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**STAFF REPORT**



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Director

**October 13, 2015**

**REQUEST:** Review and Response to City Council Bill 15-0569 – City Streets – Naming an unnamed alley Harry Way

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends a finding of no objection.

**STAFF:** Stacy Montgomery

**PETITIONER(S):** Councilman Kraft

**SITE/HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The unnamed alley is located between the 500 block of South Clinton Street and the 500 block of South Highland Avenue within the Canton National Register Historic District. The unnamed alley runs parallel to Eastern Avenue and Marshall Court to the north and Fleet Street to the South (some mapping programs incorrectly place Marshall Court on this unnamed alley). The Canton National Register Historic District is located in southeast Baltimore City between the Baltimore Harbor, Patterson Park, Fell's Point and Brewer's Hill. The neighborhood of 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century rowhouses is significant for its architecture as well as its contributions to Baltimore's maritime and industrial history.

The block where the unnamed alley is located was originally surrounded by rowhouses, with commercial properties fronting on Eastern Avenue. The property just north of the alley on South Clinton Street is the historic Highlandtown YWCA which was constructed in 1916 and was designed by Architect Oliver B. Wright (*Baltimore Sun*). The building was later home to the Salvation Army and the Red Shield Boys Club. The name "Harry Way" is in honor of Harry Wallace, a popular coach at the Boys Club.

Site Conditions/Architectural Description: The site is an alley that runs east to west from S. Highland Avenue to S. Clinton Street, north of Fleet Street and south of Eastern Avenue and Marshall Court. The alley appears on Sanborn maps dating from 1914 and does not appear to have ever been named. No structures will be impacted.

**BACKGROUND**

- There are no previous CHAP actions regarding this site.

- This bill has been referred to CHAP for review under Article 26 Section 7-3, which states *“Procedure for change. (a) Referral to Department and CHAP. Whenever an ordinance or resolution is introduced in the City Council of Baltimore to change the name of any public street, avenue, or other thoroughfare within the corporate limits of Baltimore City, or to name any street, avenue, or other thoroughfare within said corporate limits, the same shall at once be referred to the Department of Public Works and to the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation for a written report as to the advisability of the passage of such ordinance or the adoption of such resolution.”*

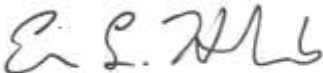
**PROPOSAL**

Bill 15-0569– City Streets –Naming an unnamed alley Harry Way is a bill to name an unnamed alley located between the 500 block of S. Clinton Street and the 500 block of S. Highland Avenue, as shown on Property Location Division Block Plat No. 6423, Ward 26, Lot 11, Harry Way. The alley is located within the Canton National Register Historic District and would be named after a popular coach at a club located on the north side of the alley.

**ANALYSIS**

CHAP staff finds that with the proposed name change will not impact any historic buildings. Further, the proposed name makes reference to the historic building on the north side of the alley.

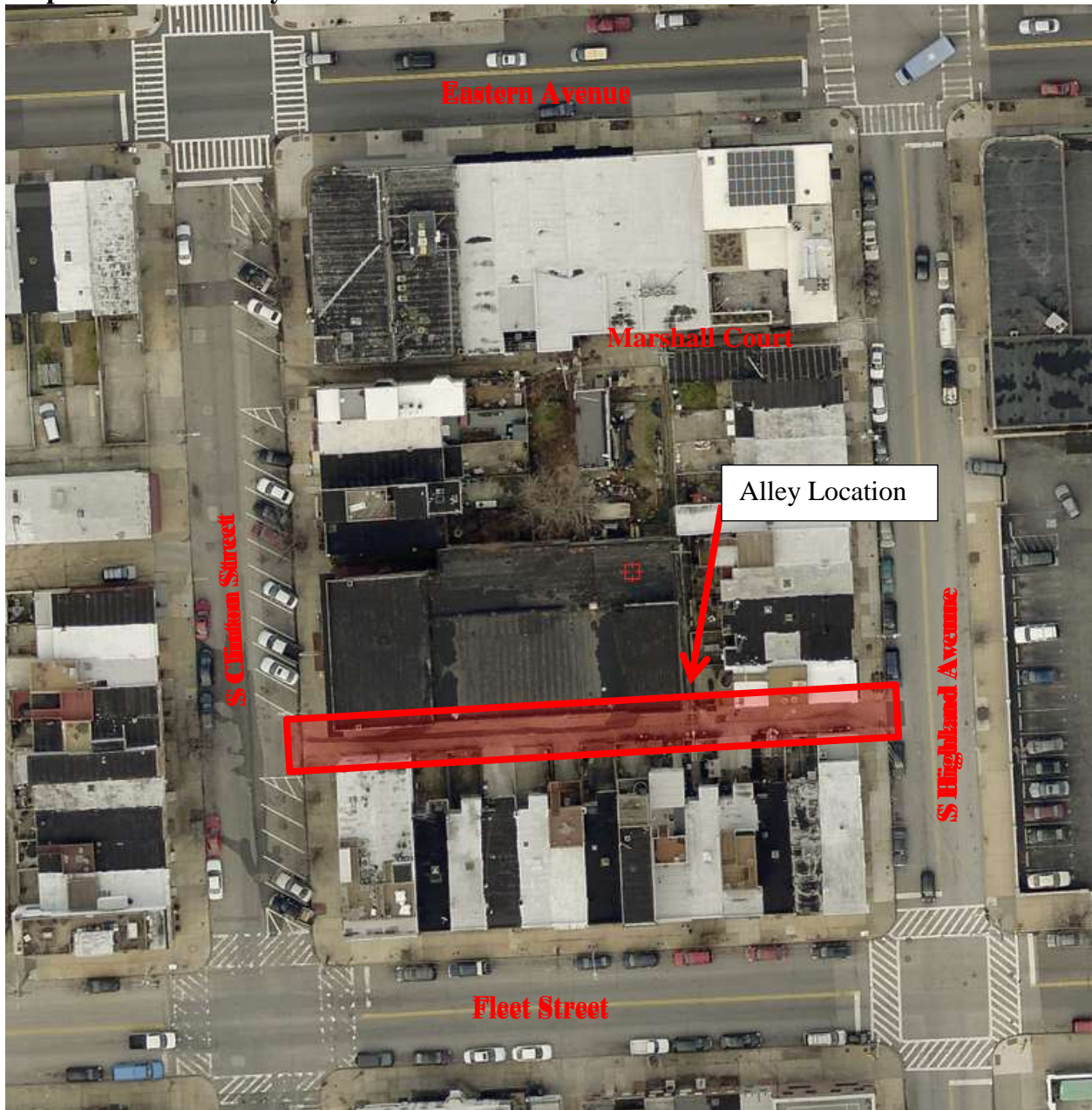
**Staff recommends a finding of no objection to the proposed naming of the unnamed alley located between the 500 block of S. Clinton Street and the 500 block of S. Highland Avenue, as shown on Property Location Division Block Plat No. 6423, Ward 26, Lot 11, Harry Way.**



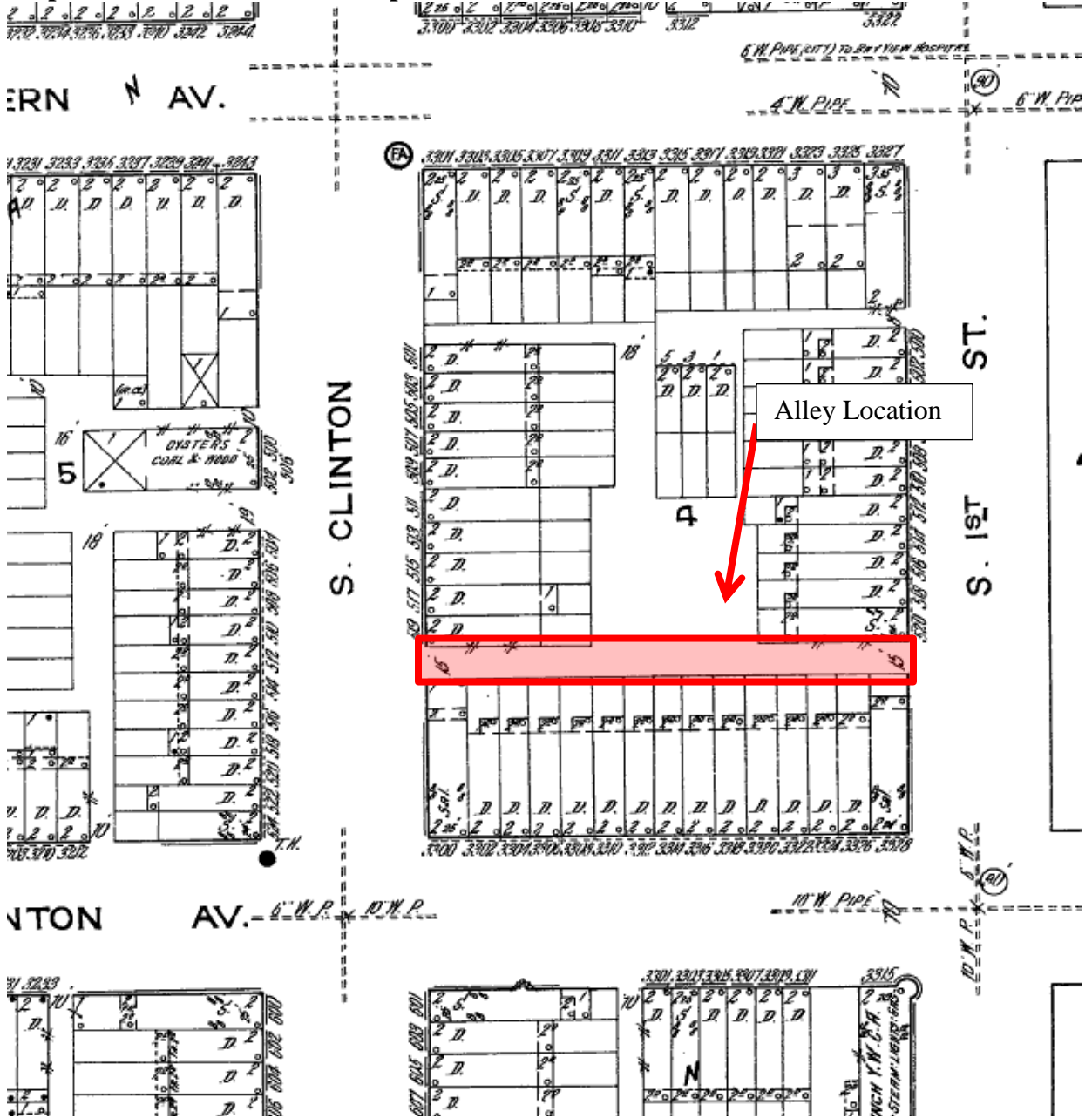
**Eric Holcomb**  
**Director**

**MAPS & IMAGES**

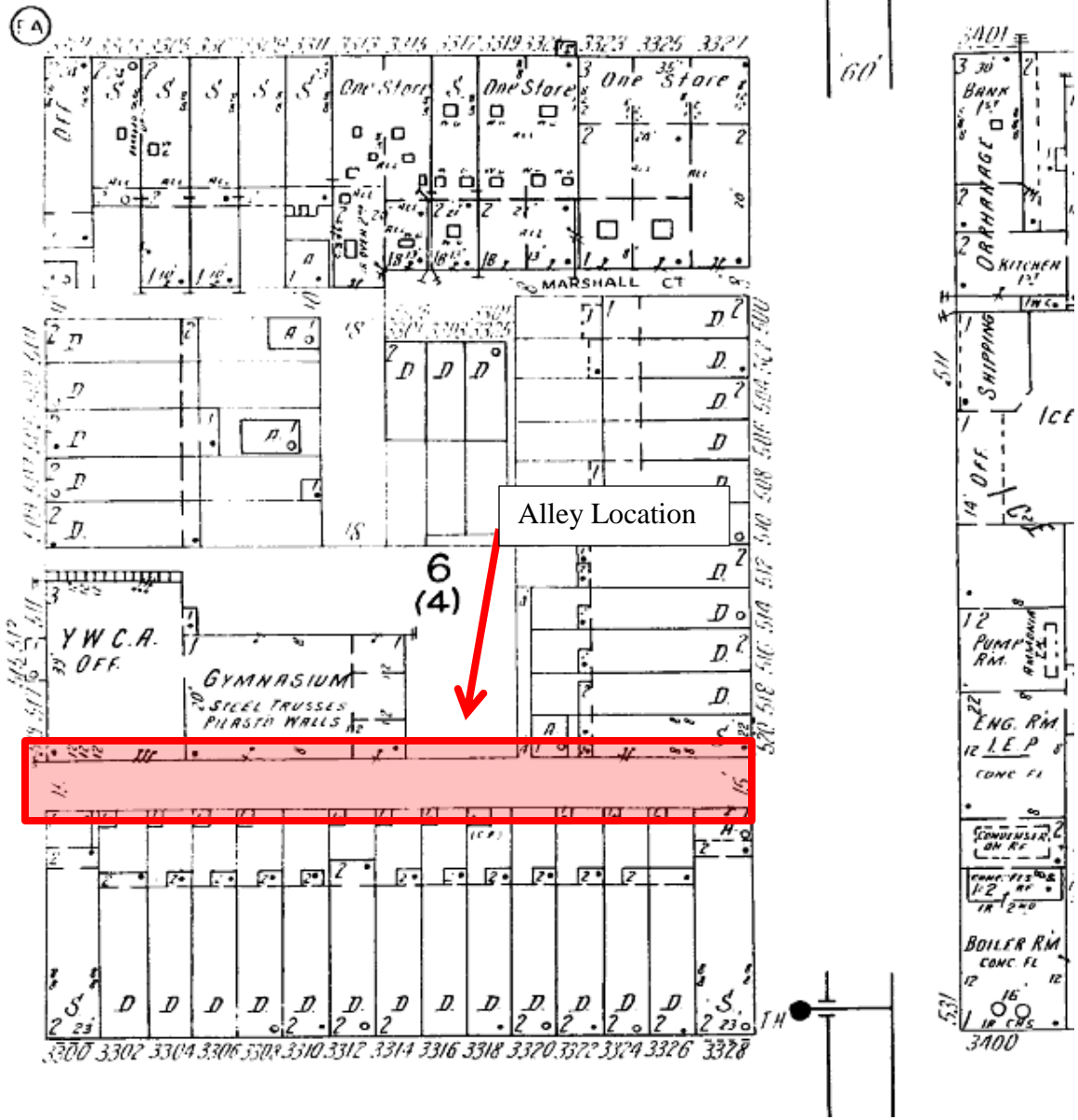
**Map 1.1 Aerial of Alley Location**



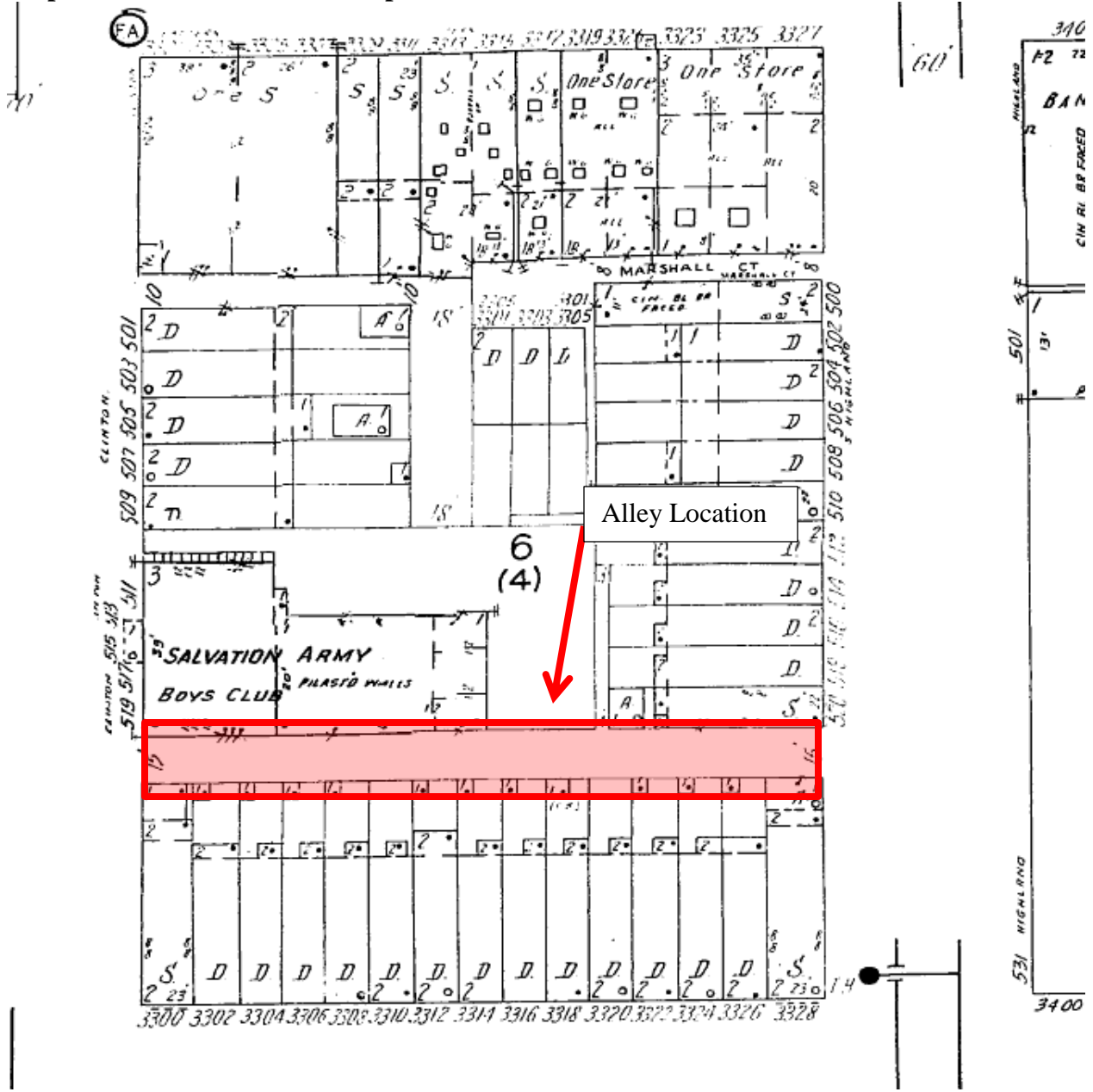
# Map 1.2 1914-1915 Sanborn Map



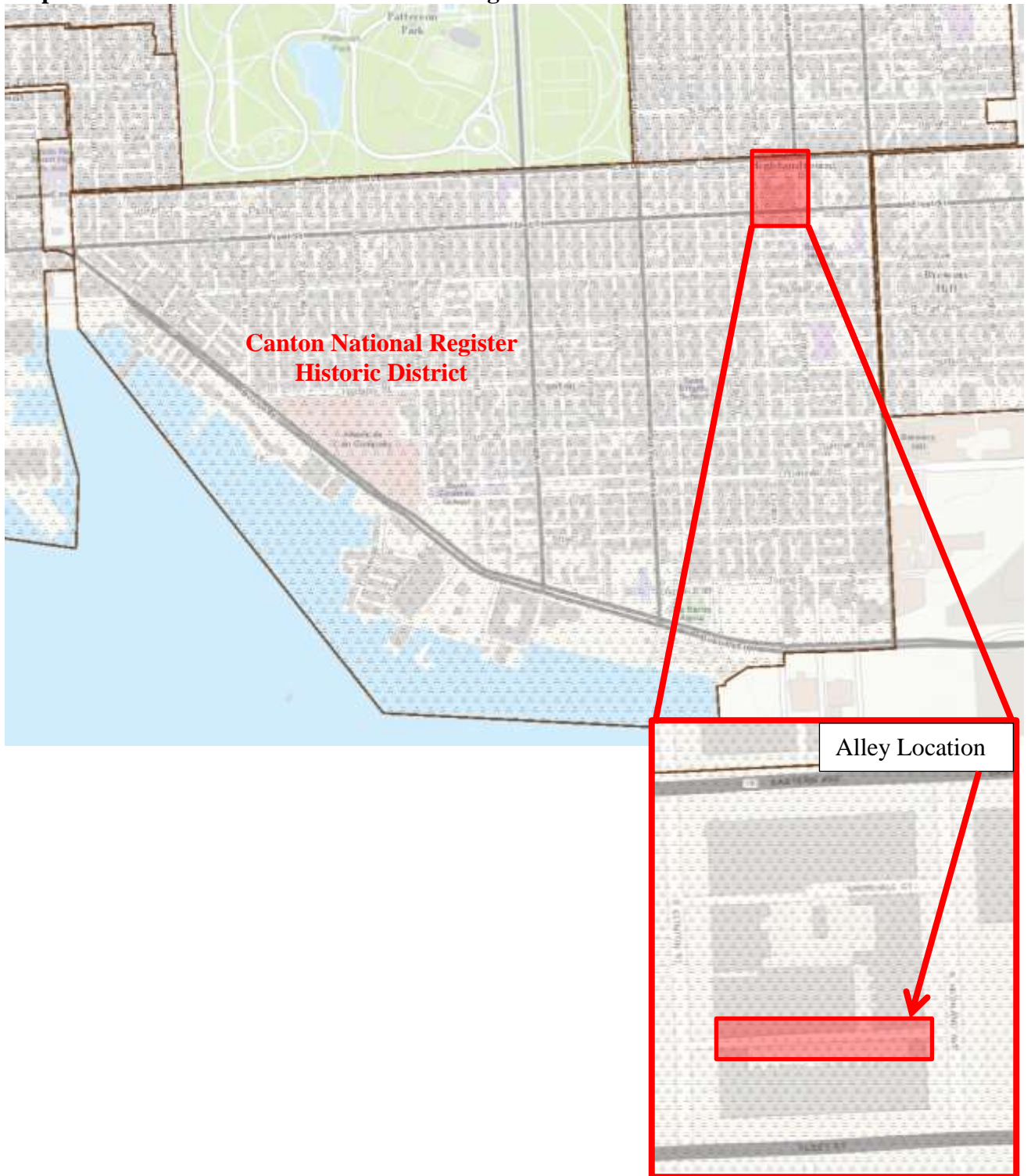
Map 1.3 1928-1936 Sanborn Map



Map 1.4 1914-1951 Sanborn Map



**Map 1.5 Location within Canton National Register Historic District**



**Image 2.1 500 Block of S. Clinton Street Elevation**



**Image 2.2 500 Block of S. Highland Avenue Elevation**

