Site History and Context
Site History - 19th-c.

- Largely undeveloped area
- Possibly used as market garden by George Blish, 1836-1849
- Henry Daingerfield’s Estate

1877 G.M. Hopkins Map
Site History - Civil War

- Battery H headquarters on the US Quarter Master’s map (Project Area in red)
- Structures include a Sutler’s Building, a civilian merchant licensed by the US military to supply goods and services
Archaeology

- Development plans will impact below-ground resources
- Archaeological Evaluation is completed
- Data Recovery phase to be completed prior to construction
Archaeology

• Initial testing of the site

Photos: Thunderbird Archeology
1863 Bird’s Eye View of Alexandria by Charles Magnus
Site History - 20th-c.

• 1941 - Land acquired by US government for defense housing
• 1941-42 - Design and Construction of Ramsey Homes (permanent war housing) for US Housing Authority
• 1953 - Federal Public Housing Authority divested many properties and Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority acquired property
• 1984 - Creation of Parker-Gray District and BAR
• 2009 - Creation of Uptown/Parker-Gray National Register District
1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map
Context
Directly north of Ramsey Homes site on Wythe Street was the Parker-Gray School (1920-1950) which later became the Charles Houston Elementary School until desegregation. It is the current site of the Charles Houston Recreation Center. Source: Alexandria Library Special Collections.
North side of 800 block of Wythe Street, adjacent to Ramsey Homes, circa 1950, with the school seen in the adjacent block. Source: Alexandria Library Special Collections.