

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0412225711

Address: 26 South Calvert Street

Current Name:

Block: 661 Lot: 2/3

Lot size: 40' x 156'

Height: 12 stories

Materials: Limestone

Condition: Good

Owner: Shamrock Associates

Use: Offices

Accessible: Yes

Designation: None

Liber/Folio: CWM 4038-345



Historic Name: United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company

Date: 1921-1929

Architect/Builder: Wyatt and Nolting

Style (if appropriate):

Description:

This twelve story high limestone building is only a single bay wide. The first floor entrance features a broken pediment with oculus window supported by long end brackets. A modern glass door entrance is surmounted by a round awning and grill. Above the entrance are two date stones depicting 1920 and 1896 in Roman numerals. Three one over one windows are located on the third floor. An incised letter sign stating, "United States Fidelity and Guarantee." is located above the third floor windows. Two shields for USF&G flank the fourth floor windows. The remainder of the facade is made up of a vertical band of windows featuring four, one over one windows on each floor. A round pediment is located above the central two windows of the fifth floor. A parapet wall with open arches completes the facade. This building is connected to 131 East Redwood Street and 31-35 Grant Street (117 Water Street) by bridges at the seventh floor level.

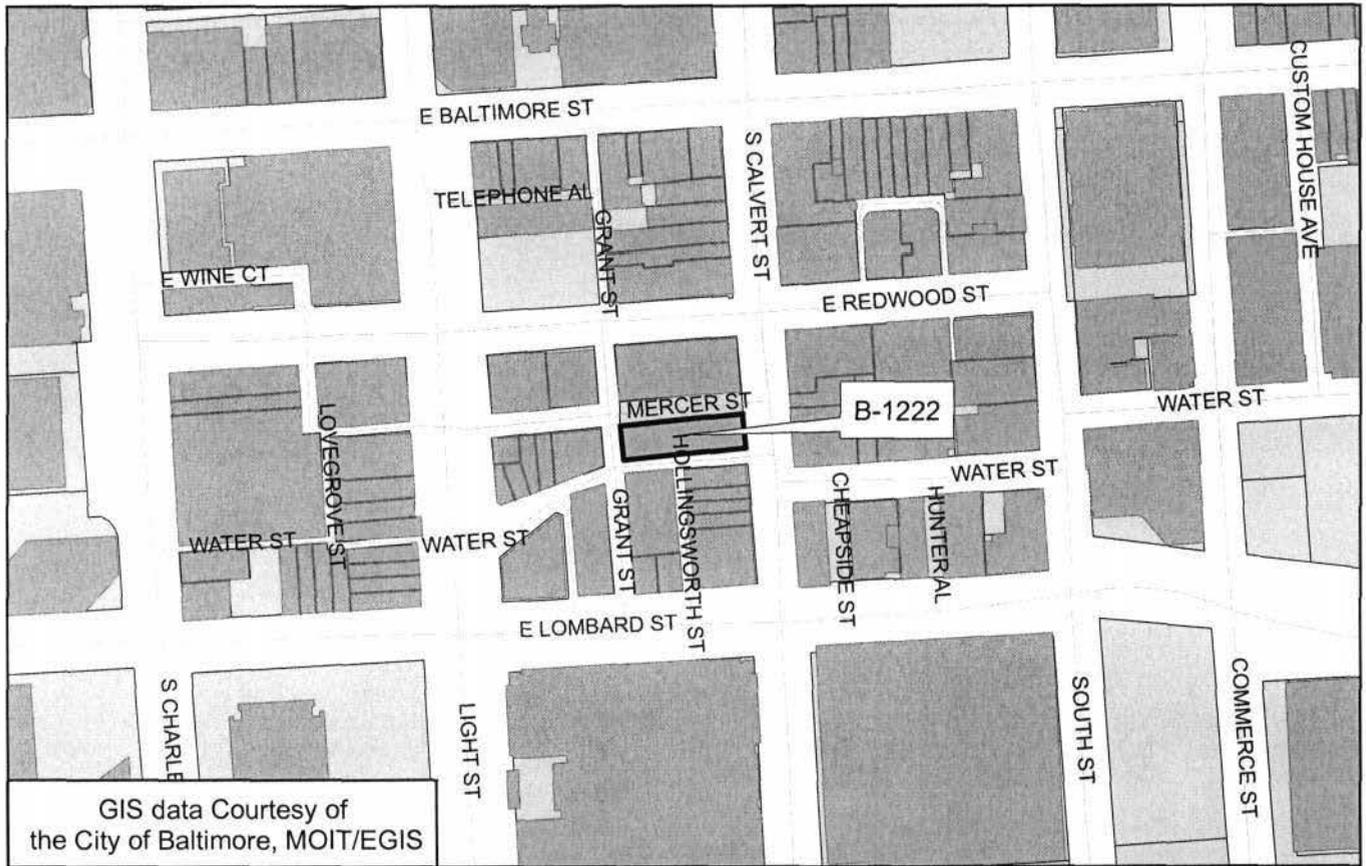
Significance:

Area: Architecture

Level: Local

This building was built as an annex for USF&G which was in need of more office space less than fifteen years after its Redwood Street building was completed. This building was first built in 1921 as a seven story structure, but in 1929 another five stories were added. This expansion is indicative of the growth taking place for USF&G. The company dates from 1896. It is the largest insurance company in the City and one of the largest nationally known corporations headquartered in Baltimore. USF&G occupied this building until their new building at the Inner Harbor was completed in the early 1970s.

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USF&G Addition
26 S. Calvert Street
Block 0661 Lot 002
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U.S.F. & G Building
26 South Calvert Street
Financial District-Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
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East elevation