

## Urban Archaeology on the 500 Block of King Street Images from the Alexandria Archaeology Museum

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### The Block before demolition

**King Street:**



Figure 1: 500-512 King Street, 1967



Figure 2: Herbert Lyles' shoe repair store, 502 King Street, 1967



Figure 3: Tommy Summers' Record Shop, 504-506 King Street, 1967



Figure 4: Bradshaw's shoe store, 508-512 King Street, 1967



Figure 5: Rear of 508-512 King Street, 1967



Figure 6: 518-524 King Street, 1967



Figure 7: The house of Adam Lynn Jr., 518-520 King Street, 1967



Figure 8: 522-524 King Street, 1967



Figure 9: Haymans' Store, 526-530 King Street, 1967



Figure 10: Rear of 526-530 King Street facing north, 1967



Figure 11: Rear of 526-530 King Street: public parking lot, private alley to the right, 1967



Figure 12: Rembrandt's Shoes at the corner of King and S. St. Asaph Streets, 1967

### South St. Asaph Street



Figure 13: 532 King (Rembrandt's Shoes) on S. St. Asaph Street side

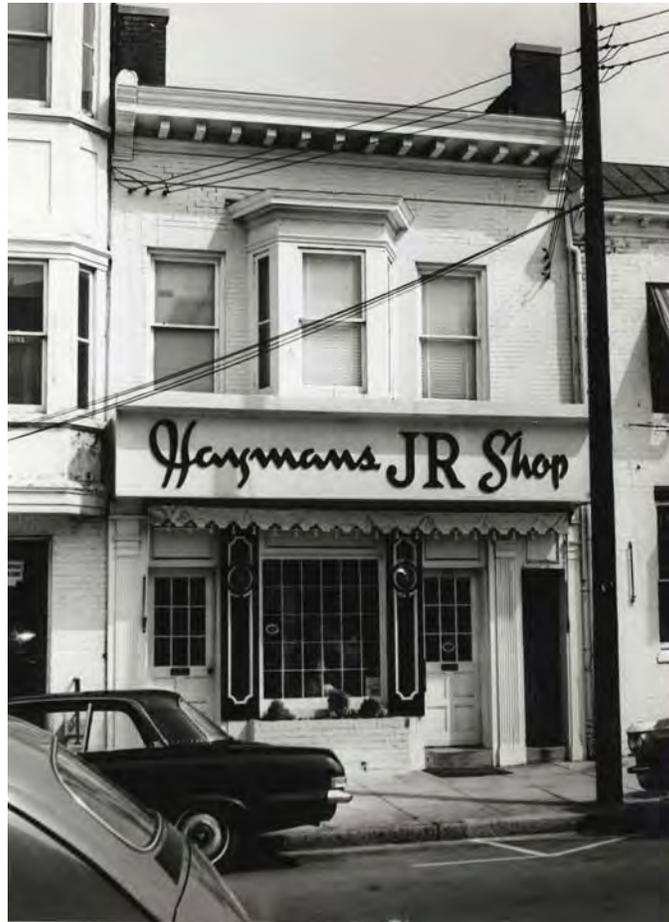


Figure 14: Haymans JR Shop, 102 S. St. Asaph Street, 1967



Figure 15: Rear of 102 S. St. Asaph Street, facing west, 1967



Figure 16: 104 S. St. Asaph Street, 1967



Figure 17: 104 S. St. Asaph Street, south side, 1967



Figure 18: 104 S. St. Asaph Street, facing west, 1967



Figure 19: 106-114 S. St. Asaph Street, 1967



Figure 20: 116 S. St. Asaph Street



Figure 21: 116 S. St. Asaph Street, facing southwest, 1967

## Demolition



Figure 22: 526-530 King Street being demolished



Figure 23: Close-up of 526-530 King Street demolition



Figure 24: 532 King Street being demolished



Figure 25: 530-532 King Street being demolished

## Post-Demolition



Figure 26: Corner of King and S. St. Asaph Streets in 1977; the car in the foreground is on S. St. Asaph



Figure 27: Corner of South Pitt and King Streets in 1977; the car in the foreground is on King Street



Figure 28: South Pitt Street in 1977, facing west

## Excavating the Block and Processing Finds



Figure 29: Eager field school students, Summer of 1977



Figure 30: Preparing for Phase I excavations in the parking lot



Figure 31: Taking ground elevations with a transit



Figure 32: Marking possible archaeological features indicated by depressions in the ground



Figure 33: Excavating features in the parking lot



Figure 34: A brick lined well found beneath the asphalt



Figure 35: In the fall of 1977, the block becomes a construction site. Archaeologists keep shoveling!



Figure 36: The pit deepens



Figure 37: Archaeologists at work



Figure 38: Excavating one of many brick lined wells



Figure 39: A volunteer shovels the loose dirt from inside the well



Figure 40: A volunteer is lowered into a brick-lined privy



Figure 41: Looking up from inside the privy



Figure 42: Exposed vertical section of a brick line  
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Figure 43: Inside what remained of a 19<sup>th</sup> century barrel, used as a trash pit



Figure 44: Taking depth measurements inside the cistern



Figure 45: Remains of the brick wall and basement of a house on 518-520 King Street



Figure 46: Excavating the wooden flooring of a basement



Figure 47: Pamela Cressey and young boy screening for artifacts



Figure 48: Screening for artifacts



Figure 49: Barbara Magid (in red) explaining lab procedures to volunteers



Figure 50: Volunteers processing ceramic artifacts in the lab (COLLECTION)



Figure 51: Richard Wheeler cataloguing faunal remains in the lab

## The Block Today

### King Street



Figure 52: 500-510 King Street



Figure 53: 500-510 King Street



Figure 54: The Alexandria Courthouse, 520 King Street



Figure 55: 528-532 King Street

## S. St. Asaph Street



Figure 56: Corner of King and S. St. Asaph Streets



Figure 57: View of S. St. Asaph Street from the corner of Prince St., facing North toward King St.

**Prince Street**



Figure 58: 517 Prince Street, the oldest frame house in Alexandria



Figure 59: View of Prince Street

**Pitt Street**



Figure 60: Beginning of Pitt S., facing north toward King St.



Figure 61: Corner of Pitt and King Streets