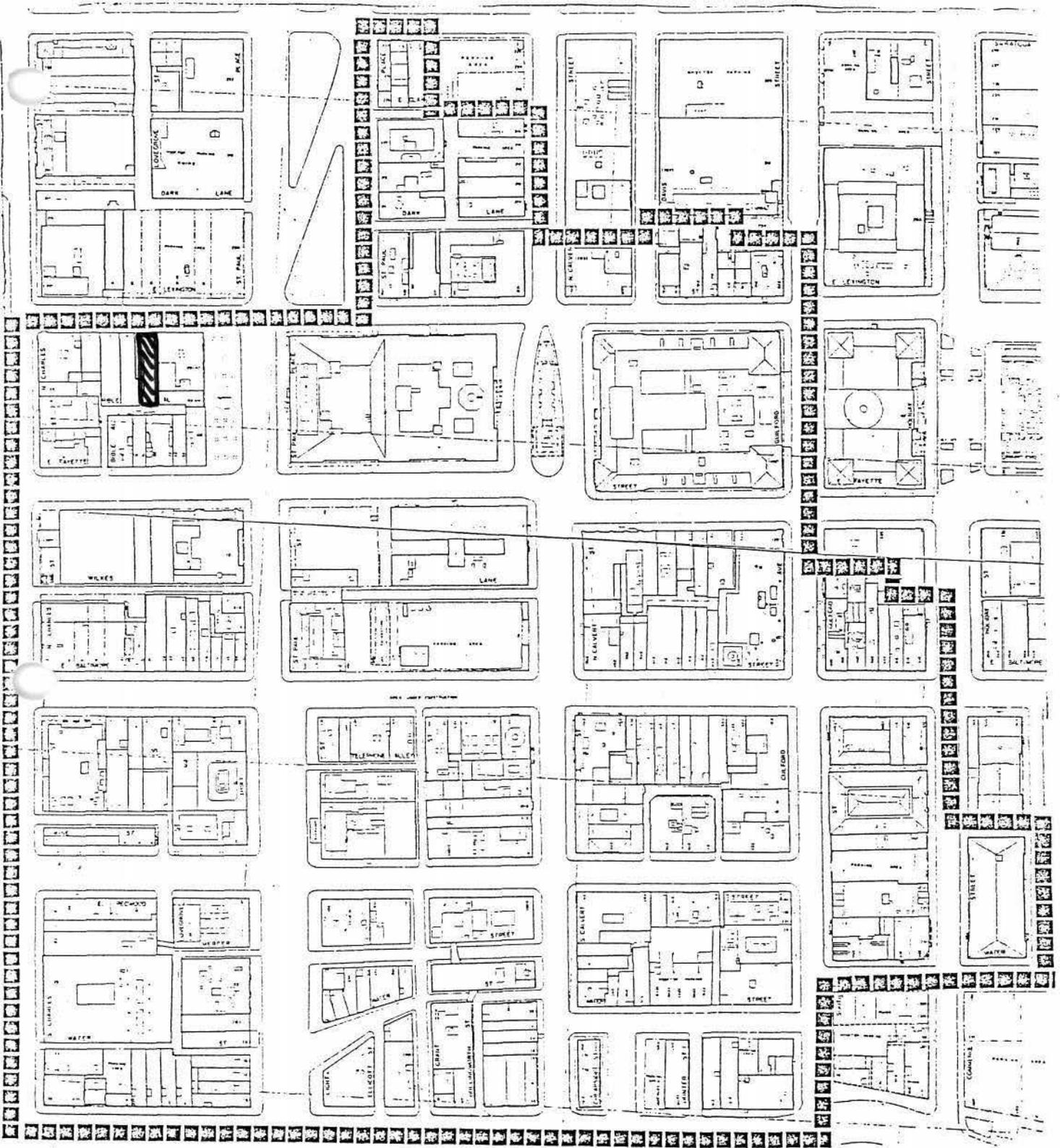


The above is an illustration of a six-story office building which will be erected at 11 East Lexington street by Mr. J. Latimer Hoffman. The building will contain 48 offices, each of which will have stationary washstand. There will be an electric elevator and the lighting will be with gas and electricity. The facade will be of iron-spotted brick, with light terra-cotta ornaments and light-colored Indiana limestone. It will cost \$33,000 and will be completed about January 1. Mr. John T. West has the contract to erect it. The plans were drawn by Mr. William J. Beardsley.



THE PLAZA BUILDING.

Erected by Mr. J. Latimer Hoffman at 11 East Lexington Street.

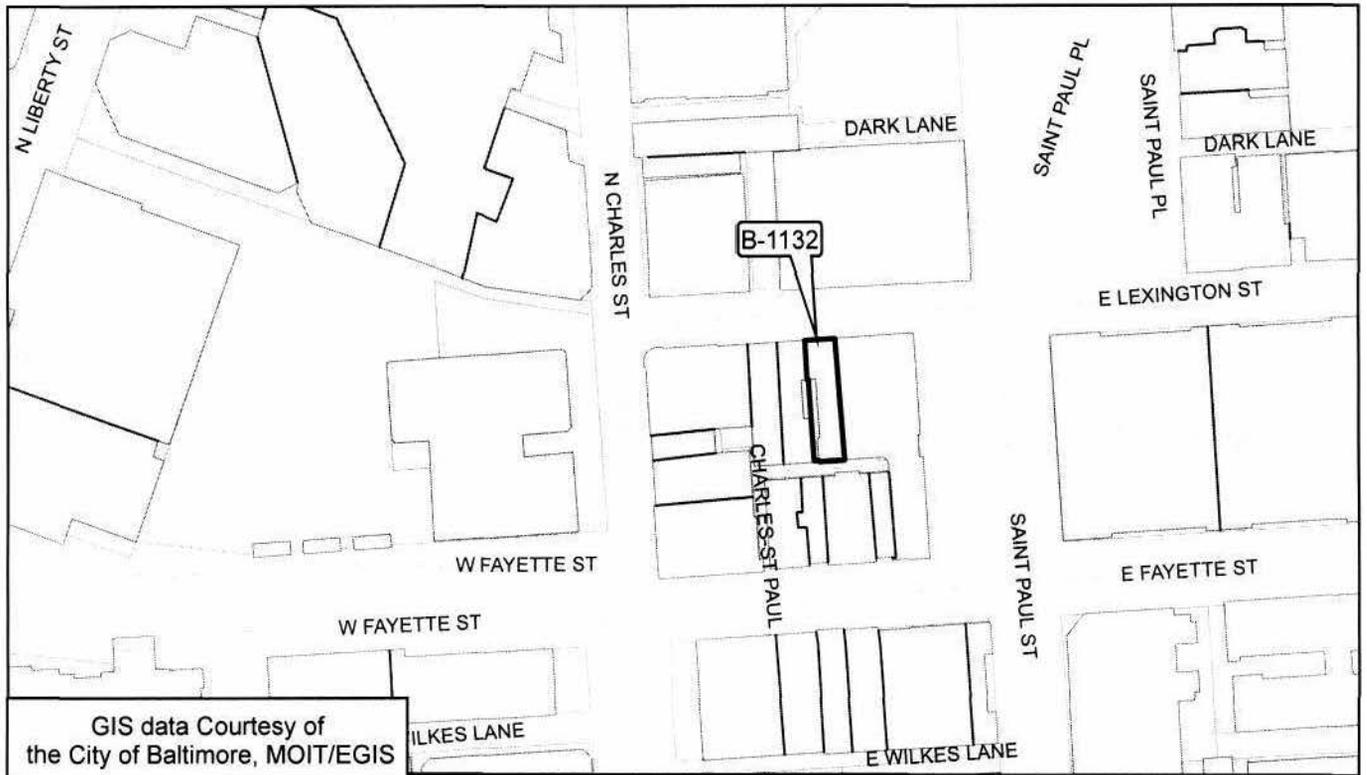


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Baltimore (City), Maryland

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Hoffman Building (Suppee Building)
11 E. Lexington Street
Block 0623, Lot CO0623a (Formerly lot 005)
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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11 East Lexington Street
Financial District-Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
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North elevation