

REDWOOD STREET (233-239 East)

Baltimore

SW corner of Redwood and South Streets

In 1869 the Consolidated Real Estate and Fire Insurance Company erected a 5-story ironfront generally called the 'Consolidated Building' on this corner, and moved into it. In January, 1875 it was gutted by fire, and while the firm rebuilt - possibly a story lower - and moved back in, the strain appears to have been too much for it; in 1879 it sold the building to John W. Garrett and expired offsite ca. 1883. Mr. Garrett let the 'Consol-

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idated Building', as it continued to be known, to a changing assortment of tenants right up to the day of its destruction - along with all its neighbors - in the 1904 Baltimore Fire, but he was slow in reconstructing it ; not until 1912 did the 13-story Garrett Building open on its site, headquarters of the family firm of Robert Garrett & Sons, investment bankers (among others).

The investment firm dissolved in the mid-1970s

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but the building, which today houses mainly law offices, remains. [1999]

Baltimore Sun, October 18, 1879, page 1, column H
Murray's Unheralded heroes (1969) p. 12

Howard's Monumental City (1873) page 266 ill. Ca.
1873 view of 'Consolidated Building' from NE,
under title '20 South Street' (John A. Ham-
bleton & Co.) Magnificent engraving

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Mooney's Finanacial interests of Baltimore (1913)
page 62 Ill. [Artist's rendering of Gar-
ret Building as seen from the northeast]

The trade, commerce and manufacture of
Baltimore (1887) page 68 Ill. [Re-
duced-scale version of same view
of 'Consolidated Building' that
appeared on page 266 of Howard's
Monumental City (1873) [q.v.]]