

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0411995711

Address: 222 East Redwood Street
Current Name:

Block: 650	Lot: 15	Lot size: 47' x 102'
Height: 6 stories		Materials: Marble
Condition: Good		Owner: 222 Associates
Use: Office		Accessible: Yes
Designation: None		Liber/Folio: WA 4023-517



Historic Name: National Mechanic Bank; MacKubin, Goodrich and Co.

Date: 1904; 1929

Architect/Builder: Taylor and Knowles (N.Y.)/Henry Smith and Sons; Smith and May/Consolidated Engineering Company

Style (if appropriate):

Description:

This four story high stone building located at the northwest corner of Redwood and South Streets is five bays wide along Redwood Street and three bays wide along South Street (the interior has been divided into six floors). The large first floor is defined by six engaged columns with geometrical capitals supporting a simple entablature and cornice. The original entrance set into the central bay features bronze doors, a transom covered by a decorative grill and a stone entablature with dentils and a geometric design. A new entrance into the building has been cut into the westernmost bay and is protected by a modern awning. The upper floor three over three windows are grouped in twos. Above the second floor level is a decorative band of molding and a central blank shield. The third and fourth floor windows are recessed between simple pediments. Circular designs are located above the windows with mable-like panels between floor levels. The building is capped by a dentilled stone cornice with a balustraded parapet above. The narrow side facade features a similar design as the front. The interior of the building has been divided into six floors; three floors occupy the original first floor level.

Significance:

Area: Architecture

Level: Local

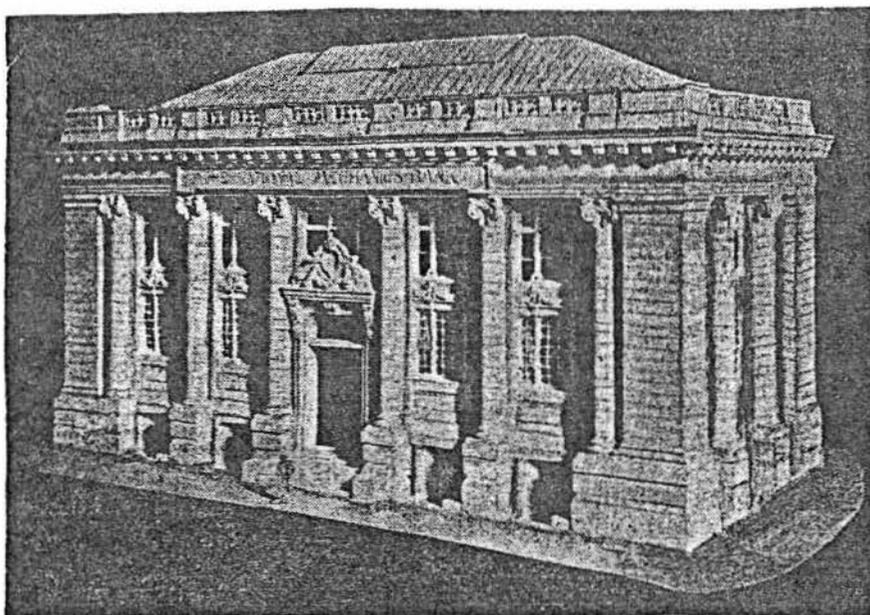
This building was originally constructed for the National Mechanics Bank and was one story high with a mezzanine level. An Architectural Record article called it a successful corner bank building, "The architect has used a colossal order engaged on the wall to frame the windows, and in this way he has obtained a maximum of light, while at the same time keeping his architectural design simple, consistent and strong. The architects ... are surely to be congratulated on their work." Despite its excellent design, the building was enlarged in 1929. Most of the classical detailing was stripped in favor of geometrical designs. The magnificent interior space has also been lost. Despite these alterations, this building, which is more representative of a 1929 office than a 1904 bank, is a contributing element along Redwood Street.

Sources: AR 8/1907; BS 9/1/1904 p. 7 c.3; Maryland Institute Scrapbook; BS 8/8/1929 p. 18 c. 5; Power Pictorial 5/1930 p. 80.

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

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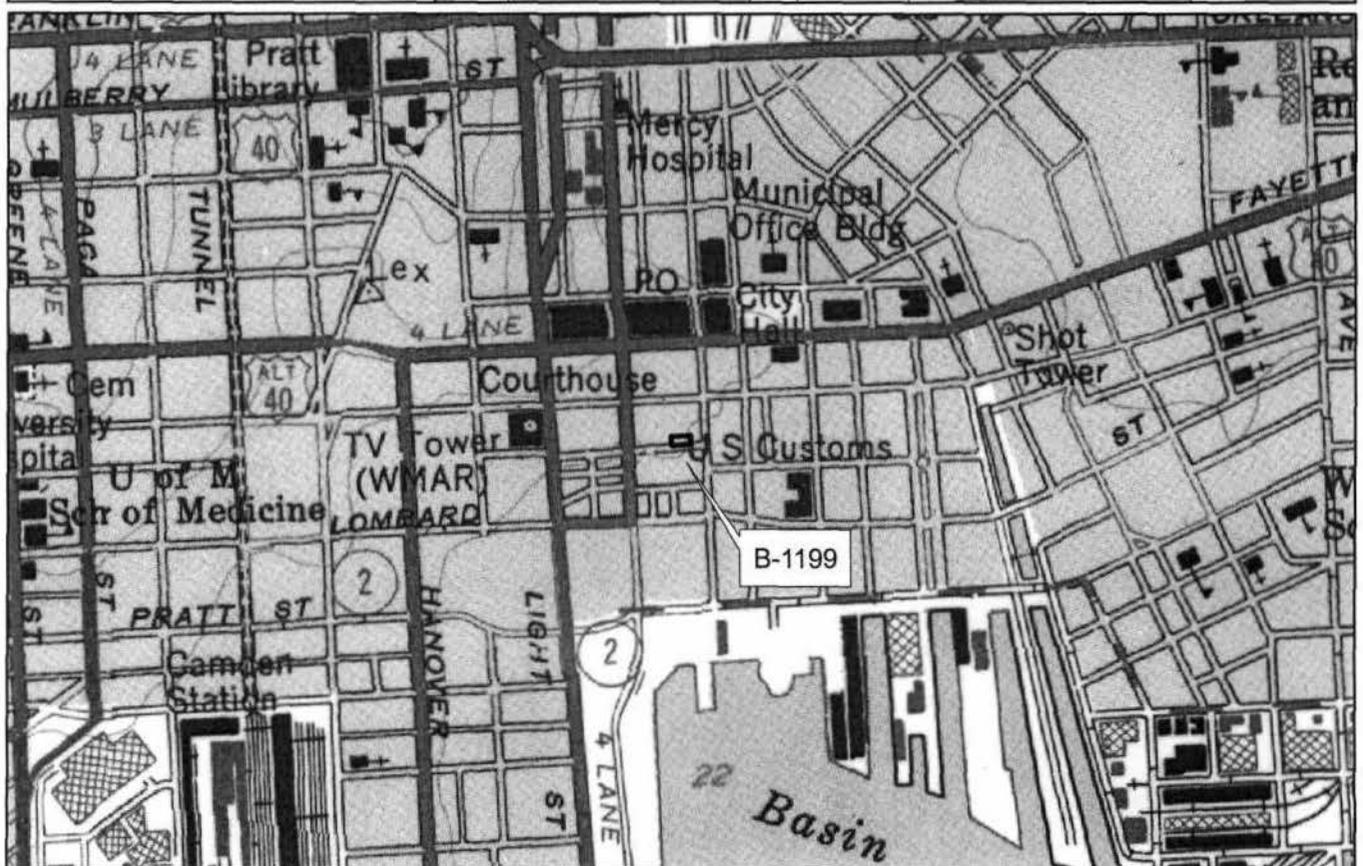
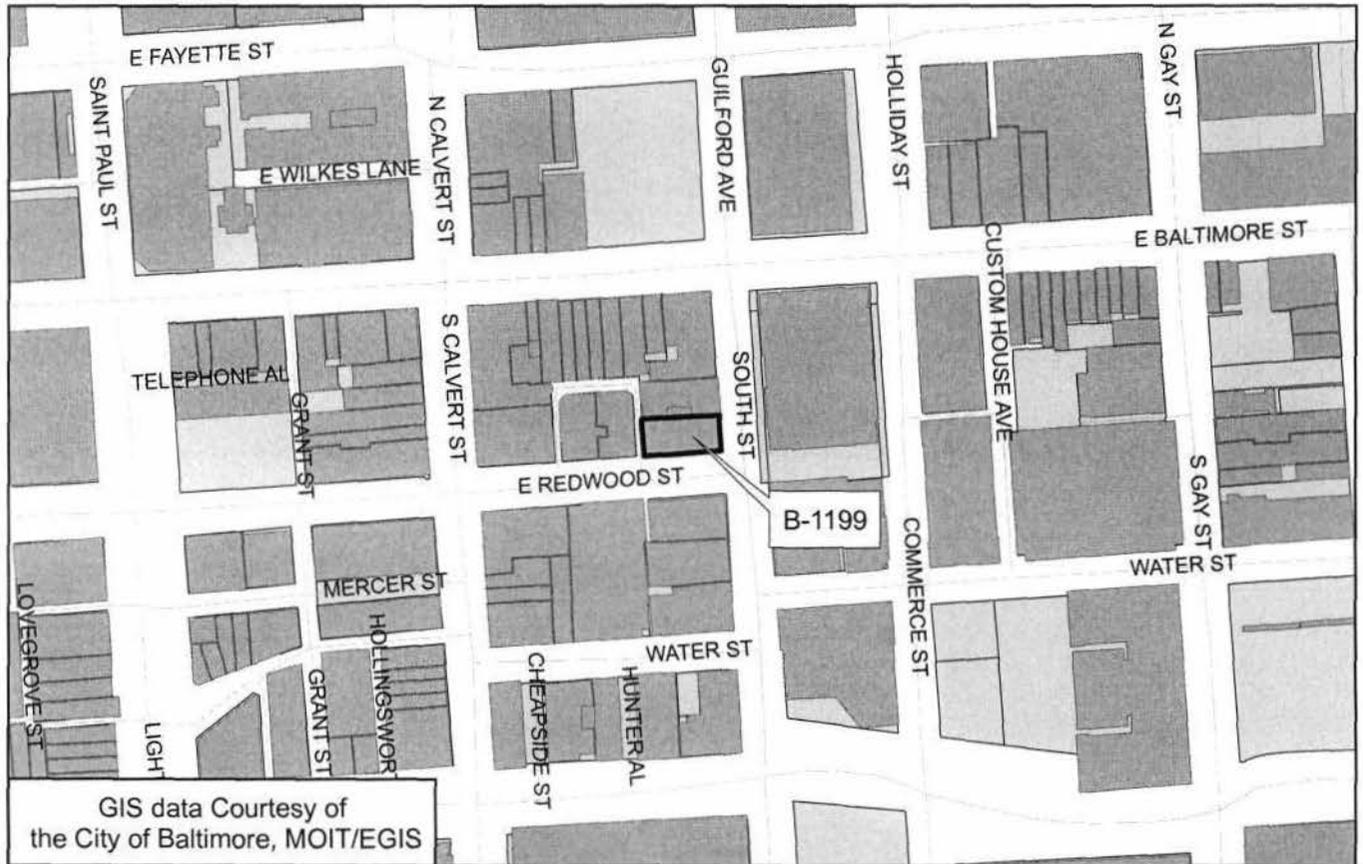
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National Mechanics Bank, Northwest Corner German and South Streets.

Maryland Institute Scrapbook.

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National Mechanics' Bank (MacKubin, Goodrich, & Company; Internal Revenue Building)
222 E. Redwood Street
Block 0650 Lot 015
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad





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Goodrich and Co.
222 E. Redwood Street
Financial District-Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
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South elevation