

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0411925711

Address: 217 East Baltimore Street  
Current Name: Downtown Press

Block: 650	Lot: 8	Lot size: 18' x 104'
Height: 2 stories		Materials: Limestone
Condition: Good		Owner: Alan E. Behard etal.
Use: Retail		Accessible: Yes
Designation: None		Liber/Folio: RHB 2620-422



Historic Name: Diener Building  
Date: 1905  
Architect/Builder: Charles M. Anderson/Henry L. Maas  
Style (if appropriate):

## Description:

This small two story high limestone building features a large central arch. Two entrances on either end of the building flank a central show window. Above each of the aluminum frame glass entrance doors is a plain bracketed entablature. The eastern entrance leads down to a first floor commercial establishment below grade level. The western entrance is an exit for the restaurant on the second level. A large plastic sign partially obscures the large arch which is filled with a three part window with transoms. The mullions of the windows form pilasters with decorative capitals, and a small cartouche is located above the central window. Engaged square columns support the limestone arch with console keystone. The spandrels feature circular designs inscribed with the letter "D." A heavy modillion cornice and balustrade complete the facade. The second floor of the interior features a large vaulted space that is now used as seating for a Roy Rogers restaurant.

## Significance:

Area: Architecture

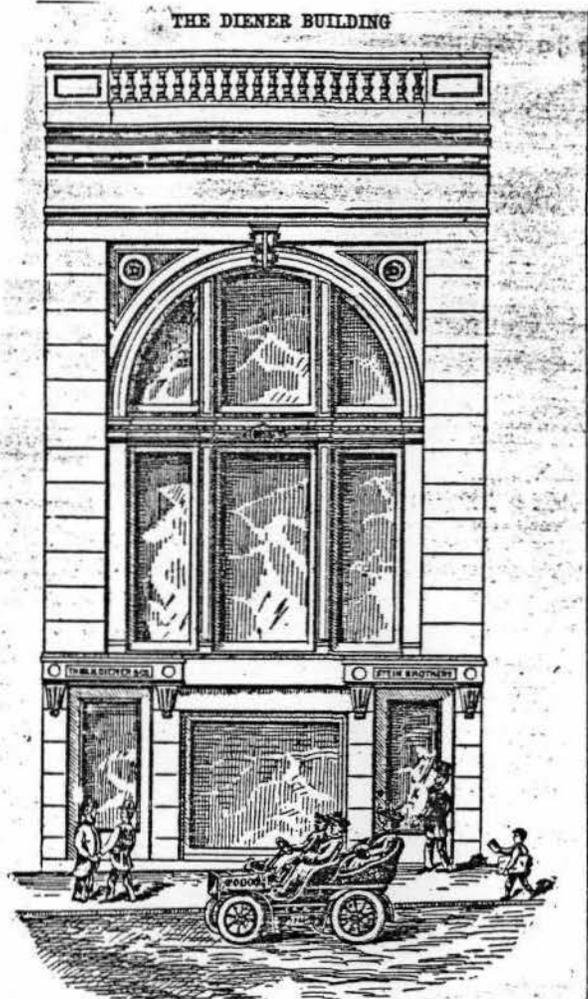
Level: Local

This small two story high commercial building is an excellent small structure along East Baltimore Street. It has not been altered a great deal. If the facade were cleaned and cosmetic improvement made to the first story, this building would be one of the better small commercial buildings on this now deteriorated streetscape. The vaulted second floor interior space is a surprise. It is accessible from the restaurant at 215 East Baltimore Street. Much of its original detail and molding exists. If it were refurbished, it could be one of the finer small interiors in the district.

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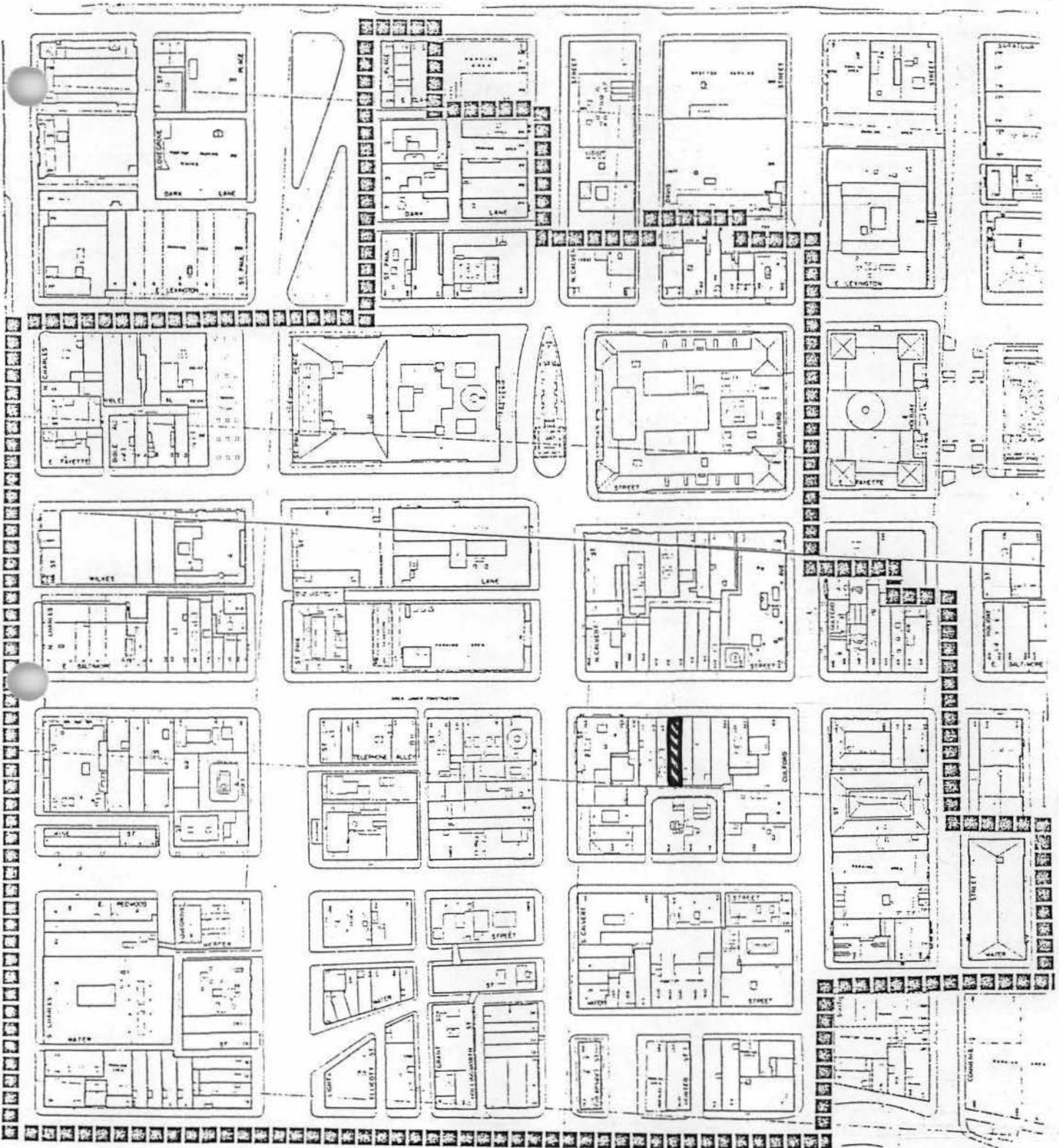
BALTIMORE FINANCIAL DISTRICT SURVEY

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NEARING COMPLETION, ON BALTIMORE STREET

The Diener Building, at 217 East Baltimore street, which is on a site 18 feet by 103 feet, is nearing completion, and will be ready for occupancy in about three weeks. The front of the structure is of white Indiana limestone, with copper trimmings. The main floor is of tile and maple, with hardwood finishings throughout. The building was designed for banking purposes.

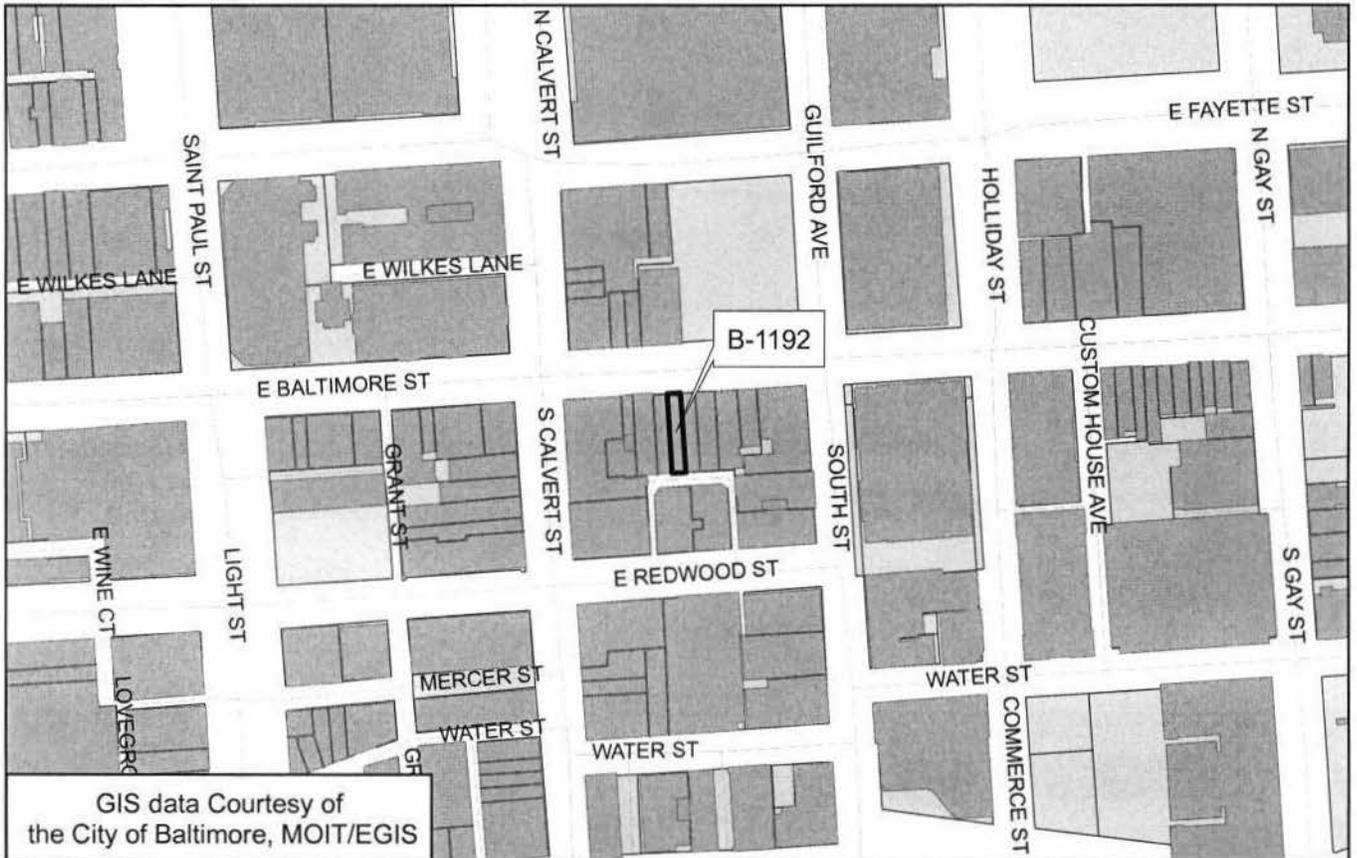


Baltimore Financial District Survey  
 Baltimore (City), Maryland

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Diener Building (Downtown Press)  
217 E. Baltimore Street  
Block 0650 Lot 007  
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