

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0411885711

Address: 5 Light Street

Current Name:

Block: 649 Lot: 2

Lot size: 40' x 147'

Height: 11 stories

Materials: Brick

Condition: Good

Owner: Five Light Street Ltd. Part.

Use: Offices

Accessible: Yes

Designation: None

Liber/Folio: RHB 3650-360



Historic Name: C & P Telephone Building

Date: 1905

Architect/Builder: Eidlitz & McKenzie (New York)

Style (if appropriate):

Description:

This eleven story high, three bay wide brick building with stone trim features rusticated brick work on the first two floors. Stone quoins surround the openings and define the corners of the base of the building. The main entrance is set into a stone surround with large end brackets and simple entablature at the south end of the building. A large aluminum frame window and modern entrance to a bank are located at street level. The second floor features one over one windows with stone sills and lintels. A plain cornice completes the base of the building. On the next five floors, the buff brick walls are punctuated by one over one windows set into slightly projecting brick surrounds with splayed lintels and pronounced keystones. Rusticated brick pilasters above decorated stone brackets define the eighth and ninth floors. The tenth floor ends in a large corbelled brick cornice with large ornamental end brackets. The last two floors of the building are more sparsely decorated. Simple pilasters flank recessed one over one windows ending in a plain cornice and central flagpole.

Significance:

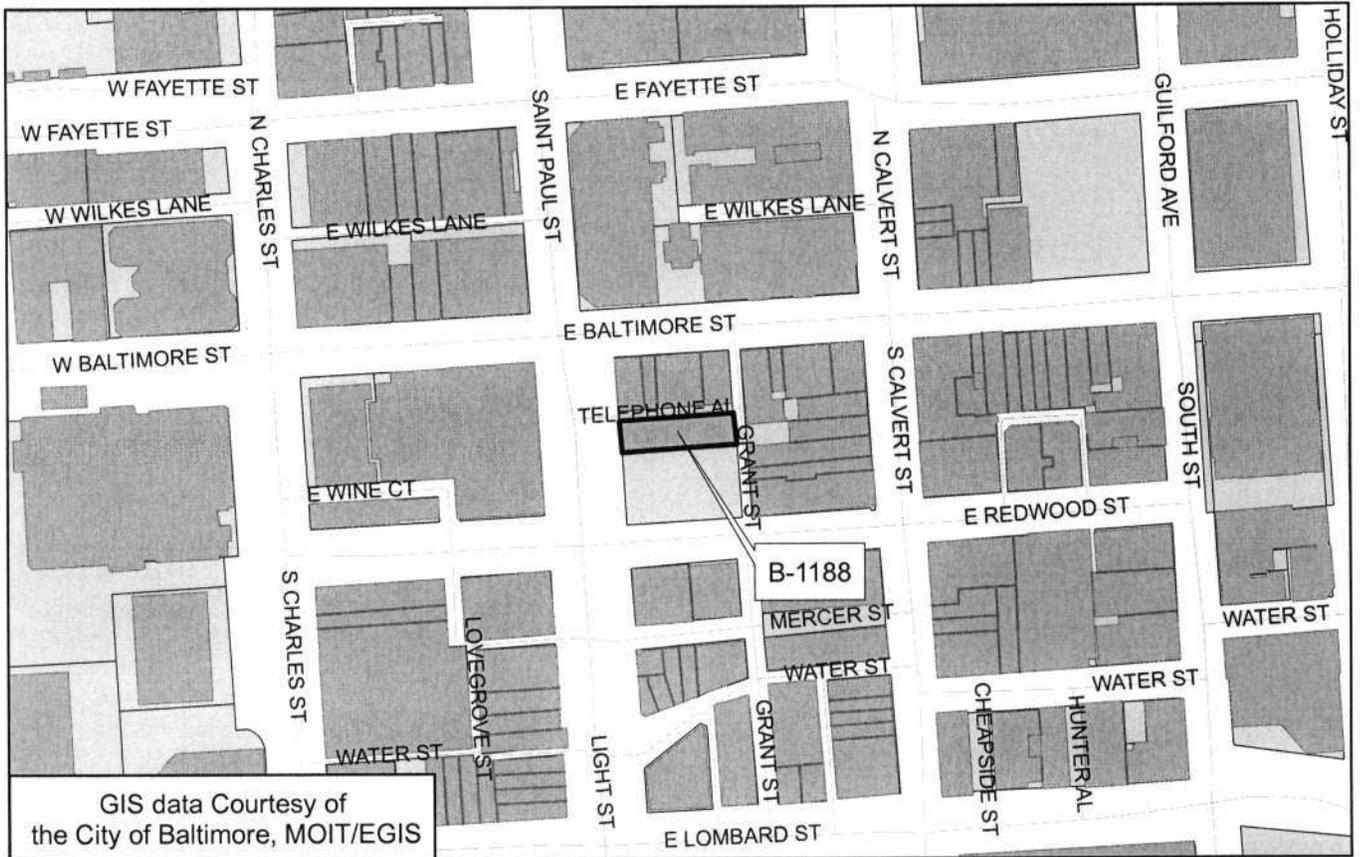
Area: Architecture

Level: Local

This building was built for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. The architects were the New York firm of Eidlitz and McKenzie, who are best known for the Old New York Times Building. The building was originally nine stories high. The last two floors were added in 1926. The design of these top two floors are not as ornate as the original nine floors of the building. Today, the building is somewhat overshadowed by the adjoining Southern Hotel. Although they are relatively the same height, the Southern Hotel is located at the prominent corner of Redwood and Light Streets.

Sources: BS 5/26/1905 p. 9 c. 3 (article); Power Pictorial 4/1926 p. 17
Surveyor and Date: Fred B. Shoken, July 1985.

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Old C&P Telephone Company Building
5 Light Street
Block 0649 Lot 002
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C & P Telephone Building
5 Light Street
Financial District-Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
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West elevation