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BY HAND DELIVERY

Victoria J. Ruston, Esquire
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**RE: *The Kansas City Southern Railway Company – Petition for Exemption –
Abandonment Of Second Street Track In Kansas City, MO,
Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 17X)***

Dear Ms. Rutson:

I have received a letter from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources concerning the above-captioned exemption petition. The letter states that the involved line is within Kansas City's Old Town Historic District, a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Our research indicates, however, that the line is adjacent to but outside the Historic District.

The attached materials from the National Register archives show that the northern boundary of the Historic District is the southern curb of Second Street. Track 500 of KCS's Second Street Track lies north of that, in the middle of Second Street. Similarly, Track 741 is north of the District, and the entire rail yard affected is north and/or west of the District.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

William A. Mullins

Enclosures

cc: Mark A. Miles,
MO Dept. of Natural Resources

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. "Annual Review," Kansas City (Missouri) Times, 10 January 1876, pp. 1-8.
2. Brown, Helena. "The Heart of Things . . . River Quay." Wednesday Magazine, 12 July 1972, pp. 1 and 18.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 26.32 (10.655 hectares)

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The district is bounded on the ^{west} east by the east curb line of Wyandotte Street from Independence Avenue extending north to the southeast corner of West Fifth and Wyandotte Streets. The boundary thence extends northeast along the south curb of West Fifth Street to a point aligned to the east side of an alley between Delaware and Wyandotte Streets. From this point, the boundary extends northwest along the east side of the alley running between Delaware and Wyandotte

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Sherry Piland, Researcher

ORGANIZATION

Landmarks Commission of Kansas City, Missouri

DATE

May 11, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

26th Floor East, City Hall, 414 E. 12th Street

TELEPHONE

(816) 274-2555

CITY OR TOWN

Kansas City

STATE

Missouri 64106

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL ☒

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

Director, Department of Natural Resources,
and State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE October 14, 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KANSAS CITY, MO

DATE

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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DATE ENTERED

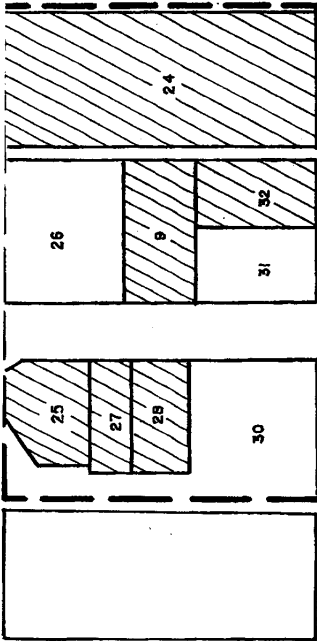
OLD TOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

CONTINUATION SHEET

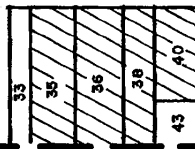
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Streets, extending northwest to the south curb line of West Second Street. Thence it continues northeast along the south curb line of Second Street to the southwest corner of the intersection of Main and West Second Streets. Thence it extends south along the east side of Main to the southwest corner of the intersection of West Third and Main Street. From this point, the boundary extends northeast along the south curb line of East Third Street to the southwest corner of Third and Walnut Streets. Thence the boundary extends southeast along the west curb line of Walnut Street to a point approximately 22 feet north of the north curb line of East Fifth Street. From this point, the boundary extends northeast along the rear property line of site #2 until it reaches the west side of an alley between Walnut and Grand Avenue. The boundary then extends southeast along the west side of an alley to the north curb line of Missouri Avenue. Thence it extends southwest along the north curb of Missouri Avenue to the northeast corner of Missouri Avenue and Main Street. It then extends northwest along the east curb of Main Street to the southeast corner of the intersection of Main and East Fifth. Thence it extends southwest along the south curb line of West Fifth Street to a point equivalent to the west side of an alley between Main and Delaware. It then extends southeast along the west side of the alley until it reaches the north curb line of Independence Avenue. Thence it extends west along the north curb line of Independence until it adjoins to the point of origin.

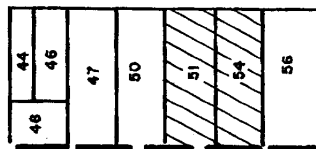




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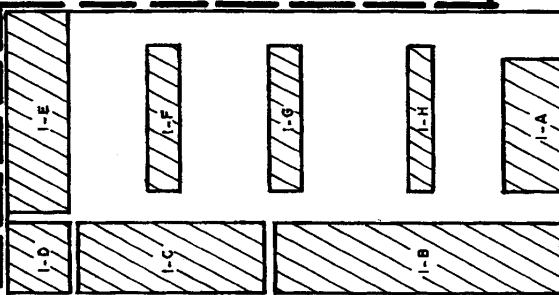
FOURTH STREET



DELAWARE STREET

MAIN STREET

DENOTES DISTRICT BOUNDARY

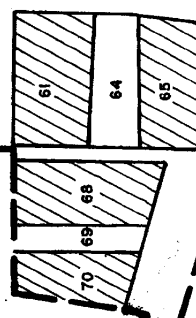


OLD TOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT
Kansas City, Mo.

SITE PLAN MAP
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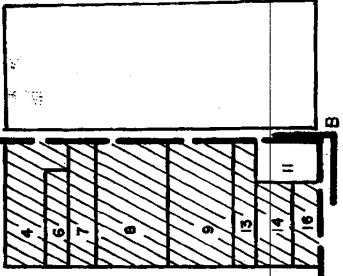
Primary Significance
Intrusions - no significance
to the neighborhood

FIFTH STREET



INDEPENDENCE AVE.

WALNUT STREET



MISSOURI AVE