

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0412005711

Address: 208-10 East Redwood Street
Current Name: Totman Building

Block: 650	Lot: 1	Lot size: 48' x 79'
Height: 6 stories		Materials: Limestone
Condition: Good		Owner: 208 E. Redwood Joint Venture
Use: Offices		Accessible: Yes
Designation: None		Liber/Folio: RHB 3164-272



Historic Name: Baltimore Stock Exchange Building
Date: 1904
Architect/Builder: Howell and Stokes of N.Y.
Style (if appropriate):

Description:

This six story high, three bay wide stone building is defined by a large central bay flanked by wide pilasters. The first floor features a highly decorative central entrance, two one over one windows above lightwells protected by a heavy iron railing, and another two windows with round pediments and bracketed sills. The entrance is decorated by a thick, foliated surround and a round pediment with an eagle above the state shield. The Latin inscription, "Crescite Multiplicamini," meaning "to be fruitful and multiply," is displayed on a wreath within the pediment. The second and third floor feature large windows and engaged Doric columns. A sign panel above the third floor displays, "TOTMAN BUILDING" in carved letters. The sign panel is decorated by foliated designs and is surmounted by two urns with the dates 1880 and 1904 above a garland. Four simple one over one windows are located on the fourth floor. The wide end pilasters are capped with exaggerated, wide Ionic capitals which support a simple cornice above the fourth floor. Large garlands located between the fifth floor windows are surmounted by a cornice featuring dentils, scroll shaped modillions and two lion heads. The sparsely decorated sixth floor has six windows capped by a small plain cornice.

Significance:

Area: Architecture

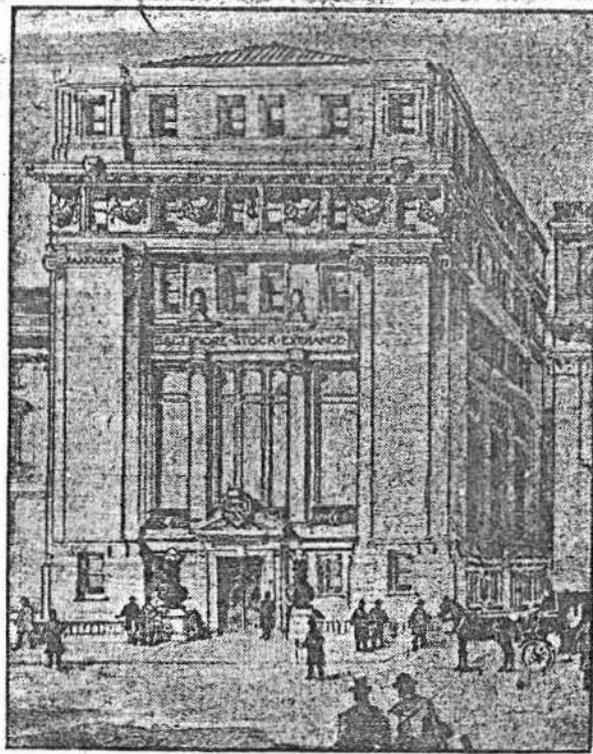
Level: Local

The Baltimore Stock Exchange Building was one of the first buildings completed after the Baltimore Fire. The architect was selected on February 13, 1904, five days after the fire, and the building was completed February 14, 1905. The building includes some fine ornamentation, much of it in the form of garglands and festoons. The latin motto on the building, meaning "to be fruitful and multiply" is reflected in the garlands of fruit on the facade. They apparently signify profitable and bountiful times in regards to the use of the building as a stock exchange. The Baltimore Stock Exchange was founded in 1838 as the Baltimore Stock Board. It functioned as a marketplace for governmental, municipal, and corporate securities. In 1880, a building was built for the board on this site and the name was changed to the Baltimore Stock Exchange. In 1949 it merged with the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. The building was sold and the exchange moved across the street to 217 East Redwood Street. This former stock exchange building is in good condition on the exterior. The only notable change is the new sign panel.

Sources: BS 3/10/1904 p. 6 (drawing); BS 2/15/1905 p. 7 c. 3-5 (opening).
Surveyor and Date: Fred B. Shoken, April 1985.

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Baltimore Stock Exchange
208-210 East Redwood Street



THE NEW STOCK EXCHANGE.

ERECTED ON OLD GERMAN ST. SITE AND OPENED FOR BUSINESS YESTERDAY

The new Baltimore Stock Exchange was opened for business yesterday. The formalities attending the reopening were brief but inspiring. Shortly before 11 o'clock, the hour for trading to begin, President H. A. Orrick ascended the rostrum and called the assembled members about him. In a brief address he pointed out the strenuous times which the Exchange members had encountered the year before the fire. That had been a trying period to many, he said, but the storm had been weathered and daylight was just appearing when the disaster of the city holocaust came upon them. This wiped out their business home, but the members had met the misfortune with an unflinching courage. So great was their confidence in the future greatness of the city and in the stability of the Stock Ex-

change organization, he said, that within a few days after the fire the members had set to work with a nerve and energy worthy of emulation, so that within 12 months after the destruction of the old building they had a new one, superior in all respects, a monument alike to the stricken city, as well as to the forceful ability and undismayed efforts of all the exchange members.

President Orrick's remarks were greeted with three rousing cheers by the members, and he then distributed among them a huge bunch of carnations which had been sent to him by some admiring friends.

The following letter from Mr. John B. Ramsay, president of the National Mechanics' Bank, was read:

"President Orrick: My heartiest congrat-

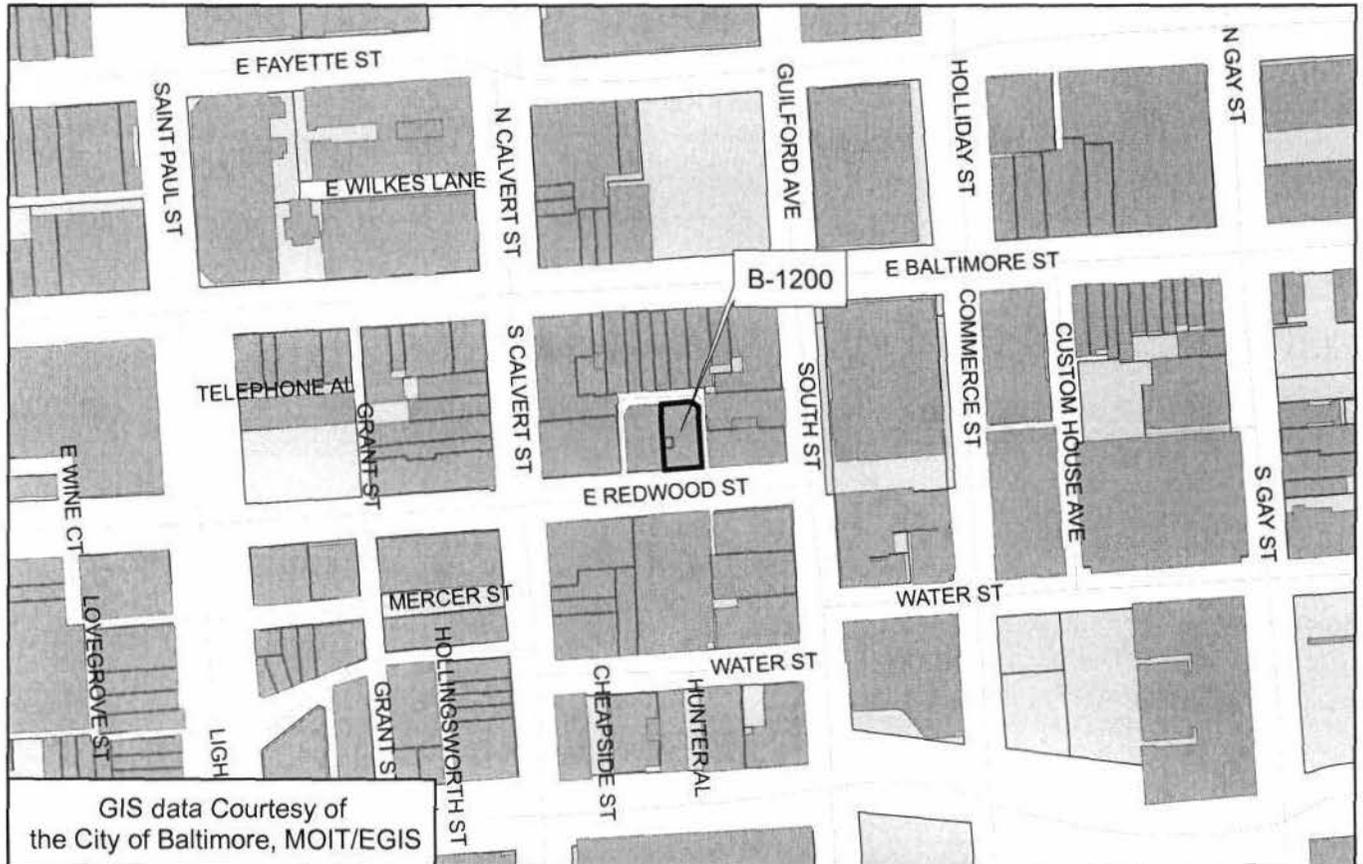
ulations to the men who contracted to build a beautiful business home in the dark days immediately after the great fire.

"Such faith in our city and such splendid and intelligent energy are worthy of the highest commendation.

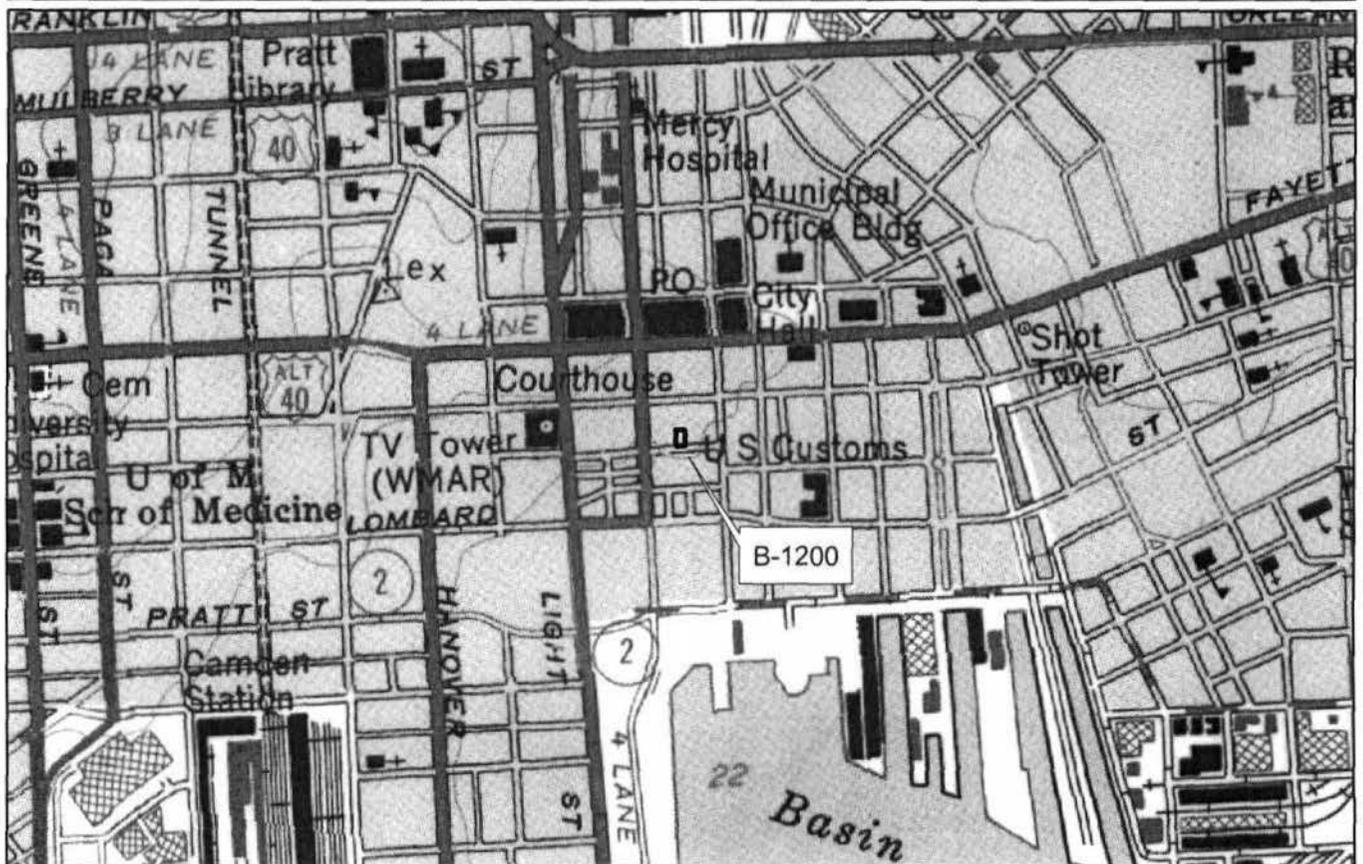
"The fine building you now own is a monument to the ability and integrity of the membership of the Baltimore Stock Exchange."

Sentiment soon gave way to more practical efforts, however, and as soon as it was announced that trading was in order there was a perfect bedlam among the members. Yelling and shouting at the various posts convinced the assembled guests that dollars and not roses was the object of the members of the Baltimore Stock Exchange.

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Baltimore Stock Exchange Building (Totman Building)
208-210 E. Redwood Street
Block 0650 Lot 001
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad



GIS data Courtesy of
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Baltimore Stock Exchange Building
208-210 E. Redwood Street
Financial District-Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Fred Shoken
Date: October 1983
Neg.loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
South elevation