

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELOCATE INTERMENT LOCATED ON THE LISTER PROPERTY,
TOWN OF URBANNA, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

1. APPLICANT:

Penelope Lister
P.O. Box 1041
110 Watling Street
Urbanna, VA 23175

2. PROPOSED WORK AND NEED FOR RELOCATION: The applicant has been granted an emergency recovery permit in order to address the unexpected discovery of buried human remains during a construction project on the applicant's property. The remains, which were partially disinterred by mechanical equipment, will be recovered by a qualified archaeologist.

The skeletal remains of a single unknown individual were encountered during mechanical excavation for a planned swimming pool. Remnants of a wooden coffin as well as artifacts recovered in proximity to the remains indicate that the interment may date as early as the late 18th or into the 19th century, but additional research will be necessary in order to refine this date range. Given its location and partial mechanical disturbance, preservation in place was not possible. Pursuant to the requirements of VA Code §10.1-2305, the applicant applied for a burial permit through the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) to allow the archaeological excavation and relocation of the unknown individual. A copy of the application and permit may be requested from DHR.

The exhumed human remains and funerary objects will be temporarily curated at the DHR. The applicant will ensure that the unknown individual is respectfully reburied in a location to be determined.

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

Dr. David Brown, DATA Investigations LLC, 1759 Tyndall Point Lane, Gloucester Point, VA 23062 or by email at dave@fairfieldfoundation.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 September 30, 2020. A public hearing may be requested by any respondent to this notice – please note that restrictions related to COVID-19 may require that such a hearing be held via an online platform rather than in person.