PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISINTER BURIED HUMAN REMAINS, HISTORIC ST. LUKE’S CHURCH, ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY

1. APPLICANT:
Mr. Todd Ballance

Historic St. Luke’s Restoration

1. PROPOSED WORK AND NEED FOR RELOCATION: The applicant proposes to conduct archaeological investigation of the gravesite of Anne Randall, located beneath Historic St. Luke’s Church, in order to confirm whether or not the remains of Col. Joseph Bridger were interred with her. This proposal represents the continuation of investigations into the location of Col. Bridger’s remains, only a portion of which have been found to date. These investigations have been undertaken at the request, and with the complete support, of the Bridger Family Association. All remains recovered from the Anne Randall burial chamber will be carefully analyzed by anthropologists with the Smithsonian Institution, and will thereafter be reinterred.

Pursuant to the requirements of VA Code §10.1-2305, the applicant has applied for a burial permit through the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) to allow the archaeological excavation and analysis of all human remains interred within the Anne Randall burial chamber. A copy of the application may be requested from DHR.

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

Mr. Alain Outlaw, Archaeological & Cultural Solutions, Inc., 109 Crown Point Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185 or by email at alain.outlaw@aol.com; 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 7, 2023. A public hearing may be requested by any respondent to this notice.

1. CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Mr. Outlaw.