

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS PLACARD

for Raleigh Historic Resources

Project Description:

Install new grave marker

519 E Hargett St

Address

Historic District

City Cemetery

Historic Property

COA-0155-2019

Certificate Number

12/4/2019

Date of Issue

6/4/2020

Expiration Date

This card must be kept posted in a location within public view until all phases of the described project are complete. The work must conform with the code of the City of Raleigh and laws of the state of North Carolina. When your project is complete, you are required to ask for a final zoning inspection in a historic district area. Telephone the RHDC office at 832-7238 and commission staff will coordinate the inspection with the inspections Department. If you do not call for this final inspection, your Certificate of Appropriateness is null and void.

Signature, _____

Collette R. Kinnse

Raleigh Historic Development Commission

Pending the resolution of appeals, commencement of work is at your own risk.

Type or print the following:		
Applicant name: Raleigh City Cemeteries Preservation		
Mailing address: PO Box 33012		
City: Raleigh	State: NC	Zip code: 27636
Date: 11/26/19	Daytime phone #: 919-868-4042	
Email address: jthurman1@nc.rr.com		
Applicant signature:		
Minor work (staff review) – one copy Major work (COA committee review) – ten copies Additions > 25% of building sq. footage New buildings Demolition of building or structure All other Post approval re-review of conditions of approval	Office Use Only Transaction #: _____ File #: <u>COA-0155-2019</u> Fee: _____ Amount paid: _____ Received date: _____ Received by: _____	
Property street address: 17 East Street, Raleigh NC		
Historic district:		
Historic property/Landmark name (if applicable): City Cemetery		
Owner name: City of Raleigh		
Owner mailing address: PO Box 590		

For applications that require review by the COA Committee (major work), provide addressed and stamped envelopes for owners for all properties with 100 feet on all sides of the property, as well as the property owner.

Property Owner Name & Address	Property Owner Name & Address

I understand that all major work applications that require review by the Raleigh Historic Development Commission's COA Committee must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the date of the application deadline; otherwise, consideration will be delayed until the following committee meeting. An incomplete application will not be accepted.

Will you be applying for rehabilitation tax credits for this project? Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Office Use Only Type of work: <u>99</u> _____ _____
Did you consult with staff prior to filing the application? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Design Guidelines: please cite the applicable sections of the design guidelines (www.rhdc.org).		
Section/Page	Topic	Brief description of work (attach additional sheets as needed).
		See attached Sheet

Minor Work Approval (office use only)	
Upon being signed and dated below by the Planning Director or designee, this application becomes the Minor Work Certificate of Appropriateness. It is valid until <u>06/04/2020</u> . Please post the enclosed placard form of the certificate as indicated at the bottom of the card. Issuance of a Minor Work Certificate shall not relieve the applicant, contractor, tenant, or property owner from obtaining any other permit required by City Code or any law. Minor Works are subject to an appeals period of 30 days from the date of approval.	
Signature (City of Raleigh) <u>Collette R</u>	Date <u>12/04/2019</u>

Luther Meredith Interment, City Cemetery

Raleigh City Cemeteries Preservation Inc. (RCCP) a 501 (C) 3 friends group to the City of Raleigh respectfully requests that the Raleigh Historic Development Commission approve our COA for a minor work.

We would like to place a grave marker for the infant Luther Meredith, son of Thomas Meredith, benefactor of Meredith College in City Cemetery, Raleigh, NC. From Wikipedia:

Thomas Meredith (July 7, 1795 – Nov.13, 1850) was an influential Baptist pastor, one of the founders of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the founder and editor of the Biblical Recorder newspaper. In 1819 Meredith married Georgia Sears, and they had 11 children. Meredith was well-known- he was the pastor of several churches located in New Bern, Savannah and Edenton. He was a strong supporter of education, including the Wake Forest Institute (now Wake Forest University), launched in 1834, and the first president of its board of trustees. Unusual for the time, he supported the higher education of women, and called for the Convention to establish "a female seminary of high order." Nothing was done at the time, but eventually the Baptist Female University was chartered in 1891, opened in 1899, and in 1909 renamed Meredith College in his honor.

RCCP restored the obelisk grave marker for Thomas Meredith in 2011. The project was funded by the NC Baptist Convention and the work was completed by restoration specialist Dean Ruedrich (before and after photo below, left).



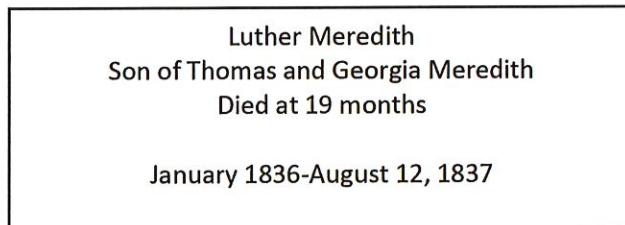
In 2014, RCCP board member and historian Betsy Shaw researched the Meredith family and found a newspaper account that mentioned young Luther was buried with his father in City Cemetery. In 2015, Danny Morgan, then Raleigh City Cemetery Superintendent, he conducted a probe of the plot \\\(Betsy

and Danny shown above on right). The probe revealed that a second grave was most likely located to the right of the base of the obelisk.

In February 2019, we found a descendant of Thomas Meredith through Meredith College, John Ralls, who gave us permission to mark the grave of young Luther next to his father: Email dated 2/11/19:

“Jane, Yes, I'm a descendant. The Ada Tolson Ralls who painted the portrait at Meredith College was my great-grandmother. I'm all in favor of a marker for Luther, even if he's not buried with Thomas, as if there are no records it's unlikely that we'll ever find where he really is. That said, it seems unlikely that Luther would have been exhumed and reburied when his father died 13 years later, so if they're together it's because that's where Luther was buried. Even if there's no record of the child's interment I'd expect a plot record showing Thomas's ownership dating from 1837.... Regards, John Ralls

The marker will be a simple rectangle, 24 inches wide by 12 inches tall, installed in City Cemetery by Wake Monument Company to the right of the obelisk base:



RCCP will pay for the cost of the monument.

Respectfully submitted by,

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