

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0412415711

Address: 219-31 East Redwood Street
Current Name: Vickers Building

Block: 662 Lot: 10

Lot size: 55' x 80'

Height: 4 stories

Materials: Brick

Condition: Good

Owner: Brown Redwood Lim. Part.

Use: Office

Accessible: Yes

Designation: None

Liber/Folio: CWM 4140-137



Historic Name: Vickers Building

Date: 1904

Architect/Builder: Meyers and Eitelman/D.W. and G.H. Thomas

Style (if appropriate):

Description:

This four story high, seven bay wide brick building features stone trim, recessed bay windows and a heavy copper cornice. A central entrance protected by an awning has a sign panel above a wood and glass door. On the sign panel which is decorated by brackets, triglyphs, egg and dart molding and wave molding, is displayed the name, "VICKERS." Flanking the entrance are wood and glass storefronts with large transoms between brick pilasters with decorative capitals. Blank sign panels above the storefronts are surmounted by an ornamental band course. The brick building walls of the three central bays are punctuated by grouped one over one windows on the upper floors, while the two end bays have recessed bay windows. These slightly bowed windows are decorated by pediments with scrolled end brackets on the second floor. Lion head keystones are located above the bowed windows on the fourth floor. The building is capped by a heavy copper cornice displaying egg and dart molding, large modillions and antefix decorations. The interior of Werner's cafeteria in the building is noteworthy for its restrained Art Deco styling.

Significance:

Area: Architecture

Level: Local

The Vickers Building is one of the largest brick office buildings on Redwood Street; most of the neighboring buildings are constructed of stone. It is a well designed structure with a variety of ornamentation including intricate moldings, bracketed pediments and lions head keystones. This building replaced the former Vickers building which was a cast iron design with a mansard roof on this site. After the Fire, cast iron construction and mansard roofs were rarely used. This building represents post-Fire design which emphasized brick or stone symmetrical fronts with classical detailing and a flat roof often defined by a heavy cornice. The building was cleaned and renovated a year ago. Among the commercial uses on the ground floor is Werners Cafe, which is significant for its restrained Art Deco interior, and Bendans Art Gallery, which moved from Baltimore Street after a recent fire. Redwood Street is becoming a fashionable shopping street. A Lowmeyer's clothing store has recently opened in the adjacent Keyser Building and a Gucci store is being proposed for the side of the Maryland Trust Building.

Sources: BS 5/14/1904 p. 7 c. 2-5 (elevation); 5/19/1904 p. 12 c. 2 (permit issued); Architects and Builders Journal 1/1906 p. 8 (architect listed).
Surveyor and Date: Fred B. Shoken, April 1985.

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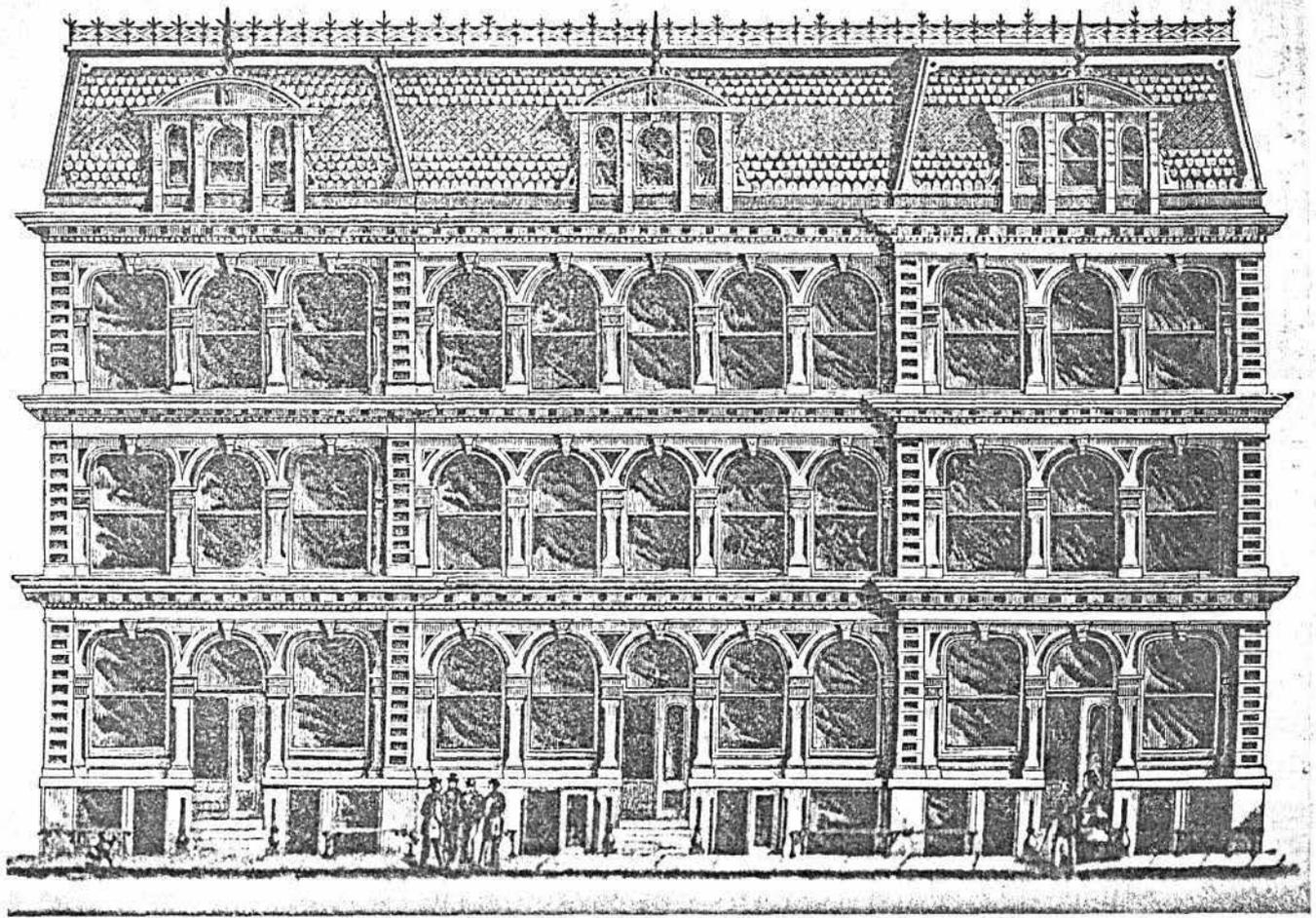


OFFICE BUILDING, GERMAN STREET, TO BE ERECTED BY MR. GEORGE R. VICKERS

Mr. George R. Vickers, Jr., will erect a four-story office building on the south side of German street, between Calvert and South streets. He has awarded the contract to D. W. & G. H. Thomas, and work on the structure will be started next week. The building will front on German street 55 feet and have a depth of 80 feet. It will have a brick front, with terra cotta and limestone trimmings. The first floor will be of reinforced concrete construction. The building will cost about \$50,000.

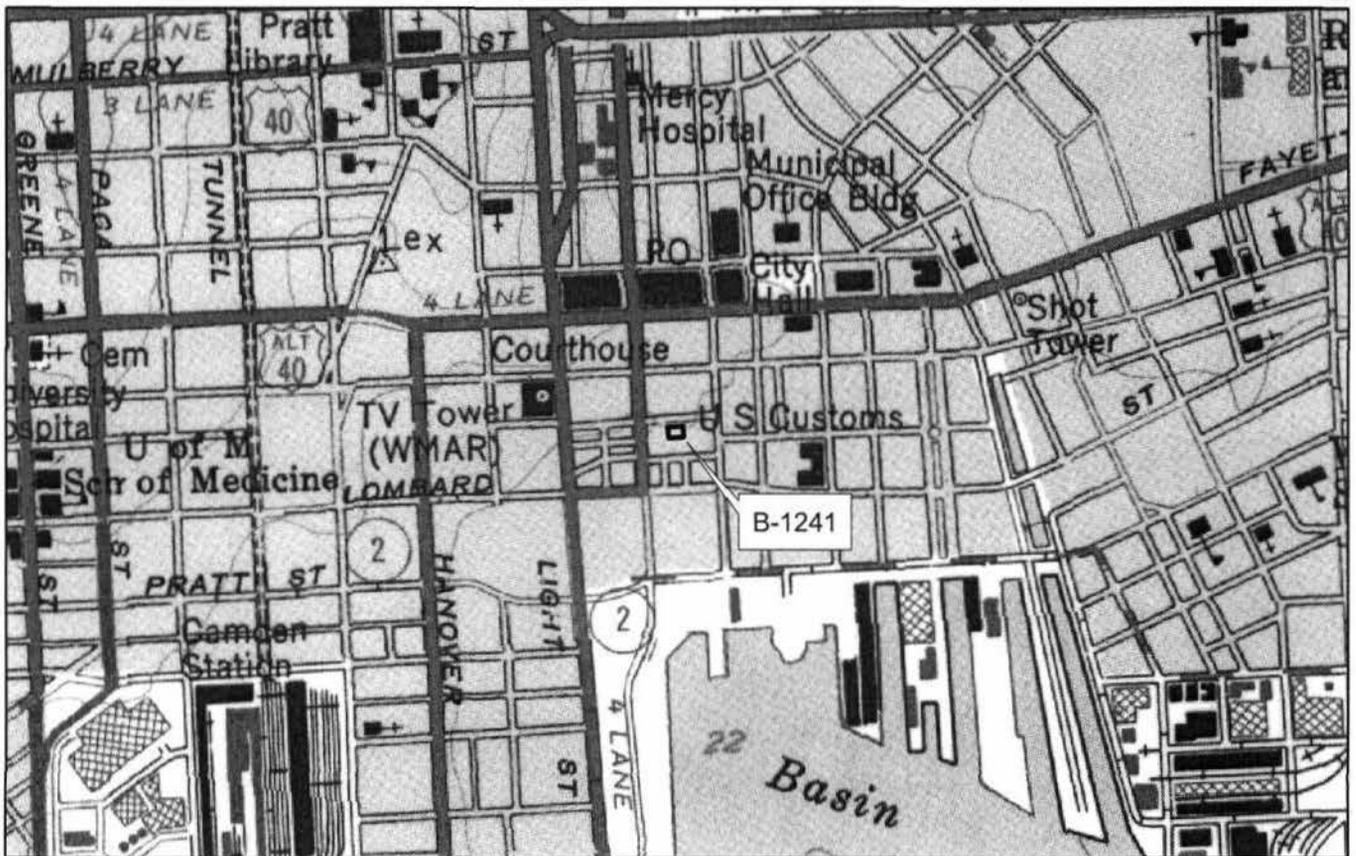
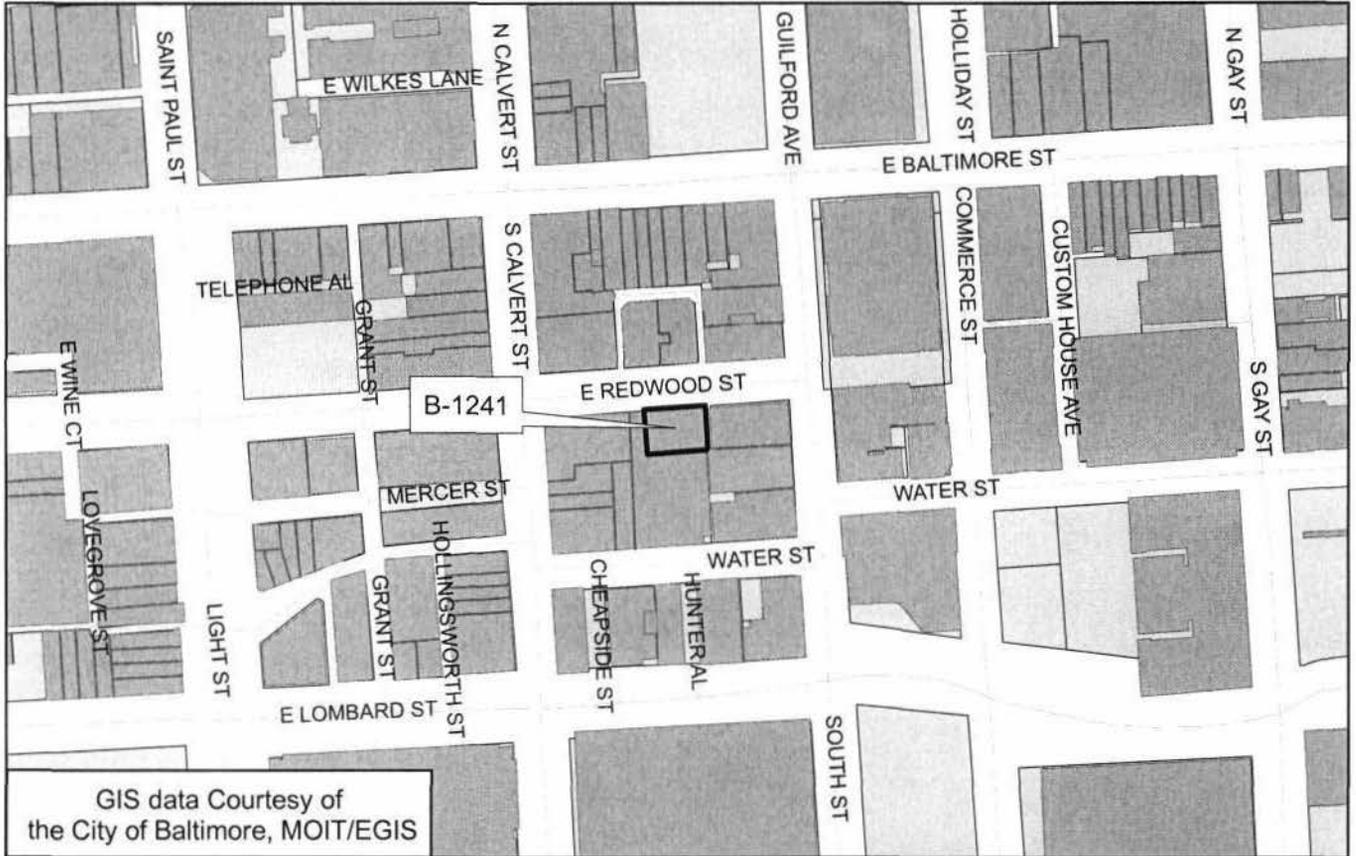
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