

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0412563334

Address: Sidewalk at 201 East Redwood Street
 Current Name: Keyser Bomb and Rack

Block:	Lot:	Lot size:
Height:		Materials:
Condition: Good		Owner:
Use: Monument		Accessible: Yes
Designation: None		Liber/Folio:



Historic Name: Keyser Bomb and Rack
 Date: 1812
 Architect/Builder:
 Style (if appropriate):

Description:

Directly in front of the Keyser Building at 201 East Redwood Street is a bowling bowl shaped bomb surmounted on an iron rack. The structure stands four feet high near the curb. A plaque positioned on the rack states, "This Bomb was fired from a British Warship during the bombardment of Fort McHenry September 13 and 14, 1814 and fell inside the Fort. It was presented to Michael Keyser by an officer of the Fort. The rack on which it rests was used to bend bar iron so that it could be advantageously loaded into the old Conestoga wagons before wagon transportation had been superseded by Railroads."

Significance:

Area: History

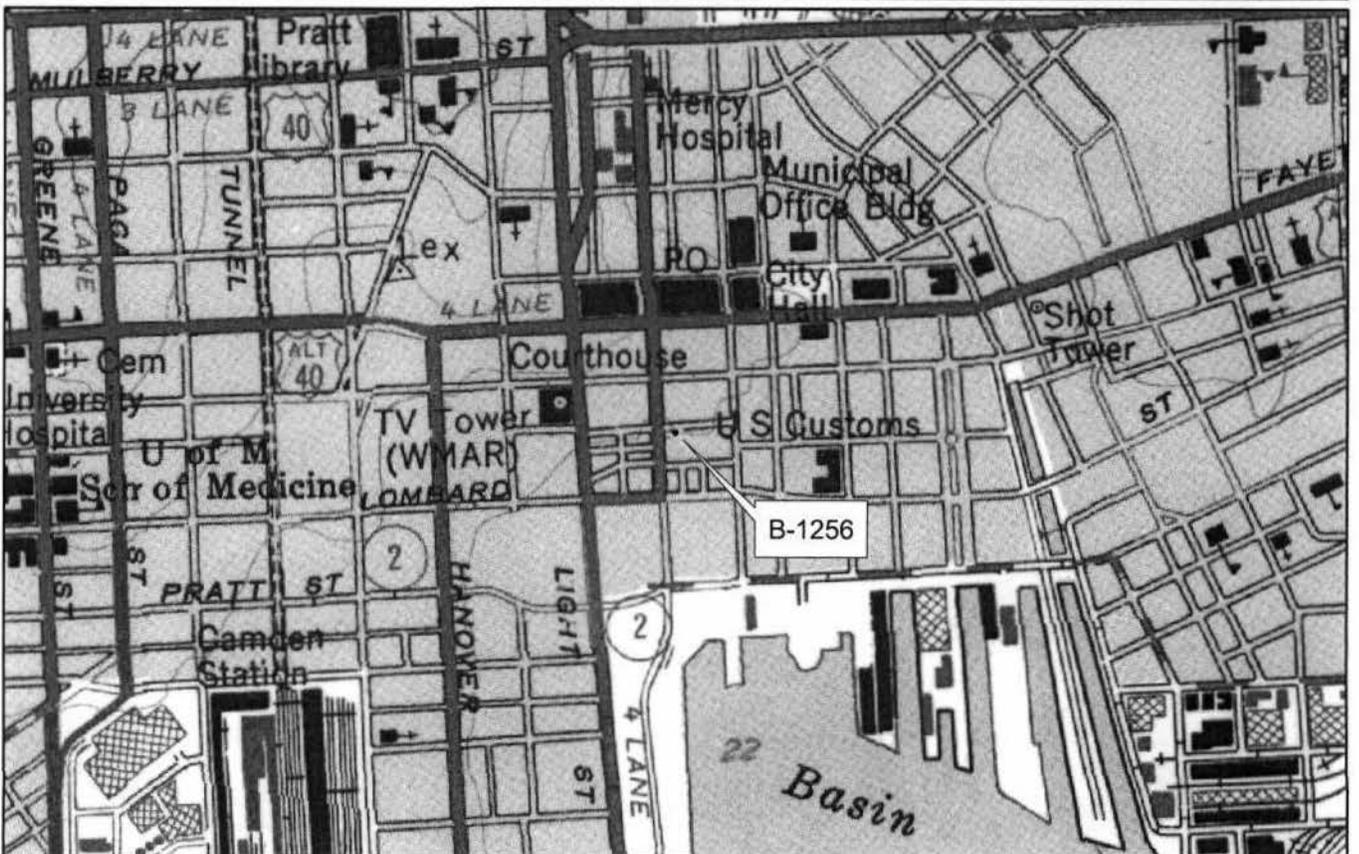
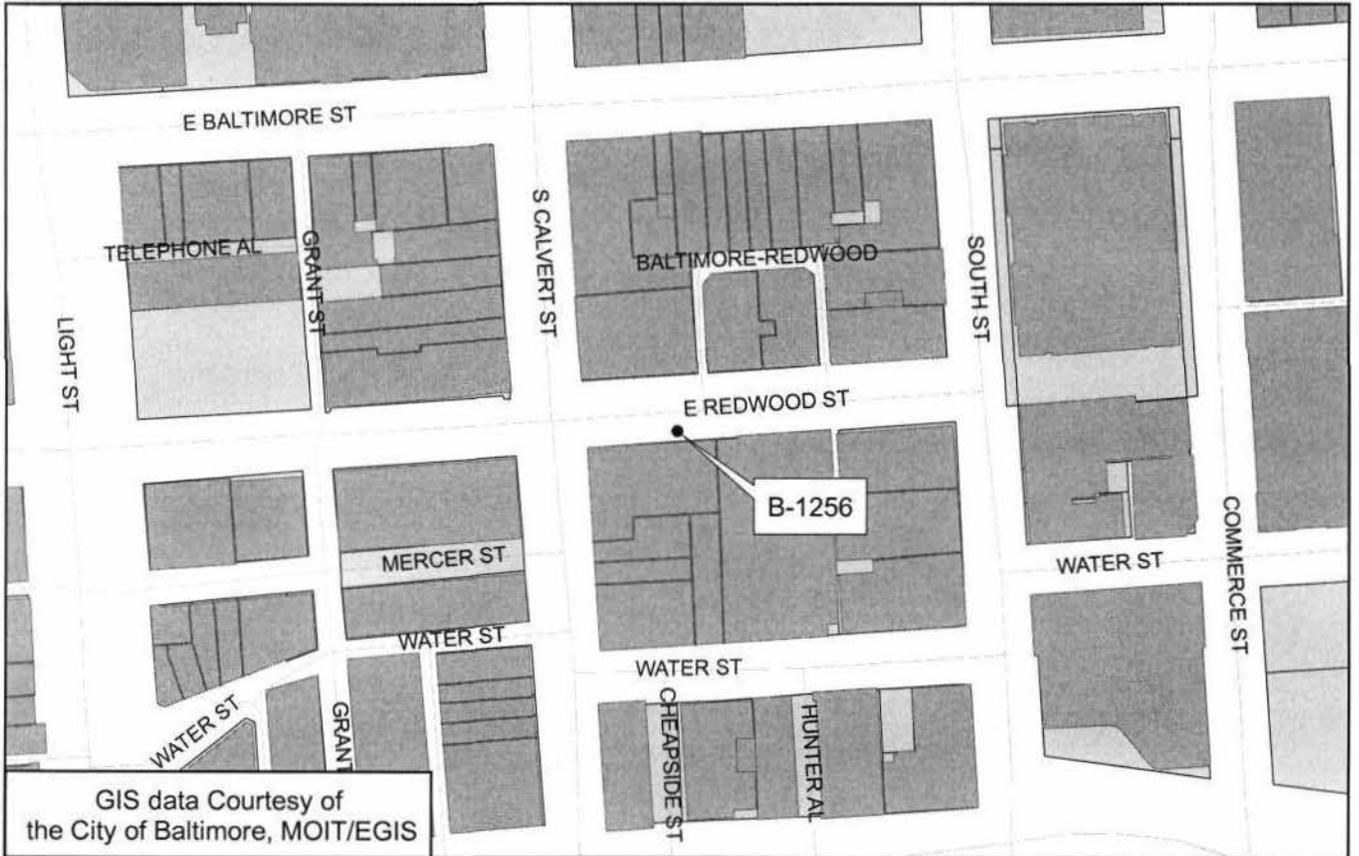
Level: Local

This small monument is virtually un-noticed in the midst of the Financial District. Standing next to parking meters of the same size, it is lost among the meters, street signs and light poles. It is not known when the rack and bomb were erected, although the location in front of the Keyser Building indicates an early twentieth century origin. The bomb itself dates from 1812. This is an unusual small monument which has been almost entirely overlooked.

Sources:

Surveyor and Date: Fred B. Shoken, July 1985

B-1256
Keyser Bomb & Rack (Keyser Cannon Ball & Rack)
201 E. Redwood Street
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad





B-1256

Keyser Bomb and Rack
Sidewalk at 201 E. Redwood Street
Financial District-Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Caroline Hardy
Date: July 1985
Neg.loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
South side of sidewalk