

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0411405711

Address: 2 E. Fayette Street
Current Name: Jefferson Building

Block: 623	Lot: 12	Lot size: 60 ft. x 90 ft.
Height: 12		Materials: Brick and Marble
Condition: good		Owner: Inc. Consolidated Mangement
Use: Commercial		Accessible: Yes, unrestricted
Designation:		Liber/Folio: RHB 2918/755



Historic Name: The Union Trust Building
Date: 1904-05
Architect/Builder: Parker and Thomas
Style (if appropriate):

Description: This large, four bay wide, twelve story rusticated brick and marble commercial structure with granite and terra cotta trim towers above with the incline of Charles Street. The first, second and third stories are altered, and a brick facade begins on the fourth story, with a central, two toned, brick pattern between rusticated brick corners from the fifth to the tenth story. There are one over one windows, grouped in two's from the fourth story to the roofline. The base of the fifth and the eleventh story windows have decorative ledges with geometric and wreath details. Surmounting the eleventh floor is a heavy elaborate, coved cornice with embellished consoles and floral and leaf details. Above the twelfth floor at the roofline is a simple brown painted cornice. The south elevation is fourteen bays wide and has the same decoration as the front facade.

Significance:

Area: architecture

Level: local

The original Union Trust Building was built in the 1890's at the same location on the corner of N. Charles and E. Fayette Streets. The building was severely damaged in the Baltimore Fire except for the steel structural frame. The building walls were then totally stripped and a new facade was built over the surviving structural frame. The new facades was designed in 1904-05 by the architects Parker and Thomas. The builders were the Wells Brothers Co. This is one of the larger, very distinctive structures in the area and features decorative ledges with geometric and wreath details and a pronounced, coved cornice, embellished with consoles and floral and leaf details. Despite major alterations on the first three floors of the facade the building contributes to the historical character of the Financial District and it is one of few buildings in the burnt area to survive, even in part, the Baltimore Fire of 1904.

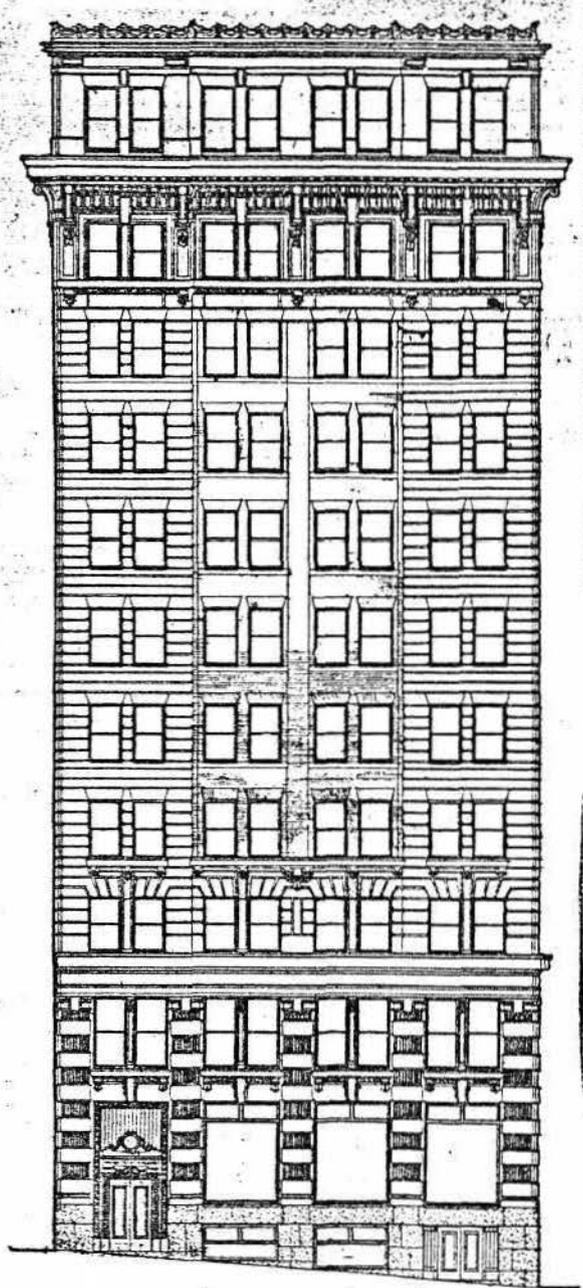
Sources: Maryland Institute Scrapbook; BS 6/1/1904 p.10 c. 5 (permit issued)
Surveyor and Date: Caroline Hardy, May 1985

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Address: 101-103 North Charles Street

CHARLES-ST. FRONT OF UNION TRUST BUILDING



While the steel structural work of the Union Trust Building, at the northeast corner of Charles and Fayette streets, was unharmed by the fire, the exterior walls on the Charles and Fayette street sides of the building are being rebuilt. The building, which occupies a lot 60x110 feet, will present an entirely different appearance from the former structure when completed. The base, extending to the top of the second story, will be of granite. The third story will be of glazed terra cotta. Above this will be white brick, while the centre space of the wall extending from the top of the third story to the top of the ninth floor will be of a darker shade of brick. The

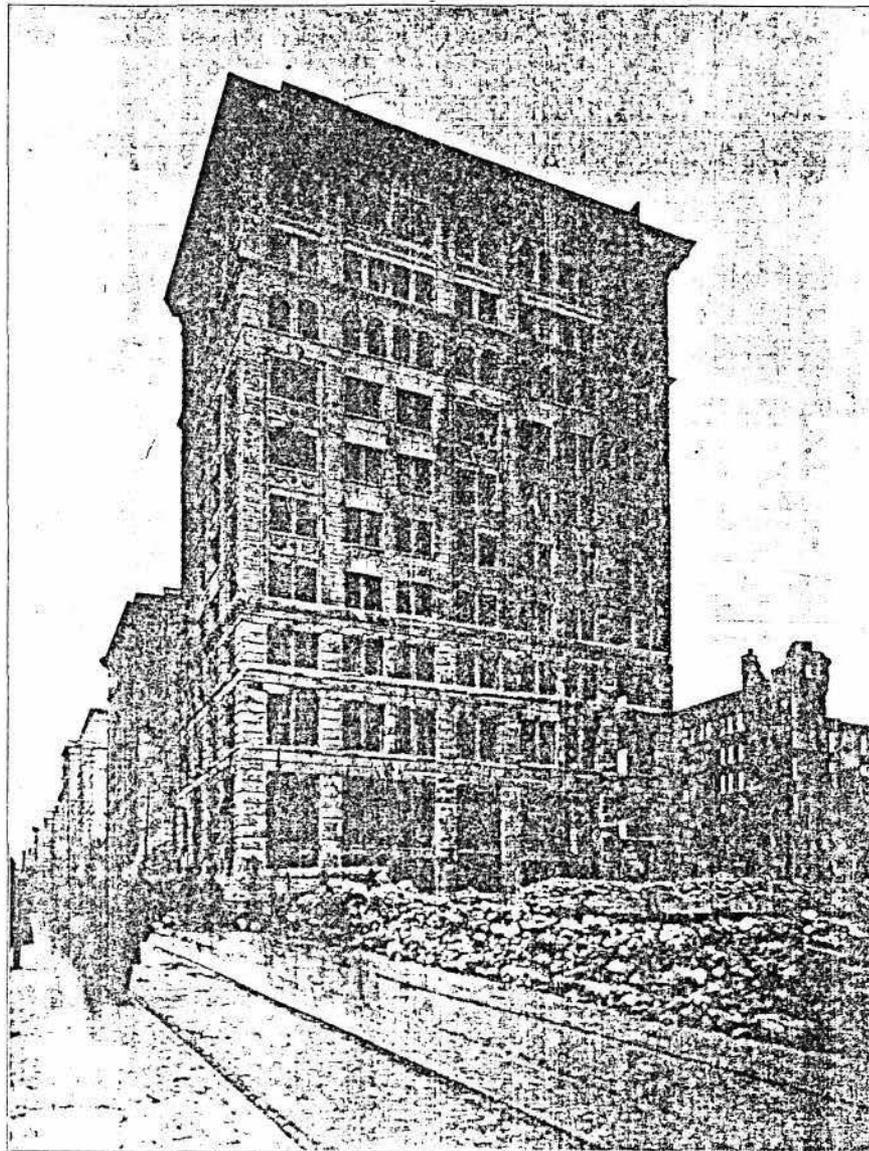
entire structure will be treated terra cotta decorations. The Trust Company will occupy the floor of the building, as formerly. banking-rooms will be handsomely finished, although the scheme has not been decided on. The basement will be devoted to one of the departments of the Baltimore Herald. Above the second floor the structure will be devoted entirely to offices, of which there will be 132. It is expected that the structure will be completed and ready for occupancy about September 1. The rebuilding this structure were by Architects Parker & Thomas, and the work is being done by the Wells, Fargo & Company.

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Winslow A. Witherell, Architect.

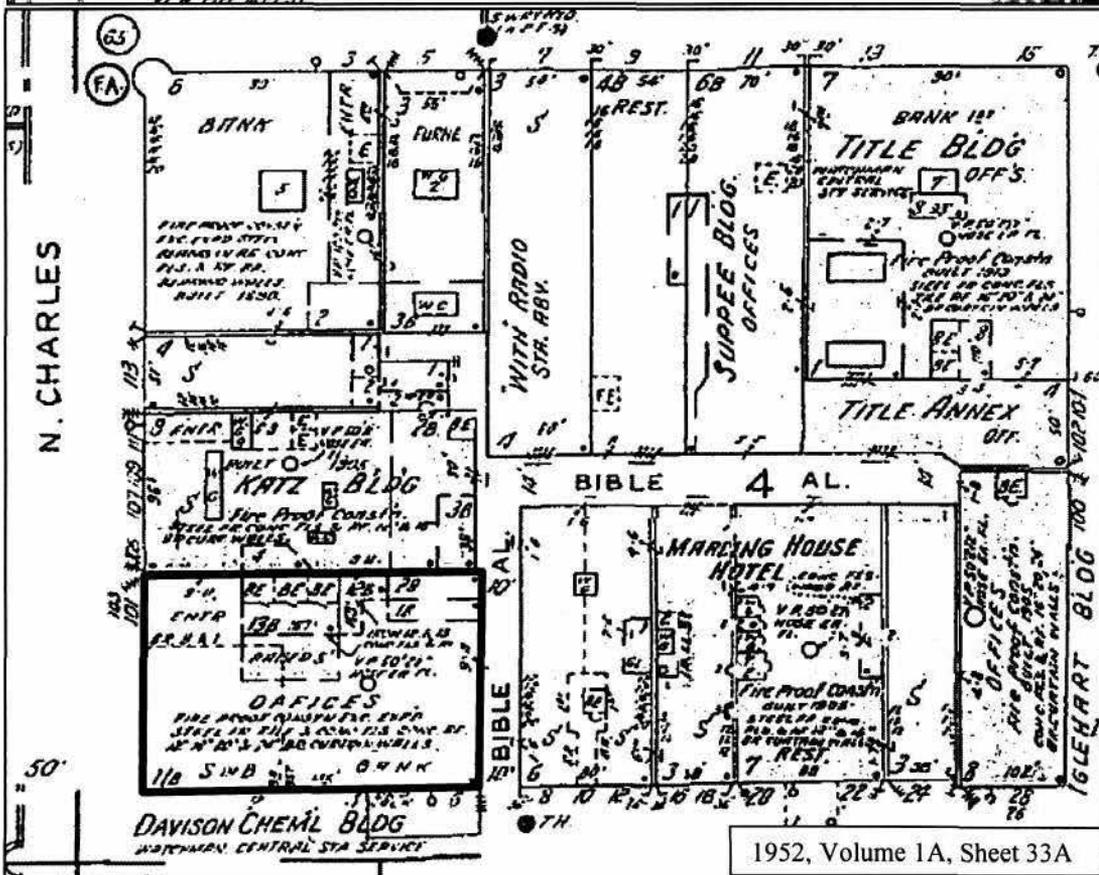
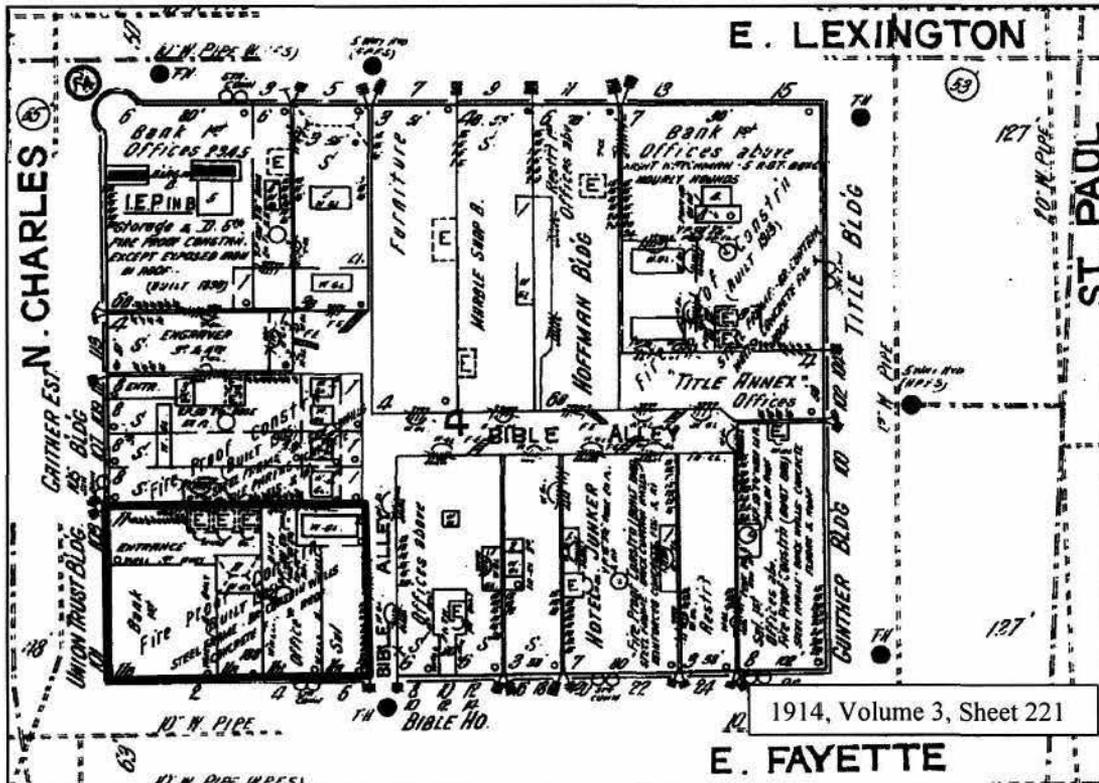
The Brick Builder: Baltimore Fire Issue, March 1904

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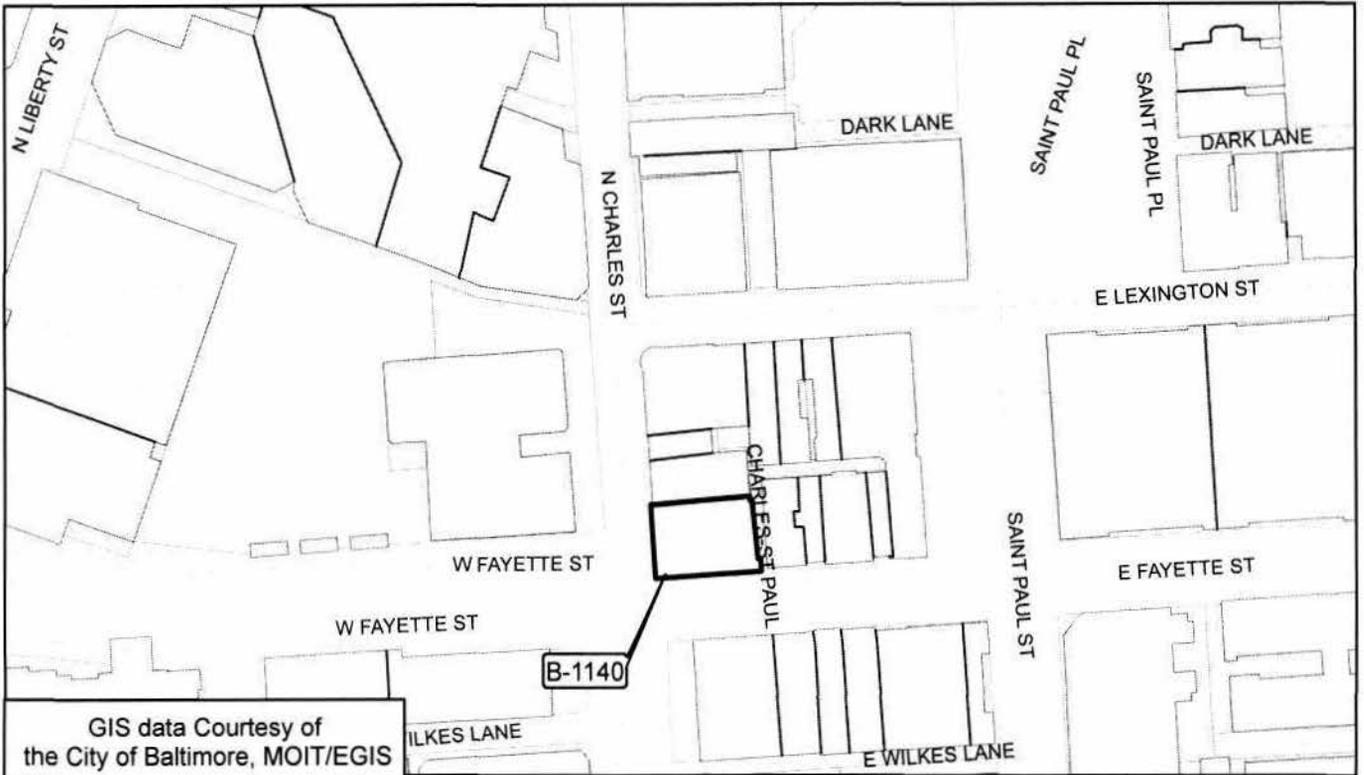
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Old Union Trust Building (Jefferson Building, Davison Chemical Building)
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Block 0623, Lot 012
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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The Old Union Trust Building
2 E. Fayette Street
Financial District-Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Fred Shoken
Date: October 1983
Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
Southwest corner view