BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY

SURVEY NO.: B-977

AREA: Cathedral Hill

MAGI NO.: 0409775411

Address: 11-15 East Saratoga Street
Current Name: Daily Record Building

Block: 608 Lot: 7/8 Lot size: 46 ft. x 110 ft.
Height: 4 Materials: Stucco over brick
Condition: Good Owner: Daily Record Company
Use: Commercial Accessible: Yes, unrestricted
Designation: Liber/Folio: SCL 4744/33

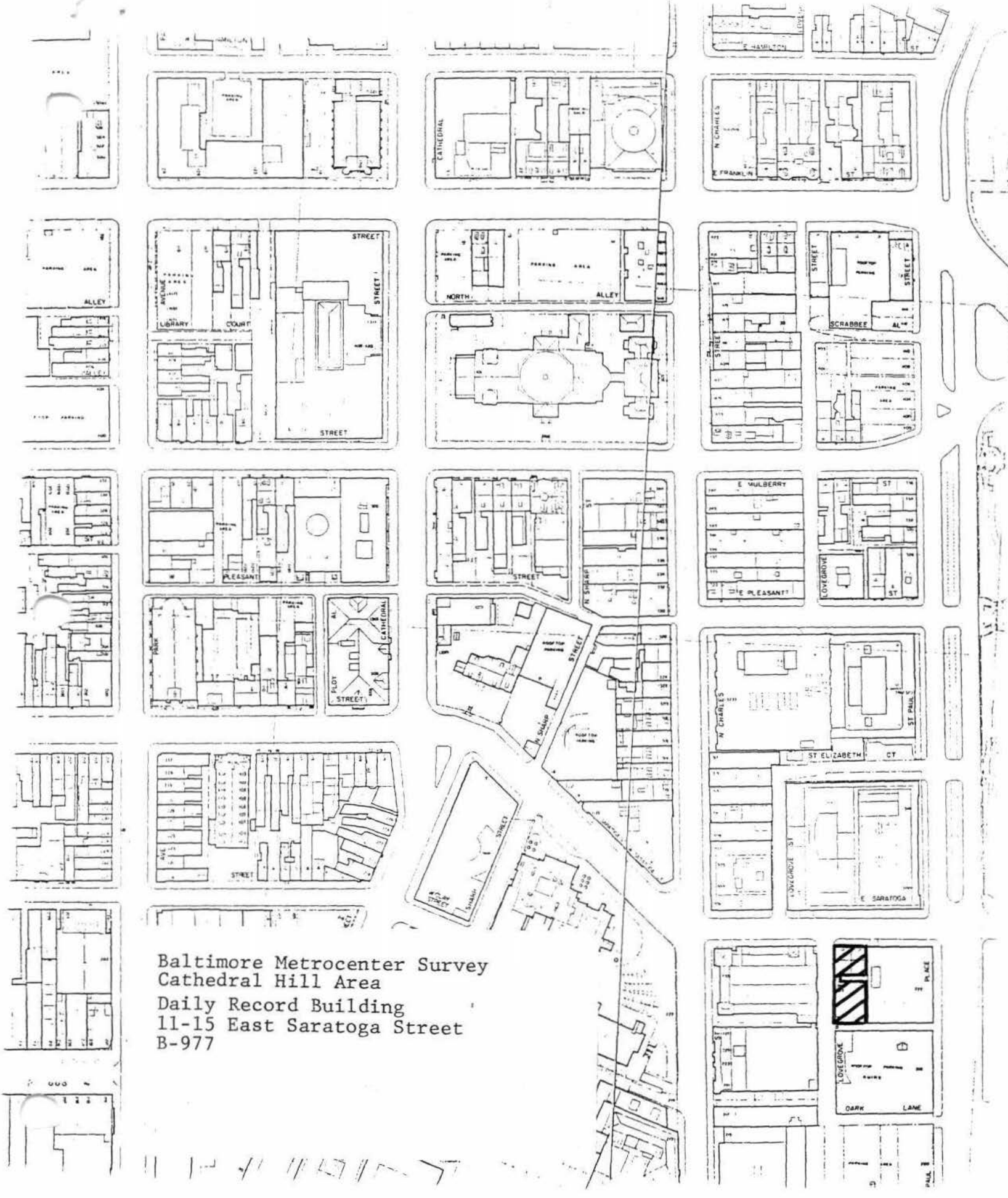
Historic Name:
Date: ca. 1840
Architect/Builder: Henry A. Knott & Co., builder (1927 exterior)
Style (if appropriate):

Description: The building consists of two three-bay brick rowhouses built on an incline from west to east which were remodeled on the interior in the late 1920's to form a single office building. The brick exteriors were united under a layer of gray stucco which was scored on the main elevation to resemble ashlar stone. A metal cornice is attached above the first story. Arched windows on the first floor have carved applied shields and medallions in the spandrels between the arches. An outline arch in the stucco above the main entrance bears the incised name "Daily Record Building 11 - 15". Plate glass windows and modern glass and metal doors occupy all the first floor bays. The second floor also has modern steel sash. The upper floors have 1/1 sash and wood sills. The gable roofs each have a single dormer. A vertical applied sign reading "The Daily Record" is affixed to the northwest corner of the building, facing west on Saratoga Street.

Significance:
Area: architecture, communications Level: Local

This building is an interesting study in exterior remodeling to unify two mid-19th century residential rowhouses into a single commercial building. The stucco scoring echoes the genuine ashlar stone of the more elaborate facades nearby on Charles Street. The effect is somewhat flawed by the stepped siting of the two original buildings and the retained gable roofs and dormers. The Daily Record was established in 1870 as the Maryland Law Record by Edwin Warfield, later Governor of Maryland from 1904 to 1907. In 1888, the weekly became daily and changed its name to The Daily Record. In 1891, the first Daily Record Building was built on the southwest corner of St. Paul and East Fayette Streets. When this structure was destroyed in the 1904 Fire, the Record took temporary quarters at 321 St. Paul Street and in 1915, purchased 15 East Saratoga Street. In 1927, No. 11 was acquired and the present stucco exterior applied by Henry A. Knott & Co., which also added a 3-story brick extension on the rear in 1935. The newspaper's purpose, "... to give a concise daily record of the business transacted in the courts ... legal notices ... dealings in real estate ... stock markets", proved to be of continuing importance. After the 1904 Fire, the real estate notes provided information on temporary business locations, property sales, new construction, names of architects and builders, and commentary on the activities of the Burnt District Commission.

Sources: Md. Bar J. 13 (Spr. 80), 32-36.
Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, February 1985



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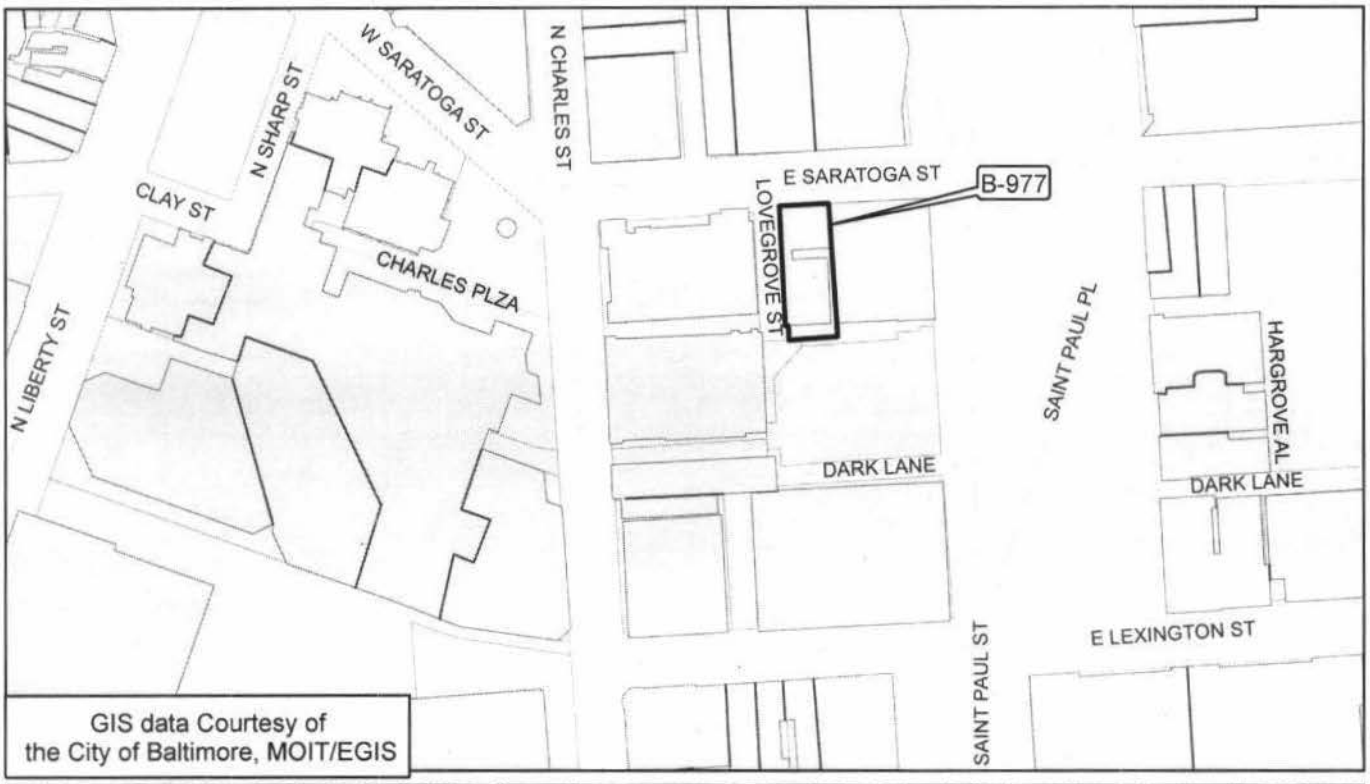

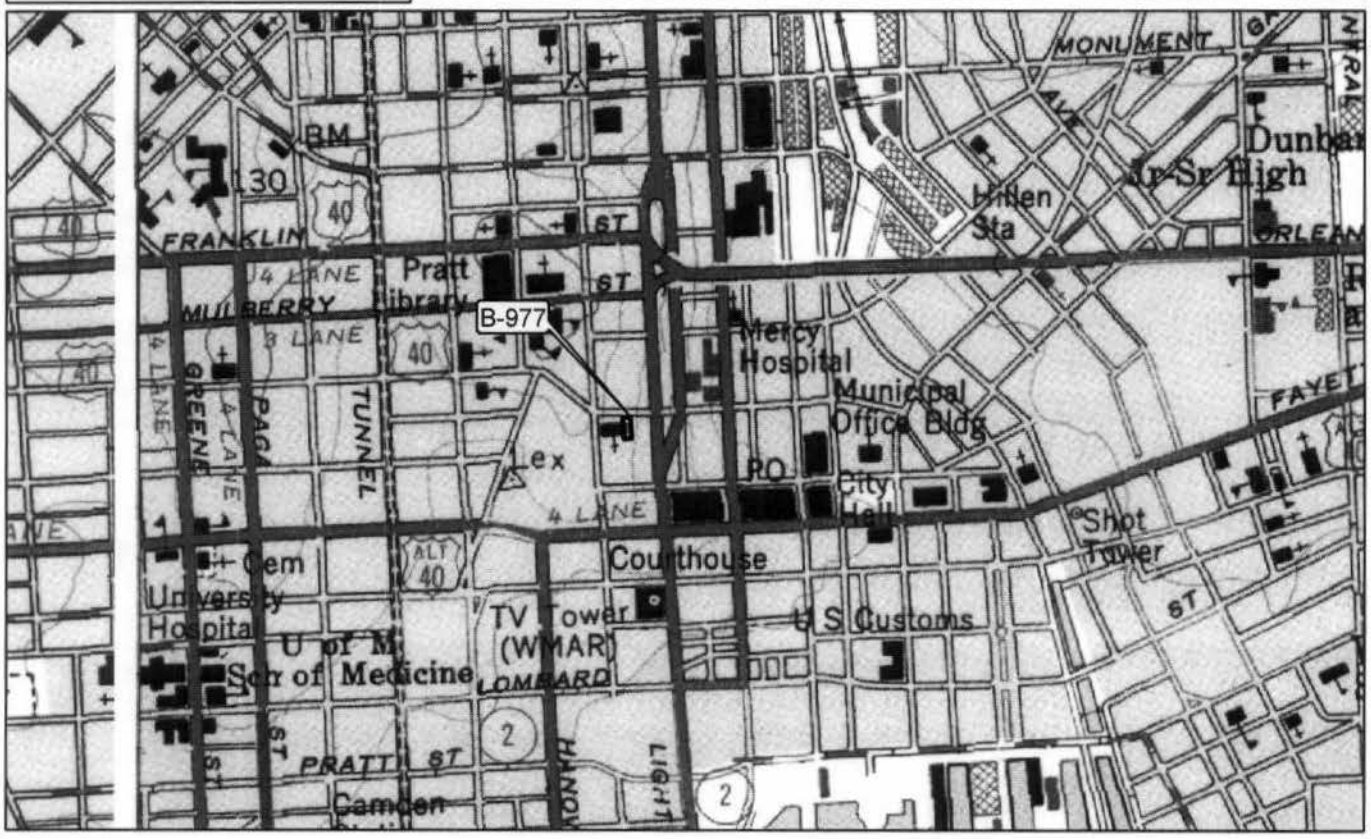

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