

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 041153387

Address: Middle of the 100 block North Calvert Street  
 Current Name: Monument Square & Negro Soldiers Monument

Block:	Lot:	Lot size:
Height:		Materials:
Condition: Good		Owner: City of Baltimore
Use: Monument/open space		Accessible: Yes
Designation: None		Liber/Folio:



Historic Name: Monument Square  
 Date: 1964 (square), 1971 (statue)  
 Architect/Builder: Sasaki, Walker and Associates, landscape architects; James E. Lewis, sculptor  
 Style (if appropriate):

**Description:**

Monument Square is a large traffic island in the middle of Calvert Street that features the Battle Monument on the southern end, the Negro Soldiers Monument on the northern end and a landscaped seating area between. Steps lead down from the Battle Monument and up from the Negro Soldiers statue to the granite protected landscaped area. Granite benches are recessed into the walls of the planters that feature ivy, small shrubs and trees. Balusters with chains surround the Battle Monument and the northern end of the square. The Negro Soldiers statue, standing upon a stone base, faces north and is flanked by two ornate light poles featuring five globes. A plaque on the base of the statue states, "Dedicated to the Memory of the Negro Heroes of the United States. Sleep in peace, slain in thy country's wars. A gift to the City of Baltimore by an anonymous donor. Sculptor -- James E. Lewis." The statue depicts a Negro soldier in uniform and helmet holding a wreath displaying years from 1775-1970.

**Significance:**

Area: Landscape architecture, History                      Level: Local

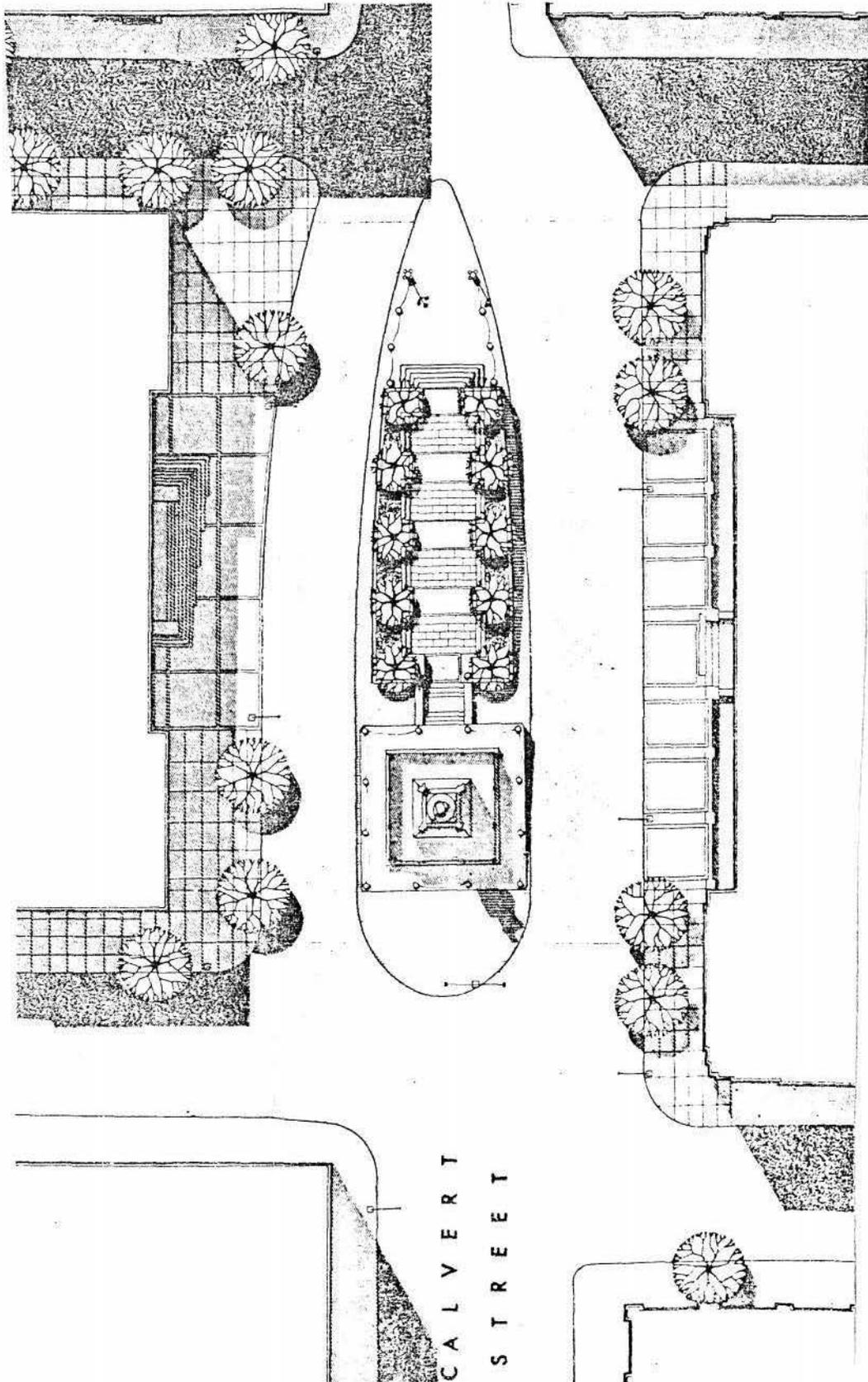
Monument Square, like the Courthouse Plaza, was part of a landscaping program for Baltimore's Central Business District. In the early twentieth century a water trough for horses was located north of the Battle Monument. The square has been the scene of many important events in Baltimore's history. It was the site of the first reading of the Declaration of Independence in Baltimore and the location of Baltimore's first Courthouse. The square has been a place for mass meetings, military pageantry and an occasional riot. The present landscaping of the square provides an attractive setting for the Battle Monument, and a landscaped relief from the urbanized character of area, however the location is not very desirable in the middle of a major traffic artery. It is significant that one of the few statues in Baltimore concerned with local black history, the Negro Soldiers Monument, stands on this historically important site.

Sources: Central Business District Master Landscape Plan, 1961.  
 Surveyor and Date: Fred B. Shoken, 1985

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Baltimore Financial District Survey  
Monument Square  
100 block North Calvert Street

Original design for Monument Square, from Central Business District  
Master Landscape Plan, February 1961.



# Easement

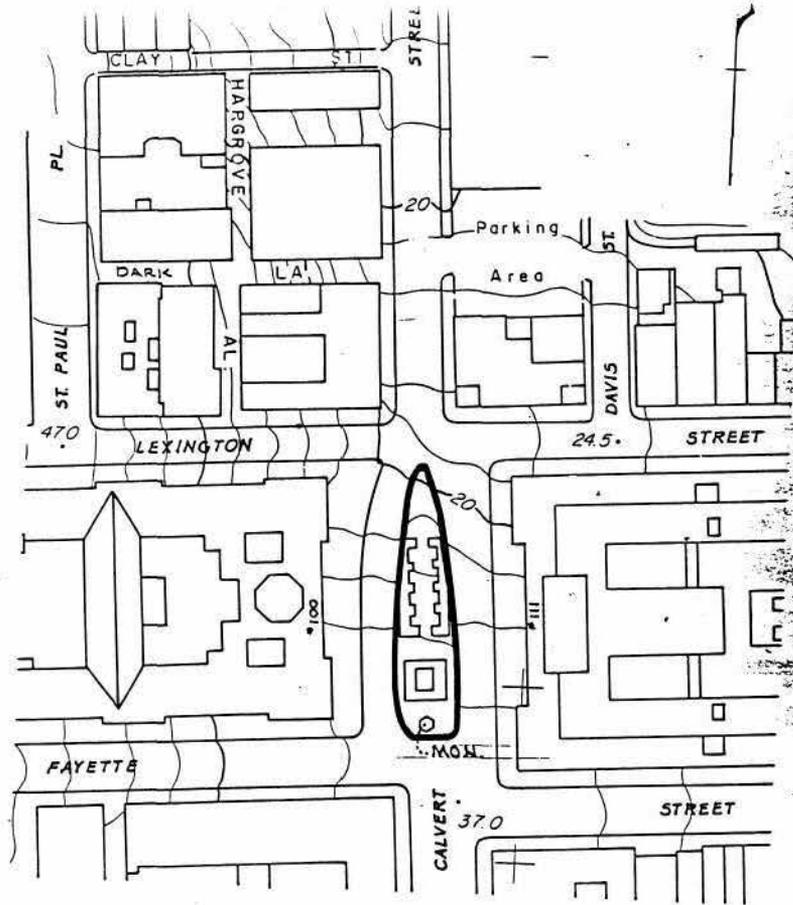
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1. Confederate Women's Monument - Charles Street and University Parkway.
2. Harris Bust - Wyman Park Drive and Wyman Parkway.
3. Lee-Jackson Monument - Art Museum Drive and Wyman Park Drive.
4. Poe Monument - Wyman Park Drive and 29th Street.
5. Union Soldiers and Sailors Monument - Charles Street and 29th Street.
6. Sun Dial - Druid Park Lake Drive and Lake Drive.
7. Wallace Monument - Lake Drive west of Druid Lake.
8. Wagner Bust - Druid Hill Park east of Fowl Lake.
9. Boy with a Goose - Druid Hill Park, Children's Zoo, west of Railroad Station.
10. Lt. Col. William H. Watson Monument - North Avenue and Mount Royal Terrace.
11. Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument - 1400 block Mount Royal Avenue.
12. Maryland Line Monument - Cathedral Street and Mount Royal Avenue.
13. Negro Heroes of the United States Monument - Monument Square, 100 block North Calvert Street.
14. Calvert Statue - Baltimore City Courthouse steps, 100 block North Fayette Street.
15. John Mifflin Hood Monument - Preston Gardens, 300 block Saint Paul Street.

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**NEGRO HEROES OF THE UNITED STATES MONUMENT**

BALTIMORE CITY, MD.  
SCALE: 1"=100' DATE: JUNE 14, 1982

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BALTIMORE BRONZES BALTIMORE CITY, MARYLAND	Site Plan - Negro Heroes of the United States Monument SCALE: PREPARED: WJP 11/83 MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	NORTH
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## IDENTIFICATION OF PRINTS OF THE BRONZES

Wallace Monument

- 1A - View looking southwest
- 2A - View looking northwest
- 3A - View looking east
- 4A - View looking southeast

John Mifflin Hood Monument

- 34A - View looking northeast
- 35A - View looking west
- 36A - View looking northwest

Wagner Bust

- 6A - View looking southwest
- 7A - View looking northeast
- 8A - View looking southeast
- 9A - View looking northeast

Boy with a Goose

- 10A - View looking northeast
- 11A - View looking northwest
- 12A - View looking southwest
- 13A - View looking south

Lt. Col. William H. Watson Monument

- 14A - View looking southwest
- 15A - View looking northwest
- 16A - View looking northwest

Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument

- 17A - View looking northwest
- 18A - View looking north
- 19A - View looking southeast
- 20A - View looking southwest

Maryland Line Monument

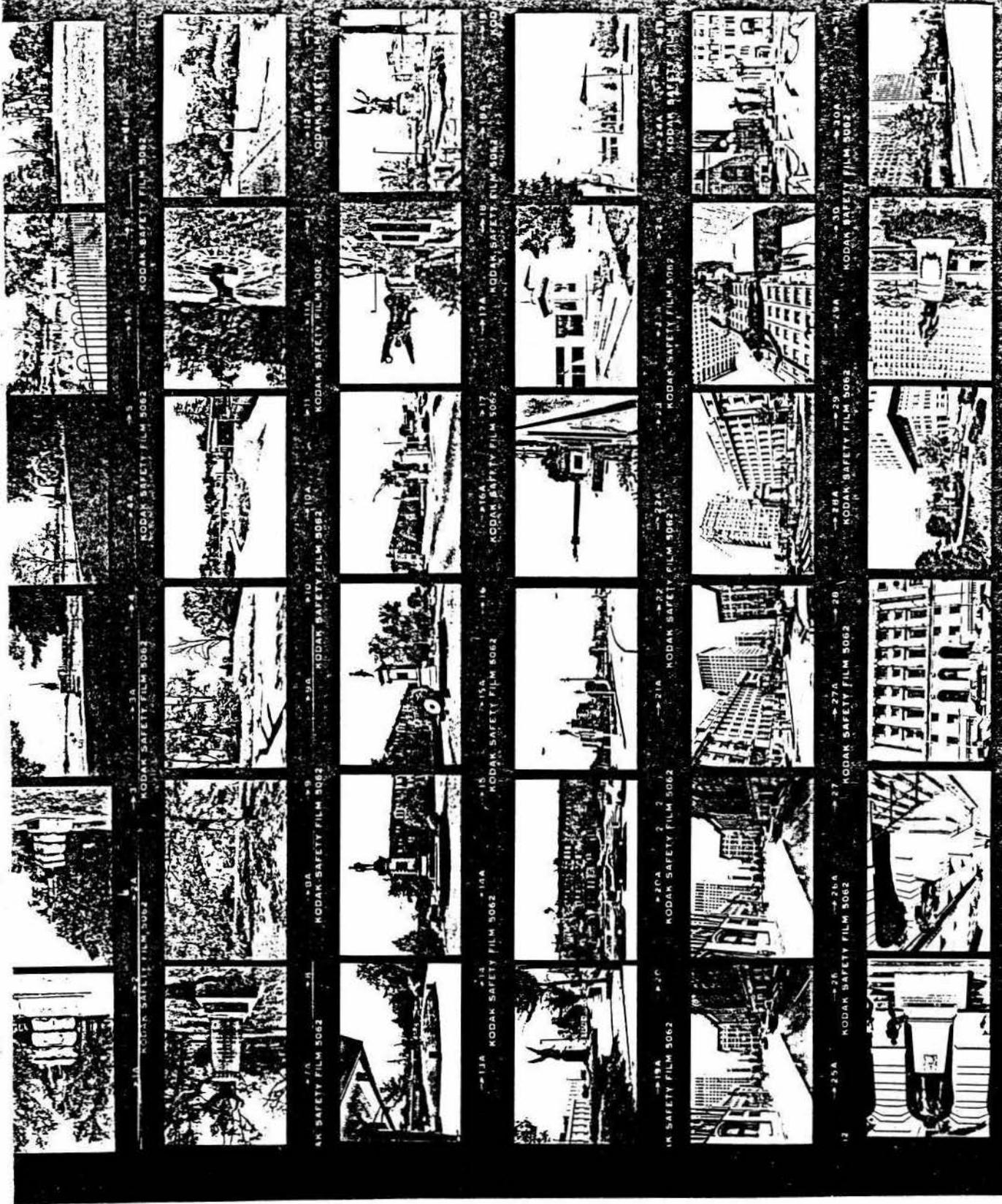
- 21A - View looking west
- 22A - View looking west
- 23A - View looking northeast
- 24A - View looking northeast

Negro Heroes of the United States Monument

- 25A - View looking south
- 26A - View looking south
- 27A - View looking southeast
- 28A - View looking northeast
- 29A - View looking southeast
- 30A - View looking north

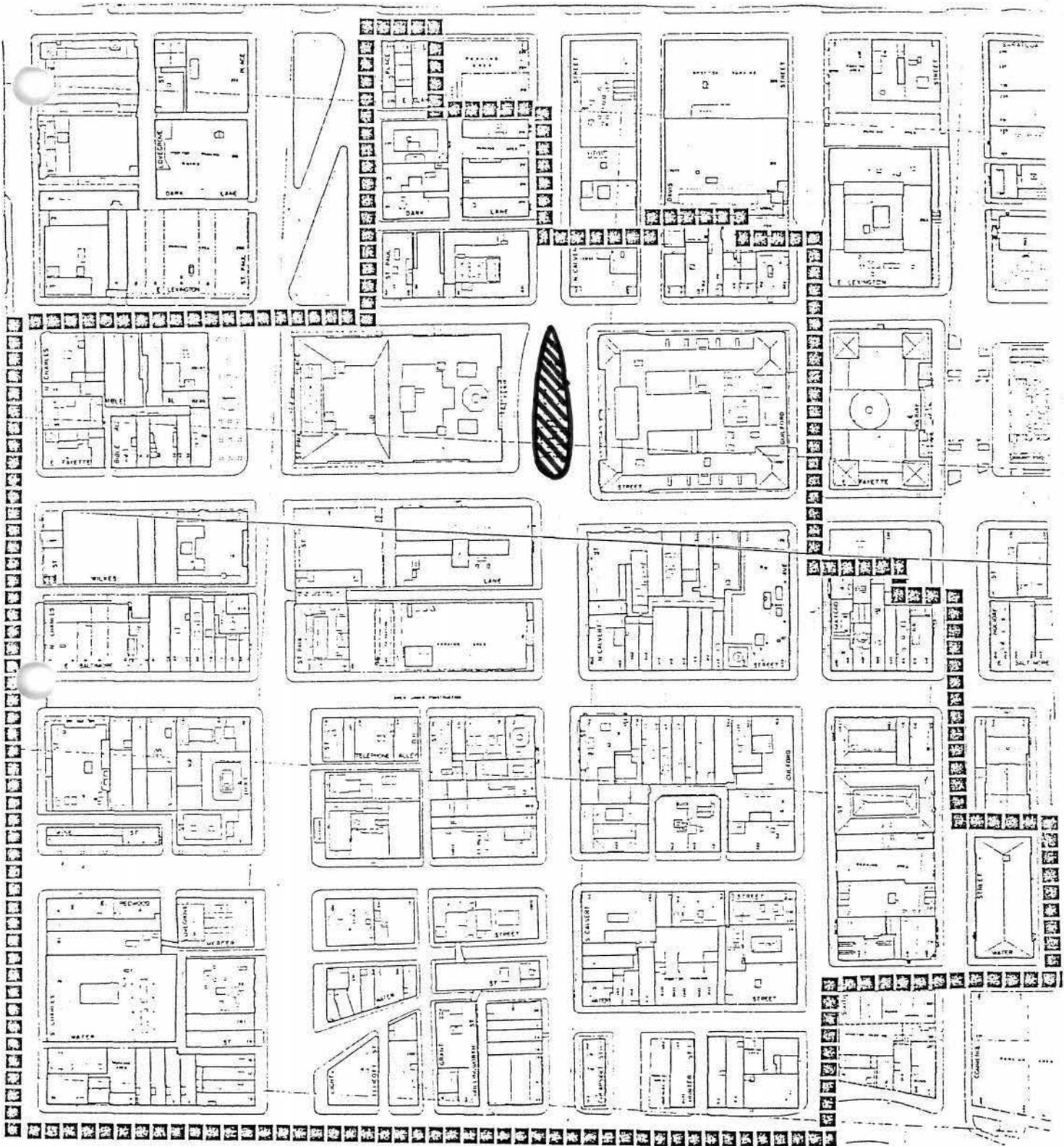
Calvert Statue

- 31A - View looking east
- 32A - View looking northeast
- 33A - View looking east



BALTIMORE BRONZES  
BALTIMORE CITY, MARYLAND

Thirty-six (36) 35mm, negative  
SCALE: sized prints  
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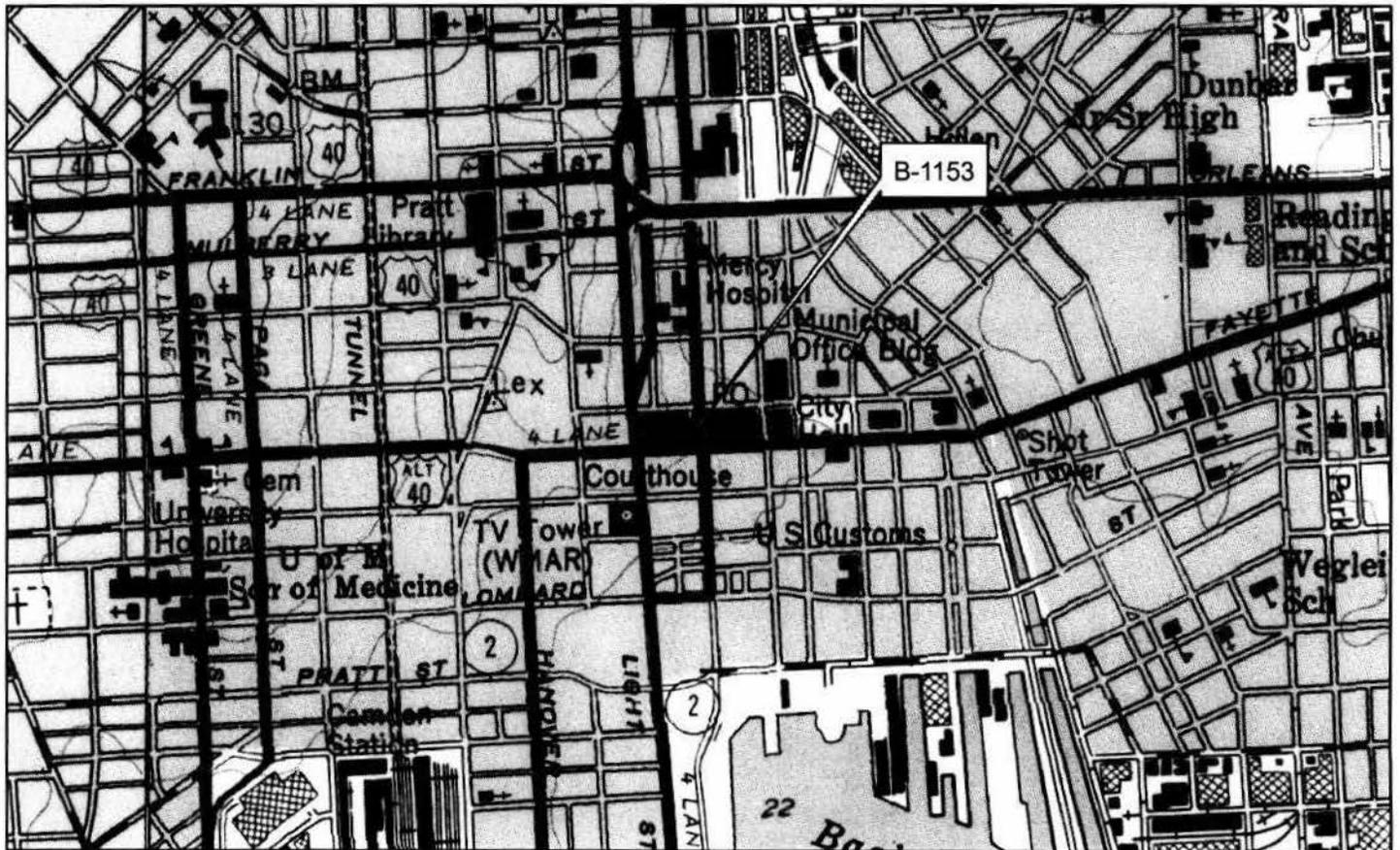
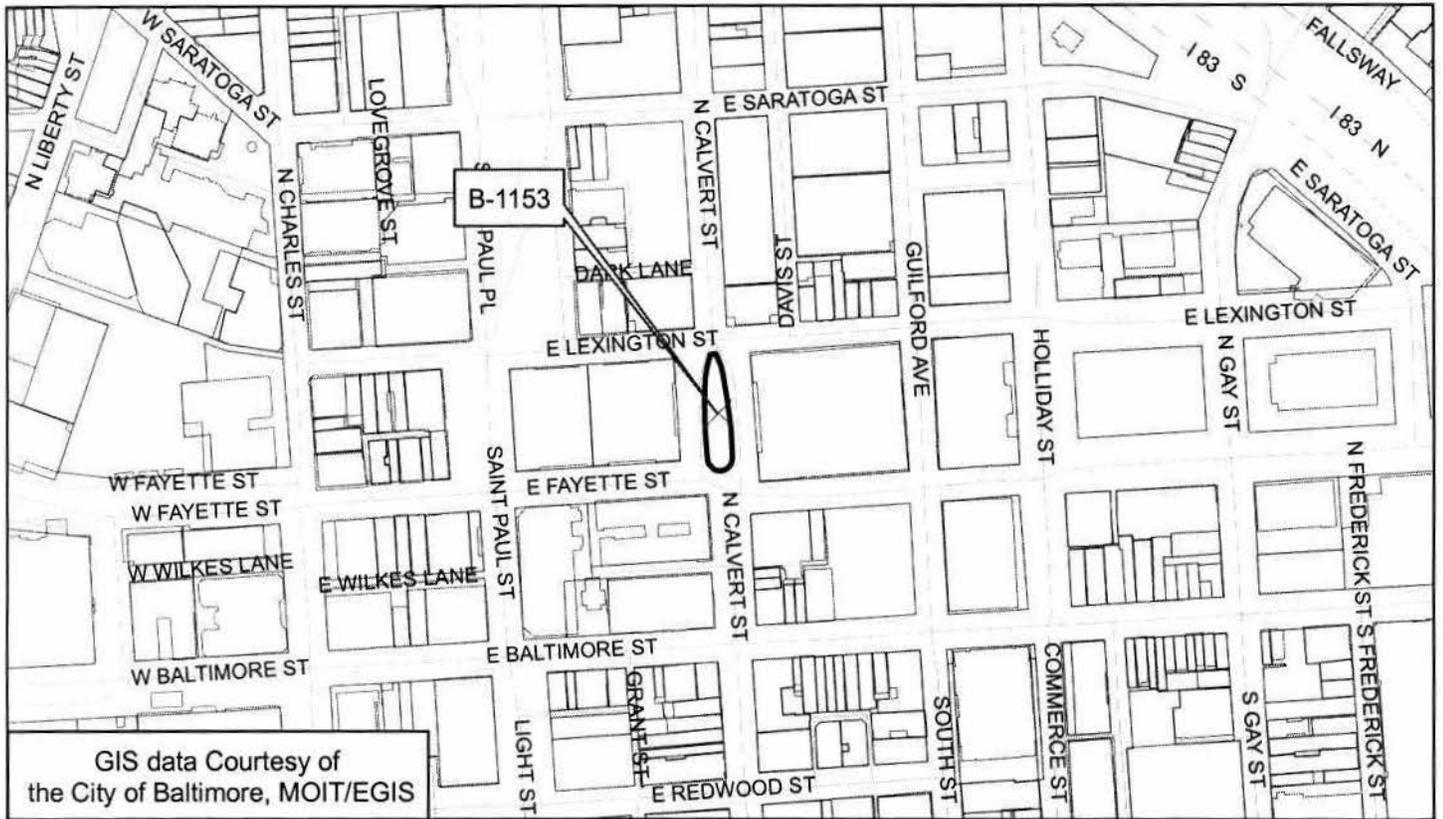
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 Baltimore (City), Maryland

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 Monument  
 100 block North Calvert Street



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Middle of the 100 block of North Calvert Street  
Block N/A Lot N/A  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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Monument Square

Middle of 100 block N. Calvert Street  
Financial District-Metrocenter Survey  
Baltimore (City), Maryland

Photo: Caroline Hardy

Date: July 1985

Neg.loc.: Maryland Historical Trust  
View from Calvert Street looking north