

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0411525711

Address: 5-9 North Calvert Street

Current Name: Munsey Building

Block: 637 Lot: 14

Lot size: 101 x 139'

Height: 18 stories

Materials: Limestone, brick & terra cotta

Condition: Good

Owner: Baltimore Investment Associates

Use: Offices

Accessible: Yes

Designation: None

Liber/Folio: WA 3749-868



Historic Name: Munsey Building

Date: 1911

Architect/Builder: Baldwin & Pennington and McKim, Mead & White

Style (if appropriate):

Description:

The Munsey Building is eighteen stories high and five bays wide on both the Fayette and Calvert Street elevations. The first and second floors are defined by rusticated pilasters with simple capitals and three-part Chicago style windows between the pilasters. Entrances are located at the central bay of Calvert Street and at the fourth bay from the corner on Fayette Street. A simple cornice is located above the second floor. The third floor which is punctuated by three over three windows completes the limestone base of this building. The next twelve floors are made of brick and feature three over three windows with stone sills and splayed brick flat arches. Above a band course of fret work, the upper three floors are defined by colossal fluted Ionic columns supporting a heavy cornice that features dentils and egg and dart molding. A small three story annex adjoins the Munsey Building at Fayette Street. This annex features a central arched window on the first floor and bands of four over four windows on the upper floors between decorative panels and mullions.

Significance:

Area: Architecture

Level: Local

When this structure was completed in 1911, it was Baltimore's tallest office building. It was designed by two important architectural firms: the locally significant firm of Baldwin and Pennington and the nationally important firm of McKim, Mead and White. This is the only office building in Baltimore City that was designed by McKim, Mead and White. The building was constructed for Frank Munsey, who had purchased the Baltimore News in 1908. Displeased with the News Building that was erected on this site after the Baltimore Fire of 1904, he tore down the five year old building and replaced it with this structure. The Baltimore News was published here until 1924. The Equitable Trust Bank has been located here since 1915.

Sources: BDR 12/4/1909

Surveyor and Date: Fred B. Shoken, July 1985

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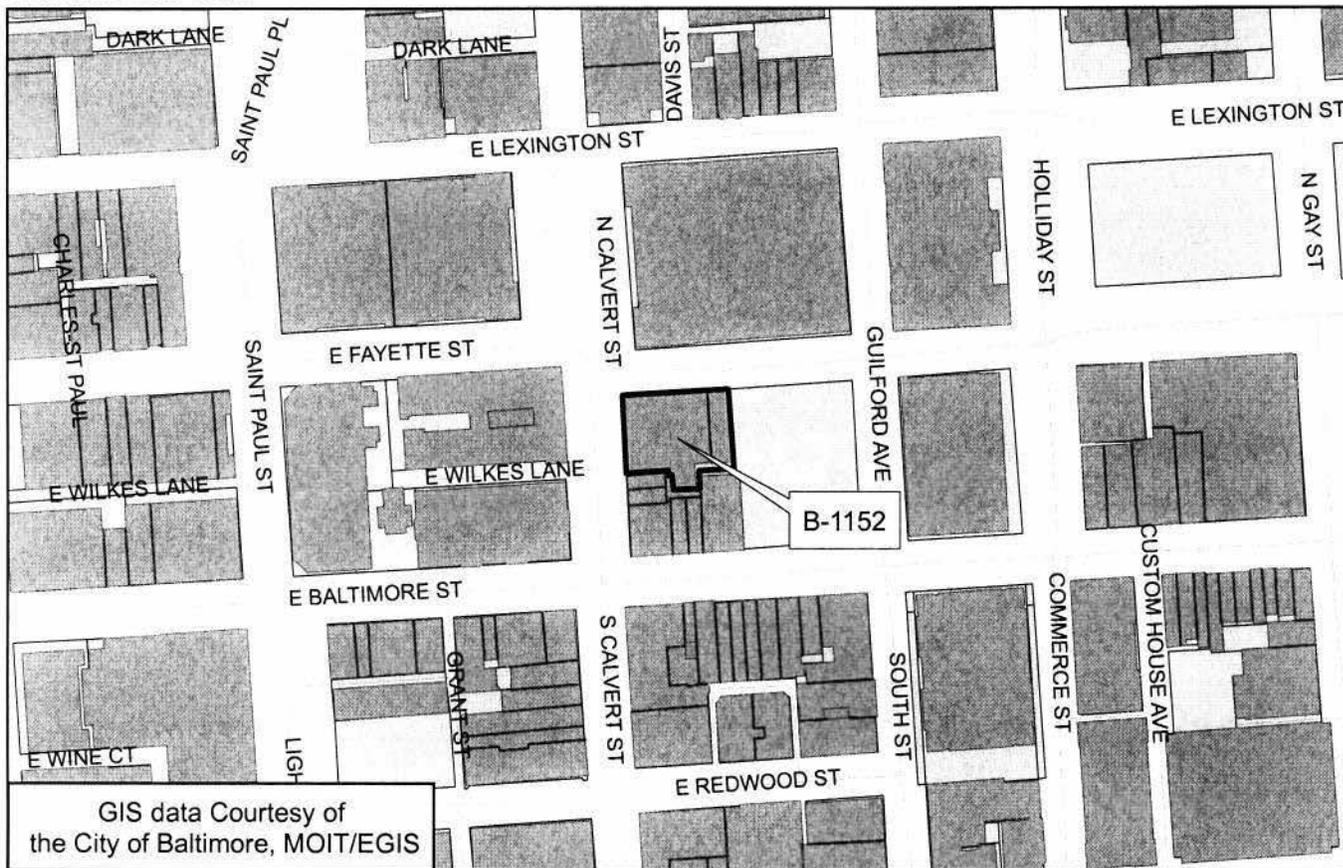
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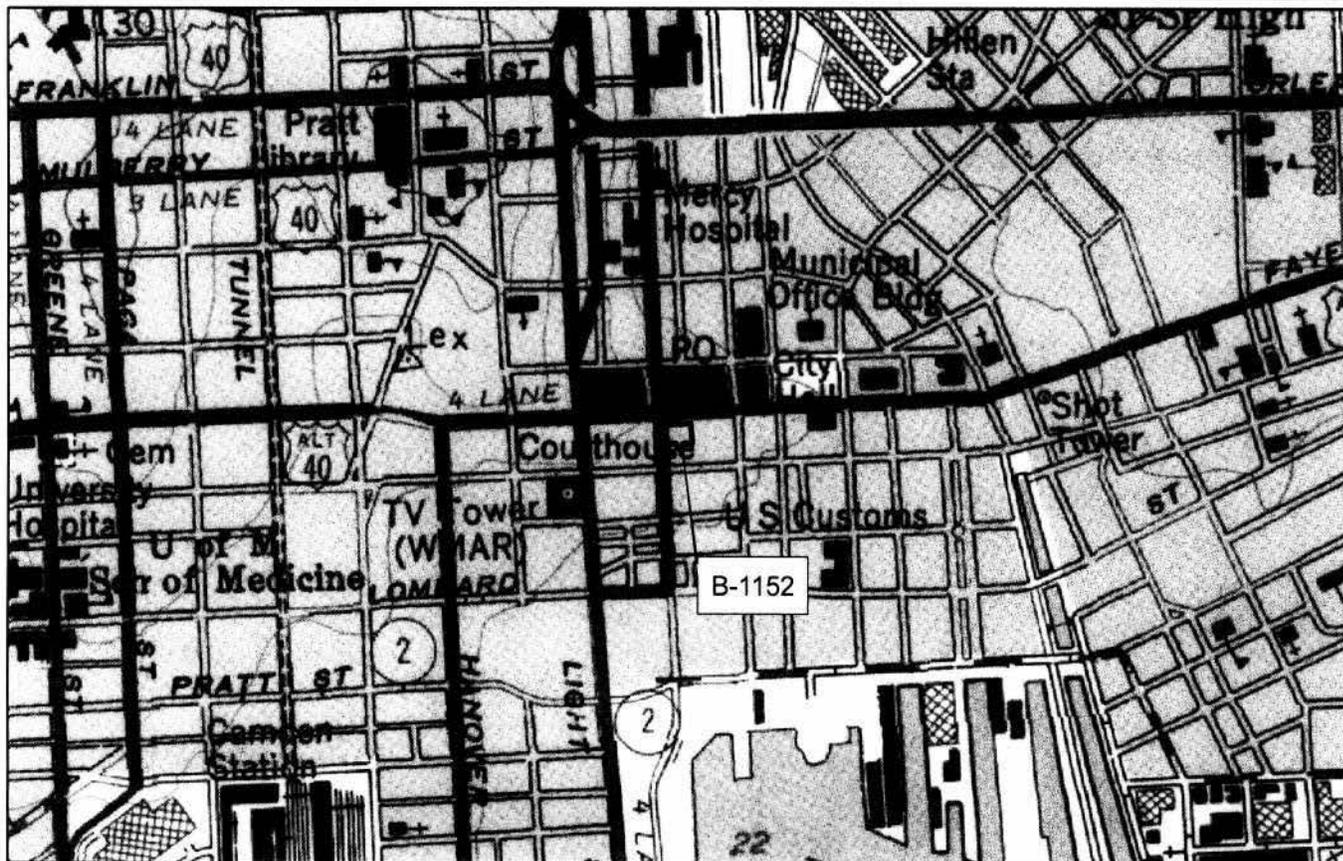


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Baltimore (City), Maryland
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Northwest corner view

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West elevation

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Munsey Building (annex)
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North elevation (Fayette Street side)

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