

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0411835711

Address: 125-131 East Baltimore Street

Current Name: Alex Brown &amp; Sons

Block: 649 Lot: 11

Lot size: 59' x 66'

Height: 3 stories

Materials: Brick &amp; stone

Condition: Good

Owner: Alex Brown Partners

Use: Offices

Accessible: Yes

Designation: None

Liber/Folio: SEB 200-5



Historic Name: Buckler Building

Date: 1904

Architect/Builder: Wyatt &amp; Nolting/Charles McCaul Co.

Style (if appropriate):

## Description:

This three story high, five bay wide building features an arcaded stone first floor level with brick upper floors and stone trim. The pilasters flanking the first floor arches feature foliated detailing below the capitals including faces with differing expressions on each pilaster. Foliated decorations are also located at the spandrels of the altered arched openings. The central entrance for the building originally had a panelled door that was flanked by glass storefronts. Above the entrance door is a filled transom and decorative arch surmounted by a blank second floor panel with foliated molding and a carved head. Fluted pilasters flank the panel, and it is surmounted by a single pane window in an elaborate surround featuring foliated designs, consoles and a scalloped arch. The upper floor brick building walls form diamond shape patterns that are punctuated by coupled windows with decorative surrounds. The second floor windows feature transoms. Stone quoins protect the window surrounds and pilasters with diamond and triangular ornamentation. Panels with circular designs are located at the third floor level. The building is capped by a console cornice. The foliated parapet above the cornice has been removed.

## Significance:

Area: Architecture

Level: Local

The Buckler Building is one of the finest facades in the Financial District, despite the first floor alterations. It combines richly carved stone decoration with brick building walls set into an intricate pattern. It is not only outstanding individually but is compatible to the surrounding buildings. The facade of the Buckler Building is not overly ornate, as for instance, the Horn and Horn Building. The decoration is not overwhelming; it highlights the storefronts and windows adding dignity to the architectural composition. Since Alex Brown and Sons are planning to build a new office building on the vacant land across the street, the Buckler Building and adjoining structures may be vacated. Returning the original storefronts to these buildings would restore this excellent streetscape, one of the finest in the Financial District.

Sources: Maryland Institute Scrapbook; BS 8/2/1904 p. 10 c. 8 (permit issued).  
Surveyor and Date: Fred B. Shoken, May 1985.

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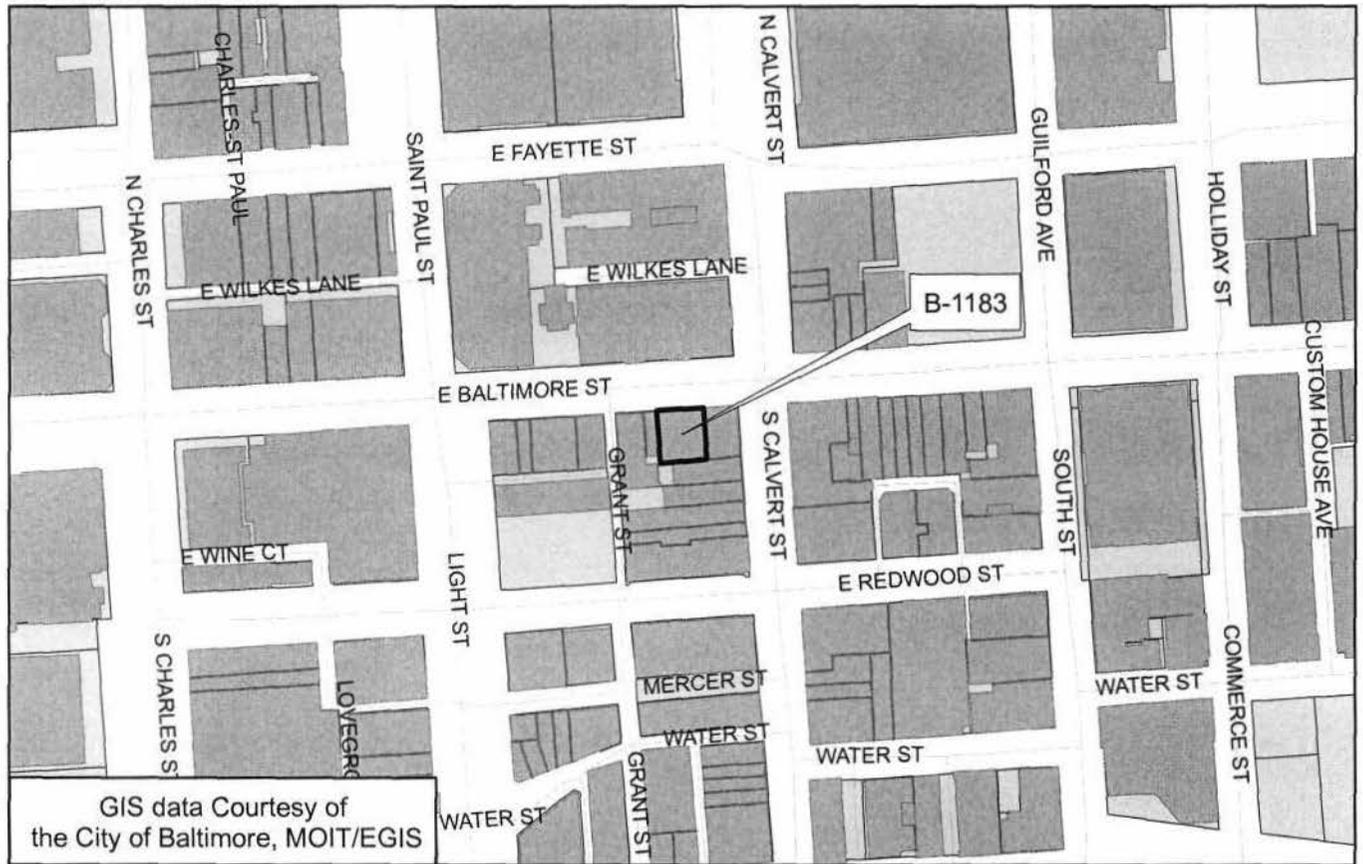
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Mr. William H. Buckler's Building, on East Baltimore Street, Near Calvert.



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Alex Brown & Sons (William H. Buckler Building, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company)  
125-131 E. Baltimore Street  
Block 0649 Lot 009  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad



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Buckler Building  
125-131 East Baltimore Street  
Financial District-Metrocenter Survey  
Baltimore (City), Maryland  
Photo: Fred Shoken  
Date: July 1985  
Neg.loc.: Maryland Historical Trust  
North elevation