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DC2RVA High Speed Rail project and the Graveyard for Free People of Color and Slaves

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Wed, Jan 16, 2019 at 3:55 PM

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Hello Ms. McQueen,

Thank you very much for reaching out to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) regarding the Washington, DC to Richmond, Virginia segment of the Southeast High Speed Rail project and potential impacts on the Graveyard for Free People of Color and Slaves (DHR project file #2014-0666). Roger Kirchen at the DHR forwarded your emails to us, and we have prepared some data to share regarding the project and the cemetery (attached).

As the letter mentions, if you would like, we would love to meet you on site to look at the area and describe the project. Sometimes things are so much easier to see in person/3D than on flat maps! Just let us know if you would like to meet, and we can absolutely schedule a date. We are also more than happy to chat on the phone if you prefer.

Thanks again!

Kerri

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Wed, Jan 16, 2019 at 4:12 PM

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Thanks all!

Kerri

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Sun, Jan 27, 2019 at 1:57 PM

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Hey all,

FYI I got a voicemail yesterday (Saturday) from Steve Thompson. He called to apologize for the tone of his letter and take us up on the opportunity to discuss things over the phone or in person. I'm really glad he called but would have preferred he call BEFORE he sent the letter he called to apologize about. :)

Emily, if you're okay with it, I'll reply to Steve via email and say I got his voicemail and that we will be back in touch soon to set something up but leave it at that? This way, we can talk to the DHR first and determine an approach.

Thanks!

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Sun, Jan 27, 2019 at 3:25 PM

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Yes - I'm on board with that plan, Kerri. Thanks!

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Sun, Jan 27, 2019 at 9:18 PM

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Hey Steve,

Thanks for your letter and for your voicemail on Saturday. We're reading through the letter, and I will be back in touch shortly to set up a call or an on-site meeting so we can talk more.

Thanks again and more to follow!

Kerri

On Thu, Jan 24, 2019 at 12:41 PM Steve Thompson <sthompson@rivarch.com> wrote:

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Sun, Jan 27, 2019 at 11:45 PM

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Dear Roger and Kerri:

My 4th great-grandmother Kitty would have been buried in the slave burial ground at 5th and Hospital Street. She died a little over 160 years ago in the City of Richmond, in the home of her owner who lived on the south-side of Franklin between 6th and 7th. That place today is a parking garage. The daughter of her owner Elizabeth wrote a heartfelt letter to her sister in Philadelphia the very same morning that Kitty died, lovingly, but very sadly informing her sister of the death of their beloved Kitty. The letter brought tears to my eyes as I read of her long illness, and painful death. I was touched by how much love was expressed for her in that letter by Elizabeth. Kitty's daughters who were present were devastated. The other children and grandchildren unknowing of what had occurred - as they had been sold after the death of their owner a few years prior, splitting up the family. The deceased owner was Elizabeth's father. Elizabeth told of how she had Kitty's body neatly prepared for the grave, "it is what she would have done for me" she said. Kitty was dressed in the garment that she herself had requested for that purpose. Her last words she spoke to her children in an attempt to comfort them as she herself lay dying, seeing them weeping - "Don't cry children, don't cry for me, I am going home" - she breathed her last breath and died.

Elizabeth and her sister who also lived in Richmond intended to follow Kitty's body to the grave the next day. She indicated that their intention was that no respect would be spared for Kitty. My intention also is that no respect should be spared for Kitty, other family members buried there at the burial ground, or for the other many thousands that were interred at the cemetery at 5th and Hospital Street. In my eyes Kitty holds a place of high honor. And all of those people buried there were probably loved by someone. They were someone's child, someone's mother, someone's father, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, grandchild, cousin, friend..... They were someone's someone. They are still someone's someone. They deserve to be honored. They deserve to be remembered. They deserve to have their story told, and no longer hidden. And they deserve to be allowed to rest in peace.

I came to Richmond last year to find Kitty (also others in the family). I had only known of the intention of her owner to keep her, the owner being the mother of Elizabeth. I had no idea of what had actually happened. So I came to Richmond, and I found Kitty. The excitement I felt when I realized that I could go to the place that she would have been buried. I remember the confusion, and the disappointment upon reaching my destination. I didn't understand the place at all, and I kept thinking that I must be in the wrong place, it can't possibly be this place... And I had hoped that I was in the wrong place. And I left there not knowing, until sometime later that it was actually the right place. How sad... That desolate hillside with an abandoned gas station on it and a billboard - It is so disrespectful. But with all that has happened there, it does not make that place not important. With all that has happened it does not make the people interred there not important. It deserves something better. They deserve something better. Even those whose skeletal remains were obviously moved, they deserve something better, as even today their essence remains.

I have been deeply involved in research trying to uncover the history of the place where my Kitty was laid to rest by those who loved her. It has been a horribly sad and disturbing journey seeing the degradation, the disrespect, and the destruction associated with this burial ground. I have no idea if she rests there in peace

or if she fell victim to one of the many atrocities that befell that graveyard. Though even if she herself were untouched, how could she rest in peace? The history of the burial ground is tragic. It's story is also incomplete.

The very day after I read that letter for the first time telling of Kitty's death and while attending the symposium on the President's Commission on Slavery at the University of Virginia, I learned the first tragic piece of history directly connected to the graveyard. It was a main topic at the symposium - grave robbing for the medical colleges, and this graveyard was one of the targets. I was absolutely horrified. I later learned of the well at VCU where human remains were thrown away as if they were trash. The medical waste well at VCU that was accidentally uncovered dates to the time of this graveyard. That was only the first of several horrifying pieces of news regarding the burial ground that I received. Following was the news of the explosion of the gunpowder magazine on evacuation day in 1865. Then it appears that Hospital Street was moved, its course driven through the burial ground, and also the selling of a piece of the graveyard land for the construction of a new gunpowder magazine (more than 100 skeletons being uncovered when the foundation was dug in 1867). Perhaps the street was moved to accommodate the two new magazines that were built.

The archaeological testing and excavations that are mentioned in the 2013 VDOT report appears to have taken place in the same spot where the new Gun Powder Magazines were built. This is the land sold by the City in 1866 expressly for the erection of the new Gun Powder Magazines, there were two sales, and two magazines. The Powder Magazines appear clearly on the 1877 map which was mentioned but not imaged in the report. My opinion is that the search here was not extensive enough and the conclusions were drawn prematurely; I say this in light of the evidence. I also learned that Fifth Street was run through the burial ground, and the Northside / 5th Street Viaduct as well. Additionally a walkway leading to Richmond Locomotive was run through it, and later railroad tracks were built on it. There is the gas station that was placed upon it, and the billboard, etc. Each one of those very deliberate actions destroyed the graves of someone's loved ones. I think about how hurt and devastated Kitty's family would have been and also the many others who were affected by those actions taken for another's monetary gain. It truly breaks my heart.

This burial ground is supposed to be a place of eternal rest - a place of honor and memorial, just like at the two burial grounds next to it. The disparity between them is shocking, and quite beyond words. On any given day a descendant of those buried at the Shockoe Hill Cemetery or the Hebrew Cemetery can go and visit the grave of their ancestor which is still to this day lovingly cared for and attended to. That is not true of the African American Community who had enslaved ancestors who died before 1879 in the City of Richmond. The descendants exist not only in Richmond, but all over the country. We the descendant community of that burial ground can only wonder what happened, and what is going to happen next?

Would you do what you are proposing to do for the sake of high-speed rail to the Hebrew Cemetery or to Shockoe Hill Cemetery? I assume that the answer would be no. So I have to ask, when is enough, enough? When will our ancestors who were laid to rest at that corner be honored, and left in peace? Have you considered how many true descendants of those who were buried in that burial ground exist? It was the slave burial ground for the city for 49 years and a very active one. And it continued as a very active burial ground for 13 additional years. Not to mention those who were free people of color who would have been buried there as well prior to 1865. There were many thousands of people buried there. That could mean that there are millions of people who descended from those who were buried in that graveyard. But most of

them have been robbed of their history. And they have been robbed of that place in which they can pay their respects to the ones that came before them. But that part can be changed, at least on some level.

The burial ground appears to have never been called Potter's Field, not officially prior to its inclusion on the 1877 Bates Map. Reports of interments for both black persons and white were made by the Superintendent of the Shockoe Hill Burial Ground who kept registers and who made regular reports to the City Council and to the standing committee of the City Council which was called the Shockoe Hill Burying Ground Committee, and much later the Committee on Cemeteries. Occasional references to the Poor House Cemetery or Poor House Hill were not references to a Potter's Field. The 1869 City Directory refers to the burial ground for colored people as the African Burial Ground and the Shockoe Hill Cemetery as the Poor House Cemetery. This same publication lists John Pearce as the Superintendent of both burying grounds in addition to the Jewish Cemetery. Later reporting in the 1870s appears to be made under the name Shockoe Hill Cemetery with the black cemetery being more specifically referred to as the adjoining ground. On February 21, 1878 The Daily Dispatch reported under the heading "ADDITIONAL BURYING-GROUND NEEDED" 304 colored interments had been made that year. Also mentioned was that it was impossible to make any new interments without disturbing some previous burial due to the overcrowded conditions.

I can not say whether or not any burials were removed to the prison graveyard, though it would seem from the description made that the majority of those burials were prison inmates. I can say that the number of interments made for colored people at the burial ground at 5th and Hospital between 1873 and June of 1879 was 1,808 which I believe exceeded the number of burials at the prison graveyard about 5 times over, not to mention the thousands buried in prior years.

I ask please for a direct response to the letters written by Steve Thompson, Phd of Rivanna Archaeological Services, and history professor Ryan Smith, Phd. The opinions they have expressed, and the concerns and questions which have been raised in their letters mirror my own. I too would like to know the answers.

I continue to have deep concerns for the burial ground at 5th and Hospital Street (1816 Graveyard for Free People of Colour and For Slaves / 1877 Potter's Field). The reports made indicate that the burial ground is being minimized in terms of its size and its history. I appreciate the response I received from you Kerri and the invitation to visit the site. I don't believe however that the letter you so kindly sent to me answered my questions or addressed my concerns. I feel it important that these things be specifically addressed in writing. Though at some point I would certainly welcome the opportunity to talk to you. At this time I would not be able to pay the site a visit in person, at least not in the near future as far as I know, as I live too far away. Traveling that distance and enduring the expense, as well as lost time from work - unfortunately it is something that I can not do. If something changes, I hope the invitation will remain open. I thank you for the offer.

I ask that this burial ground be recognized and studied to its fullest extent, its dimensions and history fully explored. I ask please that DHR change its position in regards to the matter of the burial ground and request further testing and exploration.

My goal is not to completely derail and halt your project. I seek only to ensure that the site be treated with dignity and respect. This is an opportunity for all parties to come together to collaborate, increase understanding and formulate a mutually acceptable solution, a better solution to this tragedy. Among other

things, I myself have done extensive research in relationship to the burial ground which I believe would be quite helpful. This research is also ongoing.

Your consideration of this matter is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Lenora

Lenora McQueen

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Mon, Jan 28, 2019 at 8:16 AM

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I've reserved DHR's Director's Conference Room for Thursday, 2:00-3:30.

Marc

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Mon, Jan 28, 2019 at 8:39 AM

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Good morning Kerri,

I am available to attend with you in person on Thursday. ☺

Thanks,

Karen

Karen Harrington, PE

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Tue, Jan 29, 2019 at 10:51 AM

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Hi DHR friends,

As you can imagine, FRA is scrambling a bit this week to fit in a thousand meetings since they just got back from furlough. We are trying to accommodate their schedule to fit in some DC2RVA meetings and calls, including one on Thursday. Is there any way we can move this meeting up by 30 minutes to an hour? Say 1pm or 1:30pm? Sorry to ask!

Kerri

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Holma, Marc <marc.holma@dhr.virginia.gov>

Tue, Jan 29, 2019 at 11:30 AM

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DHR can do 1:30.

Marc

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Tue, Jan 29, 2019 at 11:48 AM

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Thank you so much for your understanding! I will send an updated invite.

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Hello Ms. McQueen,

Thank you so much for your email and sharing additional information on your family! We are taking the time to thoroughly read your piece as well as comments submitted by Steve and Dr. Smith. A reply will follow shortly, including hopefully a call.

Thanks again!

Kerri

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Wed, Jan 30, 2019 at 7:15 AM

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Kerri,

thank you for your consideration. I look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours truly,

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Fri, Feb 1, 2019 at 10:49 AM

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Chris and Andy:

I am writing to make you aware of a letter DC2RVA received regarding historic resources in the City of Richmond, which included a request for meeting notes, other project info, and many questions. (Attached.)

The DC2RVA Project team, including our cultural resources consultant, Kerri Barile of Dovetail, have recently gathered documents and responded to separate inquiries from Dr. Thompson and others with whom he is working. Kerri has corresponded with Dr. Thompson since he sent the request on 1/24/2019, let him know that we are working on a response, and that we would like for him/his team to meet with us at the site. We expect to have the meeting notes he requested by early next week.

For reference, here is an excerpt of his request for documents . . .

- Are you able to share the MOA mentioned in your letter? Can you provide names of the Consulting Parties to this project? Can you provide minutes of meetings and/or other discussions and events that touch on or make specific mention of the Graveyard for Free People of Color and Slaves (44HE1203)?

Please let me know if you have questions about this, or any direction.

Thank you!

Emily

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From: **Steve Thompson** <sthompson@rivarch.com>

Date: Thu, Jan 24, 2019 at 12:41 PM

Subject: Re: DC2RVA High Speed Rail project and the Graveyard for Free People of Color and Slaves

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