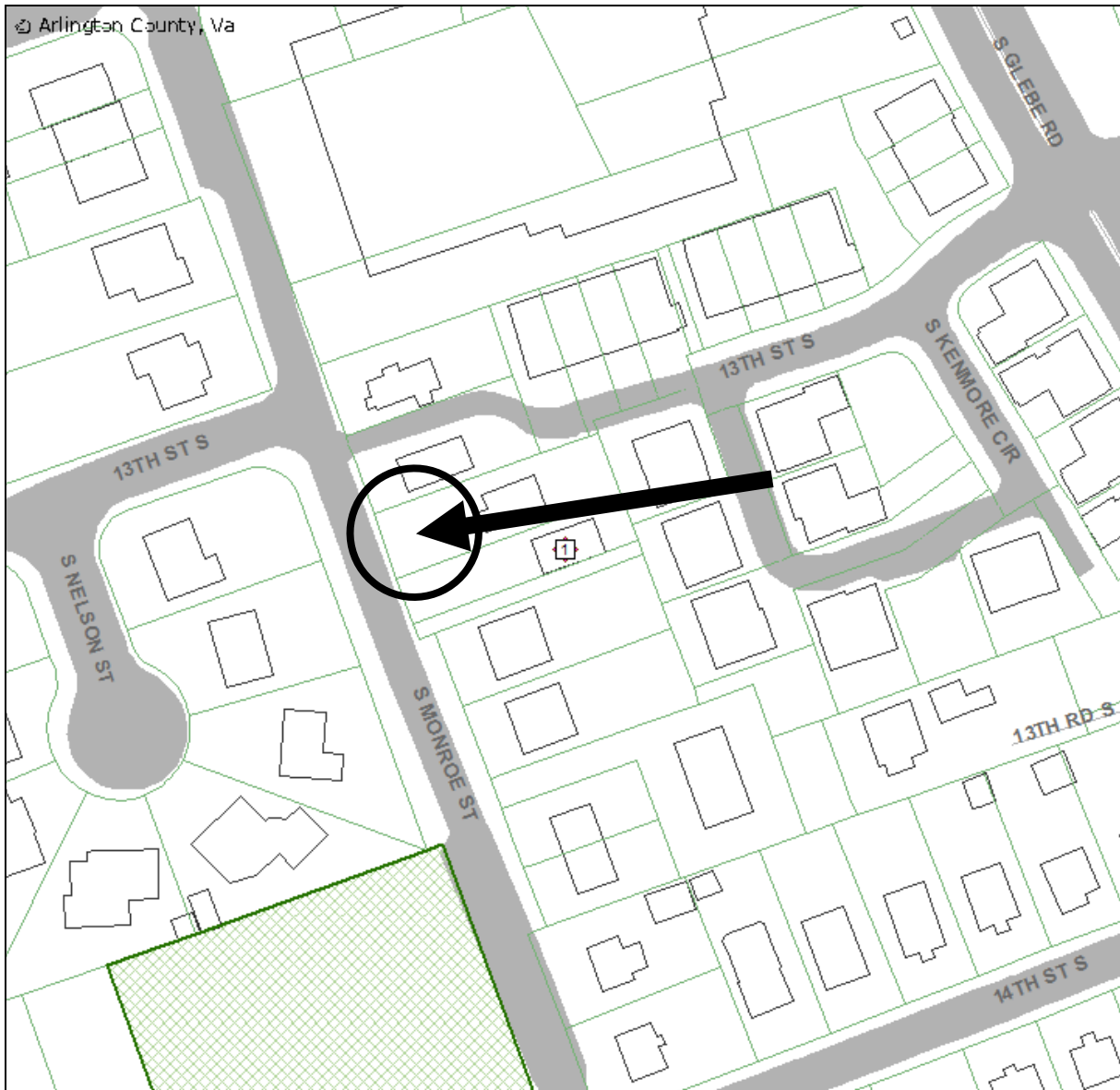


Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board

Arlington County, Virginia

HALRB Case 12-05 (HP1200004)



A request by Lorane Whitehead Ranells, family member of those buried in the Travers' Family Graveyard Historic District, to install a new grave plaque for Laura V. Whitehead (b. 1847- d. 1874).

For DRC (*circle those present*): **Robert Dudka, Charles Craig, Charles Matta, Darren Hannabass,**

For Arlington County (*circle those present*): **Cynthia Liccese-Torres, Rebecca Ballo**

Case #12 - 6 Agenda Item # No 4

Application Complete

Application Incomplete

Applicant(s): Lorane Ranells

For Applicant(s): HP Staff

(See attached application for applicant, address, name of property and property description, drawings, photographs, and proposed scope of work.)

Design Recommendations:

1. Move plaque separately from tombstone and concrete surround—place in ground below tombstone.
2. Suggest replacing Apr. with April.
- 3.
- 4.

Findings:

Return to next DRC meeting

Send to HALRB (see below for recommended actions)

If sent to HALRB, recommended action is:

Place on consent agenda

Place on discussion agenda:

Recommend approval of CoA, with DRC design recommendations and/or additional information provided

Recommend deferral of ruling on CoA (explanation):

Recommend denial of CoA (explanation):

No recommendation.



CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS STAFF REPORT

TO: HALRB
FROM: Rebecca Ballo
DATE: March 12, 2012
SUBJECT: 1307 South Monroe Street, Case 12-05, Travers' Family Graveyard Historic District

This proposal is a request to install a new plaque at the grave of Laura V. Whitehead in the Travers' Family Graveyard Historic District. The cemetery, located in the rear of 1307 South Monroe Street, was designated an Arlington County Historic District in 1990. The cemetery contains many graves, both marked and unmarked, of the Travers, Whitehead, and Dyer families. John N. and Elizabeth Causin Travers established a 30-acre farm here in 1832, when Arlington was rural and had less than 1,500 inhabitants. Over the years the land was subdivided. Descendants and kin lived here, contributing to the life of Arlington into the 20th century. The graveyard on family land continued a burial tradition common in the rural South. In his will, John N. Travers (died in 1837) asked that this space "bee reserved for a bury ground for the family...on my west line neavour to bee parted with or tilled as long as eternity shall last."

The 1990 designation noted 15 marked graves. Laura V. Whitehead's headstone was damaged and set in concrete on the ground to protect it. As a preservation method, it has worked well to stabilize the stone; however, the inscription is fading due to age and continued exposure to the elements. The Whitehead family is requesting to place a bronze plaque near the headstone to better preserve Laura's memory. The information on the plaque is taken from the wording on her headstone, with the addition of her last name. The bronze plaque will measure 12" x 12" and will be affixed to the concrete, below the historic stone with a factory pre-applied epoxy.

The DRC asked if the abbreviated word "Apr" could be changed to "April" on the plaque and the family has agreed. The DRC also asked if the plaque could be placed in the ground below the tombstone itself. The family has not agreed to this request, as they are concerned that at some point in the future, the original stone will not be legible and that future generations may not know that the plaque and headstone corresponded. Staff supports the family request in this case, as the application of the plaque will not be harming the original historic headstone, and their concern is a reasonable one.

The DRC recommended approval of this application and asked that this case be placed on the consent agenda for the March 21, 2012, HALRB meeting. Staff also recommends approval.

FILING AN APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

All CoA applications requiring HALRB review will be referred *first* to the Design Review Committee (DRC). See the 2012 CoA Application Schedule below for important dates. Please call the Historic Preservation staff at (703) 228-3812 if you need any assistance with this application.

I. Complete Application (see page two), Letter of Transmittal (see page three), and include all necessary attachments (see pages four and five for instructions).

Application Packets that are incomplete will NOT be accepted for review.

* For a **DRC Application** submit **10 (TEN) Copies** of your Application Packet*

* For an **HALRB Application** submit **20 (TWENTY) Additional Copies** of your Application Packet*

A. Photos: Submit current color and/or black and white photographs of property and specific area(s) to be affected. Photos should accurately represent existing materials, colors, and textures. **All photos should be labeled and direction of view noted.**

B. Drawings of Site and/or Construction Plans: Submit drawing(s) of the area(s) to be affected. These may include elevations, wall sections, floor plans, and site plans (including plat) as indicated on the attached submission chart. Indicate scale on each drawing.

C. Material Samples: Include samples of all materials to be used, accurately showing color, textures, and scale. All samples should be identified by listing manufacturer's catalog names and brand names.

D. Past Photos or Drawings: If available, please attach older photograph(s) or drawing(s) of the property.

II. Forward completed application to the Historic Preservation Program by the filing date noted below. Upon receipt of your application, you will be notified as to the date of your meeting with the Design Review Committee.

2012 CoA APPLICATION SCHEDULE

MEETING MONTHS	FILING DATE	DRC MEETING	HALRB HEARING
JANUARY 2012	12/21	1/4	1/18
FEBRUARY	1/18	2/1	2/15
MARCH	2/22	3/7	3/21
APRIL	3/21	4/4	4/18
MAY	4/18	5/2	5/16
JUNE	5/23	6/6	6/20
JULY	6/20	7/3* Meeting Tuesday due to July 4 th Holiday	7/18
AUGUST	7/17	8/1	8/15
SEPTEMBER	8/22	9/5	9/19
OCTOBER	9/19	10/3	10/17
NOVEMBER	10/24	11/7	11/21
DECEMBER	11/21	12/5	12/19
JANUARY 2013	12/19	1/2	1/16

**ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
HISTORICAL AFFAIRS AND LANDMARK REVIEW BOARD
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

DATE _____

Z- _____ - _____ -HD _____ RPC# _____
(TO BE COMPLETED BY STAFF)

DESIGNATED PROPERTY:

Name of Historic District Travers family graveyard
Address of Building 1309 S Monroe Street

OWNER:

Name _____
Address (if different) _____
Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____
EMAIL: _____

PERSON FILING APPLICATION, IF OTHER THAN OWNER:

Name Lorane Whitehead Ranells
Address 2162 Beahm Lane Rileyville VA 22650
Phone (Home) 540-743-5238 (Work) _____
Relationship to Applicant _____

PROJECT ARCHITECT/ENGINEERS/CONTRACTORS:

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION:

Repair (change of materials) Alteration Addition ___ Fence
___ Demolition ___ New construction ___ Relocation ___ Outbuildings
___ Tree Removal ___ Grading ___ Sign ___ Other

Will an application related to this property go before any of the following? ___ Board of Zoning Appeals
___ Planning Commission ___ County Board ___ Other (please specify) _____

Does the proposed work require a building permit? ___ YES NO

Is any demolition anticipated? ___ YES NO If yes, please describe _____

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED WORK (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY):

Description: What we would like to do is attach a bronze plaque to a family tombstone that is currently partially unreadable. The inscription is the same as was on the original stone as per records that were found . The plaque has a epoxy pre applied. We wish to attach it on the part of the stone that is now unreadable starting at the bottom and working our way up 12 inches so that future generations may be able to tell that Laura rest there close. My Dimension are off on your sample but Mr Leventhal measured 7x15 below the lettering . So we both feel the 12x12 will attach nicely . Thank you for your time and thanks to all that have helped with my project not to let my great –great grandmother be forgotten.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

**Historical Affairs & Landmark Review Board
c/o Historic Preservation Program
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 700
Arlington, VA 22201**

Dear Review Board Members:

Enclosed is an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness and the following attachments:

Drawing(s) -- Indicate scale on each drawing.

Site Plan / Plat	_____
Elevation	_____
Floor Plan	_____ _____
Section	_____
Detail	_____

Photograph(s) – Please indicate number of photographs.

Color	3 _____	Black/White	_____
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Material Samples/Manufacturer’s Catalog Cuts – Please describe all material exhibits.

The plaque is made of Bronze with a company applied epoxy for attachment.

YOUR SIGNATURE BELOW CONFIRMS YOUR CONSENT TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. I understand that these materials will be placed in the Historic Preservation Program’s building file for information about my property following the public hearing.**
- 2. I understand it is my responsibility to inform my adjacent neighbors of my building and construction plans for this project.**
- 3. I hereby grant permission to the County’s Historic Preservation Code Inspector to enter my property during the application and construction phases of my project.**

4. I hereby grant permission to the County's Historic Preservation Code Inspector to take photographs of my property, including the existing conditions, during the construction phase, and after the project is completed.

(Signed) Lorane Whitehead Ranells

Date 22 Feb 2012

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS * = REQUIRED 0= MAY BE REQUIRED, CHECK WITH STAFF PROJECT	APPLICATION	PHOTOGRAPHS	SITE PLAN	VICINITY PLAN	ELEVATIONS	DETAIL DRAWINGS	FLOOR PLANS	SAMPLE/SPECS	LANDSCAPEPLAN/ ARBORIST REPORT	3-D VIEWS	MODEL
NEW CONSTRUCTION	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0
ADDITIONS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0
PARTIAL/TOTAL DEMOLITION	*	*	*	*	*	0	*	*	*		
DECKS/PORCHES	*	*	*	*	*	0	0	*	0		0
FENCES/WALLS	*	*	*	0	*	0		*	0		
DRIVES/WALKS	*	*	*	0				*	0		
ALTERATIONS	*	*	*	0	*	*	0	*	0		0
SIGNAGE	*	*	0		*	*		*			0
MAJOR LANDSCAPING/REGRAVING	*	*	*	*	0				*		0
TREE REMOVAL	*	*	*	0					*		

Application Checklist

In order to facilitate the review by the DRC and the HALRB, use the Application Checklist provided below, and please check all that apply.

<p>General</p> <p>___ Application Form (see Appendix D)</p> <p>___ Vicinity / Plat Plan</p> <p>___ Existing Condition Photographs</p> <p>Site Plan</p> <p>___ Outline of adjacent buildings</p> <p>___ North Arrow / Names of adjacent streets</p> <p>___ Required zoning setbacks</p> <p>___ Location / type of existing trees of 15" caliper or greater</p> <p>___ Location / type of new / replacement trees</p> <p>Elevations</p> <p>___ Elevations Scale (1/8" = 1' min)</p> <p>___ Existing versus new construction</p> <p>___ Dimensions of new work</p> <p>___ Height of floors and roof ridge</p> <p>Windows</p> <p>___ Type (e.g., double hung)</p> <p>___ Size (e.g., 30" wide x 42" high)</p> <p>___ Style (e.g., 6 over 1)</p> <p>Exterior Cladding</p> <p>___ Type (e.g., wood lap siding)</p> <p>___ Size (e.g., 6" weather)</p> <p>___ Trim Dimensions</p>	<p>Miscellaneous</p> <p>___ Historical Photos / Drawings</p> <p>___ County Arborist Report</p> <p>___ Perspective Drawings / Renderings</p> <p>___ Model</p> <p>Floor Plans</p> <p>___ Floor Plan Scale (1/8" = 1' min)</p> <p>___ North Arrow</p> <p>___ Existing versus new construction</p> <p>___ Dimensions of new and existing work</p> <p>___ Area of existing new work</p> <p>___ Section(s)</p> <p>Drawing Details</p> <p>___ Porch rail details (refer to standard)</p> <p>___ Wall Section Detail</p> <p>___ Eave Detail</p> <p>___ Other</p> <p>Catalog Information (Samples and Specifications)</p> <p>___ Doors and Windows</p> <p>___ Cladding / Siding Materials</p> <p>___ Roofing Materials</p> <p>___ Other</p>
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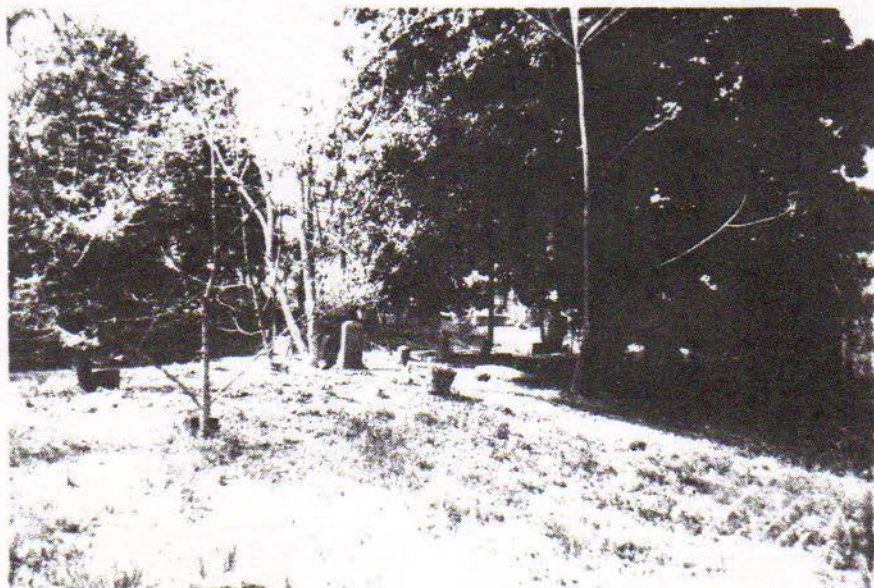
Arlington Historical Commission in a county inventory of historic resources in 1986. The County Board granted historic status to the Travers Cemetery February 1990. Members of the Travers family are happy to know that the cemetery will be preserved.

Mr. Mann agreed to accept the County Board's decision leaving the cemetery in place.⁴⁷

Many family members have been buried in the cemetery following John N. Travers. The names etched in the tombstones are Laura V. Whitehead, Rebecca Dyer and Henry Travers. Five children of John Leven Travers, Pearl, Mary, James, Anna and Adie Louise do not have stones. Hopefully the family will some day learn of the others.⁴⁸

By 1924 the lane adjacent to the cemetery became a 30 foot road named Virginia Avenue, one of seven Virginia Avenues in Arlington. The County map of 1934 shows Virginia Avenue renamed South Monroe Street. The cemetery was reduced in size to accommodate widening the street and adding a sidewalk, necessitating the replacement of head and foot stones.

For over 150 years a beautifully proportioned holly tree has been growing in the cemetery. It has recently received historic recognition as a notable tree in Arlington County.



LAURA J.

born Dec. 11, 1855
died April 26, 1914

aged 58 years