

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0401205711

Address: 206 East Redwood Street  
Current Name: Merchants ClubBlock: 650 Lot: 2  
Height: 4 stories  
Condition: Good  
Use: Private Club  
Designation: NoneLot size: 49' x 86'  
Materials: Brick and marble  
Owner: Merchants Club  
Accessible: Yes  
Liber/Folio: RO 2078-44

Historic Name: Merchants Club

Date: 1905

Architect/Builder: Sperry, York and Sawyer/Morrow Brothers

Style (if appropriate):

## Description:

This four story high, three bay wide building features brick walls laid in a diamond-shape pattern and marble trim. The first floor features a central double door entrance protected by an awning and two, one over one windows with marble surrounds and keystones. The entrance also features a marble surround and is capped by a console keystone and end brackets supporting an iron balcony. The balcony displays a gold wreath with the letters "M" over "C." A historical marker concerning the Lovely Lane meeting house is located at the western corner of the first floor. Mable quoins border the upper floor brick walls which feature differing window treatments on each level. The second floor windows are arched with stone keystones and balustrades at the sills. The third floor windows have splayed brick lintels with stone keystones and iron balconies. Eight over eight windows are located at the fourth floor which is capped by a wide stone band course. A heavy modillion cornice and brick parapet completes the facade.

## Significance:

Area: Architectecture

Level: Local

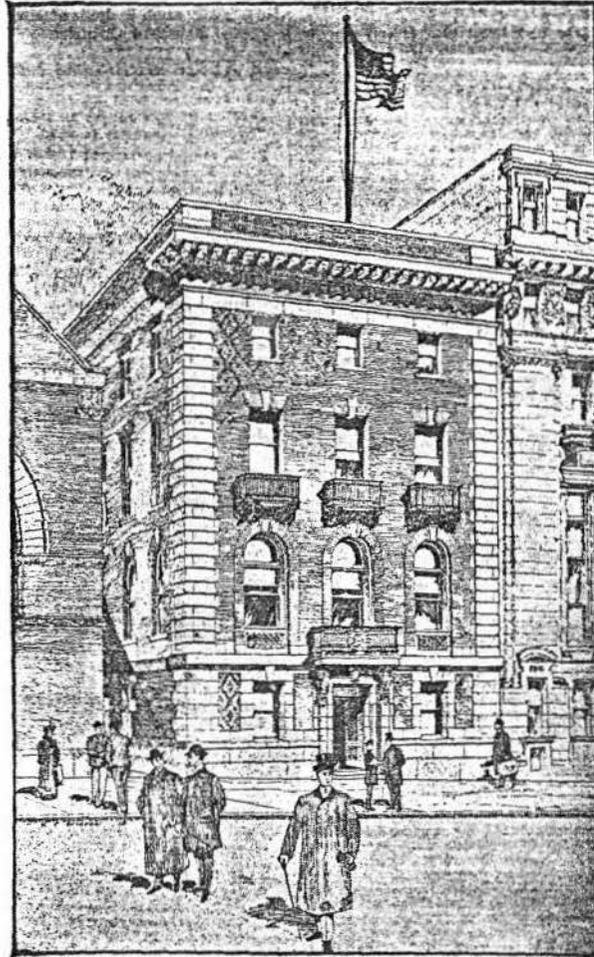
The Merchants Club is one of the many excellent buildings located on Redwood Street and is distinguished for its simple, yet finely detailed facade. The brick pattern of the facade is unusual for buildings in the Financial District. It is one of the few buildings in the Financial district that has been owned and occupied by the same use since the Baltimore Fire. The Merchants Club is an important local private club that began in 18 . Many prominent Baltimoreans have been members of the club throughout its long history. The site of this building is significant as the original location of the Lovely Lane Meeting House in which the first conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America was held.

Sources: BS 1/24/1905 p. 7. c. 4-5 (drawing); 1904 Baltimore Architectural Club Exhibition (interior drawing); BS 11/19/1904 p. 10 c. 3 (permit issued).  
Surveyor and Date: Fred B. Shoken, April 1985.



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Merchants' Club  
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NEW MERCHANTS' CLUB BUILDING



IN COURSE OF ERECTION ON THE OLD SITE ON GERMAN STREET

The above is an illustration of the new Merchants' Club Building, which is being erected on the old site on German street, between the Stock Exchange and the Mercantile Trust Company's Building. Aside from the interest which centers in that location, as the site of the old Merchants' Club, which was so popular, the site is also historic, as upon it stood the old Lovely Lane Meeting House, in which the first conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America was held.

Architects Sperry, York & Sawyer have designed a structure which promises to please the members of the club, and which

will reflect credit upon the management of Major N. S. Hill. The work on the structure is rapidly advancing, the third story having been reached. Morrow Bros. are the contractors. The front will be of marble and dark red brick. On the first floor will be a reception room, a reading room, the office and a cafe.

The second floor will be given up entirely to a large dining room, with a coffee and smoking room. On the third floor will be a banquet room and private dining rooms. The kitchen, storerooms and servants' dining room will be on the fourth floor.

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206 E. Redwood Street  
Block 0650 Lot 002  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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Merchants Club  
206 E. Redwood Street  
Financial District-Metrocenter Survey  
Baltimore (City), Maryland  
Photo: Fred Shoken  
Date: October 1983  
Neg.loc.: Maryland Historical Trust  
South elevation