

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0412095711

Address: 17 S. Charles Street
Current Name: Balance Computer Center

Block: 660 Lot: 25 Lot size: 20 ft. x 168 ft.
Height: 6 Materials: Brick and Stone
Condition: Good Owner: G. Aeillo Rlt. Co. Ltd. Part.
Use: Commercial Accessible: Yes, unrestricted
Designation: Liber/Folio: CWM 4256/198



Historic Name: Coggins & Owens
Date: 1904
Architect/Builder: James F. Farley
Style (if appropriate):

Description: This is a two bay wide, six story high, red rusticated brick and stone structure which unfortunately has been altered. The centralized, two part windows with transoms are new and the cornice has since been removed. In addition, the first story has been divided into two stories making the building six stories high. There is a Balance Computer Center sign above the first floor modern storefront. The building could contribute to the historic character of the area if the cornice and windows were restored to their original appearance.

Significance:

Area: architecture

Level: local

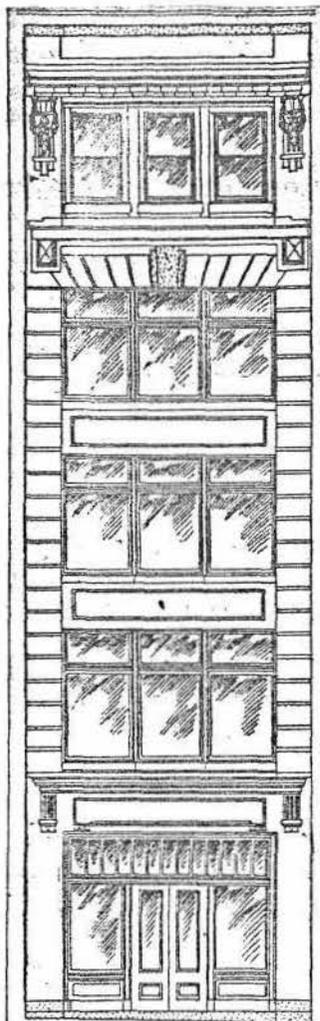
Unfortunately this building has had quite a few significant alterations to its facade. The structure was built after the fire, circa 1904 and designed by Mr. James F. Farley for Coggins & Owens, dealers of machinery and machinists' supplies. An original drawing of the building is extant and this could be used to rehabilitate the building in a manner which would be compatible to the rest of the district.

Sources: Maryland Institute Scrapbook
Surveyor and Date: Caroline Hardy, May 1985

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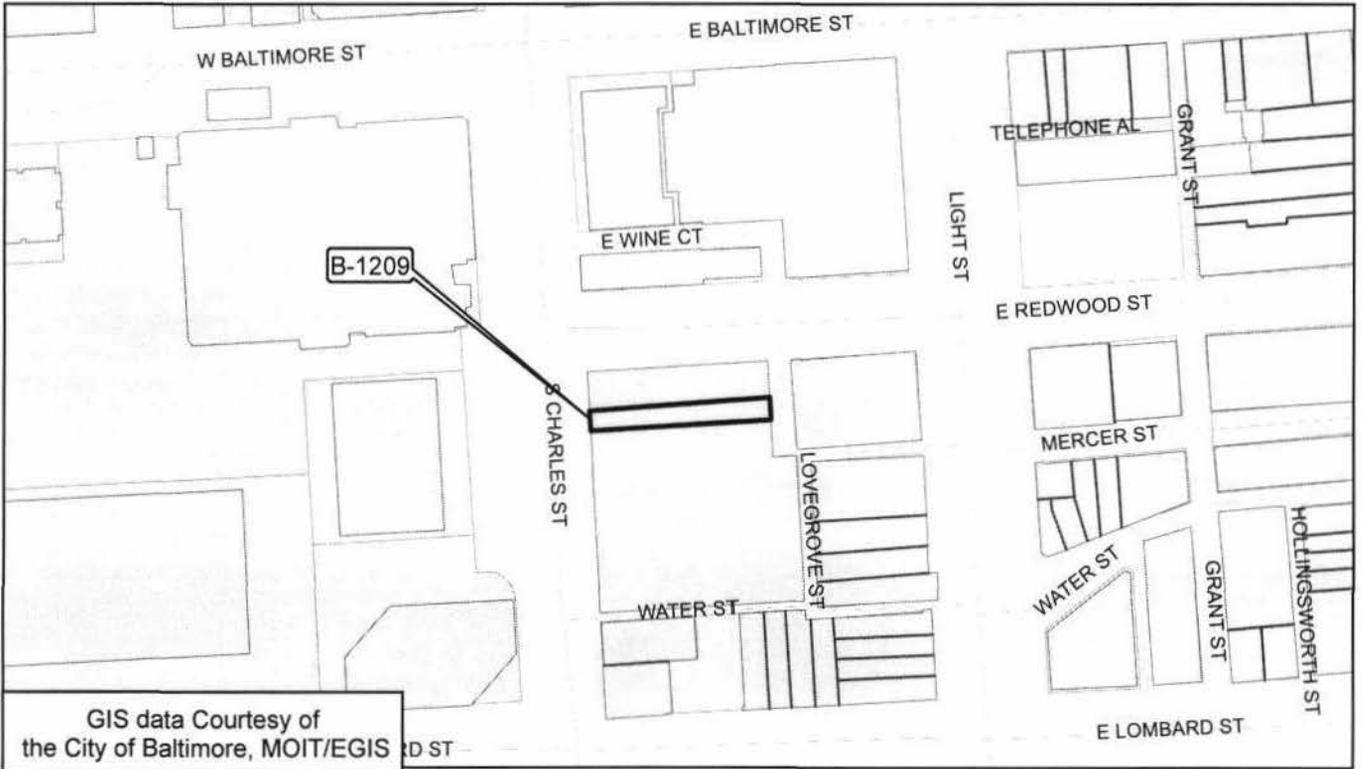


COGGINS & OWENS' WAREHOUSE

Work on the new warehouse of Coggins & Owens, dealers in machinery and machinists' supplies, an illustration of which is published herewith, has been started at 19 South Charles street. The structure will be five stories high and will have an ornamental front of red Roman brick and white marble. The lot has a frontage of 21 feet and a depth of 163 feet to a 20-foot alley. The structure will have all modern improvements. Mr. James F. Farley has the contract.

The firm of Coggins & Owens was located at 12 West German street before the fire.

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Coggins & Owens Warehouse (Balance Computer Center)
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Block 0660, Lot 025
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