

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0411875612

Address: 16-18 South Calvert Street
 Current Name: Old Court Savings and Loan

Block: 649	Lot: 16	Lot size: 48 x 158
Height: 10 stories		Materials: Stone & brick
Condition: Good		Owner: Calvert and Redwood Lim. Part.
Use: Bank, offices		Accessible: Yes
Designation: None		Liber/Folio: SEB 124-79

Historic Name: Maryland Trust Building
 Date: 1890, 1905
 Architect/Builder: Baldwin and Pennington/George A. Fuller Co.
 Style (if appropriate):



Description:

The old Maryland Trust Building is a narrow 10 story high building at the corner of Redwood and Calvert Streets. The front Redwood Street facade is five bays wide, and the side elevation is twenty bays wide. The first floor of the building features rough stone punctuated by large archways. Two arched windows flank the ornate recessed entrance to this building. The semi-circular entrance area is decorated by two sets of double polished marble columns and a mosaic tile half-dome. Brass revolving doors, lanterns and decorative blank panels are located within the entranceway. A decorative keystone highlights the central arch with date stone cartouches at the spandrels. A band course of egg and dart molding completes the first level. Five one over one windows punctuate the second floor stretcher bond brick walls which is capped by a cornice. The next six floors are less ornate. The three central bays are recessed. The windows have bracketed stone sills and splayed brick lintels with emphasized keystones. The central windows on eighth floor are arched and are surmounted by a cornice. The ninth and tenth floors feature windows between pilaster and ornate arches. Above a band course and small decorative windows is a large console cornice with dentils and egg and dart molding. The side elevation is similar to the front. The central fourteen bays are recessed and more highly ornamented than the three bay wide corner sections. A secondary entrance is located at the westernmost bay of the side elevation. The large banking space on the interior has been divided, but some noteworthy elements remain such as pilasters with capital displaying the State of Maryland shield.

Significance:

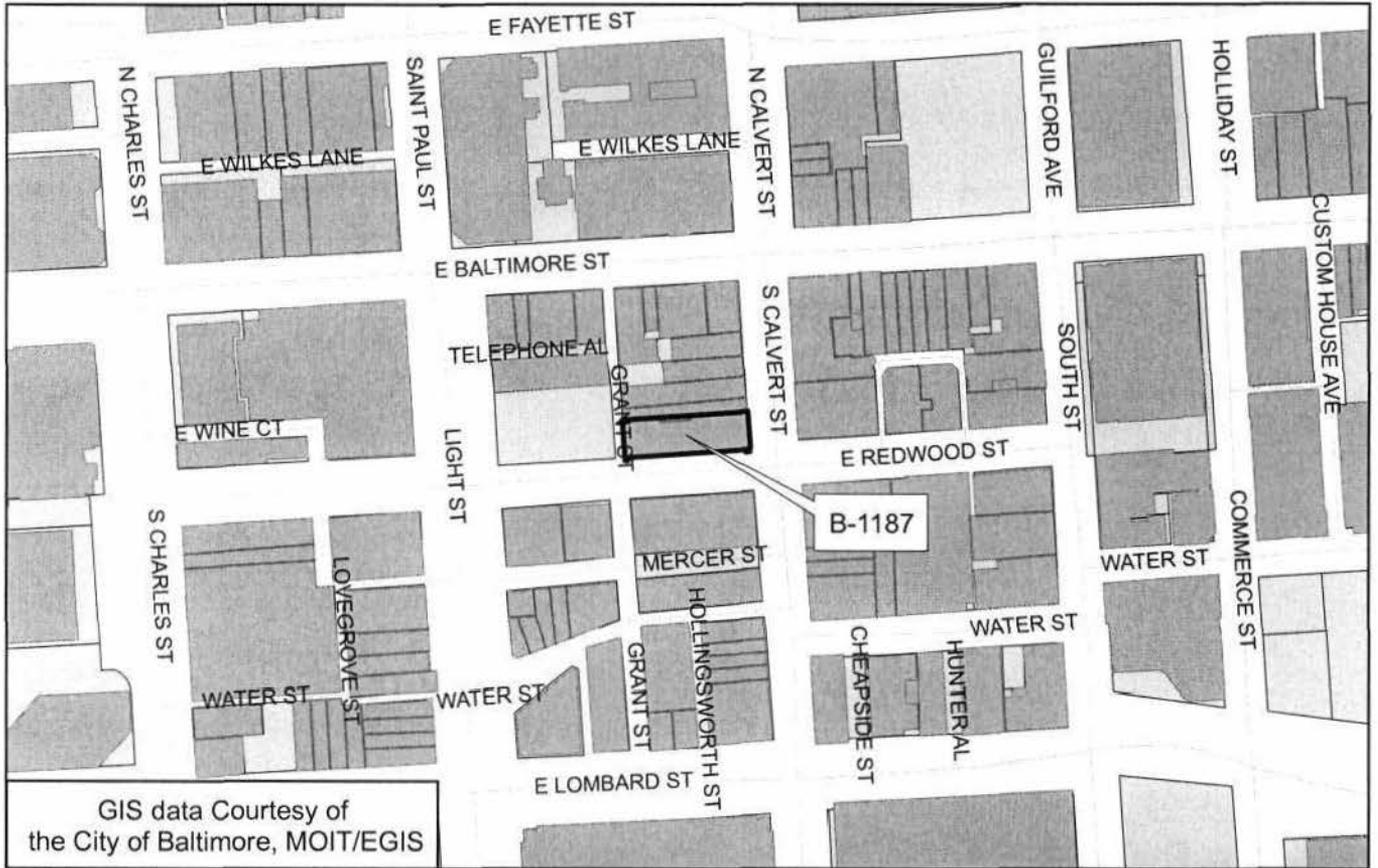
Area: Architecture

Level: Local

The old Maryland Trust Company building has the most ornate entrance area in the Financial District. It's polished columns, mosaic tile half dome and brass revolving doors are unique among early high-rise office buildings in Baltimore. This building is also significant as a survivor of the 1904 Baltimore Fire. Although it was severely damaged in the fire, as a photograph from the The Brickbuilder indicates, the building was repaired under the supervision of Baldwin and Pennington, the original architects. The original occupant of the structure, the Maryland Trust Company, merged with the Fidelity and Baltimore National Bank to form the Maryland National Bank in 1961. The building is in generally good condition, although there are plans to place a retail outlet along the Redwood Street elevation that may change the character of the first floor side of the building.

Sources: BS 9/3/1904 p. 10 c. 7; BS 9/19/1904 p. 10 c. 7 (permit issued).
 Surveyor and Date: Fred B. Shoken, March 1985.

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Block 0649 Lot 016
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad



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Maryland Trust Building
16-18 S. Calvert Street
Financial District-Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Fred Shoken
Date: October 1983
Neg.loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
Southeast corner view