

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0411715711

Address: 312-14 East Baltimore Street

Current Name:

Block: 1330 Lot: 6

Lot size: 36' x 100'

Height: 3 stories

Materials: Limestone

Condition: Good

Owner: Gaslight Building, Joint Venture

Use: Vacant

Accessible: Yes

Designation: None

Liber/Folio: WA 3927-721



Historic Name: German Bank; National Central Bank

Date: 1905; 1930

Architect/Builder: Baldwin & Pennington; Smith & May/Consolidated Engineering Company

Style (if appropriate):

Description:

Located at the northwest corner of Baltimore and Holliday Streets, this limestone bank building is three stories high. The Holliday Street facade is five bays wide and the Baltimore Street elevation is one bay wide. The central Holliday Street entrance is set into a broken pediment with a central shield featuring an eagle and the dates 1868 and 1930 in Roman numerals. Other classically inspired decorations are located directly above the glass and aluminum entrance door. Above the pediment is a three part metal window. Two slit openings protected by grills flank the entrance and surmount small display windows. The end windows of the facade are three part, three over three central windows with one over one side windows. On the first floor, the windows are separated by mullions forming pilasters with capitals. Decorative molding and a pediment cap the first floor windows. A projecting band course above the second floor is surmounted by geometric designs and small third floor three over three windows. The "shadow" of a sign stating "NATIONAL CENTRAL BANK" is located above the entrance and is capped with an intricately designed cornice. The remainder of the cornice is plain. The building is capped by a parapet and flag pole. The Baltimore Street elevation is similar to the Holliday Street facade, but features a basement level storefront protected by an awning. The entire cornice at Baltimore Street is decoratively carved.

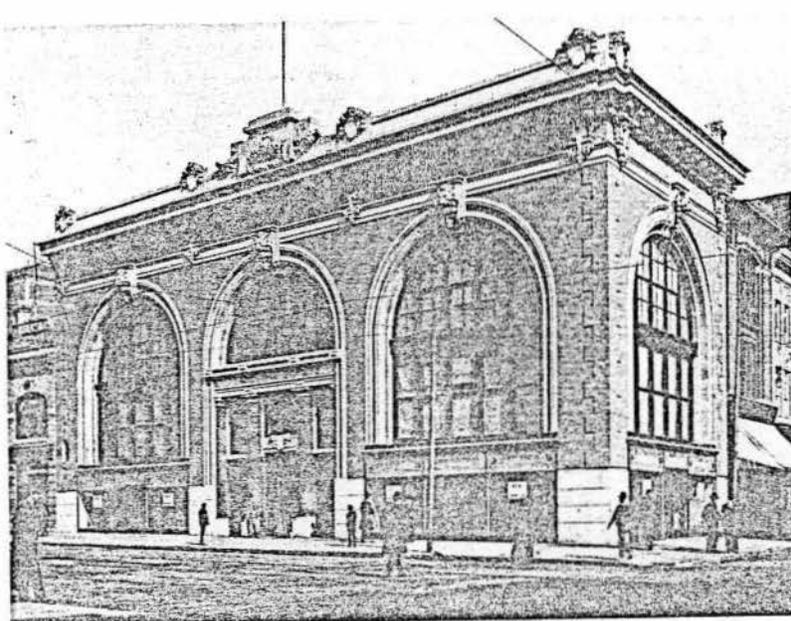
Significance:

Area: Architecture

Level: Local

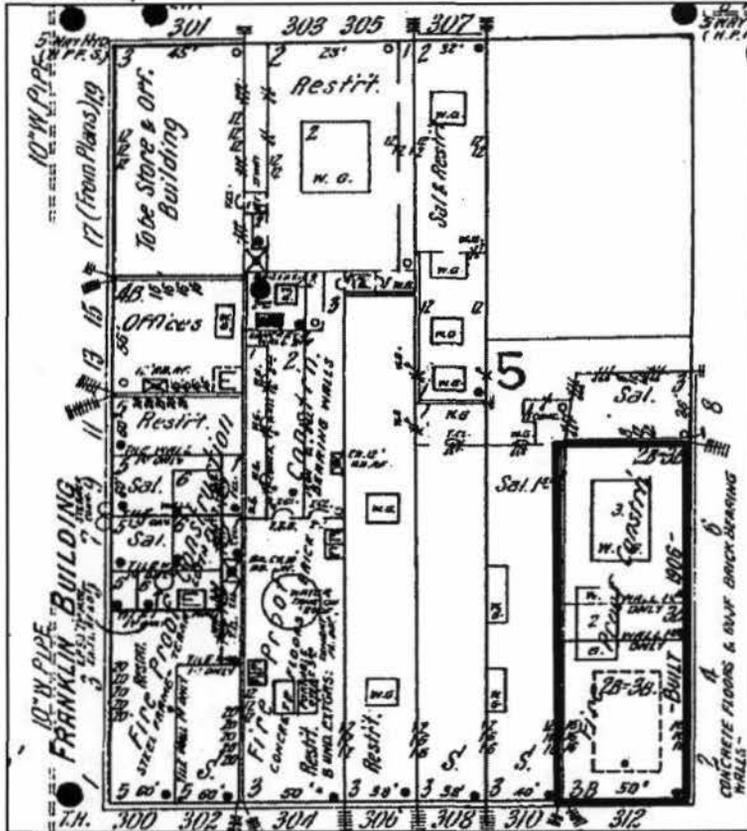
This building was original designed by Baldwin and Pennington for the German Bank, but it was completely altered and modernized in 1930. The existing building reflects the 1930 design rather than a building constructed directly after the Baltimore Fire. It is a good representative of a bank building from that era and features similar decorations to the structure at 222 East Redwood Street. The street corner of Baltimore and Holliday Streets is significant as the location of the nation's first gas street light. An old gas light has been installed by the Baltimore City government at this corner.

Baltimore Financial District Survey
312-314 East Baltimore Street

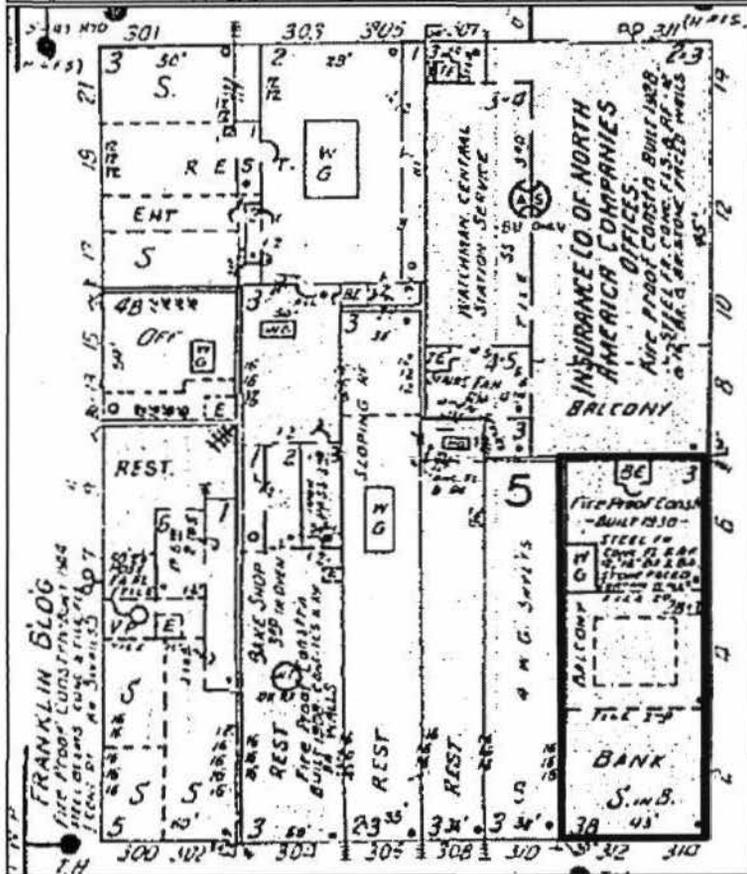


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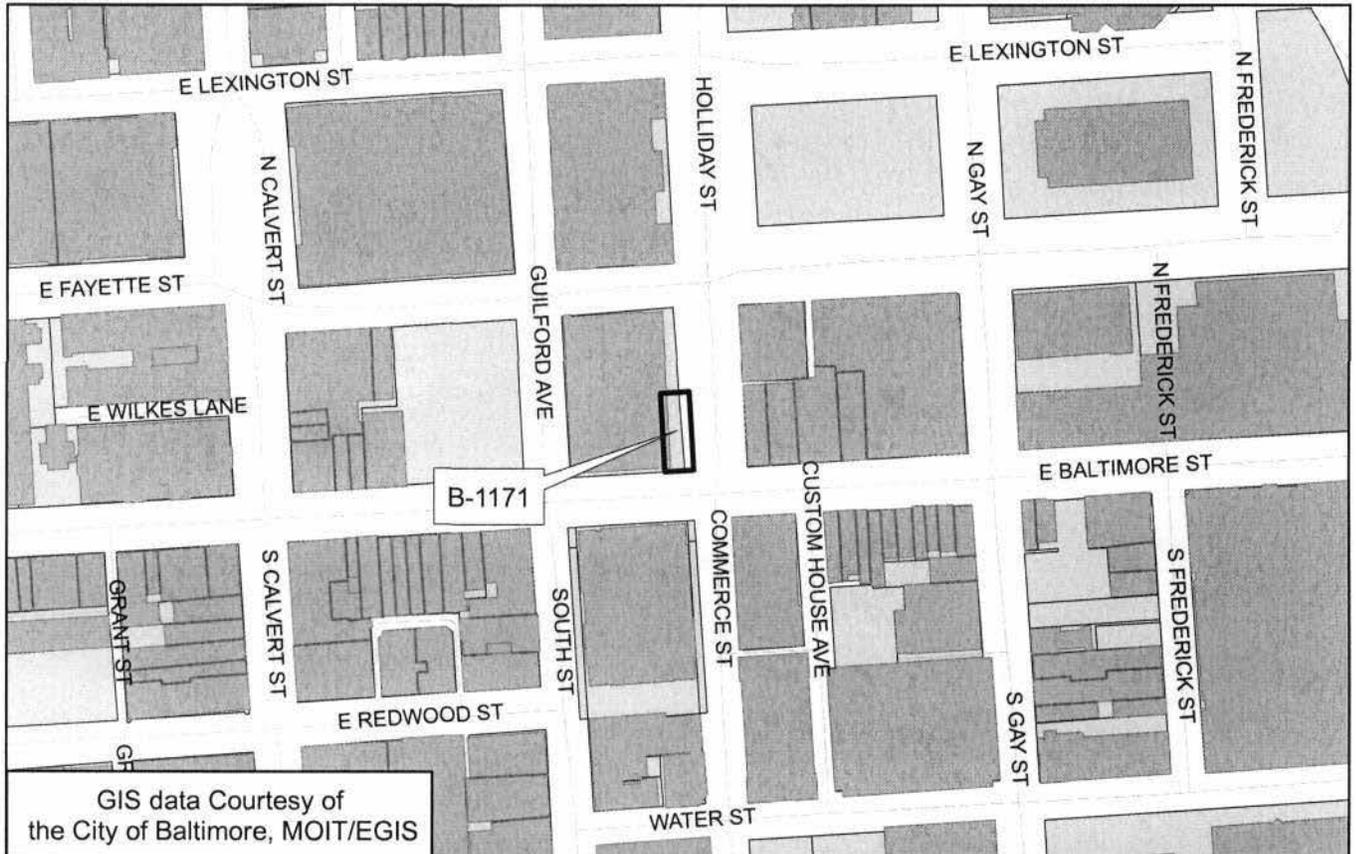
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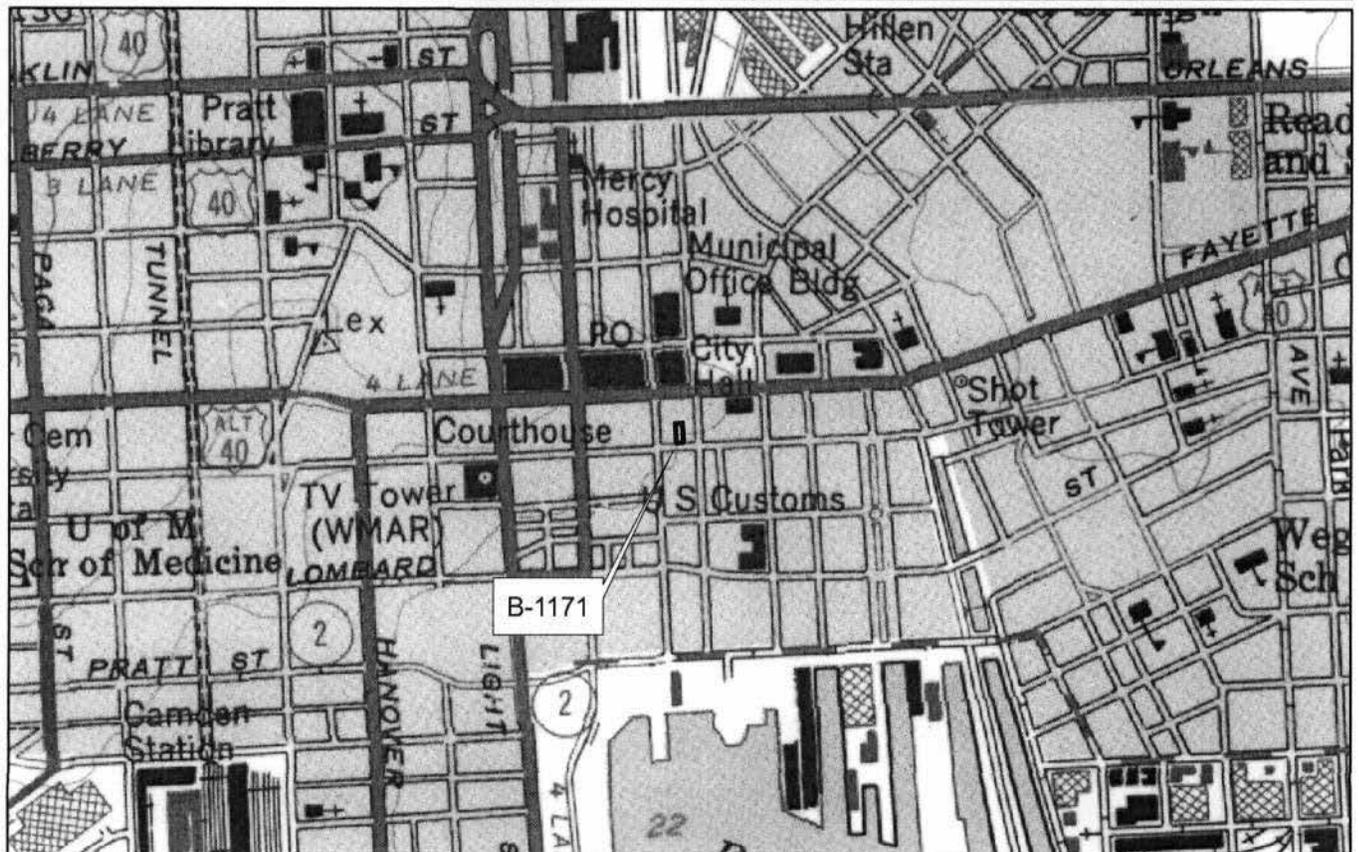
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Southeast corner view