



## HISTORIC SITE AND MONUMENT COMMISSION (HSMC)

### Application for Historical Markers, Monuments, and Public Art

HSMC reviews all historical markers, monuments, and public art on public property; markers, monuments, and public art visible from the public right-of-way on private property within all local historic districts; murals visible from the public right-of-way. Applications must be complete before the HSMC can begin the review process. Submit this application form and all supplemental documentation as required in the "Instructions: Submittal Criteria Checklist" with one hard copy and in PDF electronic format. **Email submissions to [historic@thempc.org](mailto:historic@thempc.org). Ensure the file size does not exceed 15 MB.** If Email is not available, contact the office for alternate arrangements.

**File No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ (staff only)

#### Applicant Contact Information:

Name: Joe Shearouse  
 Address: 2 East Bay Street  
 City: Savannah State GA Zip 31402  
 Phone: 912-429-4084 E-Mail Address JSHEAROUSE01@SAVANNAHGA.GOV

#### Property Owner Contact Information and Consent (Complete only if the marker will be on private property):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Correspondence:** ☐ Applicant ☒ Owner ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Check all that apply)

#### Property Information: (PIN information can be found at [www.sagis.org](http://www.sagis.org).)

☒ Public Property ☐ Private Property PIN (Property Identification Number): 2004518003  
 Address: Cape Street between Brewer Street/Morris Brown Drive

#### Scope of Work: (Check all that apply.)

HISTORICAL MARKER:	MONUMENT:
<input type="checkbox"/> Freestanding	<input type="checkbox"/> Person
<input type="checkbox"/> Wall-Mounted	<input type="checkbox"/> Place
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Embedded	<input type="checkbox"/> Event
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
PUBLIC ART / MURAL (Commissioned or Existing Work):	NAMING AND RENAMING:
<input type="checkbox"/> Mural	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Property
<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Streets

**Project Description:** Describe the proposed project and scope of work in detail. Additional pages may be attached. Submit all supplemental documentation as required in the separate "Instructions: Submittal Criteria Checklist."

Request is for an Honorary Street Designation on Cape Street. Honorary street name designations are intended to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the community. The designation shall not interfere with the official name of the street. Honorary street designations are symbolic and DO NOT change the official name of the street. Honorary Street Signs are attached below the street name and are brown in color.

Questions: Email the Preservation Department at [historic@thempc.org](mailto:historic@thempc.org) or call 912-651-1440.

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**2022 Savannah-Chatham County Historic Site and Monument Commission Meeting Schedule:**

<b>Application Deadline</b> (Due by 3:00 pm)	<b>Meeting Date</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, December 2, 2021	Thursday, January 6, 2022
<input type="checkbox"/> January 6	February 3
<input type="checkbox"/> February 3	March 3
<input type="checkbox"/> March 3	April 7
<input type="checkbox"/> April 7	May 5
<input type="checkbox"/> May 5	June 2
<input type="checkbox"/> June 2	July 7
<input type="checkbox"/> July 7	August 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> August 4	September 1
<input type="checkbox"/> September 1	October 6
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**Estimated Cost of the Proposed Work:** \$ 150

**Filing Fee Schedule:**

No filing fee is required for HSMC review.

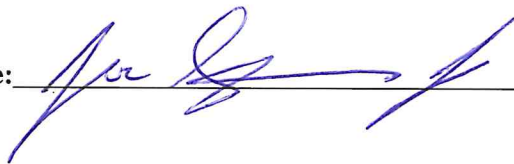
**Public Notice for Historic Site and Monument Commission Meetings:**

The applicant is responsible for posting the Board Meeting signs provided by the MPC fifteen (15) days prior to the HSMC Meeting. Refer to *Chapter 9 of the Markers, Monuments, and Public Art Master Plan and Guidelines for the City of Savannah* for additional posting requirements.

**Signature of Legal Owner or Authorized Agent:**

I have read and understand all the information enclosed in this application form. I understand that an Escrow Payment is required for any historical marker erected on public property. I hereby certify that I am the legal owner or authorized agent for the legal owner of the subject property.

**Signature:**



**Date:** 07/14/22

## Honorary Street Designation Request- “Raphael Warnock Way”

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### Purpose

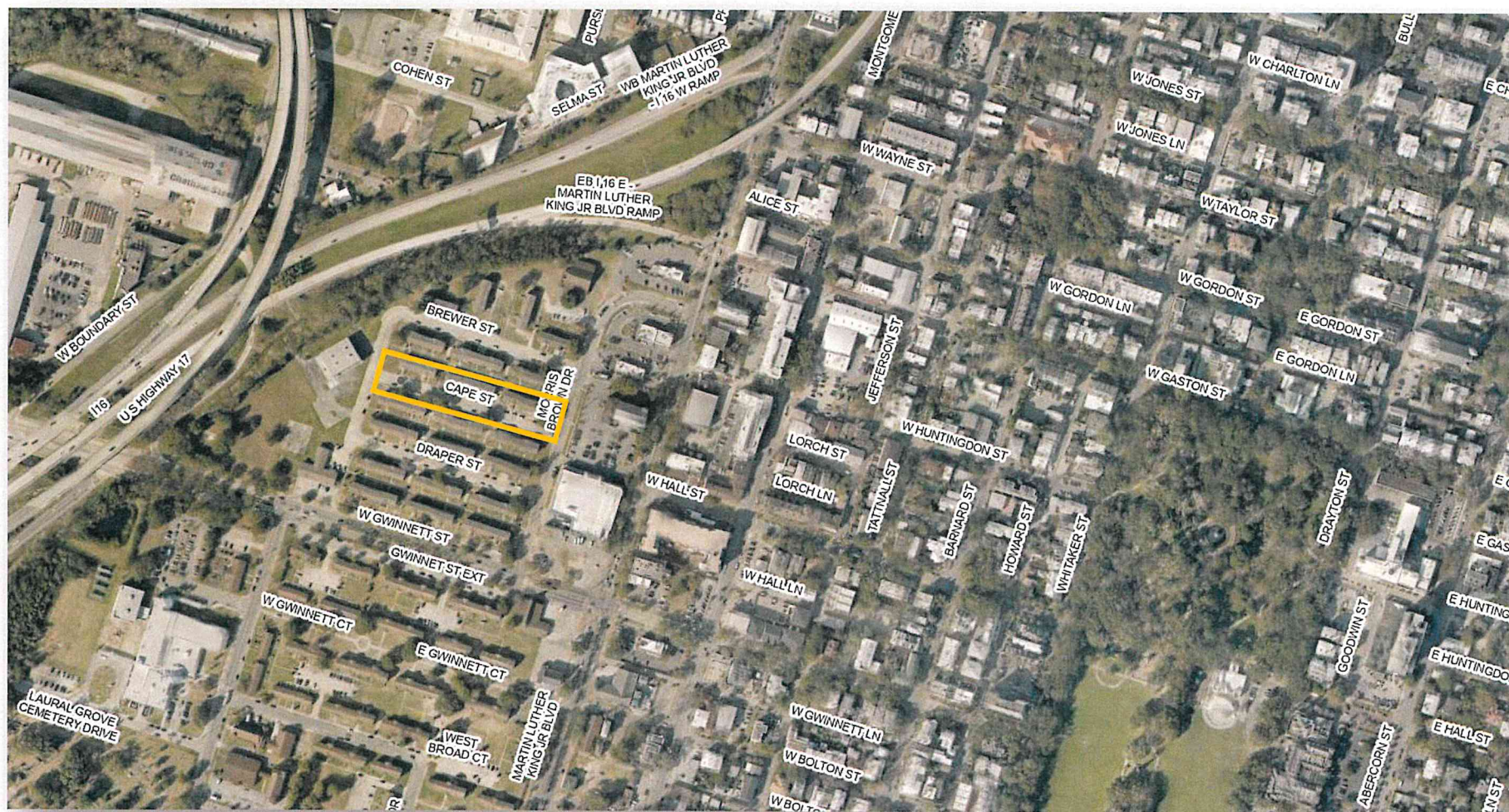
Honorary street name designations are intended to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the community. The designation is temporary assignment of the honorarium and shall not interfere with the official name of the street. Honorary Street Designations DO NOT change the official name of the street, they are only symbolic.

### Proposal

**Current Name:** Cape Street  
**Proposed Honorary Name:** “Raphael Warnock Way”  
**Location:** Cape Street- Between Morris Brown Drive and Brewer Street  
**Petitioner:** City of Savannah, Mayor Van Johnson











Street Sign Locations- Honorary Street Sign will be attached below the actual street name and Honorary Sign will be brown in color.



### **Statement of Reason- Community Contribution**

Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock grew up in Kayton Homes public housing in Savannah, born one of twelve brothers and sisters raised in coastal Georgia. His father, a veteran, small businessman, and preacher, grew up in Burke and Screven County, GA. Senator Reverend Warnock's mother grew up in Waycross, GA, where she spent summers picking tobacco and cotton.

A graduate of Savannah's Sol C. Johnson High School, Senator Raphael Warnock's mother and extended family still lives in the Savannah area. Senator Warnock is a proud graduate of Morehouse College; after graduating from Morehouse, he went on to earn a PhD and begin his career ordained in the ministry. For over 15 years, Senator Warnock has served as Senior Pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, the former pulpit of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He is the youngest pastor selected to serve in that leadership role at the historic church.

Senator Warnock was elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in the January 5, 2021, special election runoff for the term ending January 3, 2023, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Johnny Isakson, a seat previously held by appointed Senator Kelly Loeffler. He took the oath of office on January 20, 2021.

This designation is important because it recognizes the historic nature of having a US Senator with local Savannah roots. The petitioner, Mayor Van Johnson commented "I think it's even more historic that he is a product of public housing," and "I think it's important for little boys who grow up on that block to know that greatness is not defined by where you live."

Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock achievements serve as a testament to Savannahians on how we can overcome obstacles and make positive change.

## Requirements for Honorary Street Naming Designations. (Sec.4-1104)

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### Restrictions

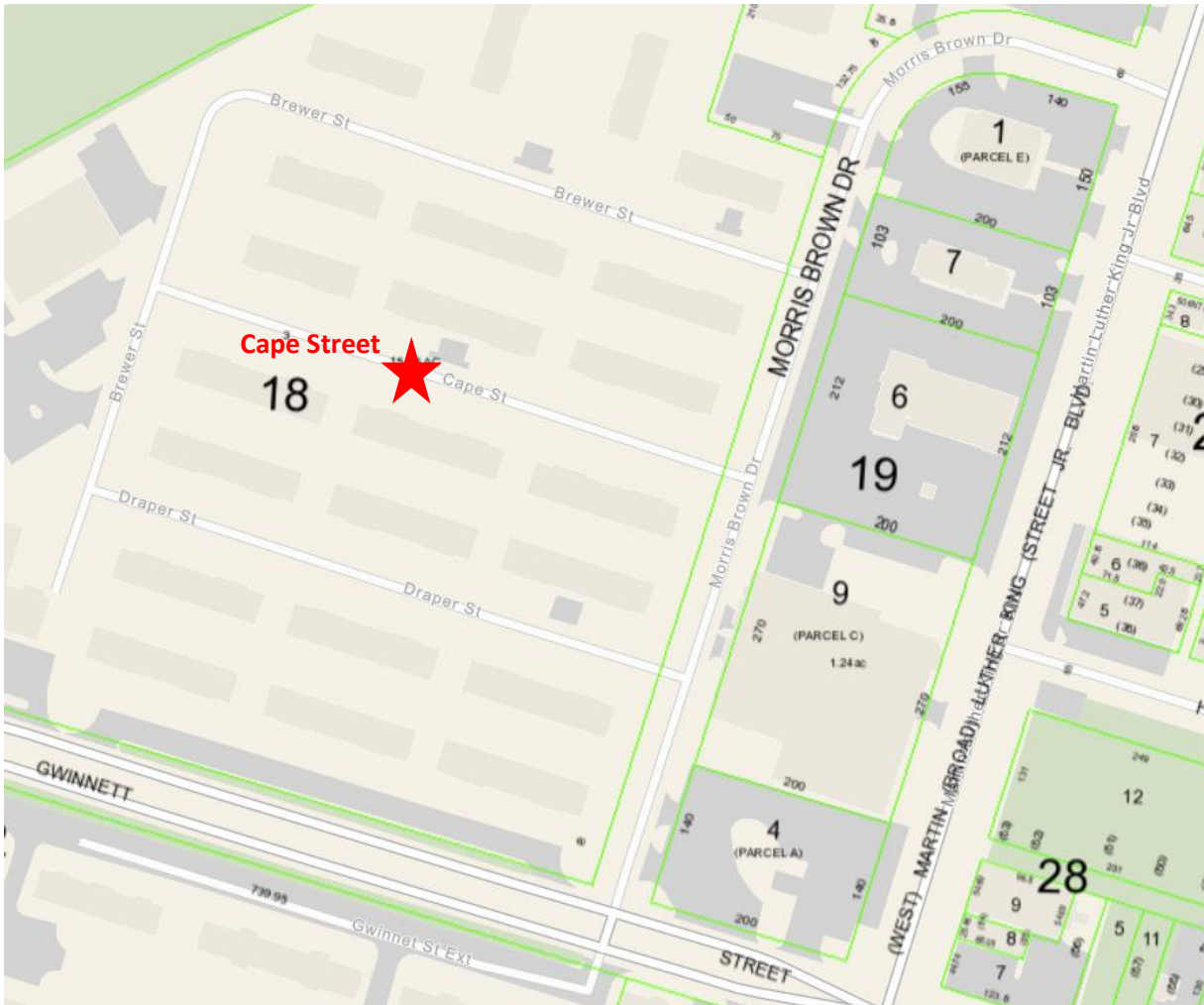
- ✓ Roadways under the control of the Federal Highway Administration, Georgia Department of Transportation or Chatham County are not subject to honorary naming.
- ✓ Honorary designations shall be limited to one approved designation per City Council member per calendar year.
- ✓ Individual family tributes, commercially concerned and corporate-related recognitions shall not be eligible for honorary designation.

### Requirements

- ✓ The proposed namesake made a sustained contribution over an appreciable time period, exerted efforts of benefit or significance to local, state or national affairs and/or demonstrated leadership in governmental, cultural or historical affairs, humanitarian efforts, or community development;
- ✓ The proposed namesake made contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community;
- ✓ The proposed namesake resided in the City for at least 5 years.
- ✓ A statement of reasons supporting the honorary naming request, including a discussion of the historical significance, contributions, heroic service or personal sacrifice by the honoree to the City, state or nation;
- ✓ Identification of the particular section or block of an existing City street for which the honorary designation is sought.
- ✓ A supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the subject right-of-way
- ✓ An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
- ✓ A check for \$150 made to the City of Savannah



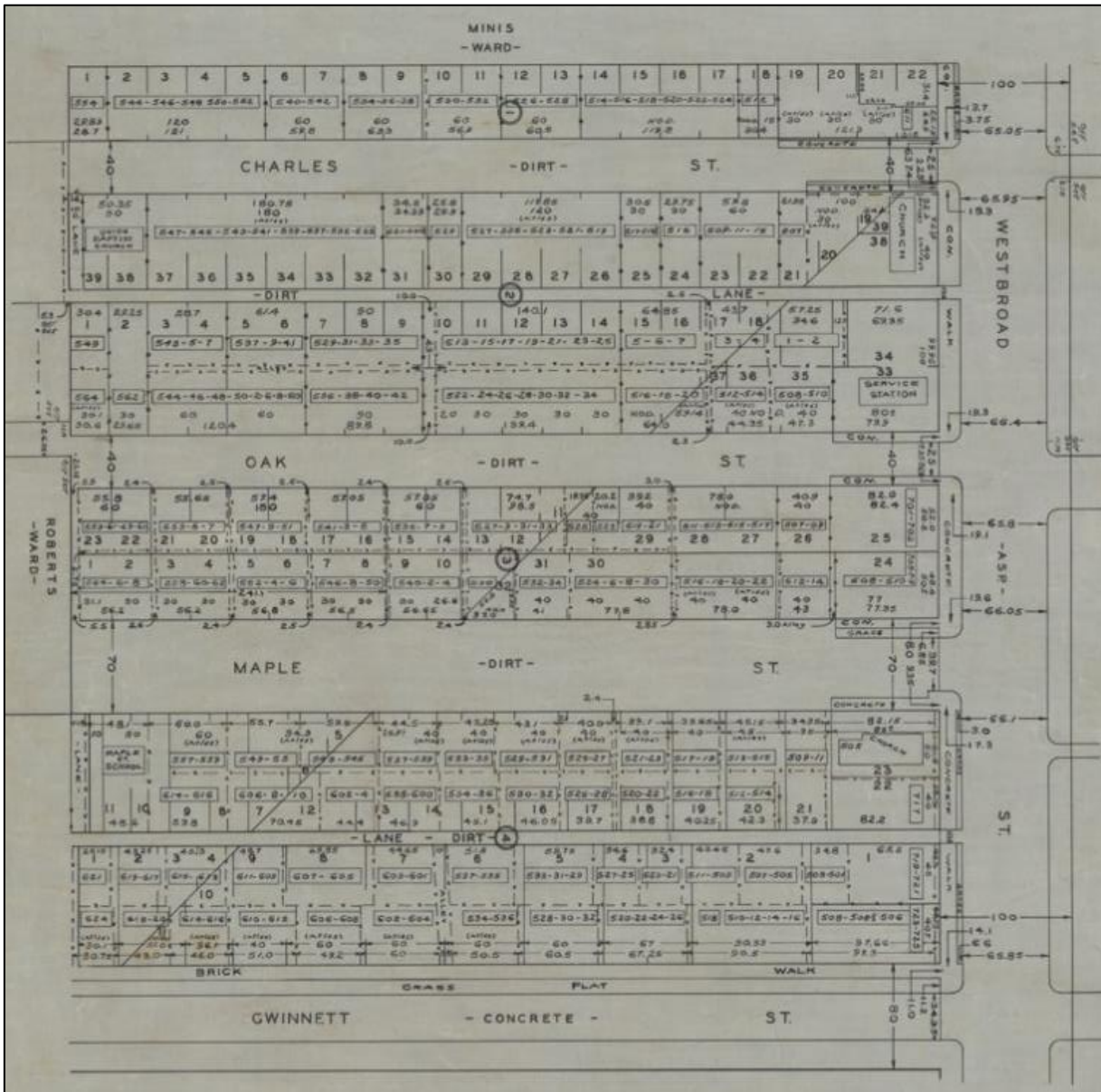
Cape Street is an east-west street located in Herbert L. Kayton Homes, connecting Morris Brown Drive to Brewer Street. The street pattern and street names within Kayton Homes were originated with the development of this housing complex in the early 1960s. To date, the inspiration for the name Cape has not been determined and no record of it has been found in City of Savannah government records. Attempts to locate a source through Housing Authority of Savannah records or other contemporary sources have not yielded results.



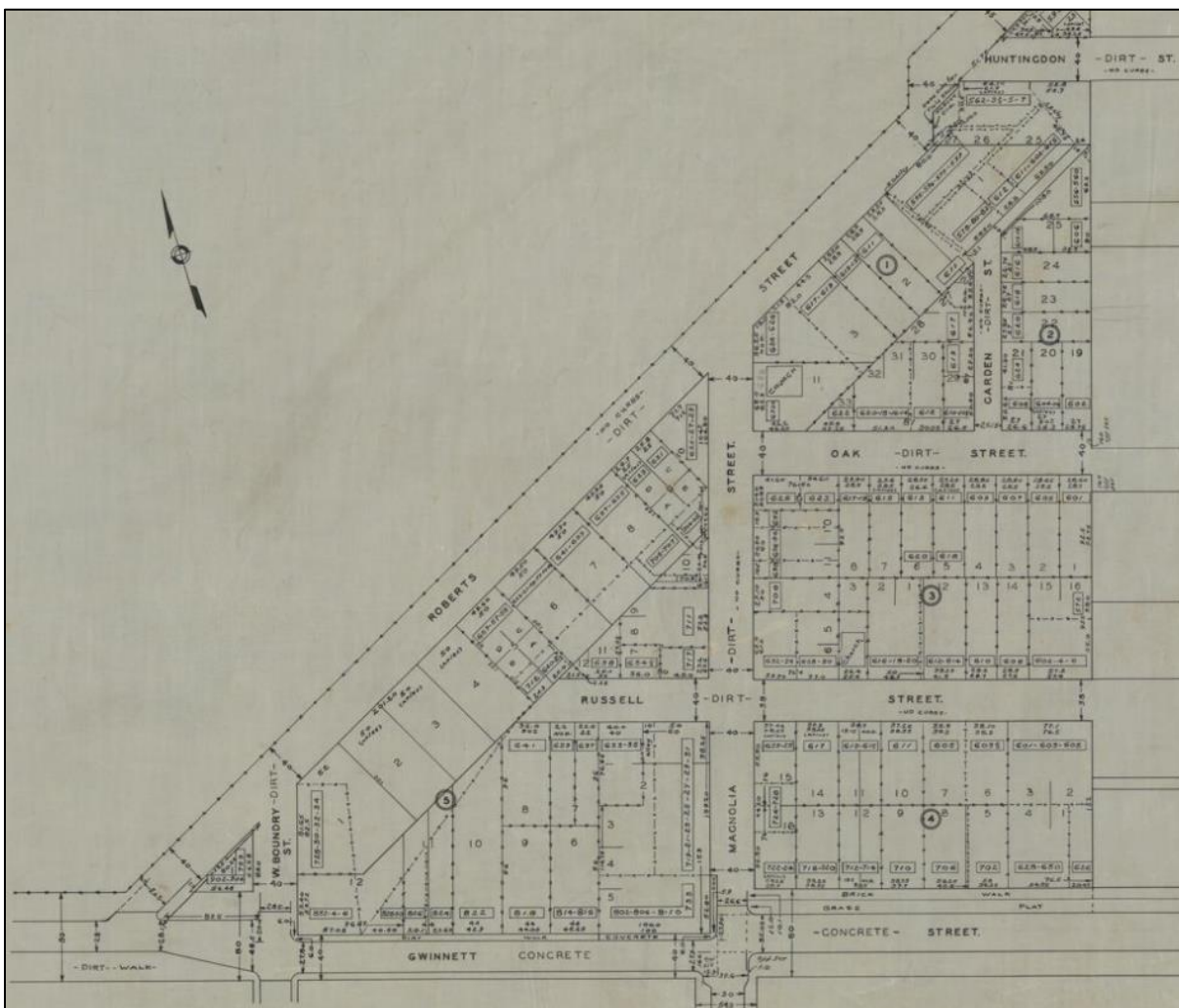
Map of Herbert L. Kayton Homes indicating Cape Street from sagis.org (accessed February 16, 2021)

The original street pattern of this area was destroyed by Urban Renewal and the introduction of Herbert L. Kayton Homes. City maps like the detailed Savannah Cadastral Survey Ward Maps below from 1939 show an entirely different system of streets prior to Urban Renewal, with names including Maple, Oak, Charles, Russell, and Magnolia. In the 1960s, Urban Renewal completely wiped out not only these streets, but the community anchored by them, as clearly shown in the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps from 1955 (before) and 1963 (after) in the following pages.



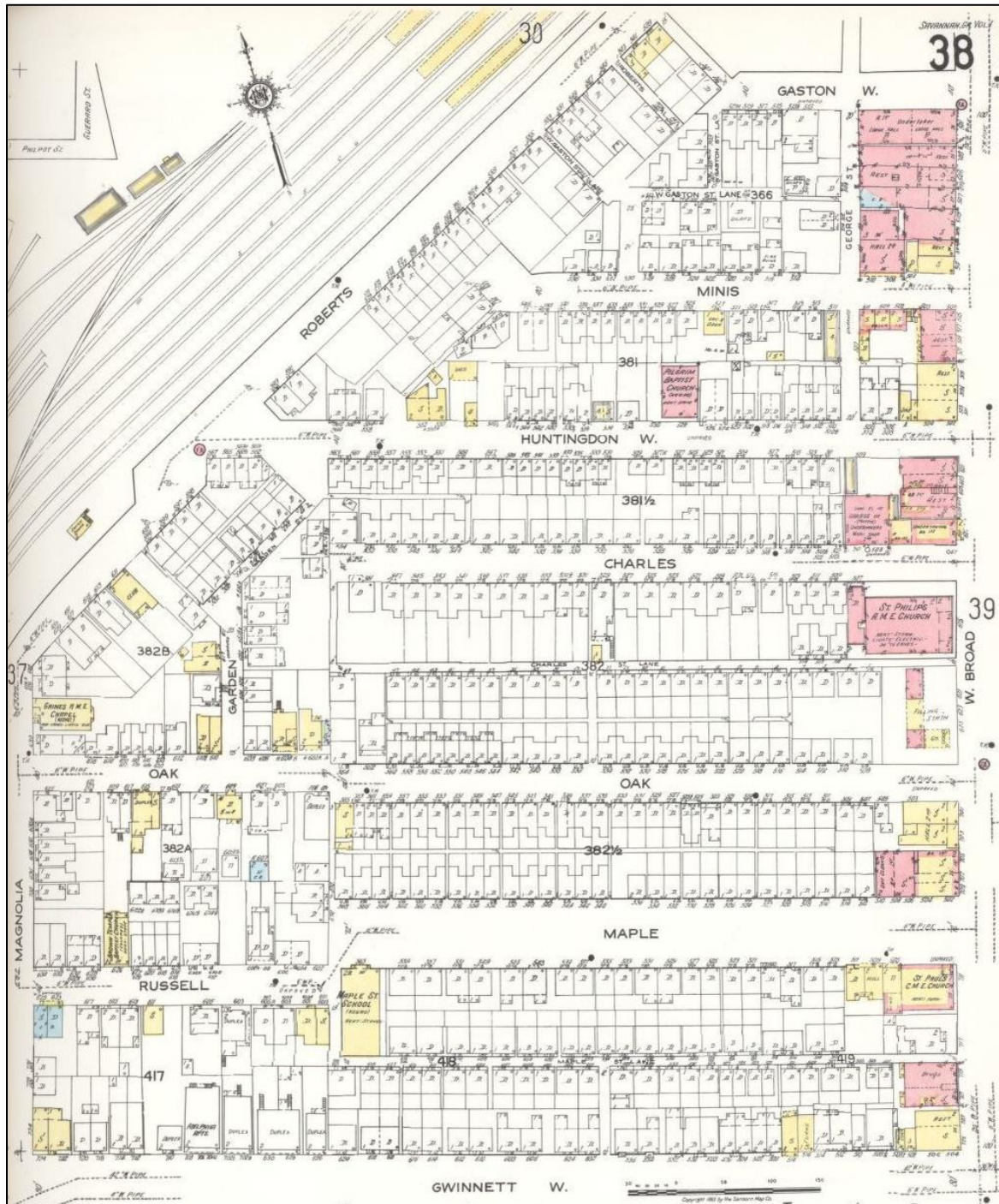


Garden Ward, 1939. Record Series 3121-019, Engineering Department – Savannah Cadastral Survey Ward Maps, Sheet 71. City of Savannah Municipal Archives.

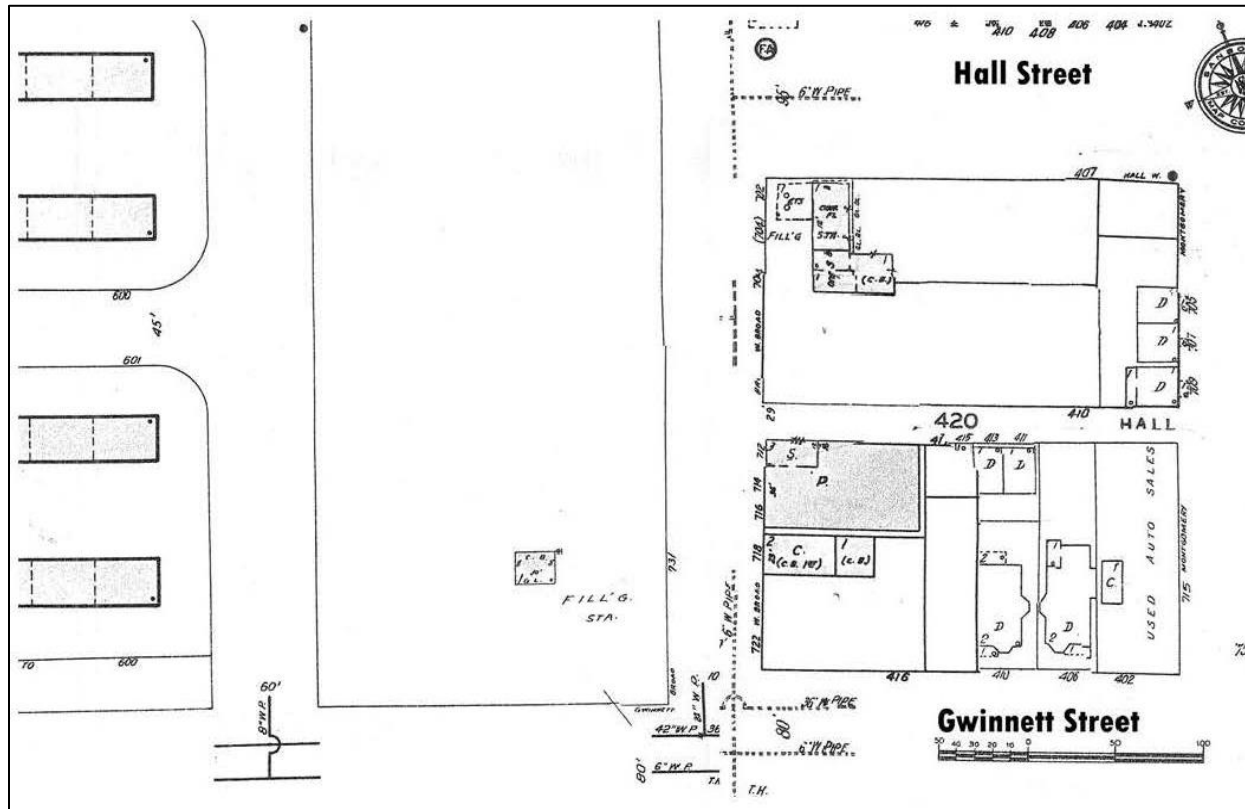


Roberts Ward, 1939. Record Series 3121-019, Engineering Department – Savannah Cadastral Survey Ward Maps, Sheet 199. City of Savannah Municipal Archives.





Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia. 1955, Volume 1, Sheet 38. Retrieved from the Library of Congress ([www.loc.gov/item/sanborn01500\\_008/](http://www.loc.gov/item/sanborn01500_008/)).



Detail of Sheet 38 updated to 1963 showing intersection of Gwinnett Street and West Broad Street where Urban Renewal replaced a dense neighborhood with Kayton Homes and an entirely vacant lot on the northwest corner of Gwinnett and West Broad streets. Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia. 1955, Volume 1, Sheet 38, updated through 1963. Georgia Historical Society.



Herbert L. Kayton,  
circa 1946

The City of Savannah government partnered with the Housing Authority of Savannah to appraise properties along West Broad Street for Urban Renewal purposes. In January 1961, the City transferred the tract for Kayton Homes to the Housing Authority (Deed Book 79T-Folio 335).

Herbert L. Kayton Homes was opened in 1962 by the Housing Authority of Savannah. The public housing complex was named for Herbert L. Kayton, former board chairman and vice-chairman, who served on the Housing Authority's board for over twenty years. The complex includes 164 apartments that range from one to five-bedroom units.





Above: Construction of Herbert L. Kayton Homes, circa 1961-1962. *Savannah Morning News*.

Below: Herbert L. Kayton Homes, looking northwest, circa 1961. *Savannah Morning News*.



***Sources:***

"Housing Authority of Savannah: The History." Housing Authority of Savannah, February 2006.

"Oglethorpe Was Right... a tale of two centuries." Housing Authority of Savannah, January 1946.

Record Series 3205-020, Savannah Development and Renewal Authority (SDRA) - West Broad Street Appraisals (1958-1968), finding aid.

"Visual History of West Broad Street (Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard) from Liberty Street to Anderson Street." City of Savannah, Research Library & Municipal Archives, March 2010.