

Form 10-300
(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Alexandria (City)	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: ALEXANDRIA HISTORIC DISTRICT	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Alexandria			
STATE Virginia	CODE 51	COUNTY: Alexandria (City)	CODE 510

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☒ District ☐ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☐ Private ☒ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☐ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☐ Agricultural ☒ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☒ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☐ Park ☒ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Comments			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
City Hall			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE	
Alexandria	Virginia	51	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: HABS			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1941			
☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Washington	D.C.	11	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☐ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☐ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

a. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Alexandria was a thriving port until 1861, dealing primarily in the export of tobacco and grain. Tobacco was the currency with which John Alexander in 1669 purchased the site of the future town. It was also tobacco that brought Scotch merchants to the site in 1732, where they soon erected riverfront warehouses. The rapid growth of the area spurred Virginia's General Assembly to authorize the laying out of a town in 1748. Its original trustees named the town "Alexandria" in honor of John Alexander. The survey of the town was made by the Fairfax County Surveyor and his 17-year old assistant, George Washington. The formal incorporation of the town, plus its designation as a Port of Entry, occurred in 1779. Soon, grain from western counties became a more valuable export than tobacco. Only the Civil War ended its usefulness as a port.

Surviving structures that reflect Alexandria's early life number about 200 and lie largely within an area of about 25 squares of the modern city, bounded roughly by the Potomac River, Franklin Street, North Washington Street and Queen Street. These structures include both warehouses and handsome dwellings. Of the latter, the Ramsay House is the city's oldest. Gadsby's Tavern (actually two buildings dating, respectively, from 1752 and 1792) was a famed center of hospitality, food and political activity. Chequire House and Gilpin House exemplify rich 18th-century dwellings atop the owner's mercantile establishments. Along a cobblestone and tree shaded block of Prince Street are the colorful homes of early ship masters. Of the five surviving early warehouses, those of John Fitzgerald are still in use. Title to Alexandria's historic buildings rests in various private owners and public bodies.

b. BOUNDARIES: Please see attached Ordinance No. 1338

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--|---|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Education | ☐ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☐ Religion/Phi- | ☐ Other (Specify) |
| ☐ Historic | ☒ Industry | losophy | _____ |
| ☐ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Science | _____ |
| ☐ Architecture | ☐ Landscape | ☐ Sculpture | _____ |
| ☐ Art | ☐ Architecture | ☐ Social/Human- | _____ |
| ☒ Commerce | ☐ Literature | itarian | _____ |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Military | ☐ Theater | _____ |
| ☐ Conservation | ☐ Music | ☐ Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The numerous early structures on Alexandria's waterfront suggest the prosperity of the town during the period, 1732-1861, in which it was an important tobacco and grain port. About 200 structures dating from that period remain today. These structures include warehouses, taverns, mercantile establishments, and private dwellings. Outstanding among these are the Ramsay House, the city's oldest; Gadsby's Tavern; Chequire House; Gilpin House; and the houses along Prince Street. Most of the historic buildings in the district are privately owned.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	38 ° 49 ' 03 "	77 ° 02 ' 20 "				
SE	38 ° 47 ' 26 "	77 ° 02 ' 20 "				
SW	38 ° 47 ' 26 "	77 ° 03 ' 15 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Frank S. Melvin

ORGANIZATION

Virginia State Office, National Park Service

DATE

6/30/72

STREET AND NUMBER:

Box 10008

CITY OR TOWN:

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23240

CODE

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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date 11/5/68

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date 11/13/66

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Ordinance No. 1338

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 42-85, Article XIV, Chapter 42 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 42 relates to ZONING, which Article XIV relates to OLD AND HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT, and which Section 42-85 relates to CREATION; BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to due and timely notice of the time and place of hearing published in a daily paper of general circulation published in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, a public hearing was held in relation to the matters hereinafter set forth, at which public hearing parties in interest and citizens had an opportunity to be heard.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 42-85; Article XIV, Chapter 42 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 42-85. Creation; boundaries.

There is hereby created in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, a district to be known as the "Old and Historic Alexandria District", beginning at a point, said point being the intersection of the centerline of Queen Street with the west bank of the Potomac River; thence westward along the centerline of Queen Street to the centerline of Lee Street; thence northward along the centerline of Lee Street to the center line of Princess Street; thence westward with the centerline of Princess Street to a point 123.42 feet west of the west line of Pitt Street; thence northward and parallel to the west line of Pitt Street to a point 176.58 feet north of the north line of Oronoco Street; thence westward from such point and paralleling the north line of Oronoco Street to a point 173.42 feet east of the centerline of North Washington Street; thence north paralleling North Washington Street to the centerline of First Street; thence east with the centerline of First Street to a point 500 feet east of the centerline of North Washington Street; thence north along a line 500 feet east of the centerline of George Washington Memorial Highway to the north city limits; thence west with the north city line to a point 500 feet west of the centerline of George Washington Memorial Highway; thence south along a line 500 feet west of the centerline of George Washington Memorial Highway to the centerline of First Street; thence east with the centerline of First Street to a point 173.42 feet west of the centerline of North Washington Street; thence south paralleling North Washington Street to a point 176.58 feet north of the north line of Oronoco Street; thence west to a point 123.42 feet west of the west line of Columbus Street; thence southward and parallel to the west side of Columbus Street to a point 176.58 feet north of the north line of Queen Street; thence westward paralleling Queen Street to a point 123.42 feet

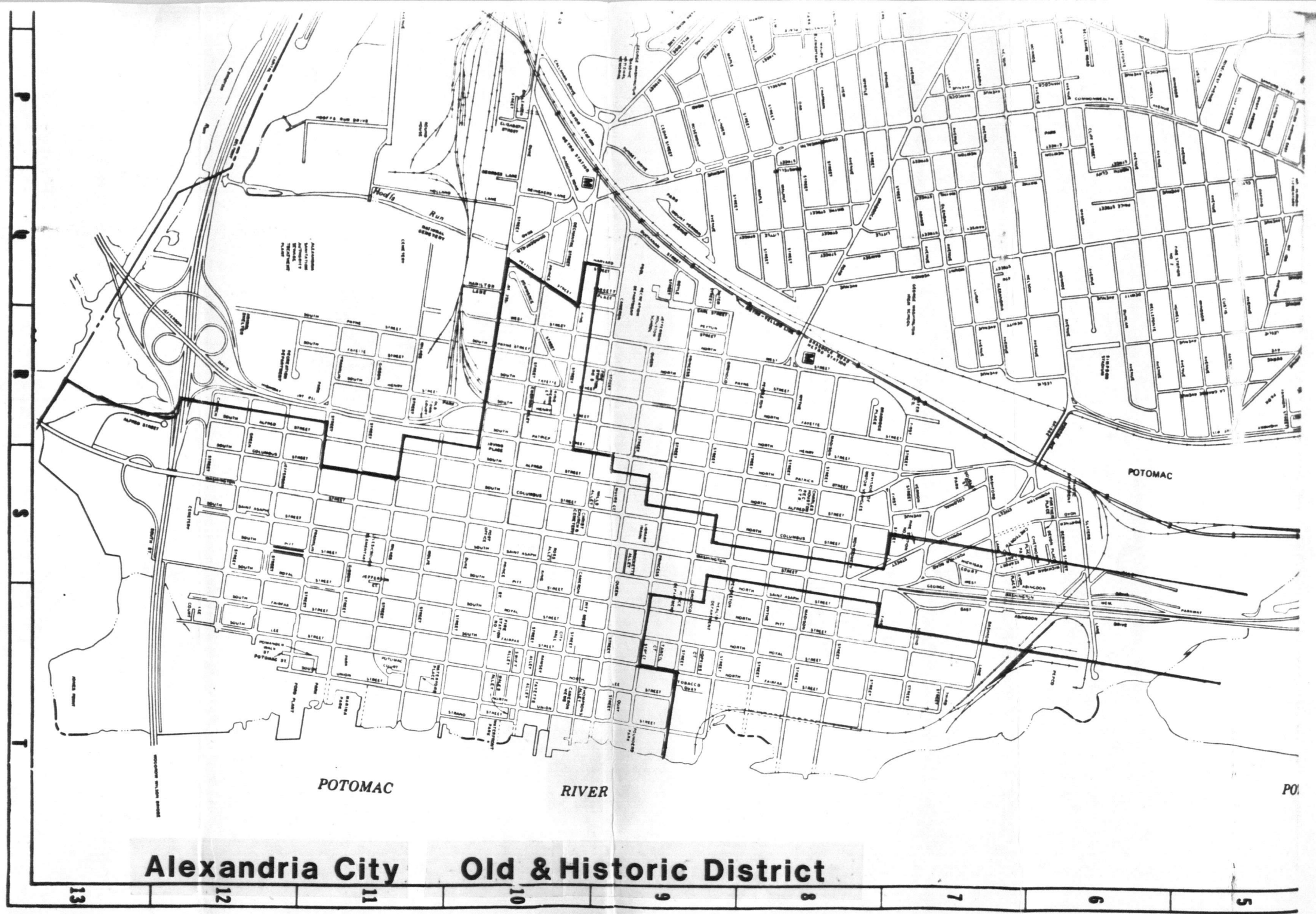
west of the west line of Alfred Street; thence southward and parallel to the west line of Alfred Street to a point 176.58 feet south of the south line of Queen Street; thence westward paralleling the south line of Queen Street to a point on the centerline of Patrick Street; thence southward along the centerline of Patrick Street to a point 142.58 feet north of the north line of Prince Street; thence westward and parallel to the north line of Prince Street to the centerline of South Henry Street; thence south along said centerline 42.58 feet to a point; thence westward parallel to the north line of Prince Street being also the south line of two 10 foot wide alleys to a point 83.42 feet west of the west line of South Fayette Street; thence northerly parallel to the west line of Fayette Street 22 feet to a lot corner; thence westward 40 feet parallel to the north line of Prince Street; thence south 17.42 feet parallel to the west line of Fayette Street to the south line of a 12 foot wide alley; thence with said line westwardly parallel to Prince Street to the centerline of Payne Street; thence southward along the centerline of Payne Street to a point 100 feet south of the south line of Prince Street; thence eastwards paralleling Prince Street and 100 feet south of the south line of Prince Street to a point 123.42 feet west of the west line of Alfred Street; thence southward and parallel to the west line of Alfred Street, to the centerline of Wilkes Street; thence eastward along the centerline of Wilkes Street to the centerline of Columbus Street; thence southward with the centerline of Columbus Street to the centerline of Franklin Street; thence westward along the centerline of Franklin Street to a point 123.42 feet west of the west line of Alfred Street; thence southward and parallel with the west line of Alfred Street to the centerline of the Capital Beltway; thence eastward along the centerline of the Capital Beltway to a point on the extension of the centerline of Royal Street; thence southward along the extended centerline of Royal Street to the south city line in Hunting Creek; thence east with the south city line to the shore line of the Potomac River; thence north with the shore line of the Potomac River to the point of beginning.

Section 2. That in the opinion of the City Council an emergency exists and this is declared an EMERGENCY ORDINANCE as a companion ordinance to the height restriction amendment ordinance under consideration.

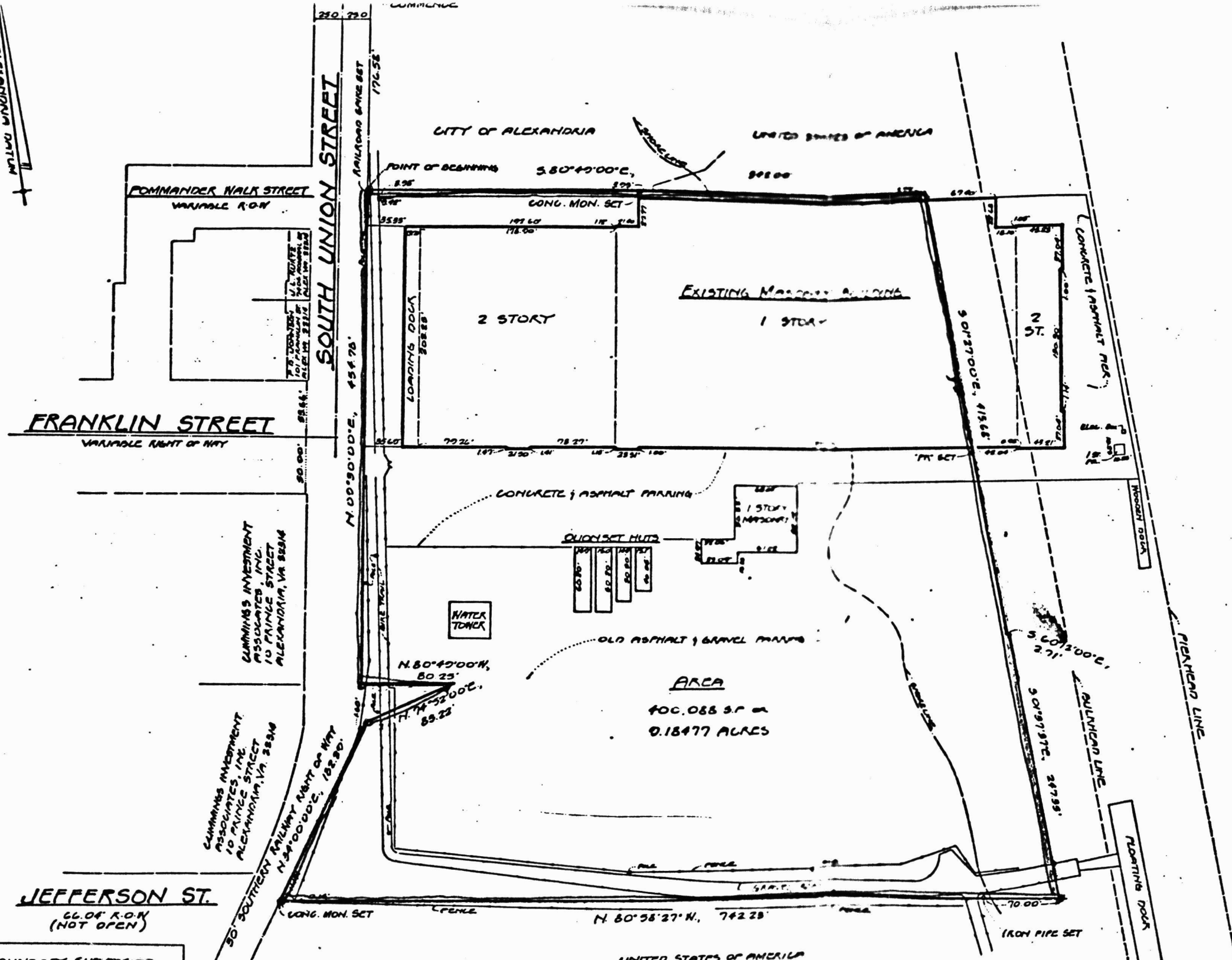
Section 3. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City not later than five days following its introduction together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The Clerk of the Council shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

FRANK E. MANN
Mayor

Final Passage: June 22, 1965



7 OF ALEXANDRIA DATUM



POTOMAC RIVER

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June 3, 1968

Enlarged

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18th Century
Boundaries of
Alexandria, Va.

Old and Historic
Alexandria
District boundary
before 1965.

Area removed
from Historic
District in
1965.

Area added
to Historic
District in
1965.

Present

boundary of
District (as
shown in 1965)

Archaeological

designated as
a National

Historic Landmark

by the Department
of Interior

Same boundary

is designated by the

Historic Alexandria

Restoration and

Preservation Commission

as its "restorable area"

This commission is a

State-City body and is

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recommend to the





George Mason Sch

St Marys Academy

St. Marys Sch

YARDS

Jefferson Park

St Agnes Sch

WINDSOR

GEORGE WASH. ST

Suburban Sch

BRADDOCK

BELLEVILLE

DAINGERFIELD

Bradnock Sch

De Ray

PO

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Immanuel

MONROE

AVE

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Branch

ALEXANDRIA

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June 3, 1968

Enlarged map

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Boundaries of
Alexandria, Va.

Old and Historic
Alexandria
District boundary
before 1965.

Area removed
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District in
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Area added
to Historic
District in
1965.

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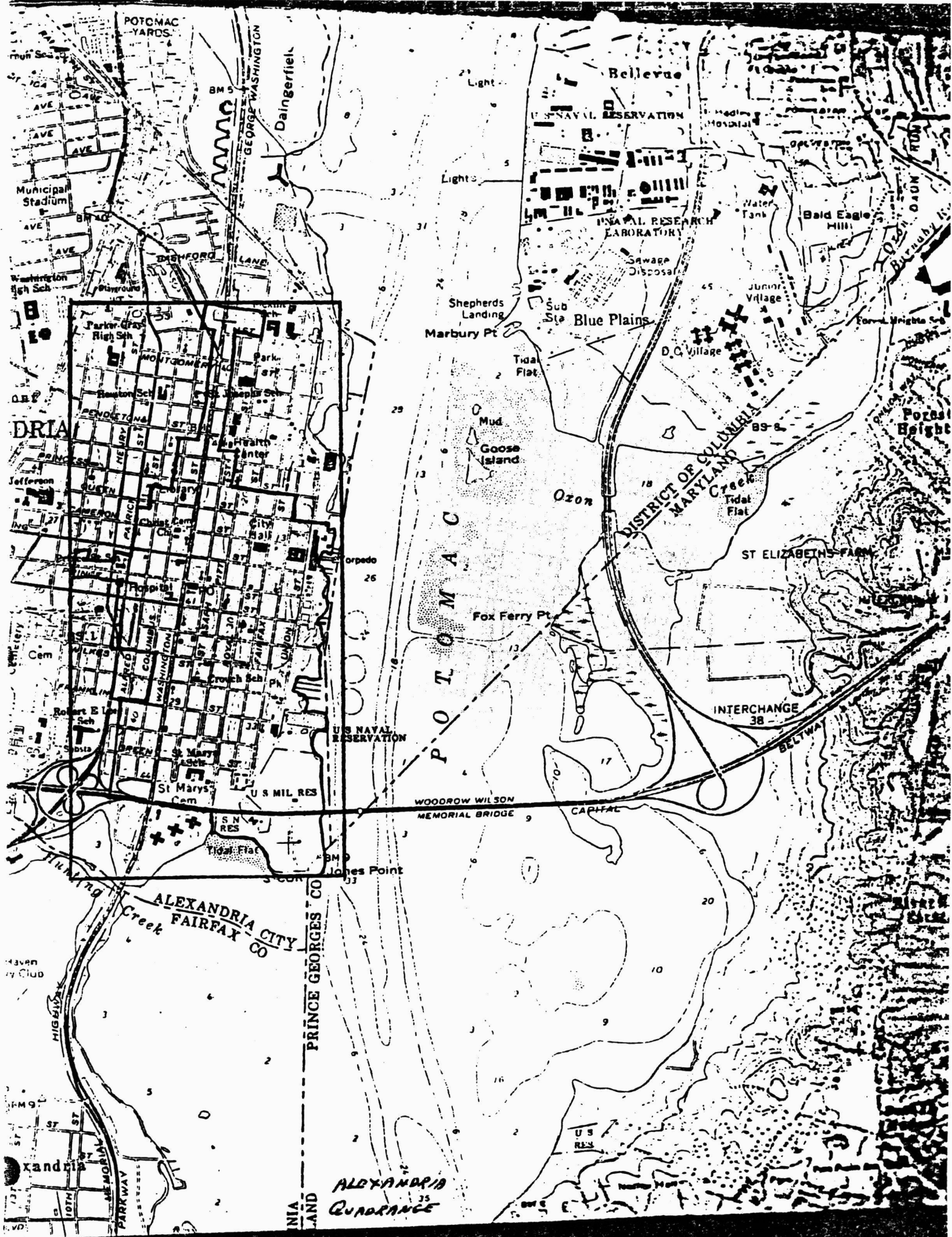
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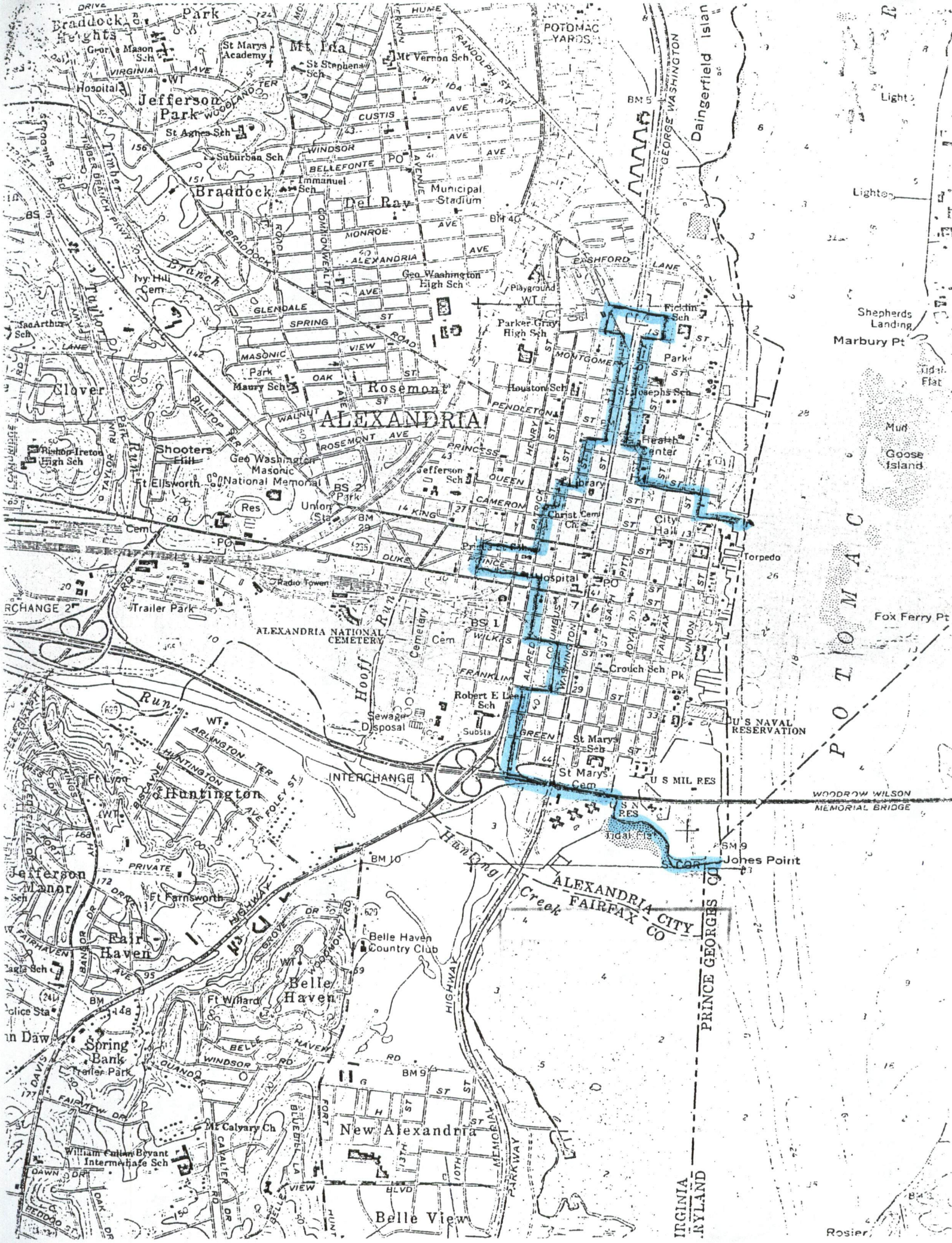
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Historic Alexandria
Commission and
the Historic Alexandria
Commission

City body and
that committee







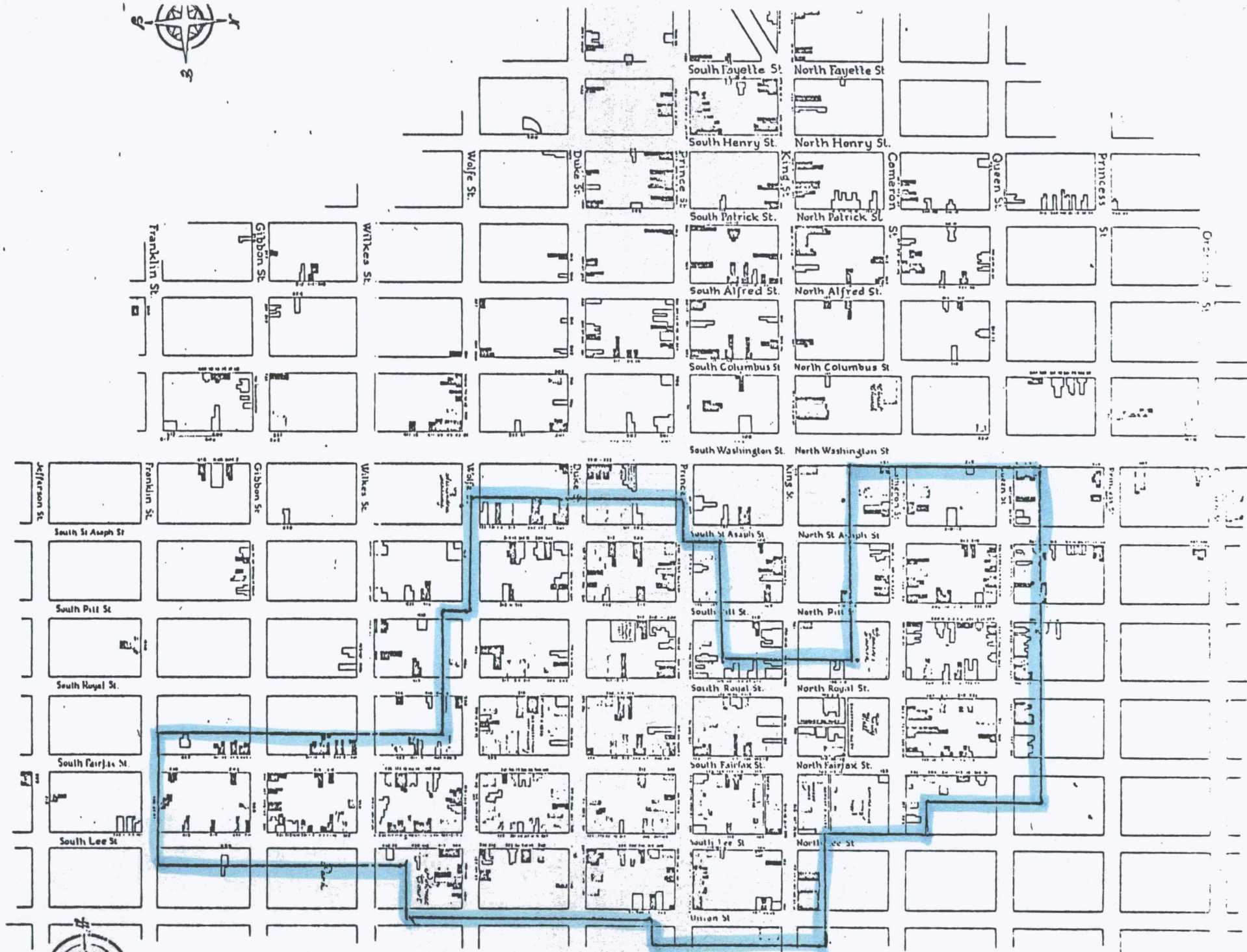
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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

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