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The Grave Yard For Free People of Colour and For Slaves, Site #44HE120313 messages

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Thu, Aug 1, 2019 at 8:32 AM

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Dear Emily, Kerri and Roger,

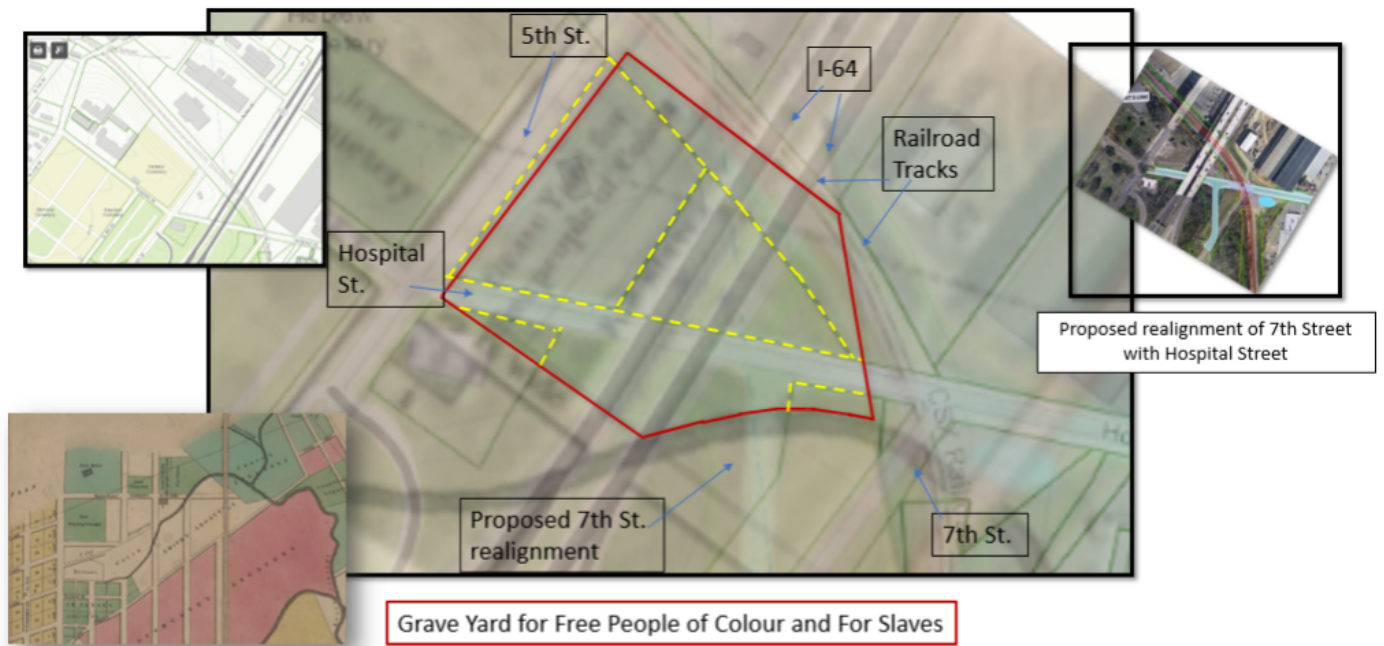
I am still very concerned about how site #44HE1203 is being defined and viewed. The site is so much more extensive than it has been depicted. It can be conservatively estimated at this point the over 21,000 burials took place there. 1850 minutes of the Richmond City Council show that the site was increase at that time by the addition of 9 acres and the City Hospital grounds. During the Civil War Union Soldiers were buried on the grounds of this African Burying Ground. Additionally a 1905 map shows this grave yard was extended behind the Alms-house and west all the way to 2nd and Valley, and north to the Bacons Quarter Branch. It is very much my belief that the determination that there would be no adverse effect to this burial grounds was extremely premature. I also believe that the 1835 image that was used to define the burial ground was misplaced on the present day map, and the burial ground extends into your project area more than what was indicated.

I have attached a more updated version of my study regarding my concerns for this burying ground.

Yours truly,

Lenora

1835 Plan of the city of Richmond drawn from actual survey and regional plans overlay on present day parcel map



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1905 Map of The City of Richmond



Created by Arthur Scrivernor; T. Crawford Redd & Bro. surveyors and engineers

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Hey Emily,

Looks like we got another email just now from Ms. McQueen. We sent a suggested reply to Ms. McQueen to you on Tuesday for your review and potential use. I've been in and out of the office so there is 100% chance that I missed it! But have you had time to reply to her? Would you like someone else to review the reply and send it her way? With this second email she just sent, I think we need to send something- even a "got it and will get back to you"?

I'm happy to help. What can we do? I know you're traveling!

Kerri

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Thank you.

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Fri, Aug 2, 2019 at 8:21 AM

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Emily, Kerri, and Roger,

The images below are being added to my study.

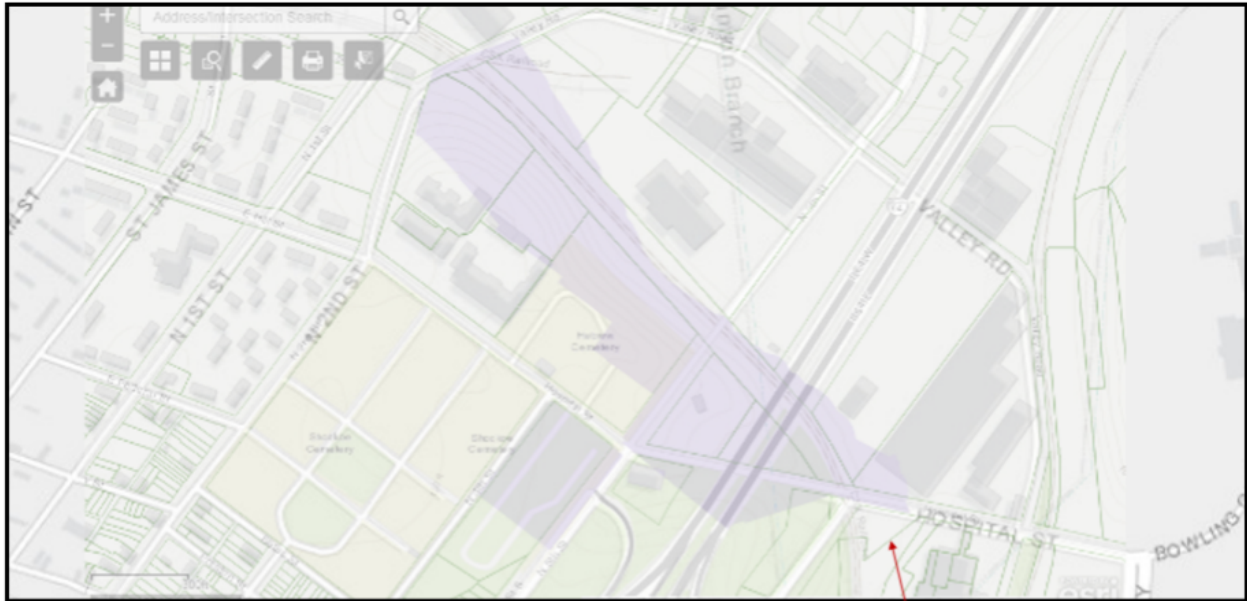
1891 and 1905 Map of The City of Richmond overlay on present day map with outline of Potter's Field, including 1835 Map showing Grave Yard for Free People of Colour and For Slaves



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Footprint of the African Burying-ground from the 1835 Map showing Grave Yard for Free People of Colour and for Slaves, and Potters Field from 1891 and 1905 Map of The City of Richmond overlay on present day map with outline of Potter's Field



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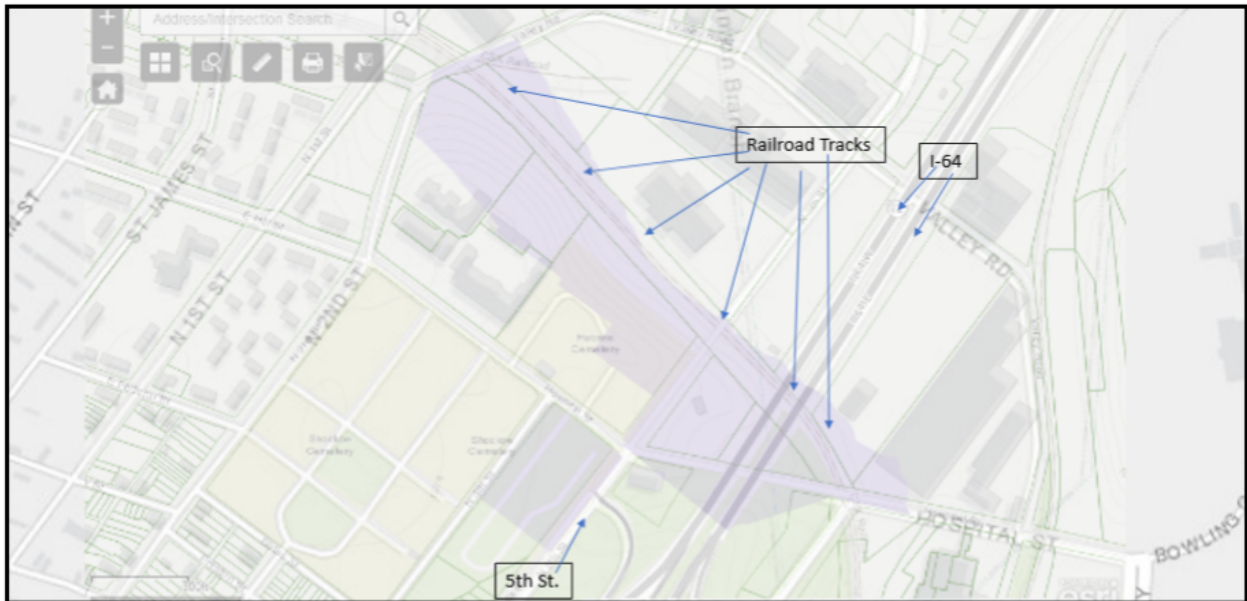
The City owns this parcel, the burial ground may exist south of Hospital St on this eastern end as well.



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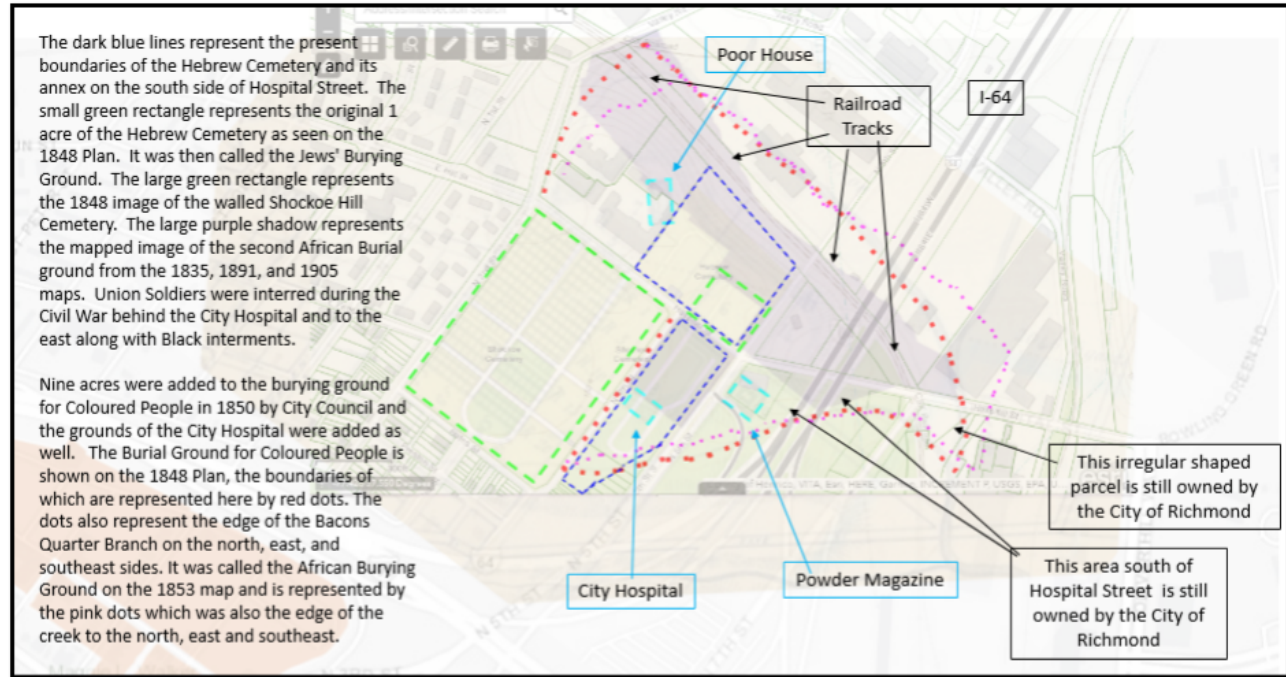


Present day Map of The City of Richmond with combined outline of Potter's Field from 1891, 1905 map to include 1835 Grave Yard for Free People of Colour and For Slaves, map overlay



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Shockoe Hill Burying Ground



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The city rented land to the south east during the construction of the new Alms-house and during the Civil War for the temporary Alms-house. There is reason to believe that these grounds may have been used for burials during the war.

Yours truly,

Lenora

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Lenora,

Thank you for your tireless research. One of my first priority is to define the limits of the site and burials, and this information will certainly help.

Kim

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Emily, good response. Is it possible to point her to a specific place in the FEIS where her comments are referenced?

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Lenora:

Thank you for your emails on July 29 and August 1, 2019. Regarding your email of July 29th, I want to assure you that all of the data submitted by you and other vested parties have absolutely been taken into consideration by DRPT and FRA in preparing the Final EIS for the DC2RVA Project and addressing project requirements under NEPA and related laws, regulations, and Executive Orders. All comments and information provided in response to the Draft EIS during the public comment period are addressed in the Final EIS. All comments and additional information received after the public comment period for the Draft EIS—such as the information you provided in your original set of emails in December 2018 related to the Graveyard for Free People of Color and For Slaves— were reviewed. Your information was also distributed to federal, state, and local agencies who are involved in the review of cultural and historic resources, leading to extensive dialogues about this extremely important site. The data you provided on the history and significance of the area aided our understanding of site chronology, and the information was included as written in Appendix D of the Final EIS as well as summarized by DRPT and the project team in subsequent documents.

In the Final EIS, FRA and DRPT, with concurrence from DHR, concluded that the DC2RVA Project would have no adverse effect on the Graveyard. Although the Project will have no adverse effect on this resource based on current designs, FRA and DRPT have committed in the Final EIS to completing a thorough landscape study and boundary evaluation, additional archaeological testing, and archaeological monitoring during Project construction to assure that no human remains are impacted by the work (see page 10 here: http://dc2rvarail.com/files/1715/5913/5374/Part03_Project_Commitments_DC2RVA_FEIS.pdf). Publication of this set of commitments assures follow-through by DRPT and FRA. Once project funding is obtained and work moves forward on these commitments, we will reach out to you and others to commence additional studies.

In the meantime, DRPT is continuing to disseminate data on the presence and importance of this site. On June 18, DRPT and the project team met with Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney and several of his staff to bring attention to the Graveyard. This meeting elevated their concerns on this area, and the City is considering steps to address the concerns brought up by numerous individuals, including yourself. Beyond this meeting, additional steps being taken by DRPT to share information on the Graveyard include: adding a cultural resource link to the DC2RVA webpage for easy public access to pertinent data; listing the site and related commitments in the upcoming project Record of Decision document; and continuing to set up meetings/emails/telephone calls with vested groups to discuss the history of this area.

We again thank you for your continued participation in the process and for all of the data you have submitted, including your recent August 1st email. The comments and information you provided, as well as those sent by others, are integral to the success of the study.

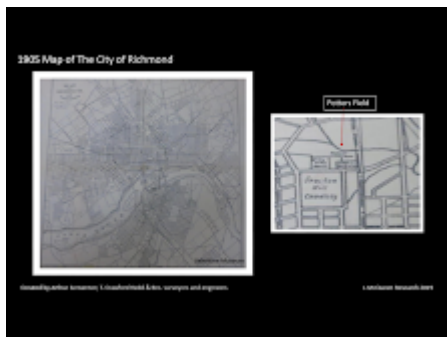
Best regards,
Emily Stock

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Lenora:

I am writing to make you aware that the Record of Decision (ROD) for the DC2RVA project was recently published by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). Here is a link to the recent press release: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/VADRPT/bulletins/25e44bf>

Please note that we are adding a section to the DC2RVA website regarding continuing coordination and mitigation. We will send a link when ready. Thank you for sharing your valuable research with our team.

Best regards,
Emily Stock

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