

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0411775711

Address: 101 East Baltimore Street  
Current Name: McDonald's

Block: 649	Lot: 3/4	Lot size: 34' x 68'
Height: 6 stories		Materials: Brick
Condition: Good		Owner: McDonald's Corporation
Use: Restaurant/Offices		Accessible: Yes
Designation: None		Liber/Folio: SEB 248-945



Historic Name: Thomas Building  
Date: 1904  
Architect/Builder: Ellicott & Emmart/B. F. Bennett  
Style (if appropriate): French Renaissance

## Description:

This six story high corner building features a mansard roof, projecting bay windows and two tone brick walls. The Baltimore Street facade is two bays wide and the Light Street elevation is five bays wide. The first floor has been altered by a McDonald's restaurant with buff brick walls, long vertical windows, a recessed aluminum and glass entrance and a new awning. A simple dentilled cornice is located above the new storefront design. The entrance to the upper floors located at the southernmost bay of the Light Street elevation includes a simple entablature with a pronounced keystone. Above the first floor, both elevations are defined by rusticated buff brick corners and red brick walls around the projecting bay windows. The bays feature one over one windows and circular pediments at the second floor. Buff brick is used at the base of the second floor and above and below the fourth floor level. Large three part segmentally arched windows punctuate the fifth floor level. Smaller one over one windows with splayed stone lintels and pronounced keystones are on the ends of the Light Street facade. A fire escape is located along these windows on the northern end of this elevation. A dentilled cornice with large consoles at the ends support the slate mansard roof. Ornate pedimented dormers each featuring a large cartouche decorate the mansard roof above the projecting bay windows. The dormers on the ends of the Light Street facade are less ornate and feature round pediments.

## Significance:

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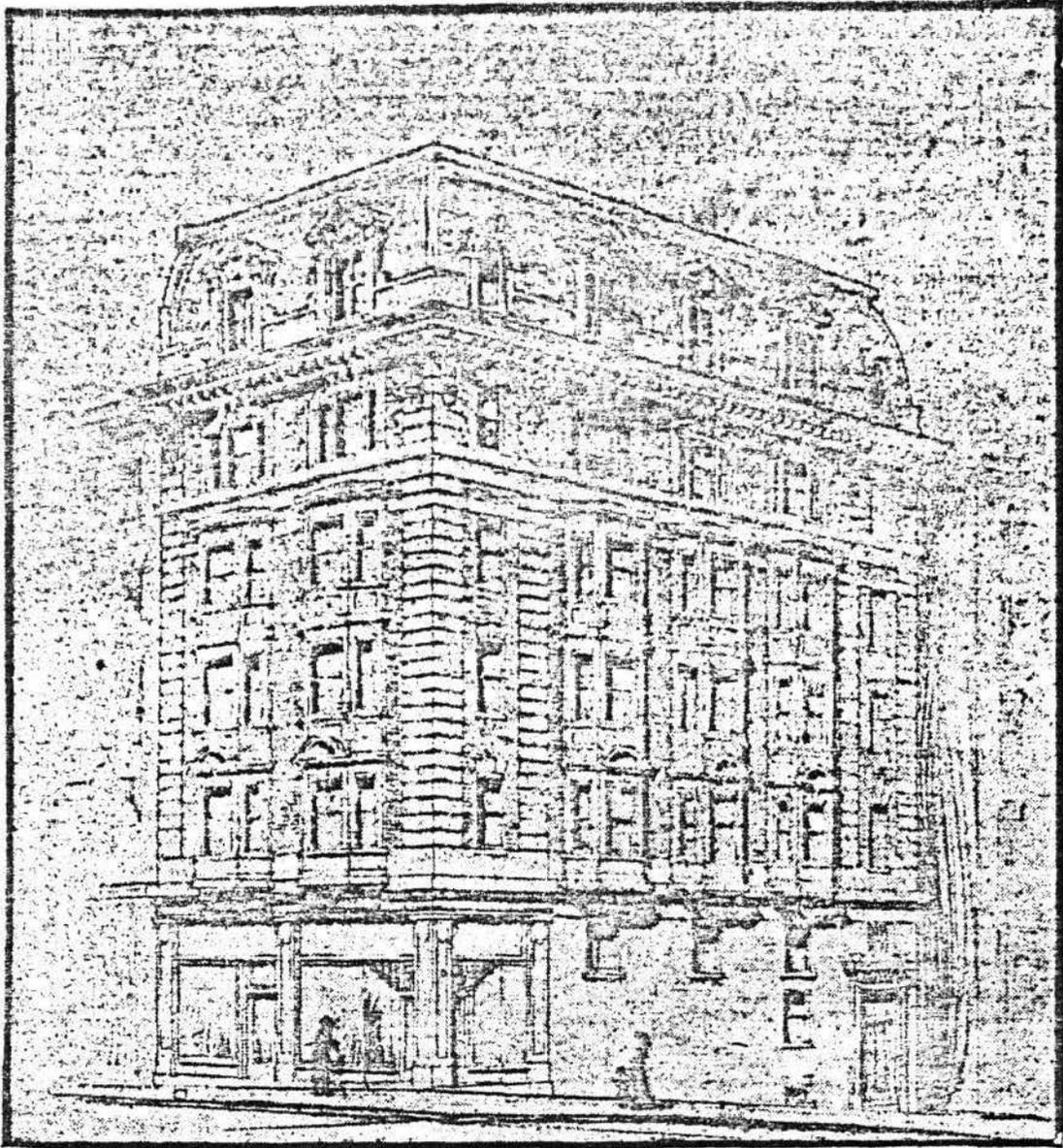
Level: Local

This building is unique among post-Fire structures primarily for its mansard roof and projecting bay windows. During the Baltimore Fire many buildings were destroyed when fire entered through mansard roofs and projecting bay windows. After the fire, very few buildings were constructed with these architectural elements. The only other corner building designed with a mansard roof was the Emerson Hotel. The post-Fire buildings with bowed windows have the windows recessed within the building walls. This is one of the few buildings with large bay windows projecting above the sidewalk. With the construction of new high rise buildings across Baltimore Street and the existing Maryland National Building across Light Street, this is the last small building built immediately after the Baltimore Fire at this intersection. This building housed an important drugstore, Thomas and Thompson for most of the twentieth century.

Sources: BS 6/28/1904 p. 7 c. 2-4 (illustration); BS 7/22/1904 p. 11 c. 2 (permit issued).

Surveyor and Date: Fred B. Shoken, May 1985.

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THOMAS AND THOMPSON BUILDING, TO BE ERRECTED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BALTIMORE AND LIGHT STREETS

The above picture shows the new store and office building which is to be erected jointly by Thomas & Thompson and the Preston estate at the southeast corner of Baltimore and Light streets. The contract has already been awarded to B. F. Bennett. The building will have a frontage of 34 feet 8 inches on Baltimore street and 68 feet 0 inches on Light street and will be six stories high. The storeroom, occupying the entire first floor, will be handsomely furnished in mahogany and gold and will be one of the largest and finest equipped drug stores in the country.

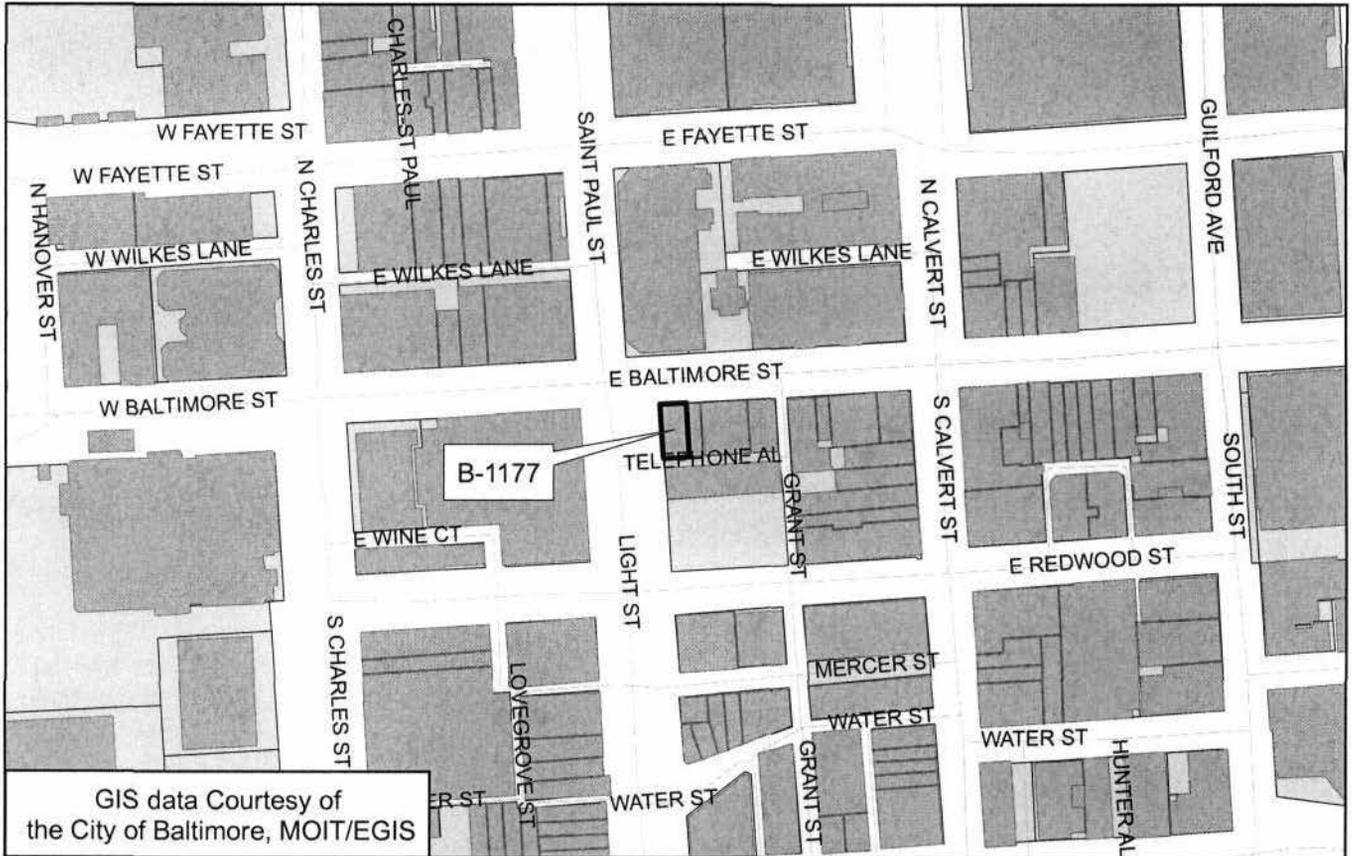
On the south side, near the front, will be a large soda-water fountain. A member of the firm said yesterday that the question of expense was not being considered in the interior furnishing of this room, the one object in view being a complete store of the kind. There will be a gallery around three sides of the store, and the private offices of the firm will be located there.

The five stories above will be arranged for offices, and the owners have arranged to let these floors entire or subdivided, as desired. The offices will all have large

bay windows. Entrance to the office portion of the building will be on Light street. An electric elevator will run to the top of the building, which will be fireproof throughout. The exterior has been carefully studied and will be carried out in two shades of brick, with terra-cotta trimmings, in a free handling of the French Renaissance. The mansard roof will be of slate. The structure will be equipped with standpipe and hose connection on each floor and on the roof. Elliott & Emmart are the architects.



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Northwest corner view