

BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY

SURVEY NO.: B- 1142

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0411425711

Address: 113 N. Charles Street
Current Name: Jewelry-Coins

Block: 623	Lot: 14	Lot size: 22 x 63
Height: 4		Materials: Brick and granite
Condition: Good		Owner: Baltimore Holding Company
Use: Commercial		Accessible: Yes, unrestricted
Designation:		Liber/Folio: CWM 4192/573



Historic Name: F.W. McAllister Co.
Date: 1904-05
Architect/Builder: Ellicot and Emmart
Style (if appropriate):

Description: The building at 113 N. Charles Street is a three bay wide, four story high brick and granite structure with terra cotta trim. The first floor has an altered, modern storefront with a large plastic sign above the first story which says Jewelry-Coins. The second story has a central, two over two window flanked by one over one windows, while the third and fourth stories have just one over one windows. A band of floral and leaf molding and some geometric detailing runs between the second and third stories. Flanking the second and third story windows are vertical bands of geometric molding. Surmounting the third story is a heavy cornice with elaborate end brackets and a large cartouche below it flanked by geometric molding and carved fruit. There are three, smaller, one over one windows in the fourth floor flanked by carved fruit and leaf decorations. The fourth story is surmounted by the predominant cornice with large modillions, elaborate end brackets, fruit bunches, egg and dart molding and a band of Greek fretwork in the frieze. The facade extends three feet above the projecting cornice.

Significance:

Area: architectural

Level: local

The office of F.W. McAllister Company, opticians, was built in 1904-05 by the architects Ellicot and Emmart at 113 N. Charles which was the site of the old Bible House. F.W. McAllister founded his business in 1879 and it was conducted by him until 1904. Before the fire, his business was located on Charles Street, near Bank Lane, between East Baltimore and Fayette Streets. Architecturally, the building is significant for its pronounced cornice decorated with carved fruit, elaborate end brackets, Greek fretwork and egg and dart molding. The building also features intricate floral and leaf molding, geometric details and decorative cartouches. F.W. McAllister Co, is one of the most architecturally detailed smaller commercial buildings in the Financial District and it is in good condition.

Sources: Maryland Institute Scrapbook
Surveyor and Date: Caroline Hardy, April 1985

BALTIMORE FINANCIAL DISTRICT SURVEY

B-1142

Address: 113 North Charles Street

McALLISTER CO. MOVING BACK.

New Building Is On Site Of The Old Bible House.

The F. W. McAllister Company, opticians, began moving to its new quarters, 113 North Charles street, the site of the old Bible House, this morning. The new store is one of the most attractive new buildings in the burned district, and has a frontage on Charles street of 22 feet and a depth of 62 feet. It has been fitted up with weathered oak



New Home of the McAllister Company.

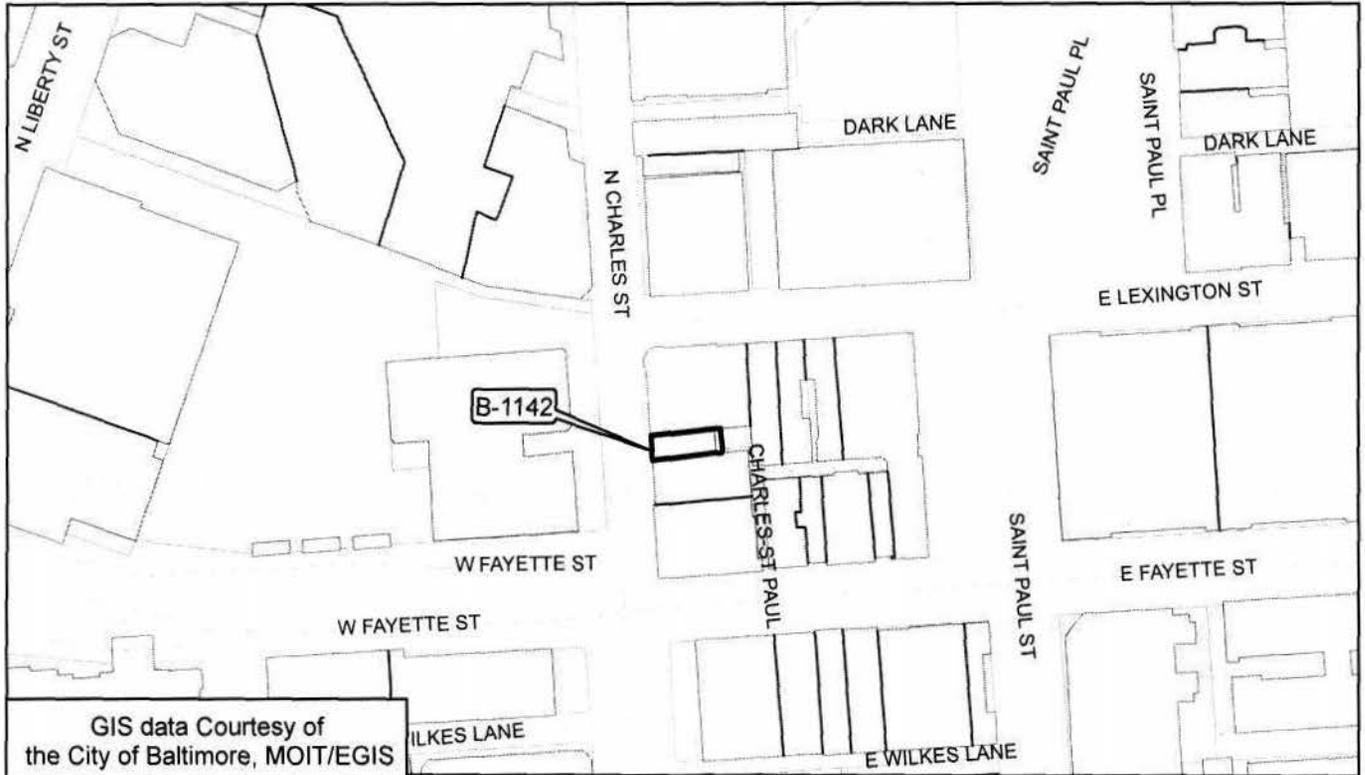
fixtures and the interior arranged to best meet the requirements of the business conducted by the Company.

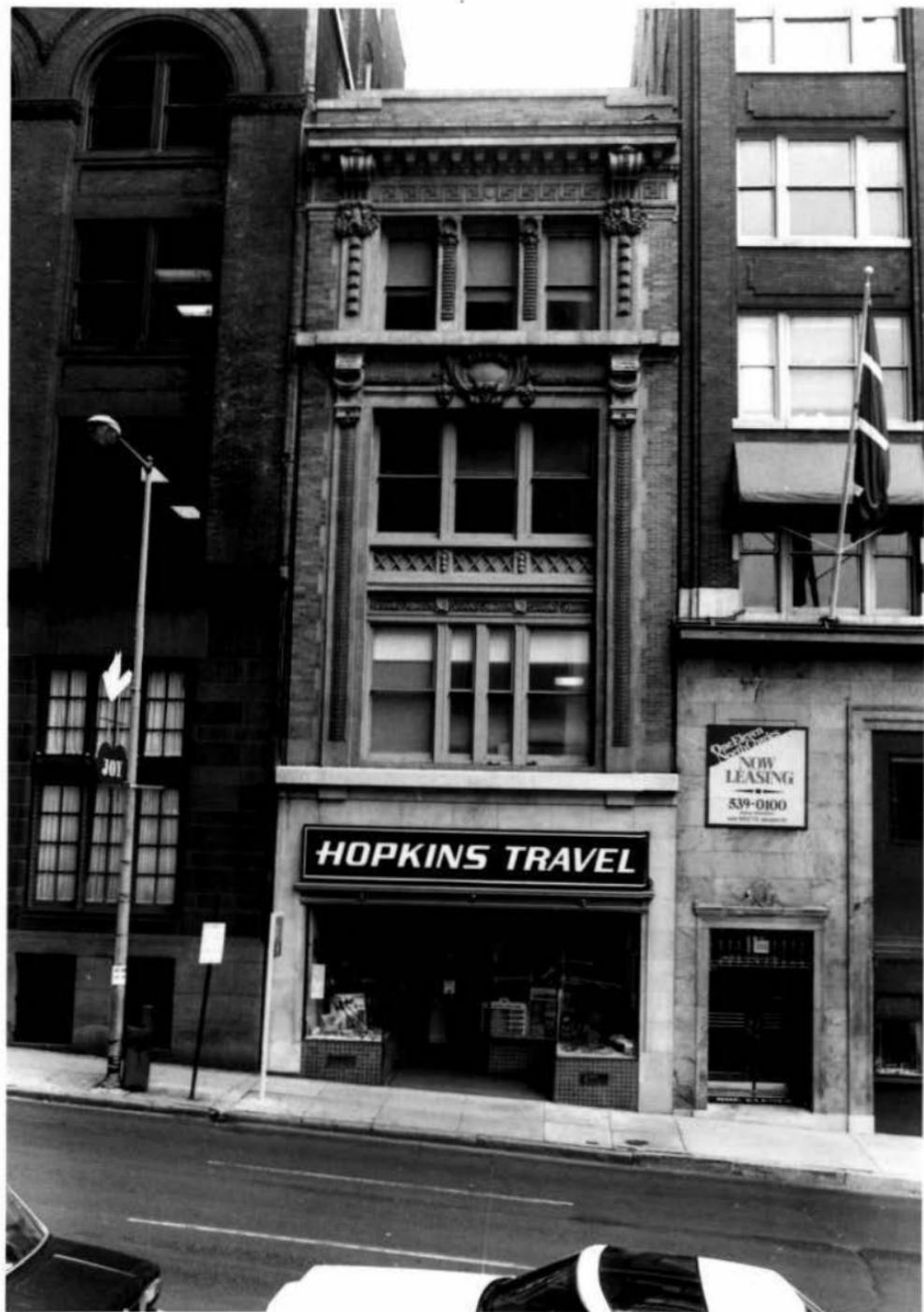
The building is owned by the Johns Hopkins estate, and is four stories and basement. The McAllister Company occupies the first and fourth floors. The front is constructed of burned brick, with terra-cotta trimmings, and on the first floor is a large window for display purposes. Architects Ellicott & Emmart de-

signed the structure, and J. Henry Miller was the builder.

The business carried on by the Company was started in Baltimore in 1879 by Mr. F. W. McAllister, and was conducted by him until 1904, when a stock company was formed, with Mr. McAllister as president. Before the fire the Company was located on Charles street, near Bank lane, and has since been temporarily located at 227 North Charles street.

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Block 0623, Lot 014
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