



Fort Ward Park Burial-Cemetery Areas Fencing Project

Pre-construction virtual meeting

Office of Historic Alexandria
Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities
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Project Goals & Time-Line

- To protect and preserve Fort community burial areas in accordance with Fort Ward Management Plan goals, & as part of the Fort Ward Interpretive Plan Trail
- Public meeting in July 2020 discussed potential fence styles, and solicited community feedback
- Communication efforts have included follow-up conversations with descendants, and monthly community email updates on project status
- Pre-construction informational meeting held in Fort Ward Park on September 16, 2023
- Installation scheduled for October 17-18, 2023

Key Sites to be Fenced



Cemetery Sites
Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site

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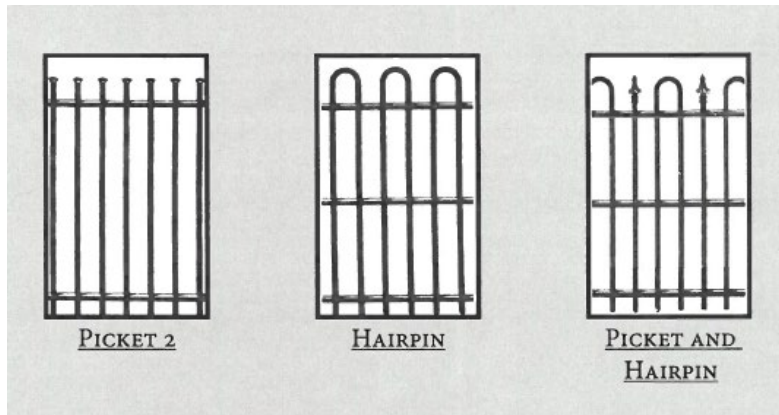
- Old Grave Yard
- Adams burial plot
- Clark burial area
- Jackson Cemetery

- City surveyors confirmed perimeters of each area & archaeological review of history/data occurred to ensure protection of cultural resources

- City archaeologists & staff will monitor installation in all areas

Fencing Style

Selection based on styles popular in 19th-20th century America, & historically compatible with existing cemetery fencing in Alexandria

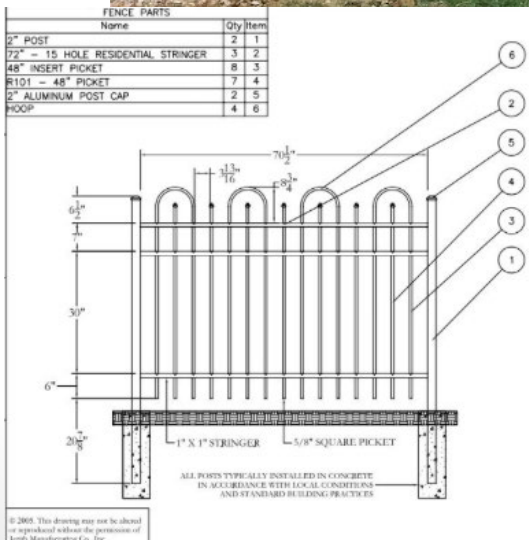


Historic cemetery fence styles
Stewart Iron Works Catalogue



Hair-pin style fencing between
Douglass Cemetery & Christ
Episcopal Cemetery, Alexandria

Selected Fence Style



- **Composite "Hair-Pin" Style**
- Beitzell Fence Company, vendor
- Powder-coated cast aluminum
- 3-foot high profile will be used
- 6-foot wide panels
- 4-foot wide swing gates for each area

Old Grave Yard

- Fencing will follow perimeter of current temporary wooden stanchions
- No fencing along line of trees to rear of cemetery area
- Swing gate entry at end of paved road



Possible Grave near Old Grave Yard

- Interpretations about the identification of the feature differ, but will continue to be fenced to ensure protection of possible cultural resources
- Custom design fencing of the same style to be installed later that is movable to enable service or community vehicles occasional access to areas beyond



Cones will be replaced with two roped stakes & Historic Area signage



Adams Family Burial Plot

- Grave sites of Clara & Robert Adams, plus two unknown graves
- Area will be entirely fenced in a rectangular shape that follows the wooden stanchions
- Swing gate installed to rear of enclosure
- Star magnolia & chestnut trees to remain in enclosure



Clark Burial Site

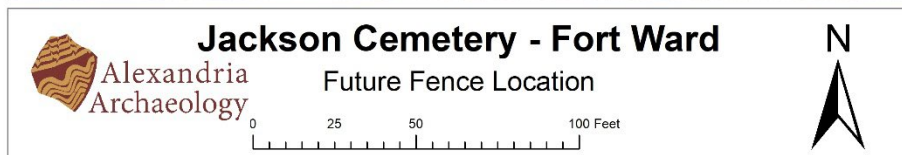
- Burial site of Amanda Clark, & one other unknown grave
- Site was cleared of invasives, both graves marked; additional outlying dead trees to be removed
- Burial area will be enclosed on three sides (see stakes & flags), with swing gate at the front
- Fresh wood chips will be applied when fencing completed



Jackson Cemetery



- On land owned by James Jackson, reserved for family & Fort community members; cemetery located on part of Civil War fort
- 20 grave sites identified through archaeological investigation
- Temporary stanchions enclosed a larger protected area until the site could be surveyed for exact perimeter
- Fencing lay-out (green lines to the south & west) determined by the previously excavated archaeological trenches & cemetery perimeter survey lines (in red)



Jackson Cemetery

- Fencing to be installed in three alignments, no fencing to rear (east) where fort hedge & ditch located
- Fencing begins at stanchion near hedge, continues straight to stake 1, cuts straight to stake 2, then continues to last wooden stanchion just before fort stairway



View of cemetery with Civil War fort in upper right

Jackson Cemetery

- Jackson Cemetery marker will be relocated to outside of fencing, beyond tree near swing gate
- City arborists approved fence alignment to ensure safety of tree



Jackson Cemetery

- Fencing continues from stake 2 to last wooden stanchion near fort stairway





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- Installation scheduled for October 17-18, 2023
- Anticipated 2-3 days to install
- Jackson Cemetery marker will be removed prior to installation & re-located after installation

Comments or questions may be directed to:

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