

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELOCATE INTERMENTS WITHIN THE Embrey Family Cemetery, Stafford, Virginia, Stafford County

1. APPLICANT:

John Payne
10411 Hall Industrial Drive
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2. PROPOSED WORK AND NEED FOR RELOCATION: The applicant proposes to construct an industrial park with commercial warehouses on a 48-acre parcel located at/near the intersection of Ramoth Church Road and Centerpoint Parkway (Tax Map 38 Parcel 33).

The cemetery, which is located in a wooded parcel on the southeast side of the intersection, contains 2 headstone markers with the following inscriptions:

In Loving memory of Jane W. Embrey Daughter of R.C. & S. Embrey Died June 30, 1899 Aged 30 Years

In memory of Sarah E. Embrey Died March 1, 1819.

According to a survey completed by the Stafford County Cemetery Committee, 11 unmarked graves also exist within the cemetery. Documentary research indicates that the cemetery contains members of the Embrey Family.

The Applicant has determined that disturbance of the cemetery cannot be avoided due to necessary expansion of the parcel for the proposed industrial park. Pursuant to the requirements of VA Code §10.1-2305, the Applicant intends to apply for a burial permit through the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) to allow the archaeological excavation and relocation of the aforementioned cemetery. A copy of the completed application may be requested from DHR.

The exhumed human remains and funerary objects will be temporarily curated in a secure location at Dovetail Cultural Resource Group, and will be respectfully reburied at the Ramoth Church Cemetery [478 Ramoth Church Road, Stafford Courthouse, Virginia 22554], unless otherwise requested by interested parties.

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

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

Written comments should be received by the close of business on February 16, 2020. 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 Kerry Gonzalez at kgonzalez@dovetailcrg.com