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I picked up this photo for the archives.

It is obviously St. Michael's so nothing special about that really.

But it is old.

There is another photo taken at nearly the same spot with the same view in 1865. That photo shows the devastation of bombing from the Civil War. The photo is at the Library of Congress:



Notice that in the LOC photo you can see the same odd white spot on the base of the steeple. That

has been pointed to as evidence that the steeple was painted black in the Civil War to make it harder to see as a target for Federal forces. (I have never understood why that would be a good idea, but it is repeated often.) And, that same spot appears in the attached photo.

But there is no sign of damage. So, was the attached photo before the damage was inflicted or after a clean up? Probably after. Notice that there are TWO trees on the sidewalk ahead of the photographer in the LOC pic but only ONE in the attached image.

There is also an aerial view taken from St. Michael's looking north in 1892. It shows the building on the extreme right of the attached photo with stucco, but the attached photo shows it without stucco.

So the attached photo must be 1865-1892. I would err on the early end of that spectrum since St. Michael's had not been repainted yet. Late 1860s? 1870s?

I don't know.

It's not a great image since the view is kind of generic, but I got it anyway just because any photo that is 130 years old is worth having!

Kevin

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