

The History of Bloomingdale



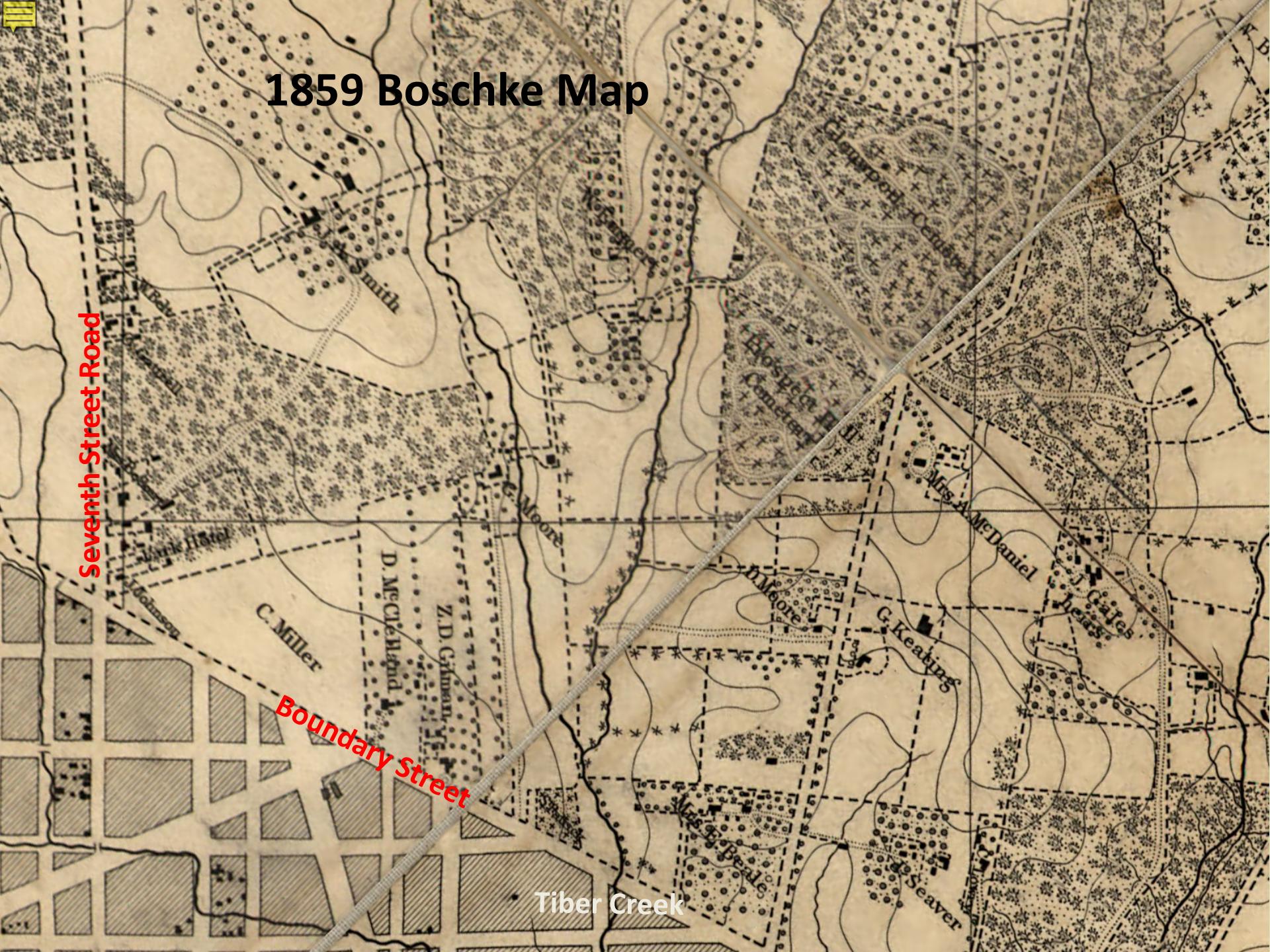
Prepared by Prologue DC *for the*
Bloomingdale Historic Designation Coalition

1859 Boschke Map

Seventh Street Road

Boundary Street

Tiber Creek



Beale estate in 1859



1880 Landowners

Emily Beale

David Moore

Prospect Hill Cemetery (est. 1854)

Glenwood Cemetery (est. 1858)

Howard University
(former John A. Smith land)

William Emmert

George Moore

St. Patrick's Cemetery
(no burials after 1874)



SCHEDULE 2.—Slave Inhabitants in the District of Columbia in the County of Washington State
of _____, enumerated by me, on the 19 day of July, 1860. Alfred Ray Ass't Marshal.

NAME OF SLAVE OWNERS.	Number of slaves.	DESCRIPTION.					Deaf & dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	No. of slave houses.	NAME OF SLAVE OWNERS.	Number of slaves.	DESCRIPTION.					Deaf & dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	No. of slave houses.		
		1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 Mary & Eliz. Queen	1	5	m	B						1	38	5	m	1					1
2	1	3	F	B						1	32	6	cl	1					2
3	1	2	F	B						1	19	5	cl	1					3
4	1	1	F	B						1	17	5	cl	1					4
5	1	22	m	cl						1	26	m	B						5
6	1	17	m	cl						1	29	m	B						6
7	1	14	m	cl						1	33	m	B						7
8	1	16	F	cl						1	30	m	B						8
9	1	14	F	cl						1	15	5	cl						9
10	1	30	m	B						1	13	m	cl						10
11	1	40	F	m						1	12	m	cl						11
12	1	18	m	m						1	11	m	cl						12
13	1	16	F	cl						1	10	m	cl						13
14	1	14	F	cl						1	5	F	cl						14
15	1	12	F	cl						1	6	F	B						15
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23	1	18	m	B						1	60	F	cl						23
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35	1	11	m	B						1	7	F	B						35
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38	1	13	F	B						1	33	m	B						38
39	1	35	F	m						1	62	F	B						39
40	1	30	F	B						1	60	m	B						40
No. of owners,		No. of male slaves,					No. of females slaves,					No. of fugitives,					No. of deaf and dumb,		
No. of houses,		Total slaves,					Total slaves,					Number manumitted,					No. blind,		
No. of houses,																	No. insane,		
																	No. idiotic,		

Family Beale

Geo W Keating

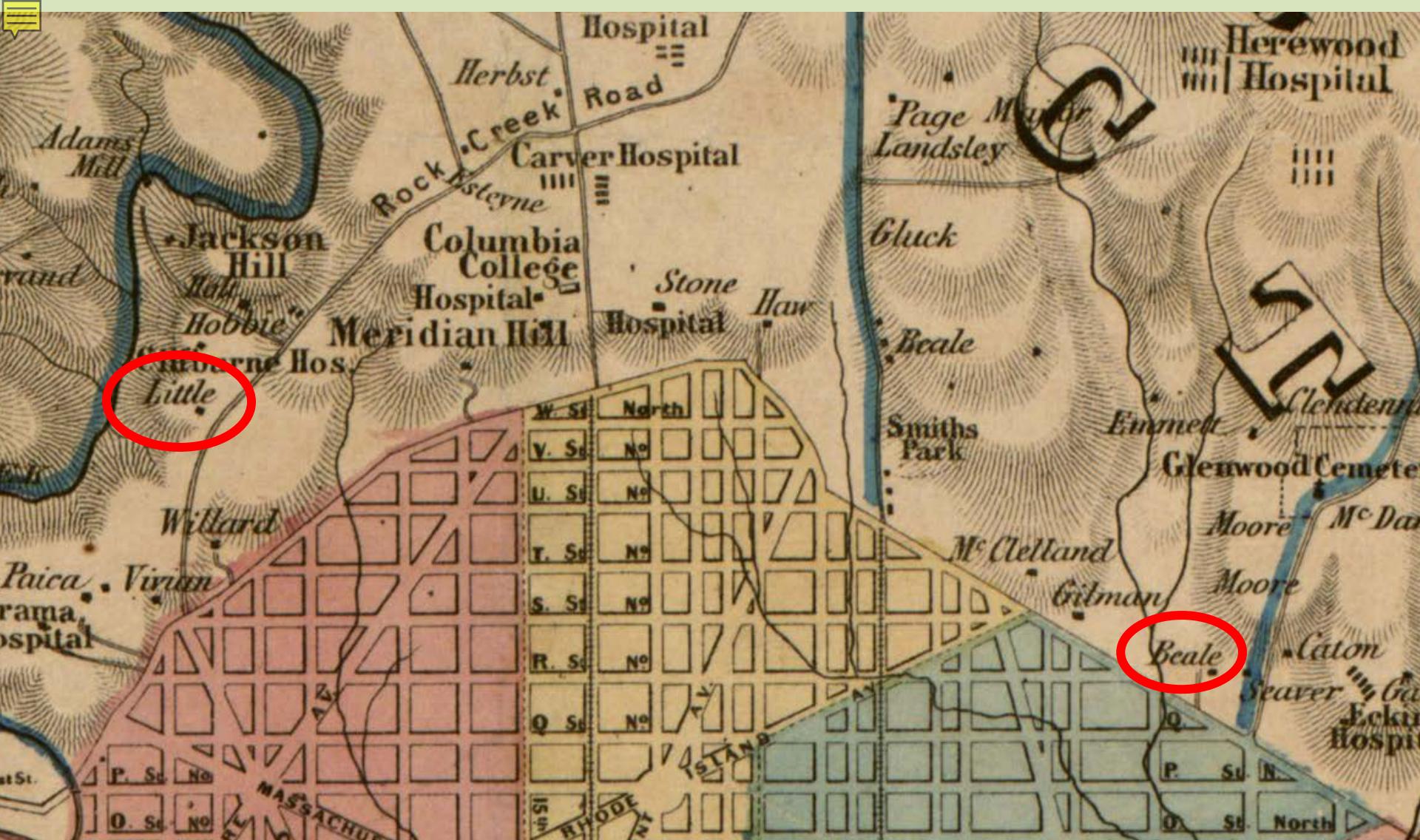
Ann McDaniel

Wm Compton

MyFamily.com

SCHEDULE 2.—Slave Inhabitants in the District of Columbia in the County of Washington State
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1	1	40	T	B				1	36	m	old		1	
2	1	16	m	B				1	36	m	clay		2	
3	<i>Eliz. D. Wood</i>	1	47	T	B			1	32	cl	clay		3	
4		1	21	m	B			<i>Mary L. Fenwick</i>	1	50	m	B		4
5		1	18	T	B				1	30	T	B		5
6	<i>Catherine Bates</i>	1	45	T	old				1	27	T	old		6
7	<i>Am. M. Daniel</i>	1	45	m	B				1	9	m	B		7
8		1	25	m	old				1	6	m	B		8
9		1	35	m	B				1	12	m	B		9
10		1	30	T	B			<i>Fielder M. Magruder</i>	1	20	T	B		10
11		1	14	T	old				1	45	m	B		11
12		1	11	T	old				1	15	m	B		12
13	<i>Geo. C. Moore</i>	1	30	T	B				1	14	T	B		13
14		1	5	T	B			<i>Leontine G. Gaudens</i>	1	35	m	B		14
15	<i>W. F. Nickey</i>	1	30	m	B				1	33	m	B		15
16		1	52	T	B				1	31	T	B		16
17		1	35	T	B				1	32	T	B		17
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19		1	30	m	B				1	22	m	B		19
20		1	28	m	B				1	32	T	old		20
21		1	28	m	B				1	16	T	B		21
22		1	22	T	B				1	12	m	old		22
23		1	20	T	B			<i>Thia</i>	1	10	T	B		23
24		1	18	m	B				1	10	m	B		24
25		1	16	T	B				1	10	m	B		25
26		1	14	m	B				1	10	m	B		26
27		1	12	T	B				1	7	m	B		27
28		1	10	m	B				1	5	m	B		28
29		1	8	m	B				1	5	T	B		29
30	<i>Clark & Mills</i>	1	60	m	B				1	1	T	B		30
31		1	46	T	old			<i>Theodore Mosher</i>	1	52	m	B		31
32		1	22	T	B				1	42	m	B		32
33		1	30	m	B				1	42	m	B		33
34		1	8	T	B				1	35	T	B		34
35		1	6	m	B				1	32	T	old		35
36		1	5	m	B				1	20	T	clay		36
37		1	3	m	B				1	10	T	old		37
38		1	1	m	B			<i>John H. Mittenger</i>	1	37	m	B		38
39	<i>Benj. J. Fenwick</i>	1	38	m	B				1	17	m	B		39
40		1	38	T	old				1	13	T	old		40



SPRING 1861: 20-year-old Hortense Prout escapes from John Little's farm to hide out among Ohio troops encamped on Mrs. Beale's farm, "Bloomingdale."



Your Petitioner, Emily Beale ... held a claim to service or labor against ...

Delilah Johnston; woman servant, black; aged 56.

Smith Ingram, man servant, black; aged 75.

Phillis Ingram, woman servant, light colored, aged 56.

Martha Gains, woman servant, light colored, aged 35. Her children are Ann, aged 6; Phillis aged 4; Evelina 2 years; & an infant 3 weeks old not named.

Rachel Ross, woman, dark; aged 31. Her children are Smith, boy 3 years old, & Anna Maria, girl aged 1 year

Susan Chase, woman, dark, aged 30. Her child, Robert Chase, a boy aged 10 months.

William Ingram, boy, light colored; aged 15.

Isaac Jones, man servant, dark; aged 60.

P E T I T I O N .

To the Commissioners under the act of Congress approved the 16th of April, 1862, entitled "An act for the release of certain persons held to service or labor in the District of Columbia."

Your Petitioner, Emily Beale of District of Columbia, recd. by this her petition in writing, represents and states, that she is a person loyal to the United States, who, at the time of the passage of the said act of Congress, held a claim to service or labor against person of African descent of the name of

for and during the life of said and that by said act of Congress said was discharged and freed of and from all claim of your petitioner to such service or labor; that at the time of said discharge said was of the age of and of the personal description following: ⁽¹⁾

Delilah Johnston, woman servant, black; aged
Smith Ingram, man servant, black; aged 75.
Phillis Ingram, woman servant, light colored, aged 5.
Martha Gains, woman servant, light colored, aged 3.
{ Her children are Ann, aged 6; Phillis aged 4;
Evelina 2 years; & an infant 3 weeks old not named
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Smith, boy 3 years old, & Anna Maria, girl aged
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Subdivisions

[1873] [LeDroit Park]

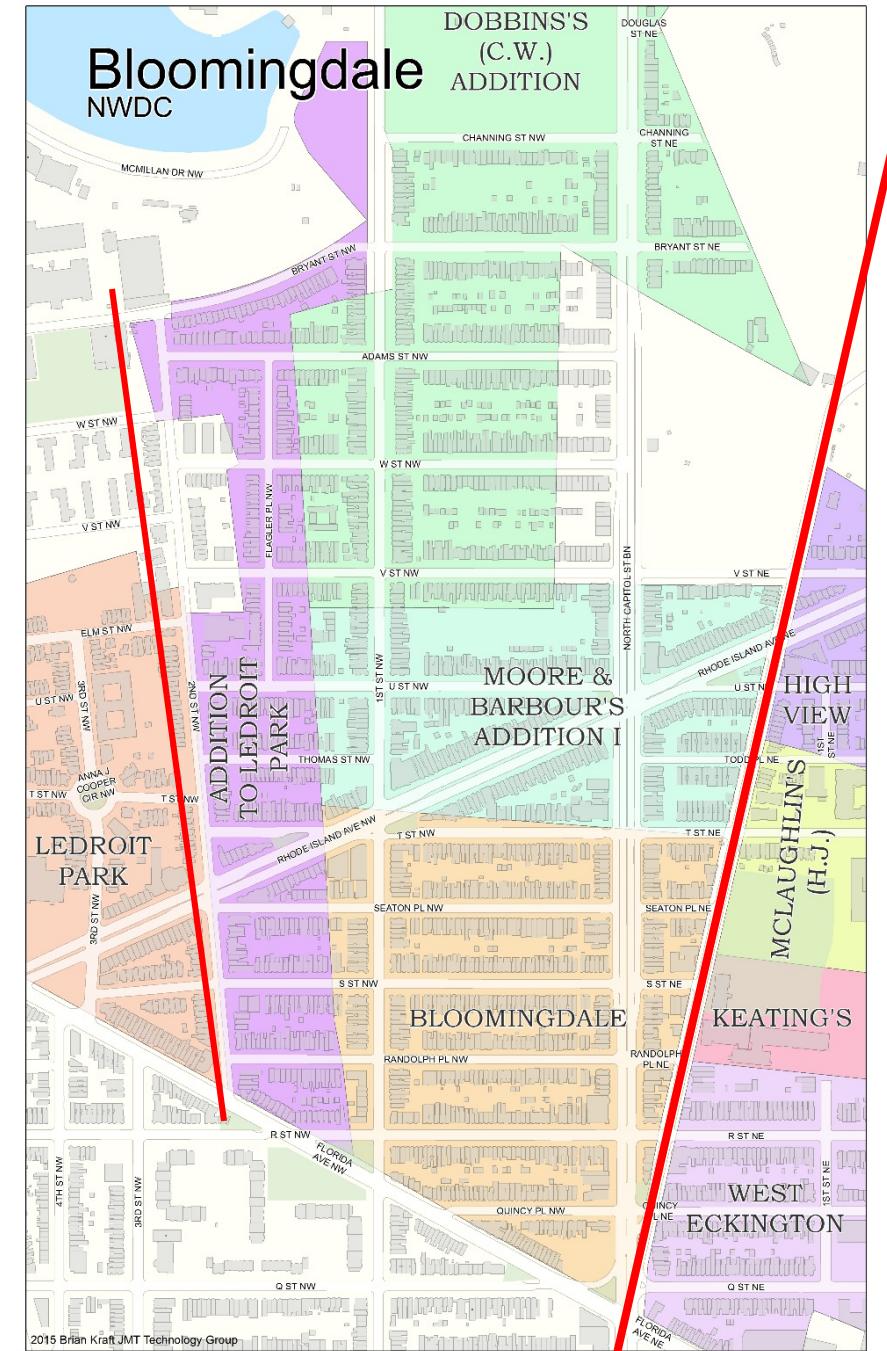
[1887] Eckington

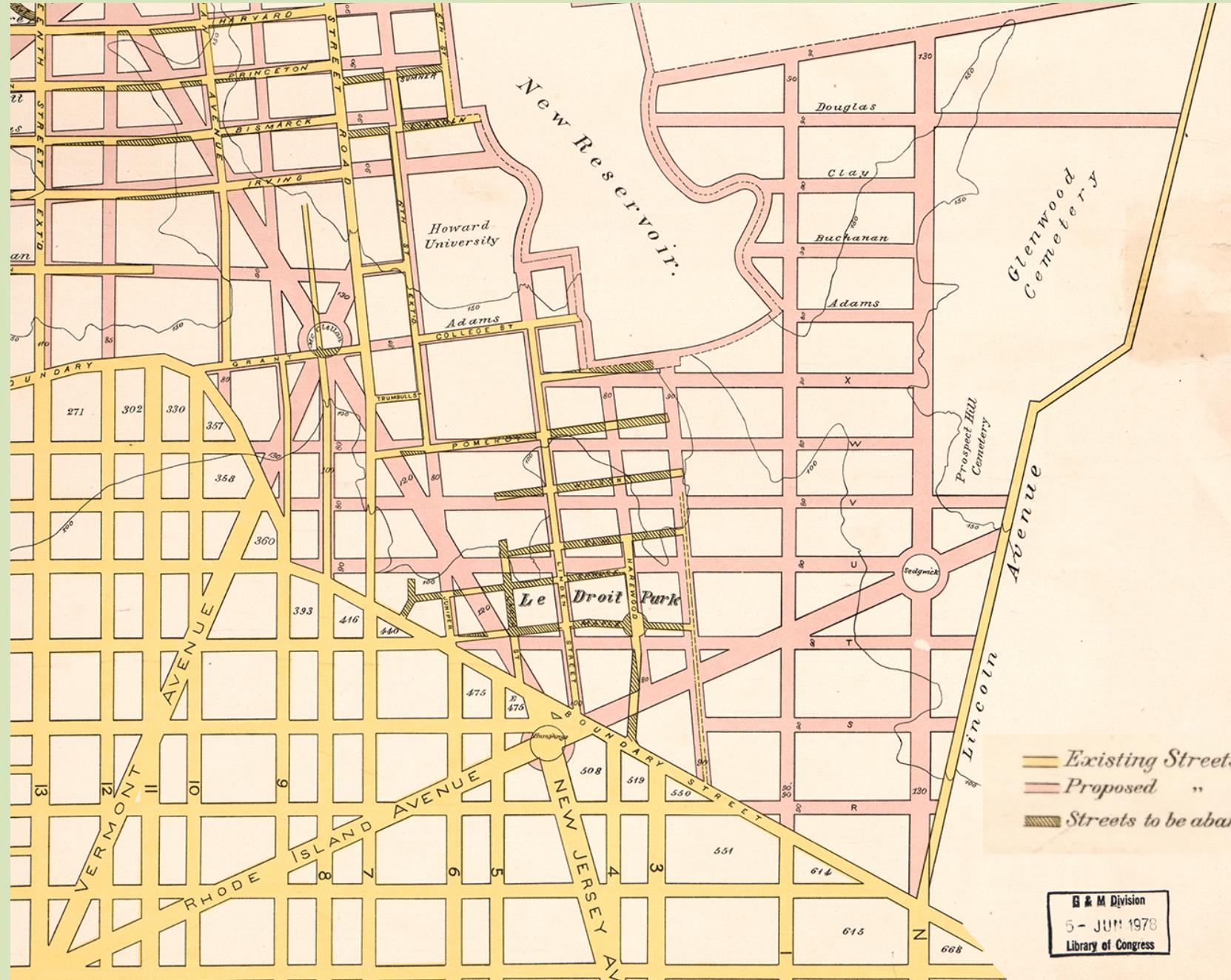
1887 Dobbins' Addition

1889 Bloomingdale

1891 Addition to LeDroit Park

1899-1901 Moore & Barbour's





Proposed Street Extensions, 1887

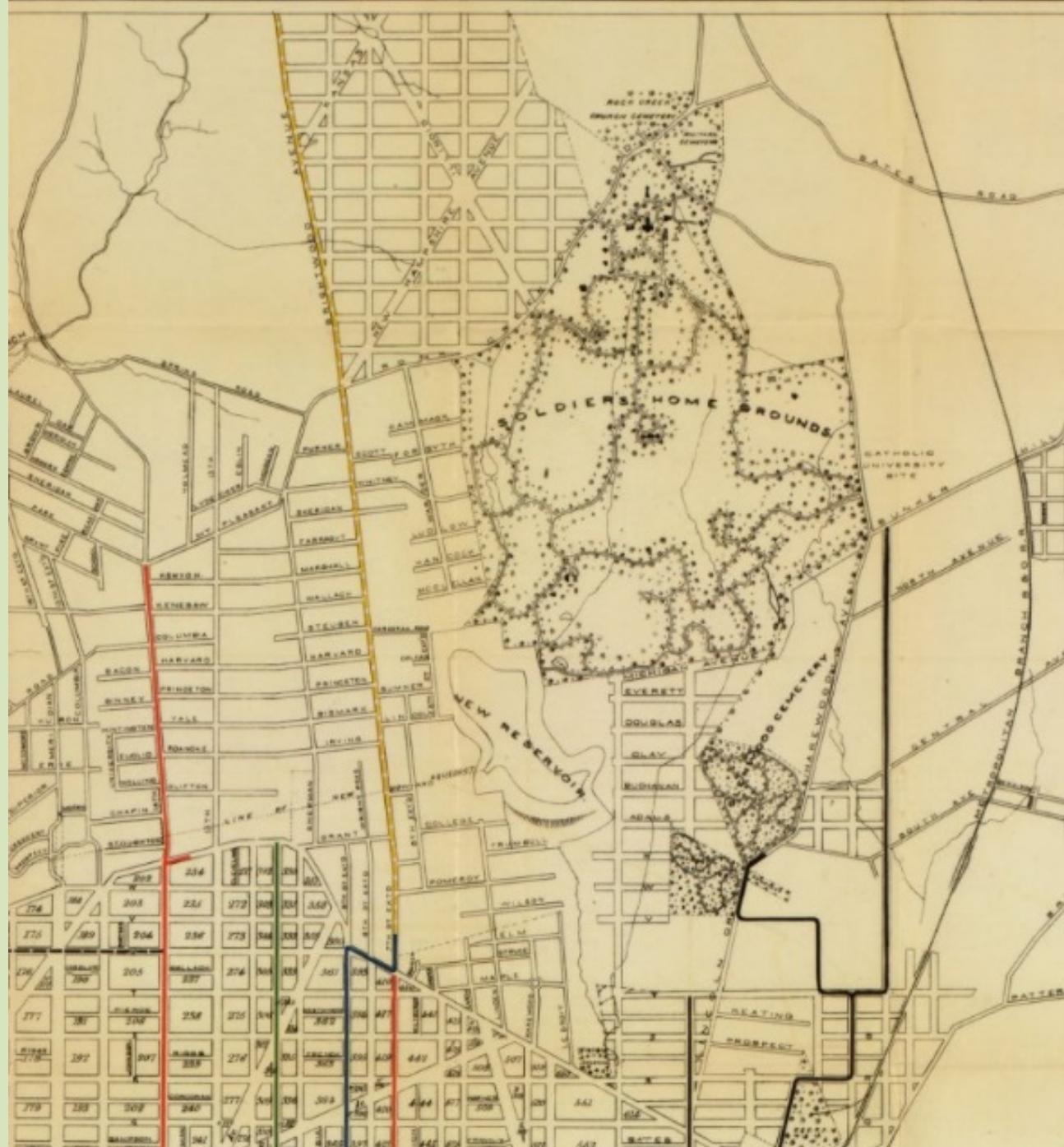


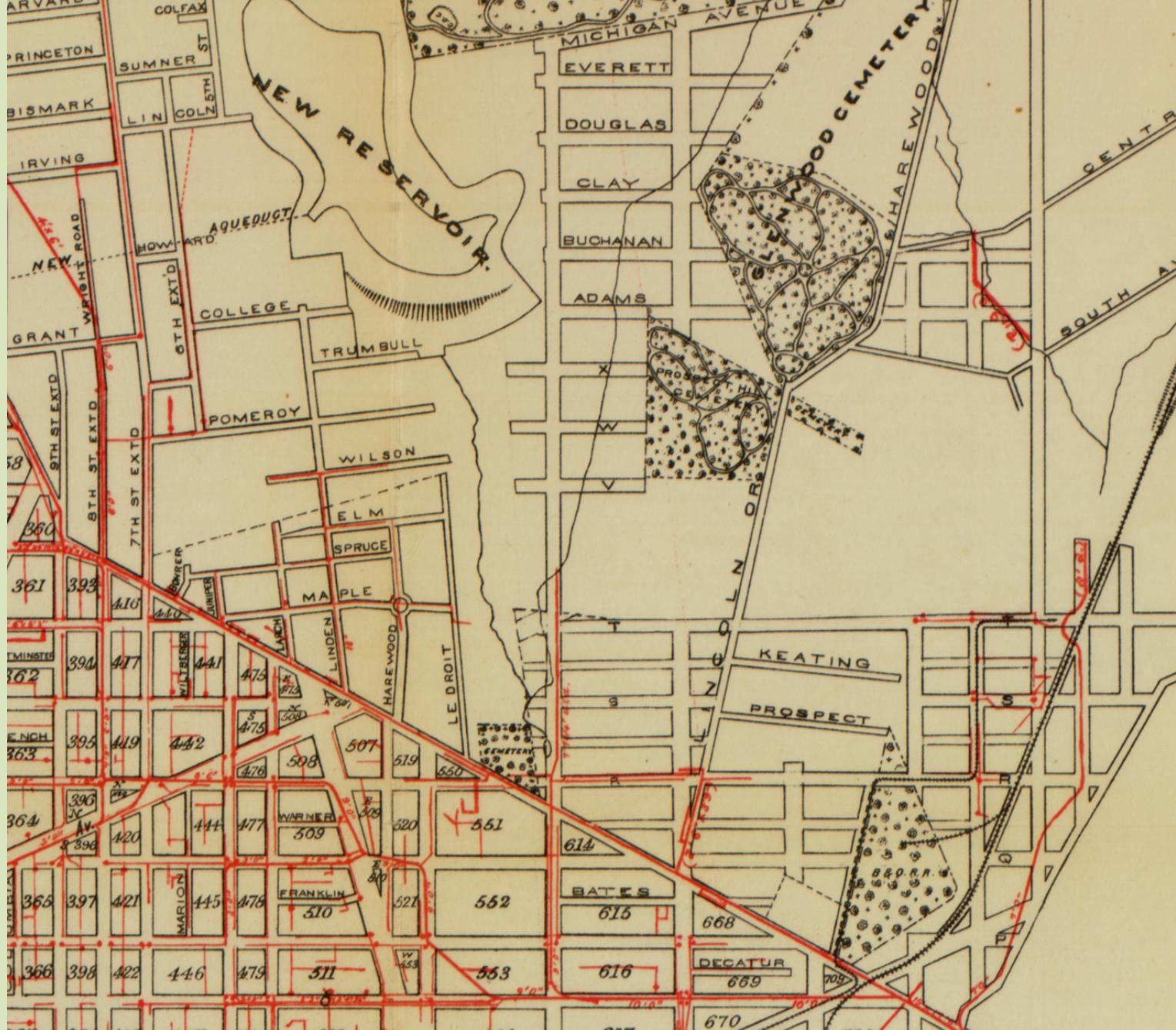
Streetcar Lines

1888:

Seventh Street Line
extended from Boundary
Street to Brightwood.

Eckington & Soldiers Home
Railway becomes first
mechanized line. Terminus
at Mt. Vernon Square.





Sewer Extensions as of 1891



9. (41) - 7⁶⁴' Dia. Main Sewer - First St., N.W. North from Boundary St. - Oct. 11, 1888

Laying the First Street sewer, 1888



Water Mains as of 1891 (in dark blue-gray)



Bloomingdale area in 1891 (Hopkins real estate map)



Bloomingdale Residential Rowhouses

First houses built on southernmost blocks by George Beale



1700-1712 First Street, 1891



61-65 R Street, 1892



Early Rowhouses

64-68 R Street, 1894-1895



1921 Second Street, 1893



Blue =
Built 1891-1895





**2200 block First Street (W to Adams, west side), 1899
Developer Ray Middaugh; Architect B. Stanley Simmons**



2220 First Street, 1899

2222 First Street, 1899

Nos. 2301 to 2333 First Street, Northwest.



(From photograph looking south from park.)

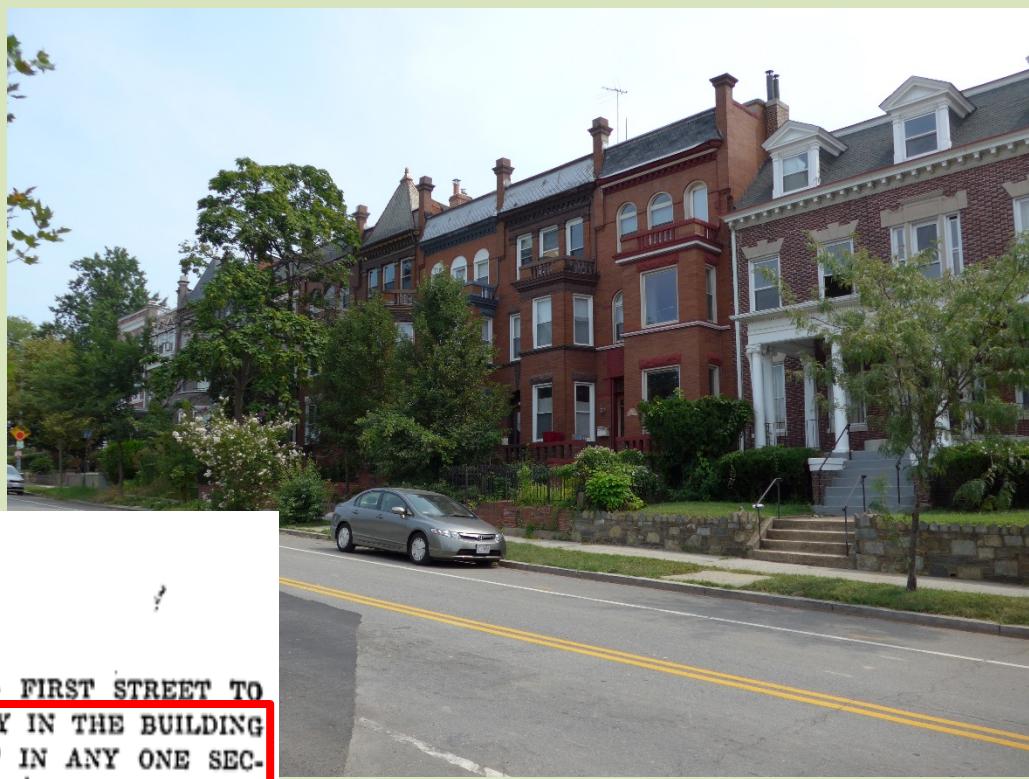
IT IS HERE THAT
VALUES GROW.

One of the finest
residential streets of
the city.

A most popular
thoroughfare.

Highest elevation
within the lettered
streets of the northwest.

MIDDAUGH & SHANNON, OWNERS.
NO PLACE LIKE HOME—NO HOMES LIKE OURS.



**"NO PLACE LIKE HOME;
NO HOMES LIKE OURS."**

WE OWN ALL OF THE GROUND ON TOP OF THE HILL FACING FIRST STREET TO THE GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS, AND ARE SPENDING MORE MONEY IN THE BUILDING OF HANDSOME HOUSES ON THIS STREET THAN IS BEING SPENT IN ANY ONE SECTION OF THE CITY.

THIS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FACT THAT THESE PROPERTIES ADJOIN THE THIRTY-FIVE ACRES OF GROUND SURROUNDING THE NEW RESERVOIR RECENTLY PURCHASED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, UPON WHICH CONGRESS HAS AUTHORIZED AN EXPENDITURE OF \$4,700,000 FOR PARKS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS, WILL MAKE THIS ONE OF THE FINEST RESIDENTIAL SECTIONS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

IMPROVEMENTS OF THIS CHARACTER MAKE VALUES GROW.

Open for Your Inspection.

No. 2304 First st. nw.

THESE PROPERTIES ARE BUILT WITH A CONSCIENTIOUS REGARD FOR THE FACT THAT HOME BUYING IS A PERMANENT INVESTMENT, AND SHOULD BE OF SUCH CHARACTER AS TO GIVE A LIFETIME OF PERFECT SERVICE.

**MIDDAUGH & SHANNON,
OWNERS.**

Washington Post, October 12, 1902
2304 First Street

We Are Now Building Some Three-Story Houses

Across the street from the new reservoir and what will be within a year one of Washington's largest and finest parks. It is safe to say no other houses in the city are so favorably located.

These houses have nine big, old-fashioned rooms, with a lot of closet room. The interior arrangement is different from any house you ever saw, and will contain "all modern helps to comfortable living."

Price, \$6,250.

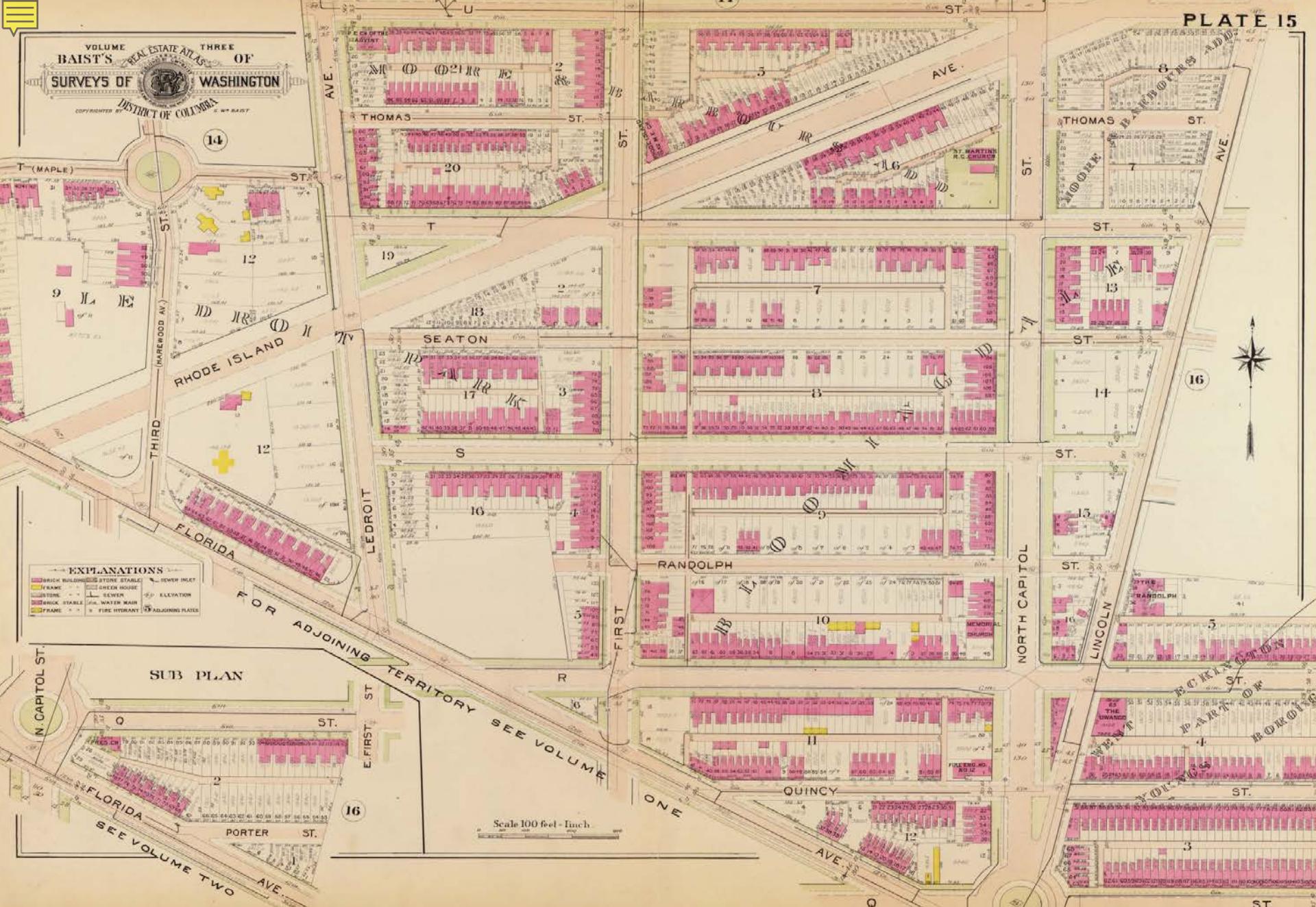
2407 to 2419 FIRST st. northwest.
The leading driveway to Soldiers' Home.

Take N. Cap. st. cars to Baltimore st.

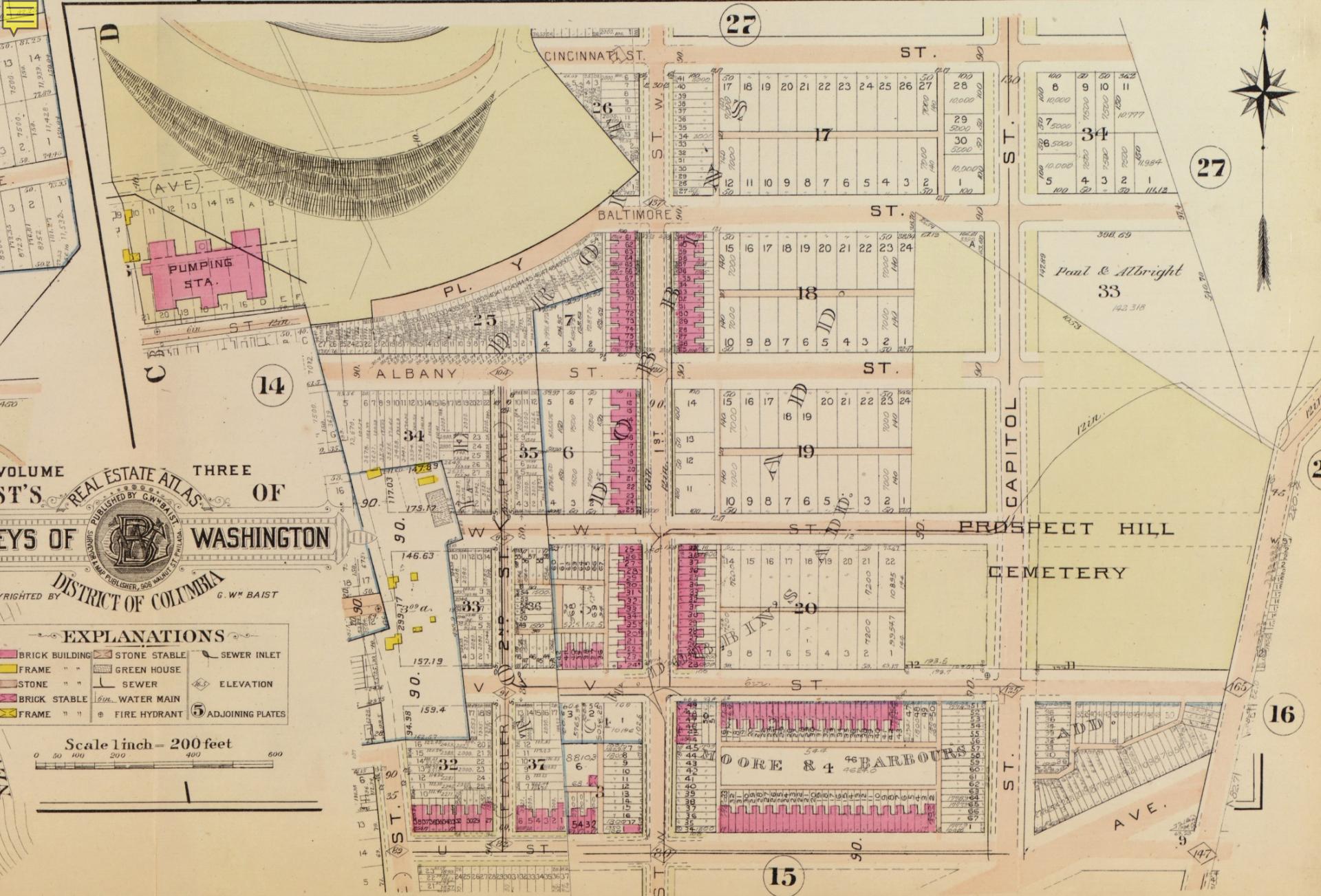
MIDDAUGH & SHANNON,

Owners,

First and Baltimore sts. n.w.
"No place like home; no homes like ours."
se28-42d



South end of Bloomingdale, 1903



North end of Bloomingdale, 1903



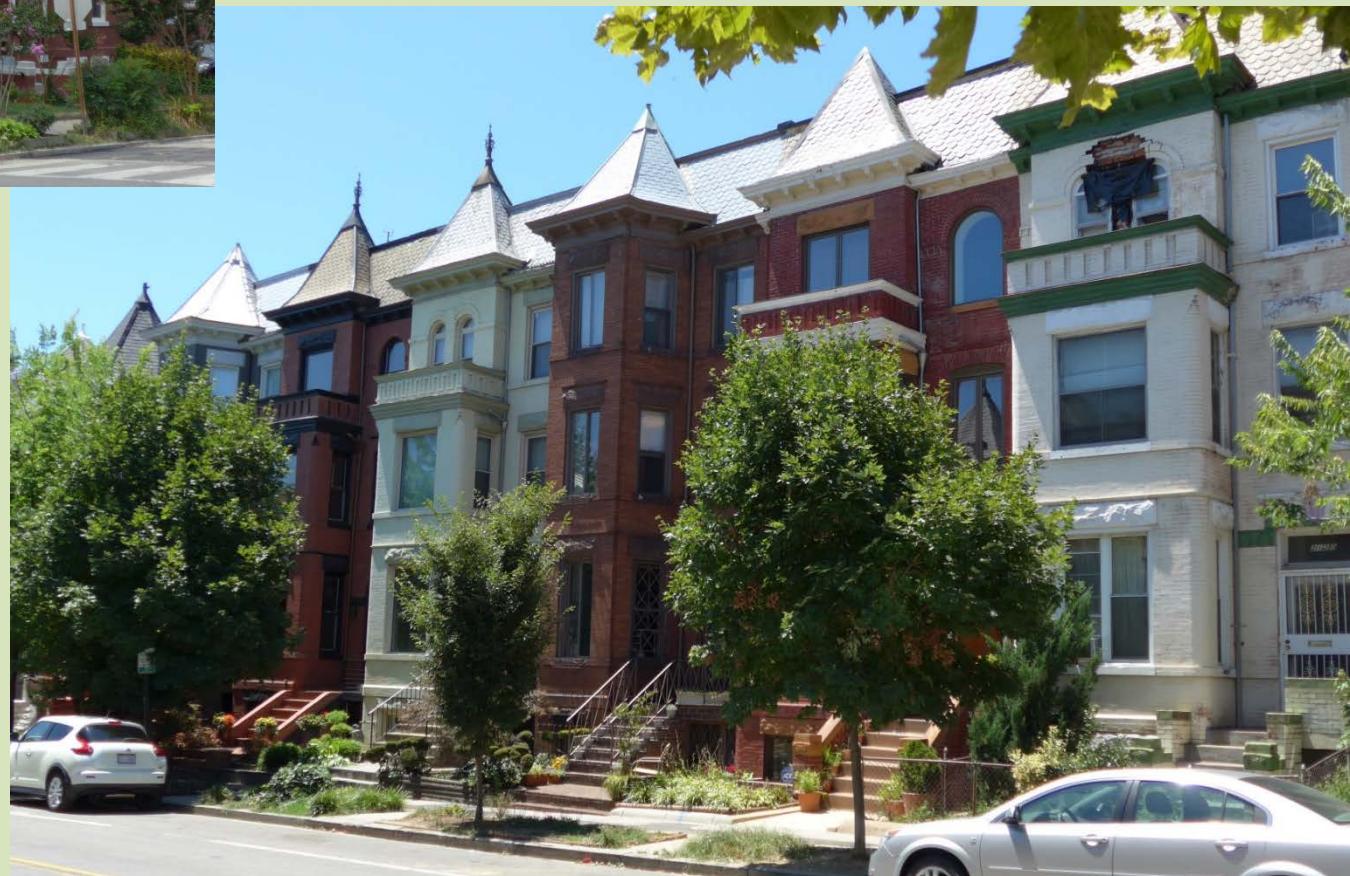
2100 block First Street (east side), 1901
Architect Thomas Haislip



87 V Street, 1901
Thomas Haislip's own house



100 W Street, 1901
Francis Blundon



**2112-2120 First Street,
1901, Francis Blundon**

100 W Street,
home of architect
Francis Blundon,
ca. 1902



MR. BLUNDON'S RESIDENCE.



Interior of new Blundon house, 117 V Street, ca. 1900



The interior of 117 V St. was decorated in Victorian style by Navy Department draftsman Frank R. Wheater and his wife Alice, around 1900.

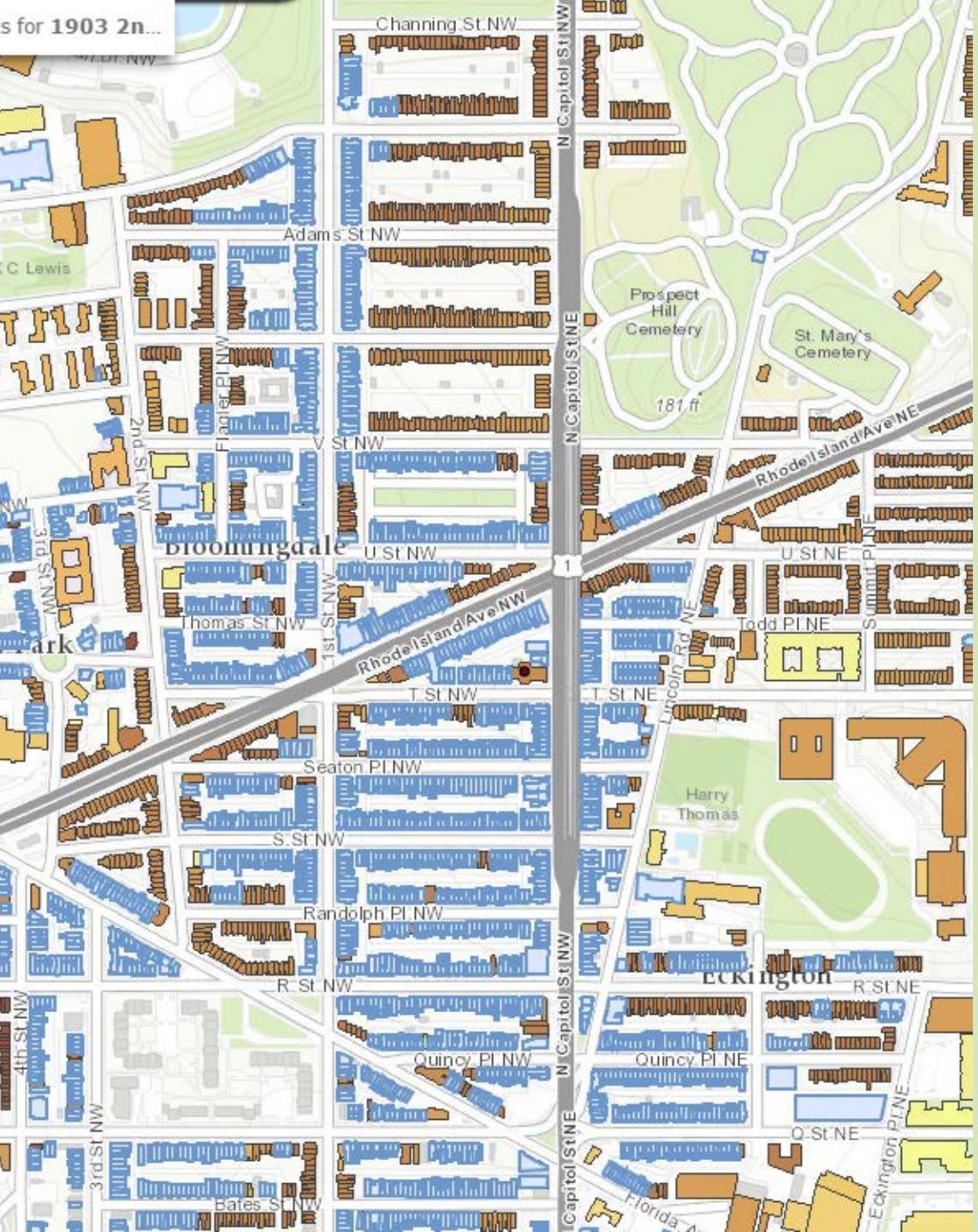




2201-2235 First Street, 1904
Developer Harry Wardman; Architect Nicholas Grimm

Development in Bloomingdale

Blue = built 1891-1905





CHANNING ST., N.W., WASH., D.C.-#1733.

Unit block of Channing Street, 1908
Developer Harry Wardman; Architect Albert Beers

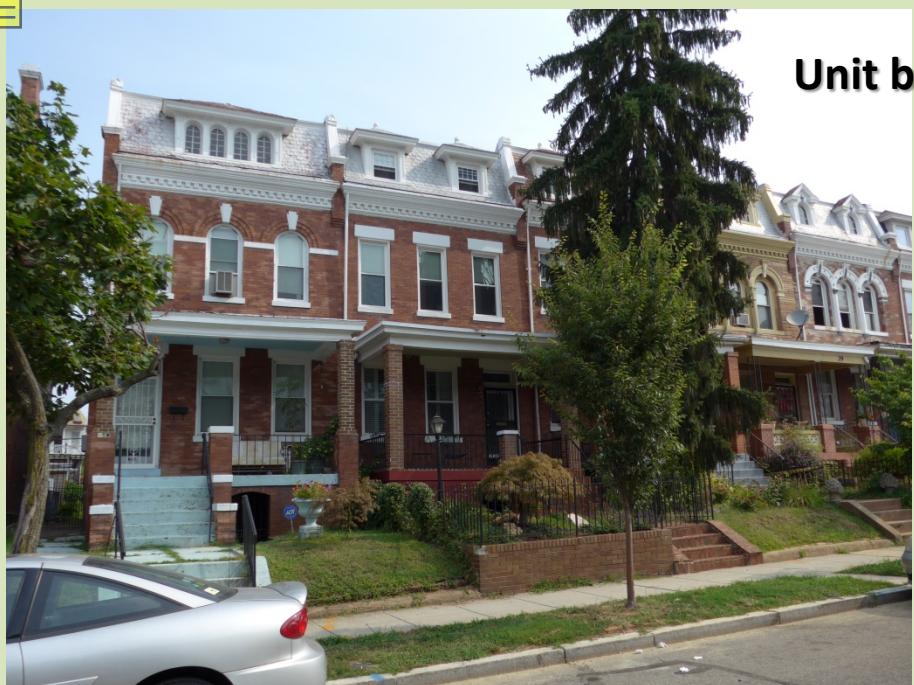


RHODE ISLAND AVE, N.W., WASH., D.C. - #653

Unit block of Rhode Island Ave NW, ca. 1911-1912



143 Rhode Island Avenue, 1910
Architect Nicholas Haller



Unit block W Street (north side)

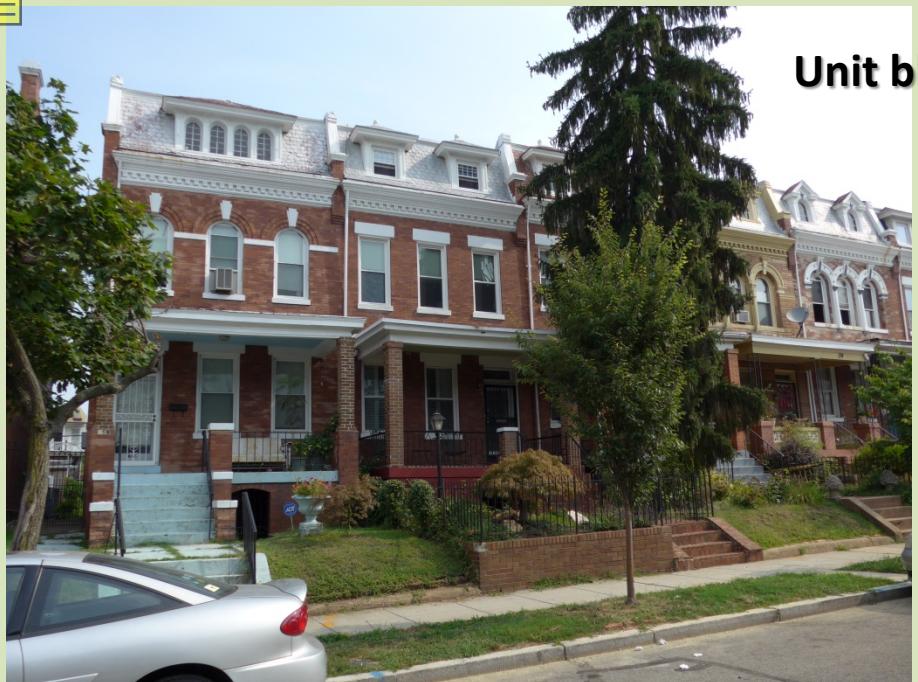




Unit block W Street (north side)



27 W Street



Unit block W Street (north side)



27 W Street



16-24 Adams Street



Bloomingdale Firehouse (Old Engine Co. 12), built 1897

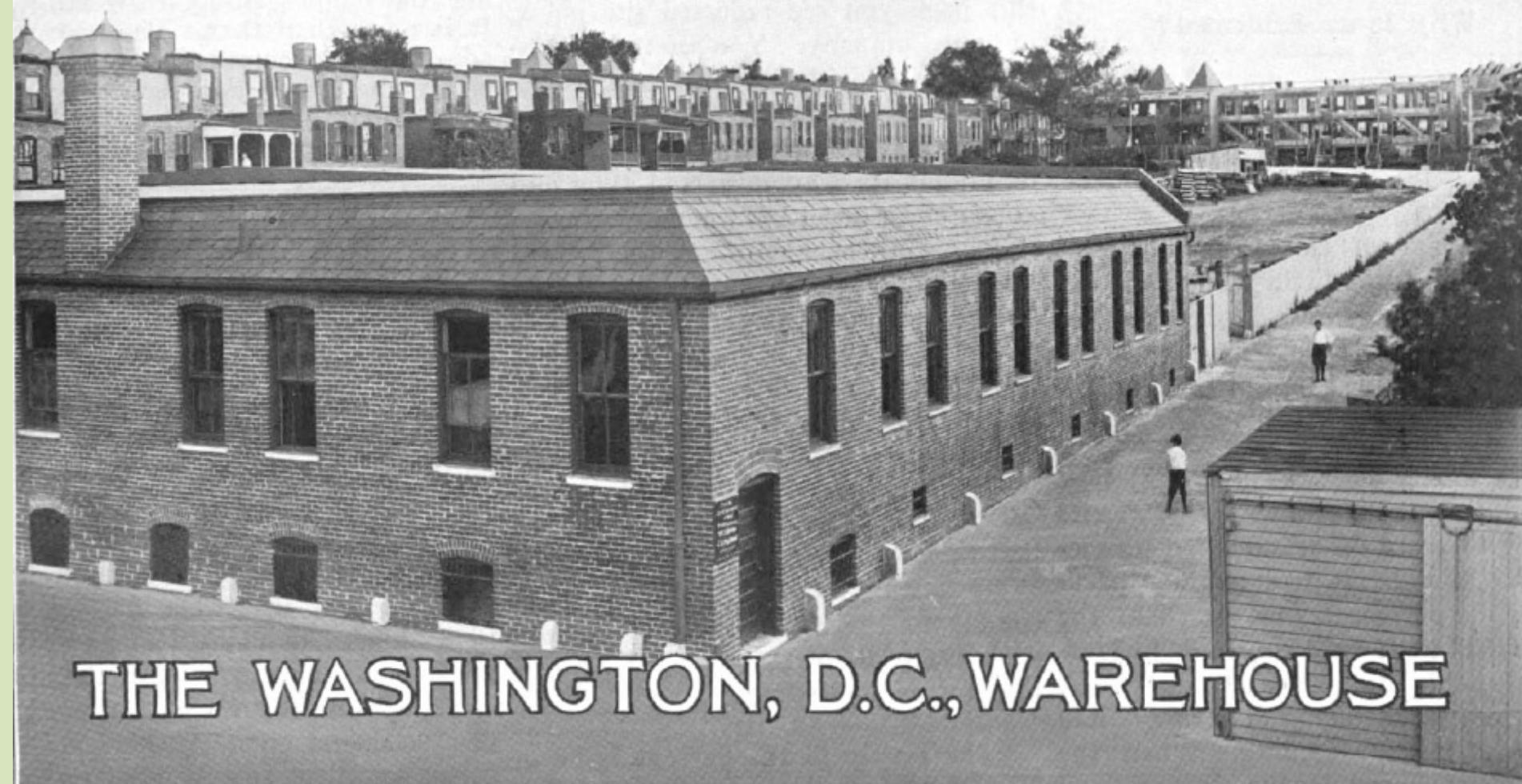
*12 ENGINE HOUSE - #567.



Historical Society of Washington, D.C.



Gage School, built 1904



THE WASHINGTON, D.C., WAREHOUSE

C&P Telephone Co. Facility, ca.1912



Crispus Attucks Park



Sylvan Theater, est. 1914



United Brethren Church, est. 1883



ST. MARTIN'S, WASH., D.C. - #156

St. Martin's Catholic Church, est. 1901



ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1805.

St. Martin's Catholic Church, est. 1901



2122 First Street, home of Samuel Gompers, 1902-1917



McMillan Park, developed 1902-1913



McMillan Park, developed 1902-1913



McMillan Park (First and Channing Sts.) circa 1920s

McMillan Park, ca. 1920s

McMillan Park 1930s





McMillan Field House, 1938

A Bargain for a
Colored Home Seeker!

Modern 6-Room House



\$1,000 to \$2,500

**Less-Than Prices
in Neighborhood**

\$9,450

Easy Terms!

Here's a ~~modern~~ ^{modern} six room and bath home in a **high-class** colored section of Washington. Can be bought on EASY TERMS. Suitable for Dentist, Doctor or other professional man.

House is in first-class condition, with modern plumbing. NEAR 1st AND RHODE ISLAND AVE. NW.

1817 First Street N.W.

See this at once or you will miss an opportunity!

Open for Inspection
Sundays from 10 A.M.
to 8 P.M.

Michigan Park Manor Co.
59 Rust Bldg. Franklin 513

1927 ad for 1817 First Street NW



Billy Taylor with cousins at 2216 Flagler Place, ca. 1930



Racial covenants in Bloomingdale

Ex
\$1.00

Kiddaugh & Shannon Recorded April 18th 1902 1³² p.m.

(33)

To

C. Deed

wt. R. Fletcher & Page et ux This Indenture made this fourteenth day
January of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand nine hundred
and Sixty five (65) by and between Ray E. Middaugh and William E.
Shannon as joint tenants both of the City of Washington D. C.
and assigns forever the following described land and premises
situate lying and being in the County of Washington
District of Columbia and distinguished as and being lot
numbered Sixty five (65) in Ray E. Middaugh and William E.
Shannon's Subdivision in Square numbered Seven (7) in
Bloomingdale as per plat in County Book 14 page 35 in the

Said lot numbered Sixty three (63); subject also to the covenant
that said lot shall never be rented, leased sold transferred
or conveyed unto any negro or colored person under a penalty
of Two thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) which shall be a lien against
said lot, together with all and singular the improvements
thereon assessments rights privileges and appurtenances to the same

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Ist Street, N.W. between) PROPERTY HOLDER'S
W. & Adams Streets) AGREEMENT

at 11:09 A.M.

THIS INDENTURE, Made this First day of September, 1925, by and between and among the
undersigned, all being residents of the County of Washington, District of Columbia, and owner
of real estate situate therein ; witnesseth that

WHEREAS the said parties hereto are all owners of real estate situate in the District of Columbia, and located on First Street, between W and Adams streets, northwest, both on the East and West sides of said street, said property being parts of Squares 3122 and 3123, as recorded in the Surveyor's Office of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS the said parties hereto desire, for their mutual benefit, as well as for the best interest of the said community and neighborhood, to improve in any legitimate way and further the interests of said community and neighborhood:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the sum of five dollars each to the other in hand paid, the parties hereto do hereby mutually agree, promise and covenant, as each with the other and for their respective heirs and assigns, that no part of the land now owned by the parties hereto, a more definite description of said property being given after the respective signatures hereto, shall ever be used or occupied by, or sold, conveyed, leased, rented or given to Negroes or any person or persons of the Negro race or blood. This covenant shall run with the land and bind the respective parties hereto, their heirs and assigns, for the period of twenty-one years from and after the date of these presents.

NAME AND SEAL

DESCRIPTION OF LAND

François H. Melick

(Seal)

Lot 31

Square 3123

Hedges & Middleton, By Jesse H. Hedges (Seal)

Lot 18

Square 3122

Almerico P. Zappone
Annie T. Zappone

(Seal)

Lot 14
" "

Square 3122
" "

O. M. Ballou

(See 1)

Lot 40

Square 3122



Legal challenges to racial covenants



Challenges to Racial Covenants

1907: *Harrison v. Smith*, 2206 First Street

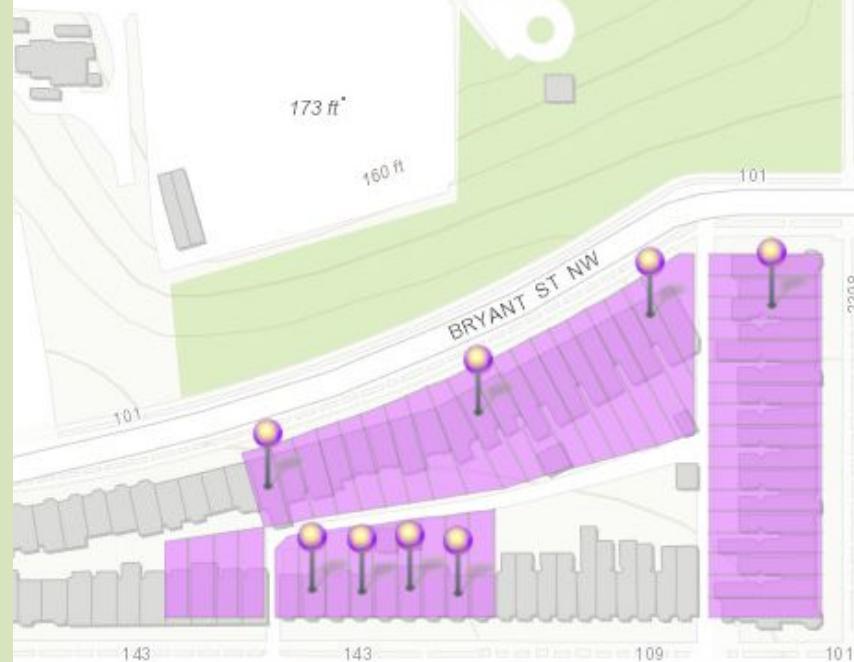
1925: *Torrey v. Wolfes*, 40 Randolph Place

1937: *Grady v. Garland*, 1737-1747 First
Street & 80-82 S Street

1948: *Hurd v. Hodge*, 116 Bryant Street

LEGEND

Restricted by Deed

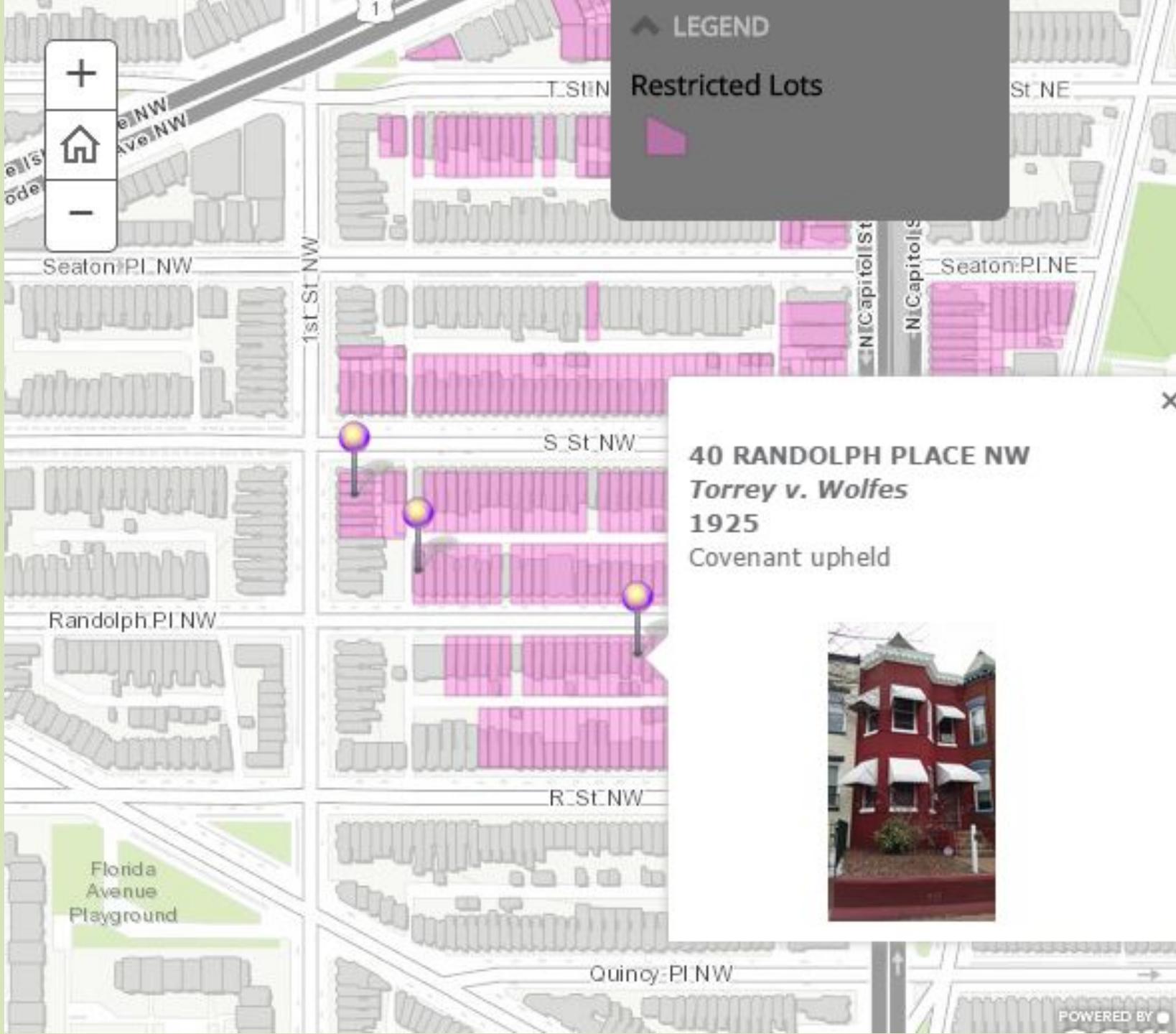


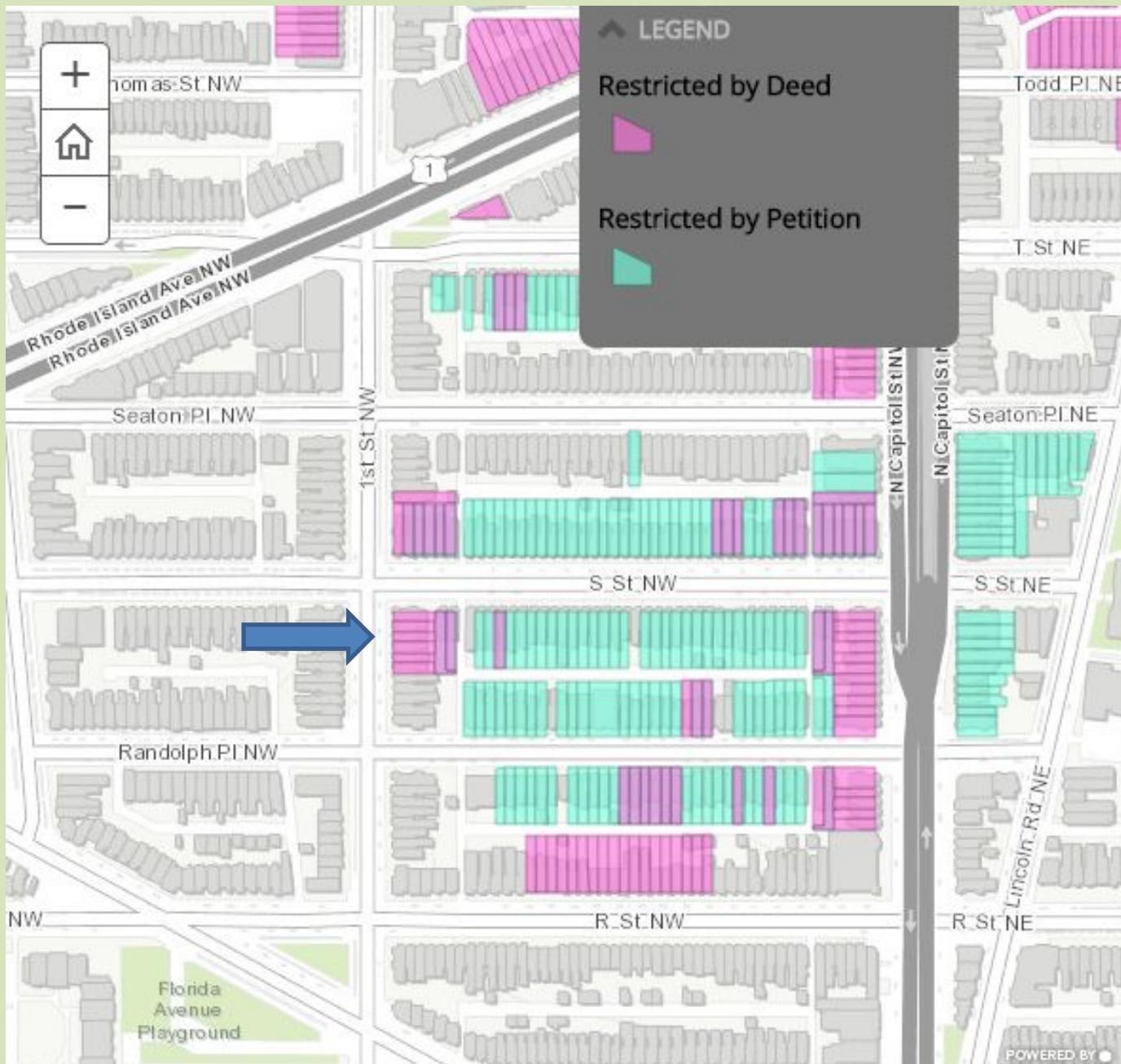
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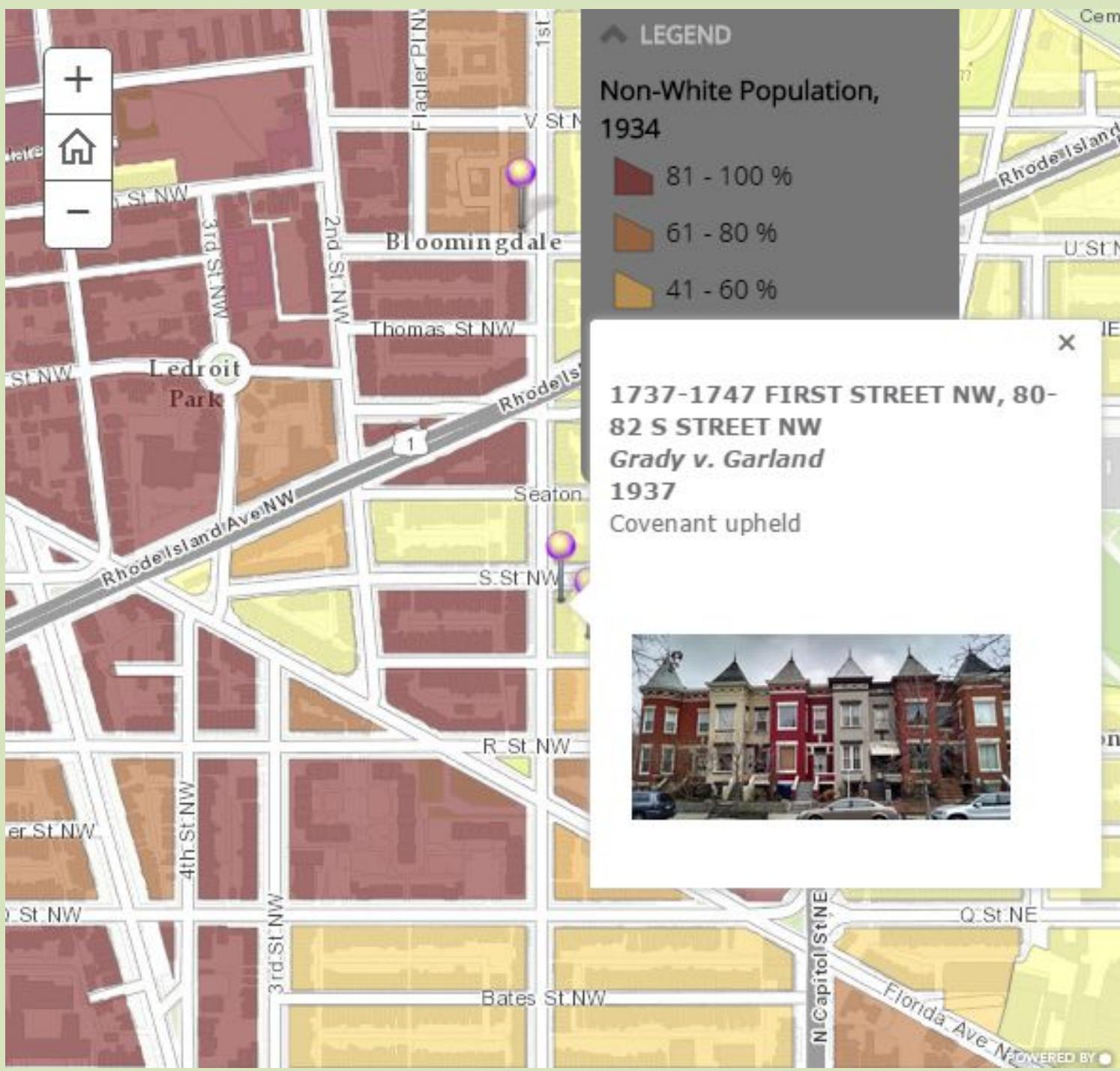
2206 FIRST STREET NW
Harrison v. Smith
1907
Purchase canceled







Grady v. Garland, 1937
1737-47 First Street & 80-82 Street NW





**Judge Alice Gail Pollard Clark
139 Randolph Place**

**Senator Edward Brooke
1730 First Street**



Ambassador Will Mercer Cook, 127 W Street





Barnett Aden Gallery

127 Randolph Place, est. 1943



2134 317 A 50

Anderson, Sally	♂	Head	CF	Neg	62	WD.	10	9	7	North
BelReiro, Kathrine		Daughter	2F	Neg	35	WD.	10	14	30	Peru
—, Carmen		Granddaughter	4F	Neg	16	S	Y	12	10	Colombia
—, Julio		Grandson	4M	Neg	11	S	Y	5	5	Peru
—, Delores		Granddaughter	4F	Neg	7	S	Y	1	1	Peru
—, Armando		Grandson	1M	Neg	5	S	Y	0	0	Colombia
—, Lester		Granddaughter	4F	Neg	1	S	Y	0	0	Colombia
Carrozza, Silvano	♂	Brother	2F	Neg	12	WD.	10	4	2	North
Greenby, Norman		Grandson	4M	Neg	23	S	WD.	30	0	Peru
—, Robert		Grandson	4M	Neg	21	S	WD.	4	4	Peru
Green, William		Head	CF	Neg	50	M	WD.	1	9	Peru
—, Cora	♂	Wife	1F	Neg	51	M	WD.	8	8	Peru
—, Willis L.		Son	2M	Neg	14	S	Y	8	8	Colombia
Bell, Elsie		Daughter	6F	Neg	4	S	WD.	0	0	Ohio
Johnson, Ella		Sister-in-law	5F	Neg	68	S	WD.	0	0	Peru
Bettendorf, See Knobly		Cousin	3M	Neg	22	M	WD.	4	9	North

2134 Flagler Place, Chita Rivera's childhood home

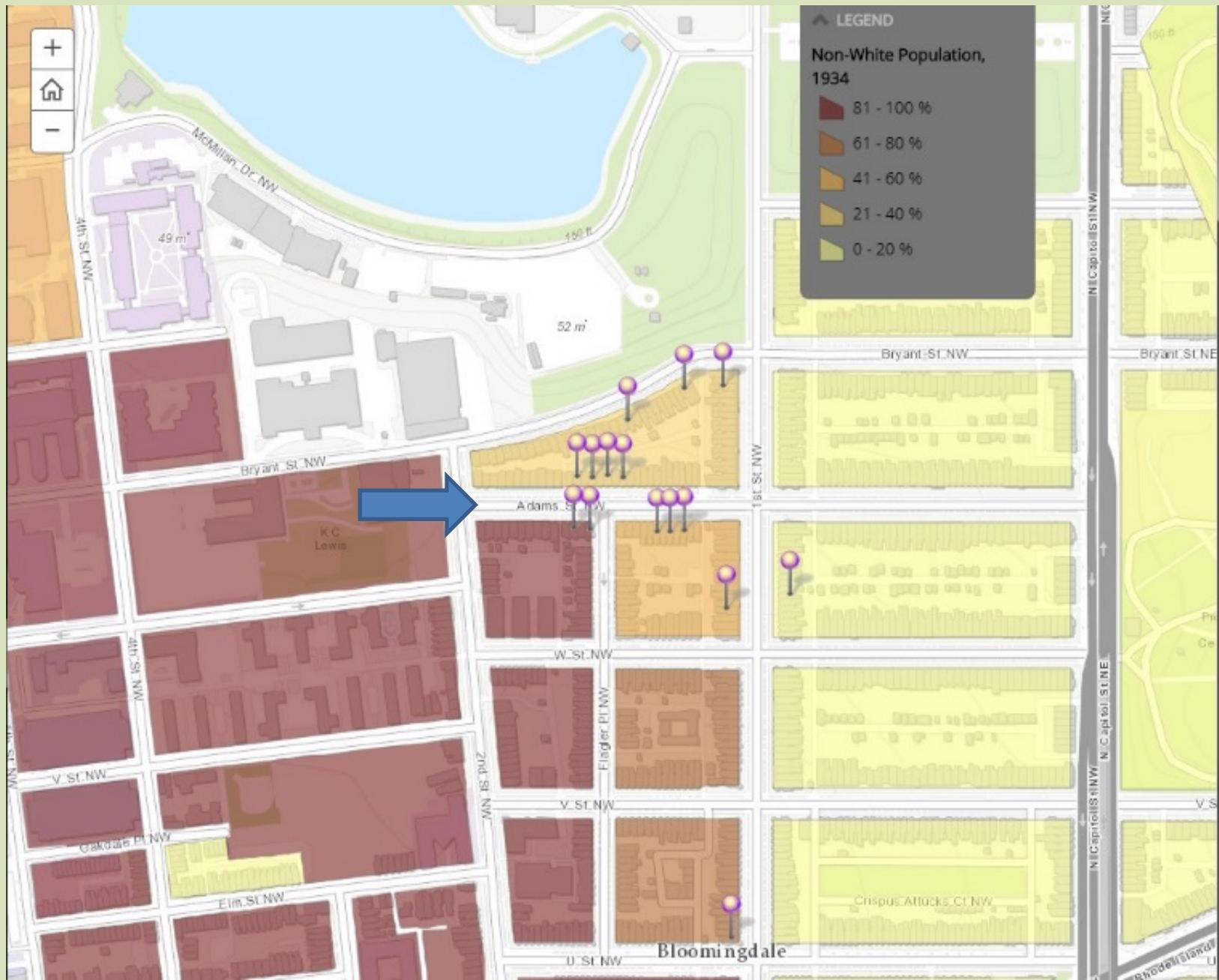




Chita Rivera, ca. 2005



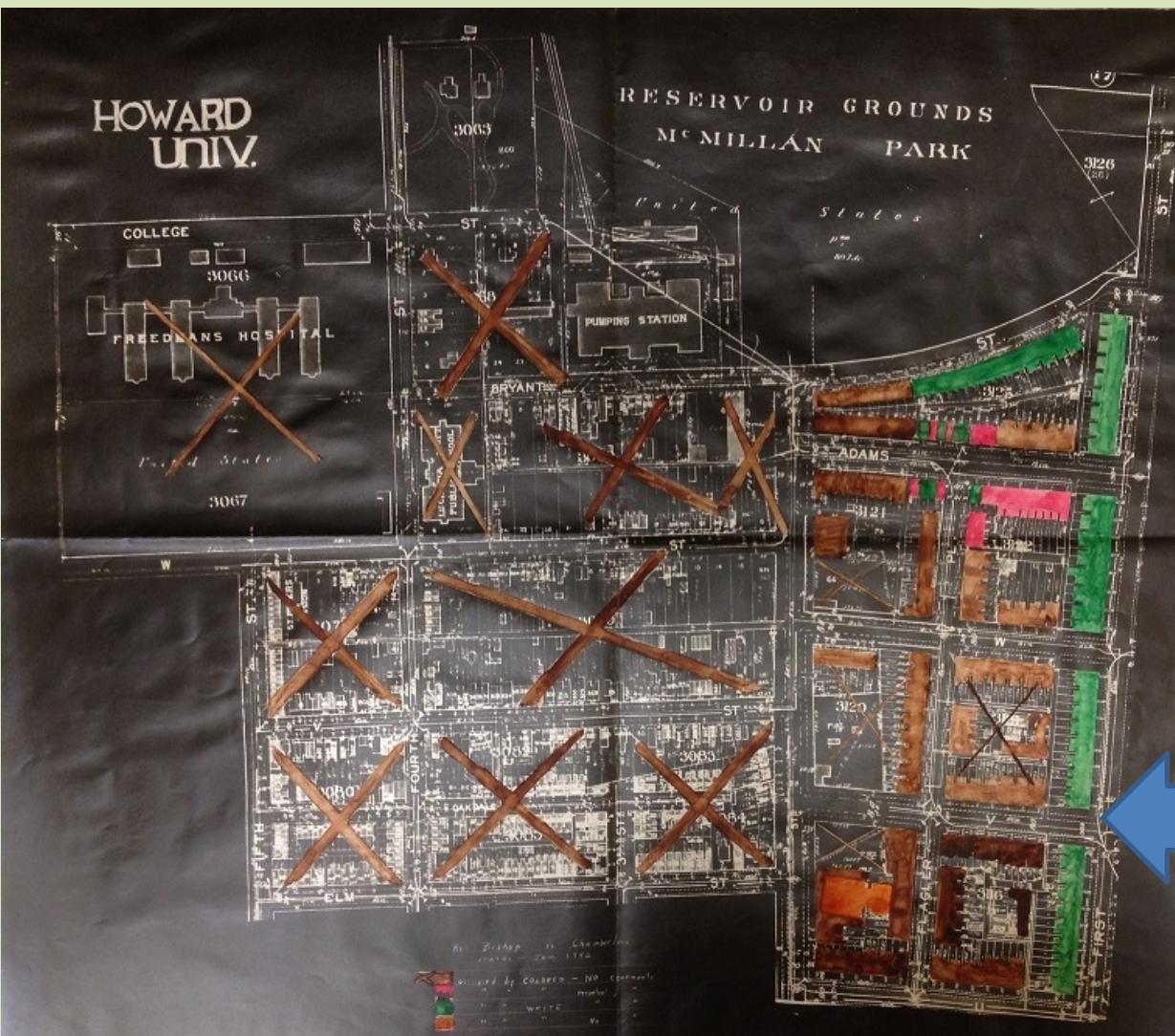
Racial Divide in Bloomingdale, 1934



Restrictive covenants: 100 block of Adams Street



Map created by attorney Charles Hamilton Houston during battle against restrictive covenants in Bloomingdale



Green = White-occupied
(covenant)

Pink = Black-occupied
(covenant)

Brown = Black-occupied
(no covenant)

First Street
NW

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purchasers of property affected by the covenant, according to recent sales:

Premises	112	Adams Street	sold for	\$5,000.
"	114	"	"	4,750.
"	116	"	"	4,000.
"	118	"	"	4,500.
"	122	"	"	4,950.
"	124	"	"	4,750.
"	126	"	"	5,000.
"	128	"	"	5,000.
"	130	"	"	4,275.
"	132	"	"	4,600.
"	136	"	"	4,775.
"	135	"	"	5,000.
"	137	"	"	4,050.
"	149	"	"	4,750.

On the other hand the following properties owned by colored people and occupied by them, which are free of any restrictive covenant, brought the following prices:

Premises	153	Adams Street	sold for	\$8,500.
"	157	"	"	7,750.
"	161	"	"	6,950.
"	163	"	"	6,900.
"	165	"	"	7,000.
"	167	"	"	6,950.
"	169	"	"	7,800.
"	171	"	"	6,750.
"	173	"	"	8,450.
"	175	"	"	8,500.

130 Adams
Street, 1941



136 Adams Street NW being sold at auction, 1941

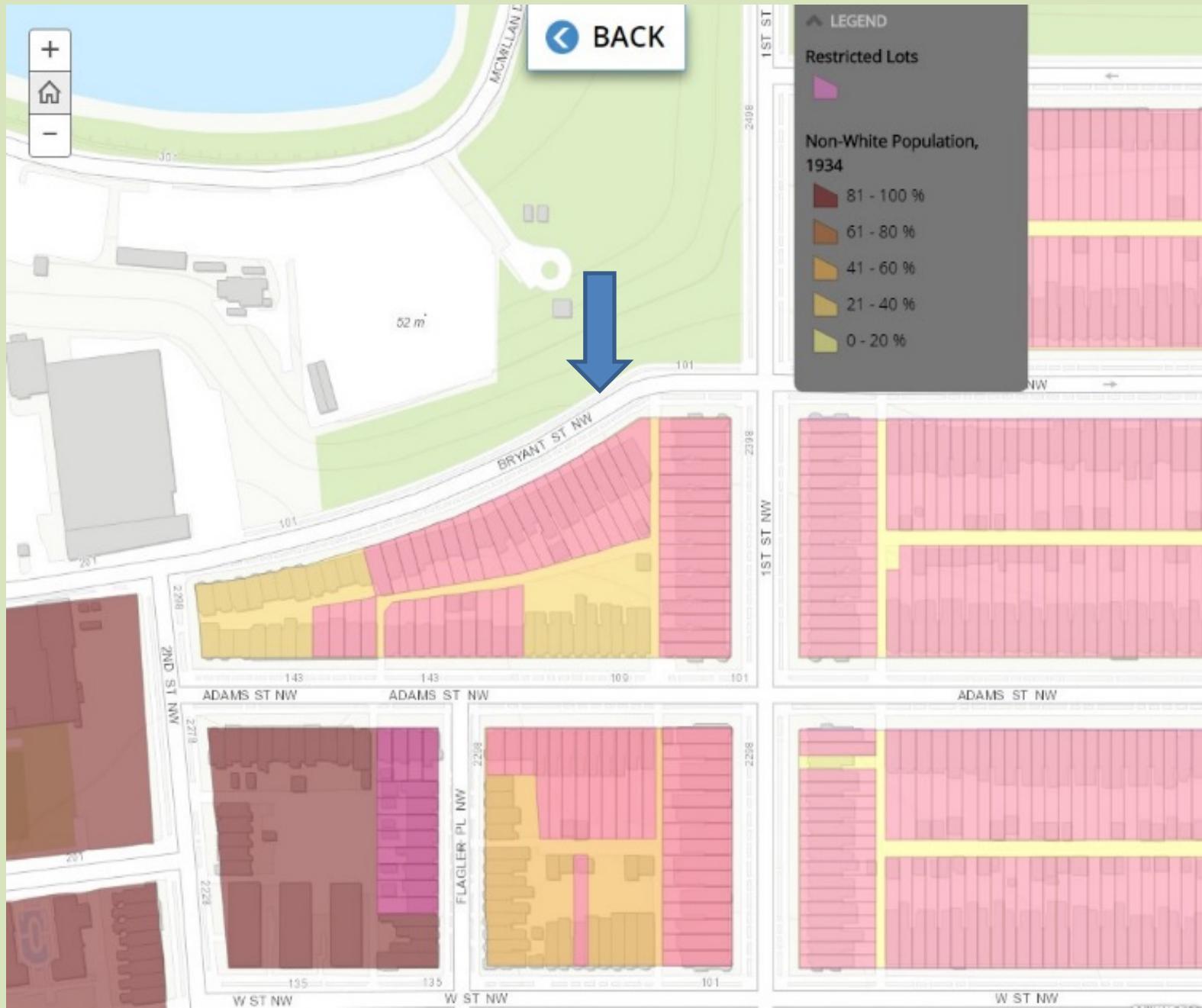




Raphael Urciolo (left),
ca. 1951



Restrictive covenants: 100 block of Bryant Street





Charles Hamilton Houston, center, ca. 1940



Judge Henry
White Edgerton



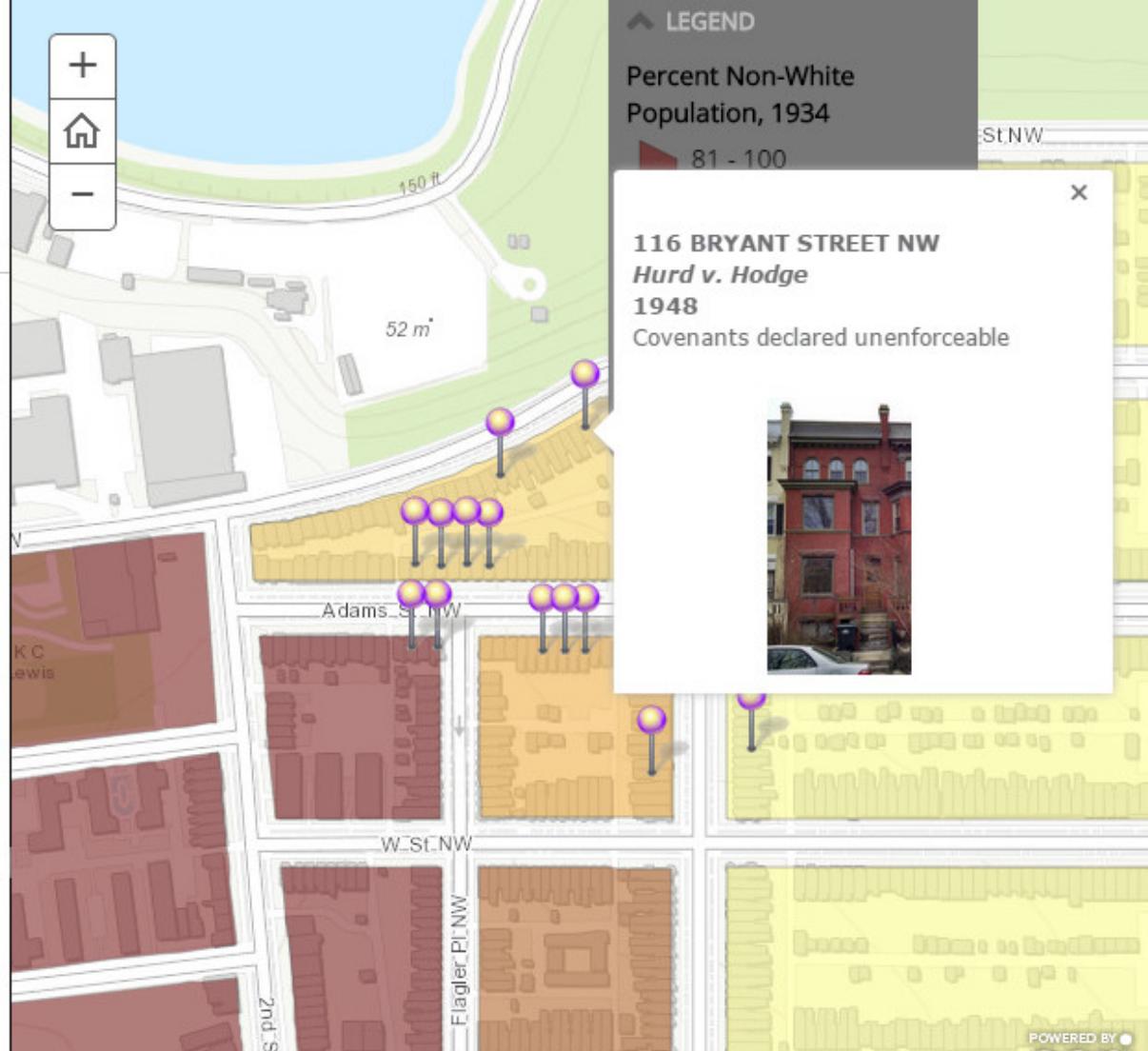
Mapping Segregation in Washington DC

Legal Challenges to Racially Restrictive Covenants

Hurd v. Hodge, 1948



NAACP attorney Charles Hamilton Houston argued *Hurd v. Hodge* before the U.S. Supreme Court. (Scurlock Studio Records, Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution)



The Bloomingdale case that reached the Supreme Court

The Washington Post,
May 4, 1948, page 1

High Court Voids Racial Ban in Realty Transactions

**Decision Knocks
Props From Under
'Restricted' Area
System in Nation**

By Dillard Stokes
Post Reporter

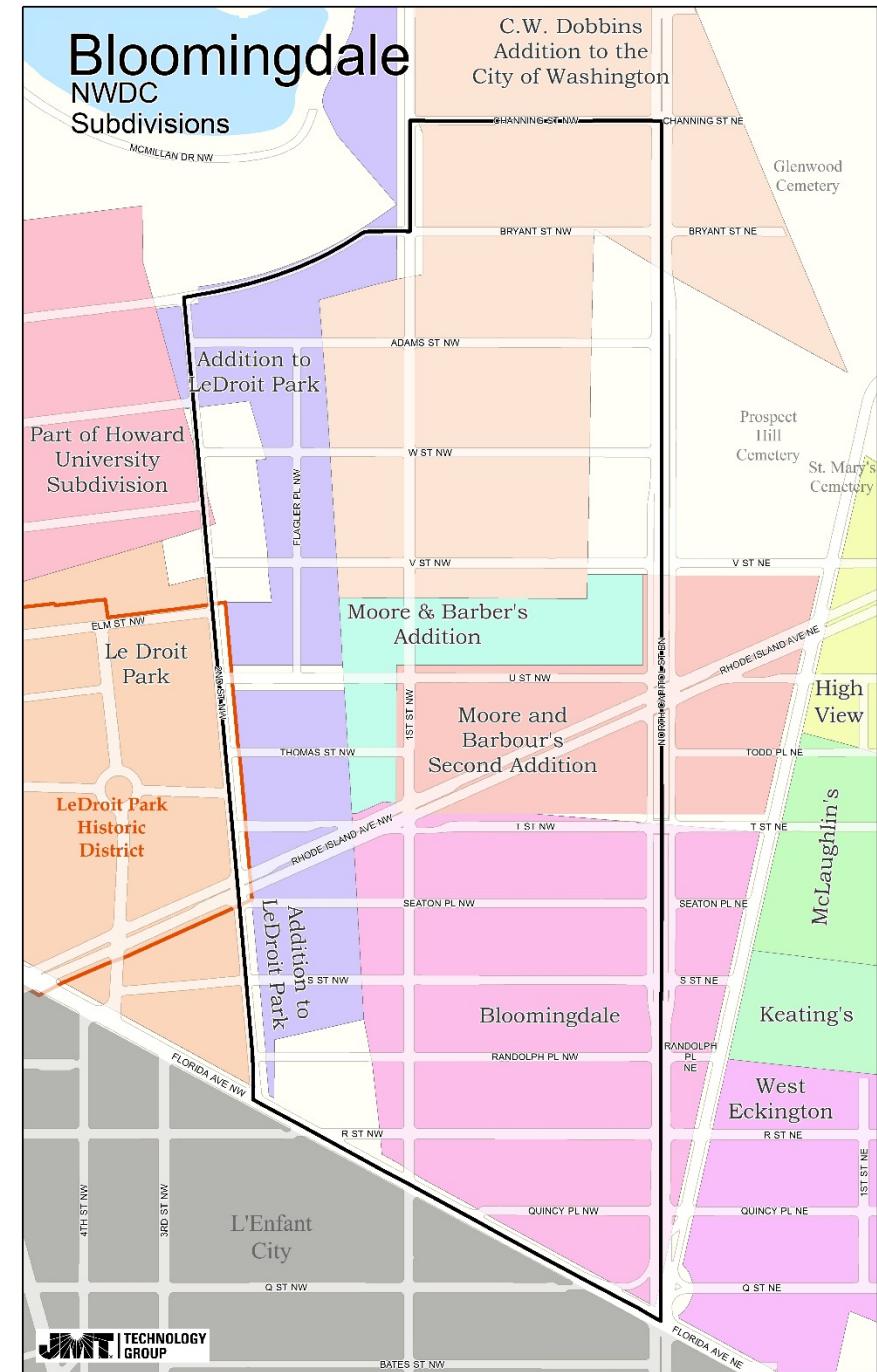
The Supreme Court yesterday ruled 6 to 0 that court orders against Negroes living in white neighborhoods violate the Constitution and the public policy.

Proposed Historic District

East of North Capitol Street now considered
Eckington.

Option 1:
Original subdivisions (outlined in black)

Option 2:
Inclusion of partial blocks west of Second
Street bounded by Rhode Island and Florida
avenues.





DC Inventory of Historic Sites: Relevant Evaluation Criteria

The site must possess **historical integrity**, and must also:

- Be the site of **significant events**; or
- Be associated with **significant historical periods**; or
- Be associated with **significant persons**; or
- Represent **urban planning** or **design** that is significant to the appearance and development of DC; or
- Possess **high artistic or aesthetic values** that contribute significantly to the heritage and appearance of DC

How Bloomingdale Meets Historic District Criteria

- Site of nationally important challenges to racial deed covenants; associated with implementation of planned development beyond the boundaries of original L'Enfant Plan
- Associated with individuals who played a significant role in the history of DC or the nation (Charles Hamilton Houston, Henry White Edgerton, Raphael Urciolo, Samuel Gompers, Edward Brooke)
- Site of extraordinarily cohesive and intact collection of rowhouses built within a short period of time by many of DC's most well-known developers and architects. These rowhouses, independently and together, embody the distinctive characteristics of their building type, possess high artistic value, and illustrate the changing aesthetics of the type in terms of form and style.



Questions?

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