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Hello All.

I've attached a few vintage images that depict the Vallender block at 127-129 State Street and the Stark building at 122-124 W. Mifflin Street. These are invaluable historic corner buildings on this block and are deserving of restoration, preservation and interpretation. I have also copied the script about the Vallender building below, which was included in a talk presented at a Capitol Neighborhoods program on May 25, 2006 and recorded on video by the City Channel 12 staff.

Thank you.
Gary Tipler

Frank Vallender Building, 127-129 State

It was built in two sections, and it's unclear which came first, though likely the eastern part.

All or part of the building was built in 1867 (WSJ, 3-25-1868) for Frank Vallender. He ran a saloon here ca 1867-1880. A German immigrant and a Turner, Vallender also served the volunteer fire crew that used the station next door. The other part of the building was used by a William Vallender, who had a barber shop (in 127). After Frank quit the saloon business he also worked as a barber in his relative's shop. That part of the building continued to be a barber shop until sometime after 1939, making it the longest term barber shop of any building remaining in the city. Circa 1909, the corner section was used as a tailor shop and also clothing cleaners, run by various people, but continuing past 1939. Both Vallenders lived upstairs for a time.

It is significant as a very early vernacular commercial building in Madison that was built in the Rundbogunstile or German round arch style.

Paul Stark Company, 124 W. Mifflin. By architect Frank Riley.



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