

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELOCATE INTERMENTS AT HISTORIC JAMESTOWNE, CITY OF JAMESTOWN, JAMES CITY COUNTY

1. APPLICANT:

David M. Givens, Director of Archaeology
Jamestown Rediscovery
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2. PROPOSED WORK AND NEED FOR RELOCATION: The applicant proposes to install a subsurface drainage system around the historic Church Tower and through the churchyard on Jamestown Island. The drainage system is intended to mitigate increased rainfall and inundation around the Church Tower, which may damage surface and subsurface cultural resources.

Archaeological investigation of the churchyard over the last 28 years has identified hundreds of unmarked historic burials. These burials date to the 17th through early 19th centuries. Jamestown Rediscovery has determined that disturbance to the churchyard cannot be avoided, due to the need for the drainage system to be installed immediately adjacent to the Church Tower and thus within the churchyard.

Although the path of the drainage system has been structured to avoid most of the burials in the vicinity, one grave will definitely be impacted. Two other graves are located immediately adjacent to the drainage system path, and may be impacted. Pursuant to the requirements of VA Code §10.1-2305, Jamestown Rediscovery has applied for a burial permit through the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) to allow the archaeological excavation and relocation of the aforementioned burials. A copy of the application may be requested from DHR.

The exhumed human remains and funerary objects will be temporarily curated at the Jamestown Rediscovery Center at Historic Jamestowne, and will be respectfully reburied on Preservation Virginia property on Jamestown Island, unless otherwise requested by interested parties.

3. COMMENT PERIOD: Comments on this project should be made in writing, addressed to the following:

David M. Givens, Jamestown Rediscovery, 1365 Colonial Parkway, Jamestown, VA 23081 or by email at dgivens@preservationvirginia.org

and

Joanna Wilson Green, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, 2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221 or by email at burialpermits@dhr.virginia.gov.

Written comments should be received by the close of business on January 13th, 2023. A public hearing may be requested by any respondent to this notice.

4. CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Mr. David M. Givens, Director of Archaeology, Jamestown Rediscovery.