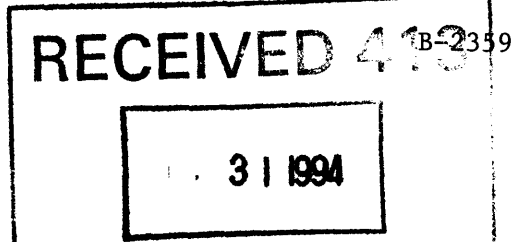


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See the *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" if not applicable. For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name BUILDING AT 409 WEST BALTIMROE STREET
other names/site number Calvert Dry Goods

2. Location

street & number 409 West Baltimore Street N/A not for publication
city, town Baltimore N/A vicinity
state Maryland code MD county Independent City code 510 zip code 21201

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Cast Iron Architecture of Baltimore, MD 1850-1904

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

[Signature] STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER 10/27/94
Signature of certifying official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Edson H. Beall Entered in the National Register 12-1-94

[Signature] Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/warehouse

INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/

manufacturing

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/warehouse

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

ITALIANATE

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

walls IRON

BRICK

roof ASPHALT

other WOOD

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

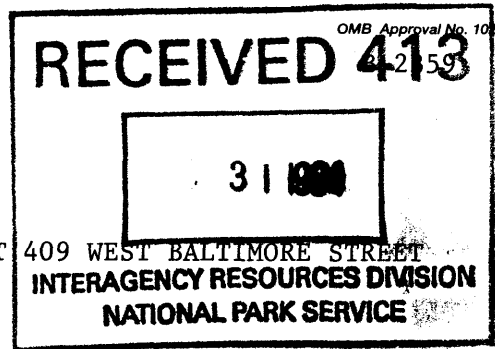
DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

The building at 409 West Baltimore Street, known historically as the N. Hess & Bro. Building, is a four-story brick commercial building with a cast-iron facade above an altered storefront, erected about 1875. It is located on the south side of West Baltimore Street about 160' west of North Eutaw Street in central Baltimore City, Maryland. The principal elevation faces north. The first floor storefront is completely obscured by a plain brick wall which extends across the adjoining building on the east (#407). This wall is pierced by two small rectangular fixed windows flanking the off-center entrance. The cast iron facade remains intact on the upper stories, however; it is three bays wide, defined by chamfered piers with foliated capitals flanking window openings whose arches have rounded corners and flat tops. Windows are large 2/2 sash. The floor levels are marked by intermediary cornices spanning between consoles; the building cornice has a deep bracket overhang above a paneled frieze enriched with quatrefoil appliques. The building is occupied by a wholesale clothing business.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:¹

This building is a three bay wide brick structure with a flat sloping roof; it adjoins other commercial buildings on both sides. The building to the east, #407, is under joint ownership; the two buildings are united on the exterior by an altered storefront. This comprises a plain red brick wall punctuated by two small rectangular single-pane windows and an off-center entrance with double doors. The original storefront cornice is enclosed in a box. A large modern sign is located above the entrance; a tiled entrance platform is inscribed "A. Falk & Sons", recalling an occupant of the building in the early to mid-twentieth century.

The upper facade is virtually unchanged. The large 2/2 windows are framed by chamfered piers and topped with flat arches with rounded corners. The piers have stylized capitals in a foliated design. The deeply overhanging cornice is supported on foliated brackets above a paneled frieze with quatrefoil designs. The upper facade is painted in shades of cream and brown.

¹ Description prepared by Janet L. Davis, 1986.

8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c.1875

Significant Dates

c.1875

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

THEME:

Cast Iron Architecture in Baltimore, MD, 1850-1904.

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The building at 409 West Baltimore Street is significant as representing a Full Cast Iron Front type building.

See continuation sheet no. 2

for Historic Context and Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan data.

Baltimore City Directories, 1870s-1940s

Kahn, Philip, Jr. A Stitch in Time: The Four Seasons of Baltimore's Needle Trades (Baltimore: The Maryland Historical Society, 1989).

National Register Nomination, Rieman Block, on file at Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Maryland.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

USGS quad: Baltimore East, MD

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

Boundaries are defined as a single city lot, specifically identified as Block 642, Lot 19, recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore City, Maryland.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property comprises the city lot upon which the resource stands.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Modern, 1930-[1941]

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning
Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

COMMERCE/TRADE/warehouse
INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/manufacturing
facility

Known Design Source: None

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MarylandSection number 8 Page 3**HISTORY AND SUPPORT:**

Documentary and architectural evidence suggest that the four-story iron front building at 409 West Baltimore Street was constructed at the same time as the adjacent #407, about 1875. In 1854, the property on which the building stands was sold to Henry Reiman (1786-1865), a successful and influential Baltimore businessman with interests in meat packing, provisions, and a sugar refinery. Henry Reiman & Sons operated a wholesale grocery business on the site; following the elder Rieman's death in 1865, the property passed to his sons Alexander, William J., and Joseph. Tax records for 1866 indicate that the property was improved by a three-story brick house; within ten years, this structure was removed and replaced with the "four story iron warehouse" for which the three Reiman brothers and John Black were assessed in 1876. Like their father, the Rieman brothers were involved in a variety of successful enterprises in the city. Alexander Rieman was President of the Western Maryland Railroad Company. William J. Rieman was a dealer in provisions and commission merchandise. Joseph Rieman (1822-1898) was an officer of several corporations, a member of the Committee of Five which encouraged industrial development in the city, and was involved in real estate development; among his projects was the "Rieman Block" (1880), a mixed commercial and residential block at 617-631 West Lexington Street. (NR Nomination, Reiman Block, MHT.)

The boot and shoe factory of N. Hess and Brother occupied the building in 1876. Nathan Hess, shoemaker, immigrated from Germany in 1852 and began manufacturing shoes in Baltimore in 1872 in partnership with his brother Sol. Nathan Hess died in 1883; his youngest son, Isaac, was 13 years old at that time, but later ran the business with his own sons. Isaac Hess established the retail branch of the business, opening the N. Hess men's shoe store in 1890 at 110 East Baltimore Street, with the entire stock supplied by the Hess factory. The retail store was destroyed in the 1904 fire, but was rebuilt the following year. Isaac Hess also introduced a successful line of orthopedic shoes. The firm has grown through the twentieth century to enjoy a national reputation in the retail shoe trade. (Kahn, pp. 65-65n.)

Following the death of Nathan Hess in 1883, the Hess firm

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moved out of the building. By 1898, Mendel Schwartz & Sons, wholesale clothiers, had become the occupants. The Baltimore City directory for that year lists the principals in that firm as Mendel, Jacob, and Samuel L. Schwartz. The 1898 tax records indicate the tenant as W.J. Schwartz & Sons. The building remained in use as a clothing factory at least as late as 1911, when it is shown as such on a Sanborn insurance map. In 1919, the property was sold to Alexander Falk, whose wholesale dry goods and general merchandise firms occupied the structure until 1958, when the property was sold to Emmanuel Carton, proprietor of Baltimore Dry Goods. In 1983, the property passed to Bernard Carton, who also owned the adjacent building at 407 W. Baltimore Street; the two structures were joined at that time. It is currently occupied by the Discount Depot, a clothing retailer.