

Ms. Theresa Kizer, Clerk to Council
301 University Ridge, Ste. 2400
Greenville, SC 29601

November 19, 2013

Dear Ms. Kizer:

I have been asked by Deputy Attorney Dean Campbell to provide details on a request my client is seeking from Council regarding disinterring and reinterring a small number of early 1800's burials on a piece of land privately owned in Greenville. I am a South Carolina licensed funeral director and operate a consulting practice in cemetery operations. The owner of the property engaged me several months ago to supervise the process of relocating these burials.

A study done in 2006 by an archeologist revealed the graves most likely predated 1850. We were able to check the title history on the property, and the earliest owner of record was a sheriff, William T. Shumate in 1867. A search in Ancestry.com was not able to turn up any additional information as to the heritage of those burials. I, as the lead in the proposed project, have taken and will continue to take great pains to carry out this process with the utmost dignity and respect to the individuals there, particularly not framing any bias regarding the ancestry or ethnicity of those people. They simply predate any information that would tell us any more about them. In addition, I am of the opinion and would argue that the ethnicity of the burials is a moot point because the process we are undertaking is exhaustive and certainly the most expensive to the owner of the property. My client will be purchasing individual gravespaces for each of the concrete liners (vaults) . The owner will also be installing a suitable bronze monument at the new location to give an explanation of the origination of the burials, where they came from and pertinent dates.

We have completed the required 30 day time period for the legal ad concerning our application for permission to move these burials from this property located at I-85 and Pelham Road. This is a wooded and undeveloped 55 acre tract. My contact information was included in the legal notice which ran in the Greenville News. Included here is a copy of the Affidavit from the newspaper. I have not received any contact about the matter, and therefore, assume there will be no objection.

I was in Greenville on October 16 and cleared and staked off the perimeter of the area we will be working within. The plan is to bring in the CEO of the Wilbert Burial Vault Company there in Greenville to bring his crew to do the excavations under my supervision. He met with me onsite while I was there, and I believe that our plan is comprehensive and ready. I have carefully identified the known burials along with 3 additional possible ones all within the parameters. We will excavate each possibility to be sure that we remove all of them. They will be labeled, placed in concrete liners and reburied in the new Perpetual Care cemetery in the same configuration in which we find them.

Attorney Campbell has advised me that there is nothing further that I need to provide for committee consideration of our request and full Council approval. I, personally will be attending the Council meeting in January to answer any further questions which may arise. Please advise me of anything additional we might need to provide.

Sincerely Yours,

William Stovall
Stovall Insight + Solutions
Charleston, SC



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Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission

To: Greenville County Planning Department
From: *RP* Rick Owens, Chairman, Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission
Subject: Garlington/Pelham Roads Gravesites

It has come to our attention there are some graves located on the property (Tax Map # 0533040100700) off Garlington and Pelham Roads. We have walked the property and surveyed the graves and recognize them to be unique and of an historic nature. An archeologist has inspected this property and it is his opinion the graves pre-date 1850. We are including photographs and a site map as to the location of the graves. It is our estimate there are eight to ten graves on this property site.

We hope you will consider our findings and notify the property owner of this information before this land is developed.

Archie L. Honbarrier, owner, PO Box 7027, High Point, NC 27264
Chris Hack, representative of the owner

C: Herman G Kirven, Jr. Chairman, Greenville County Council
James Barbare, Chairman, Greenville County Planning Department
Chris Hack, Representative for Honbarrier Property

