

City of Saco
Request for Proposals
Qualified Historian for National Register Nomination
Rendezvous Point Burying Ground (Map 12 Lot 45)

The City of Saco seeks proposals from individuals and/or companies who employ individuals who meet the minimum National Park Service professional qualification standards in 36 CRF 61 for History or Architectural History to conduct research regarding the historic significance of Rendezvous Point Burying Ground in Saco, to prepare a nomination for the National Register of Historic Places, and to assist in planning and hosting an educational public forum to introduce residents to the significance of the site. Rendezvous Point Burying Ground, located off of Ferry Road in Saco, is most likely the oldest cemetery in York County, Maine and the first cemetery in Saco, ME. Descendants that still reside in Saco have been able to trace their heritage back to this cemetery, in which Saco's first European settlers are thought to be buried.

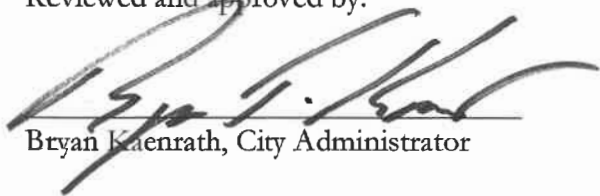
Proposals will be accepted until 11:00 AM on Friday, November 13, 2020 electronically submitted to Isabelle Oechsle, Planning & Economic Development Associate at IOechsle@sacomaine.org with the subject line: "RFP – Rendezvous Point." There will be a public opening of all proposals received at that time.

Any questions regarding the project specifications should be directed to Isabelle Oechsle, Planning & Economic Development Associate, by emailing IOechsle@sacomaine.org. Deadline for questions is Wednesday, November 4th by 5 PM.

The attached response form must be completed and included with your proposal. Failure to submit a complete package will nullify your proposal. The City of Saco reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or negotiate with a proposer following the opening without right or recourse by vendors, if it is in the best interest of the City to do so.

The City of Saco is sales tax exempt.

Reviewed and approved by:


Bryan Kaenrath, City Administrator


Date

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RFP Circulation Date:

Friday, October 16, 2020

Proposal Submission Due Date:

Friday, November 13 at 11:00 AM

Introduction:

Rendezvous Point Burying Ground, located off of Ferry Road in Saco, is most likely the oldest cemetery in York County, Maine and the first cemetery in Saco, ME. Descendants that still reside in Saco have been able to trace their heritage back to this cemetery, in which Saco's first European settlers are thought to be buried. The City of Saco, acting through the Planning & Economic Development Department, seeks a qualified historian to conduct research regarding the historic significance of Rendezvous Point Burying Ground to prepare a nomination in the hopes of placing Rendezvous Point Burying Ground on the National Register of Historic Places, and to assist in planning and hosting an educational public forum to introduce residents to the significance of the site. This RFP is intended for qualified, experienced professional consultants who have successfully completed similar National Register nominations. Proposals will be evaluated on several factors including, but not limited to: professional experience successfully completing similar National Register nominations; experience planning and hosting cultural events. To be considered, bidders must submit a proposal in response to this Request for Proposals (RFP) in the manner described herein.

Project Background:

Rendezvous Point Burying Ground is located off Ferry Road in Saco, ME. This cemetery is a rich piece of Saco's diversified history, and the property likely should be listed on the National Register to document and preserve its historical significance to Saco, Biddeford, and York County. There is documentation that Saco's first European settlers from the 1630's are buried at Rendezvous Point, including descendants of Captain Richard Bonython and Thomas Lewis, original patentees from the King of England for the land that is now Saco.¹ The Maine Historic Preservation Commission has determined the Rendezvous Point Burying Ground is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and is funding a portion of consulting services for this project.

The Historic Preservation Commission recently caused a Ground Penetrating Radar Study to be conducted on the property through firm Topographix. The Ground Penetrating Radar Study helped the Commission to see how many possible bodies are buried at Rendezvous Point, based on anomalies picked up by the radar. Please see Attachment 1 from Topographix for report of findings. The Commission also contracted with Dow & Coulombe for a survey noting findings of Topographix, and of the property's entirety. See Attachment 2 for survey documentation.

¹ Source: New England Families, Genealogical and Memorial: A record of the achievements of her people in the making of commonwealths and the founding of a nature, 1915, 3rd series, vol. 1, p. 242.

Product/Deliverables/Timeline:

The City of Saco will be looking for a completed nomination application to be prepared and submitted to list Rendezvous Point Burying Ground on the National Register of Historic Places. The City will also be looking for assistance in planning and facilitating a public forum for the purposes of educating the public about the historic significance of Rendezvous Point. As part of these tasks, the consultant will be required to work closely with City staff and the Historic Preservation Commission. Attendance at at least two meetings of the Saco Historic Preservation Commission will be required.

The nomination shall conform to the requirements set forth in the *National Register Bulletin 16A: How to Complete the National Register Nomination Form*. The consultant may be asked to revise draft nominations based on feedback from the following: City of Saco staff; the Saco Historic Preservation Commission; the Maine Historic Preservation Commission's National Register Coordinator.

The estimated project schedule is as follows:

November 2020: Consultant selected, and RFP is awarded

November 2020 – March 3, 2021: Consultant begins and continues work on formal nomination application

March 3, 2021: Consultant submits formal nomination application to City staff and Historic Preservation Commission for review

April 2, 2021: 1st Draft of Nomination application due to Maine Historic Preservation Commission

May 3, 2021: Final Nomination paperwork due to Maine Historic Preservation Commission

June 2021: Educational public forum and site walk of burying ground

July 23, 2021: Maine Historic Preservation Commission Review Board Meeting to hear Nomination Submission

The draft and completed nomination shall be in compliance with the National Register Submission Guidelines, available on the Maine Historic Preservation Commission's website at [this link](#). It must be in compliance with the National Register Submission Schedule (see Attachment 3). The nomination must be presented to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission Review Board no later than the July 2021 meeting.

Proposal Requirements:

Proposal packages must include:

- 1. Cover Letter.** A cover letter expressing the firm's interest in working with the City of Saco including identification of the principal individual(s) that will provide requested services. The cover letter must identify a contact person for questions during selection process and provide contact information including telephone number, e-mail and postal address. It should also provide a brief description of the firm, including number of years the firm has been in existence, range of professional services, office locations, and staff size.
- 2. Work Approach and Timeframe.** A description of the approach to be taken toward completion of the project, an explanation of any suggested changes to the proposed scope of work as outlined in this RFP, and any insights into the project gained as a result of developing the proposal. Include

proposed work program describing recommended tasks for the project's basic components, and a proposed schedule that indicates project milestones and overall time for completion. In addition, describe proposed public education program, including how the staff and/or the Historic Preservation Commission will be included in the project.

3. **Project Team.** A description of the proposed project team (including any subcontractors), identifying each key member, their respective responsibilities and expected project role, and brief resumes describing their academic credentials, professional licenses or certifications, relevant publications, and experience on similar projects.
4. **Qualifications and References.** Consultants must demonstrate that they meet the National Park Service professional qualification standards in 36 CRF 61 for History or Architectural History. Provide descriptions of past experience relevant to drafting similar National Register nominations. Descriptions should give the specifics of the services provided and include an explanation of why the project is considered similar. A reference, including name, title, address, and phone number, should also be included as part of the description of each project. Include a narrative statement providing information regarding the consultant's knowledge and understanding of historic preservation, archeology, and/or cultural heritage programming.
5. **Project Cost and Fees.** A cost proposal consisting of: a) a composite schedule by task of direct labor hours; b) an overall not-to-exceed bid price for completing the project as described in your response; and c) an itemized schedule of all expenses, including both labor and direct expenses. If the use of sub-consultants is proposed, a separate schedule of expenses must be provided for each sub-consultant.

Failure to provide any of the above requested information may result in disqualification of proposal. The City reserves the right to request additional information pertaining to the proposal package, or any other matters related to the Request for Proposal. Proposal documents, including the offer of payment, must be signed by persons authorized to contractually bind the bidder.

Evaluation Criteria:

The City will only review complete proposals received by the specified deadline and per the listed requirements. Finalists may be selected to present their respective proposals to the selection committee for review. Finalists shall be scored and ranked based on criteria that include but are not limited to:

- Professional experience with similar National Register nominations (preference will be given to consultants who have worked specifically on National Register nominations for cemeteries and burying grounds)
- Professional experience in the fields of historic preservation, archeology, and/or cultural heritage programming
- Previous professional experience working with Maine municipalities
- Proposal package, including all listed above
- Bid price

All qualified applicants shall receive consideration under this RFP without regard to race, color, religious creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation.

Submission:

Please refer to the City's website, www.sacomaine.org, throughout the process for additional information which may become available. Submissions must be received electronically by Friday, November 13, 2020 by 11:00 AM, submitted to Isabelle Oechsle, Planning & Economic Development Associate with the subject line "RFP – Rendezvous Point" to IOechsle@sacomaine.org.

Proposals shall not be returned, and the proposals submitted, and any ideas contained therein, shall become the sole and exclusive property of the City of Saco without further claim or demand. Your proposal must include responses to all requirements contained within this RFP. By submitting a proposal, the bidder agrees to all applicable provisions, terms and conditions associated with this RFP. This RFP, your submitted proposal, all appendices and attachments (if applicable), and stated terms and conditions may become part of the resulting contract.

IF ANY PART OF THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION OR TRADE SECRETS SUCH INFORMATION MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED AS CONFIDENTIAL WITHIN THE RFP, OR ANY ATTACHMENT WHERE SUCH INFORMATION IS FOUND, OTHERWISE THE CITY WILL DEEM ALL MATERIAL SUBMITTED AS A PUBLIC RECORD QUALIFIED FOR POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE.

Questions regarding the proposal specifications should be directed to Isabelle Oechsle at IOechsle@sacomaine.org. All questions must be submitted in writing no later than Wednesday, November 4th by 5 PM. Questions and answers regarding the RFP may be shared with all known to be interested in submitting a proposal.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Topographix Report
- Attachment 2 – Dow & Coulombe Survey of the Property and Identified Anomalies
- Attachment 3 – National Register Nomination Schedule

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RFP Response Form
Rendezvous Point Burying Ground (Map 12 Lot 45)

Please complete the following response form. Amounts are to be shown in both words and figures. In the case of a discrepancy, the written word shall apply.

Total Contract Sum:

\$ _____

Total Contract Sum (in words):

_____ **Dollars**

Quotes shall be honored for ninety (90) days.

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Vendor Information Form
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Please complete the following. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Our Company is:	A corporation _____ A partnership _____ Individually Owned _____ Other:
SS or Fed I.D. No: (Submission is voluntary)	
Company Name and Address:	
Name of Principal:	
Telephone Number: Facsimile Number: E-mail Address:	
References (List Three References, with names, address and telephone numbers)	
Date of Delivery	

All sections above must be completed. All deviations from the specifications must be fully explained in writing on the following Statement of Compliance/Deviations Form.

Proposers understand that the City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, reject any or all items, and delete any item or parts of items.

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Statement of Compliance/Deviation
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The proposal includes the following deviations from the Specifications, which the vendor represents and warrants as being fully equal or superior to the requirements of the Specifications, for the reason(s) set forth fully below. If there are no deviations, please state so below.

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Proposal Agreement
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The undersigned, by submitting a proposal, declares as follows:

1. The only parties interested in the RFP are the principals named herein.
2. This proposal is made without collusion with any other person, firm, or corporation.
3. No officer, agent, or employee of the City of Saco is directly or indirectly involved with the proposal.
4. All deviations from the specifications must be fully explained in writing and included on the Statement of Compliance/Deviations Form provided.

Proposers understand that the City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, reject any or all items, and further, reserves the right to delete any item or parts of items.

DATE: _____

PROPOSER: _____
(Company Name)

BY: _____
(Authorized Company Representative)

ATTEST: _____

Its: _____
(Title)

Signature below by the City of Saco represents acceptance of the above Proposal Agreement in accordance with the contract specifications. Upon execution by the city, this official RFP form, any attached documents and such other documents (instructions, general specifications, technical specifications) shall serve as the contract.

DATE: _____

BY: _____
Bryan Kaenrath
City Administrator

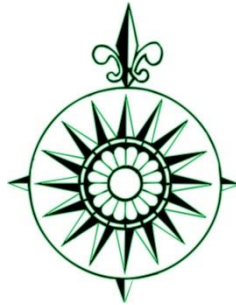
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A Report on the Ground Penetrating Radar Survey Rendezvous Point Burying Grounds

Saco, ME

August 7th & 8th, 2020



**Conducted by
Robert W. Perry
TOPOGRAPHIX, LLC
Hudson, NH**

Requested by:

**Kelley Archer
Saco Historic Preservation Commission**

TOPOGRAPHIX® LLC

Ms. Kelly Archer
Saco Historic Preservation Commission.
300 Main Street
Saco, Maine

August 13, 2020

Subject: GPR Survey - Rendezvous Point Burying Ground

Dear Ms. Archer

I want to thank you for allowing TOPOGRAPHIX LLC to service your GPR requirements.

At the request of Ms. Archer, a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey of the Rendezvous Point Burial Grounds was performed to determine the likelihood of marked and unmarked graves. The survey was conducted on land within a wooded area behind 323 Ferry Road, Saco, Maine. The area scanned was approximately 135 by 160 feet with open grassy terrain. Headstones and some footstones were present on the northern half of the burial grounds. On the southern half, mostly rocks of various sizes used as markers for likely gravesites. The area also had both large and small tree stumps cut to just above ground level.

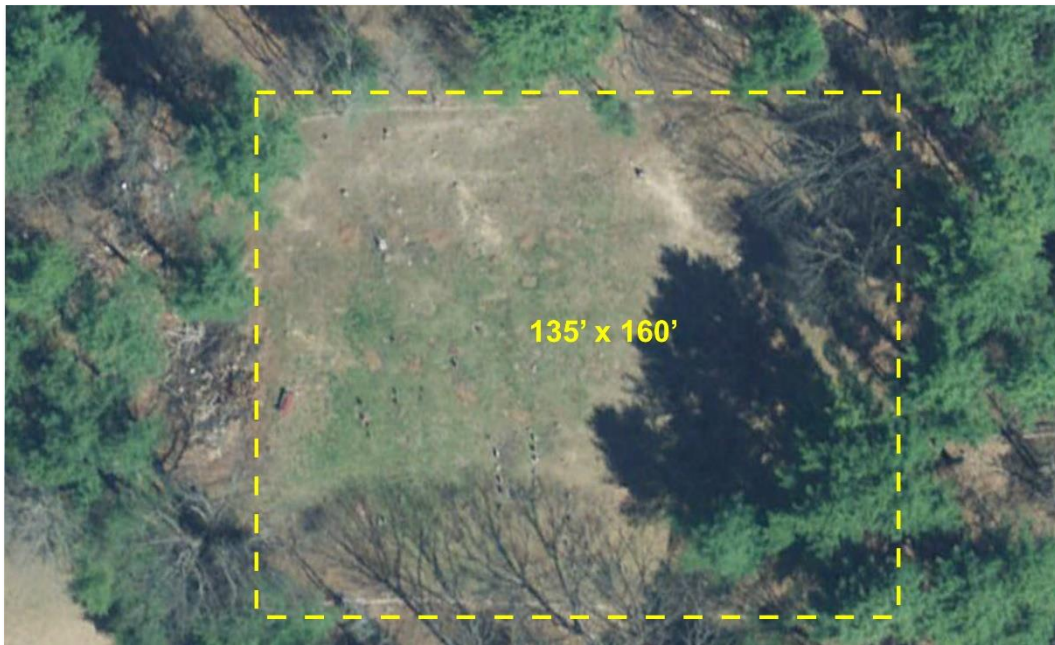


Figure 1- Target Assessment Area

The site is located approximately 600 feet south and to the east side of a house located at 323 Ferry Road. Access to the site is a dirt road on the east side of the house and easily missed by passing vehicles. No sign markers identifying the entrance, or the name of the burial ground is present.

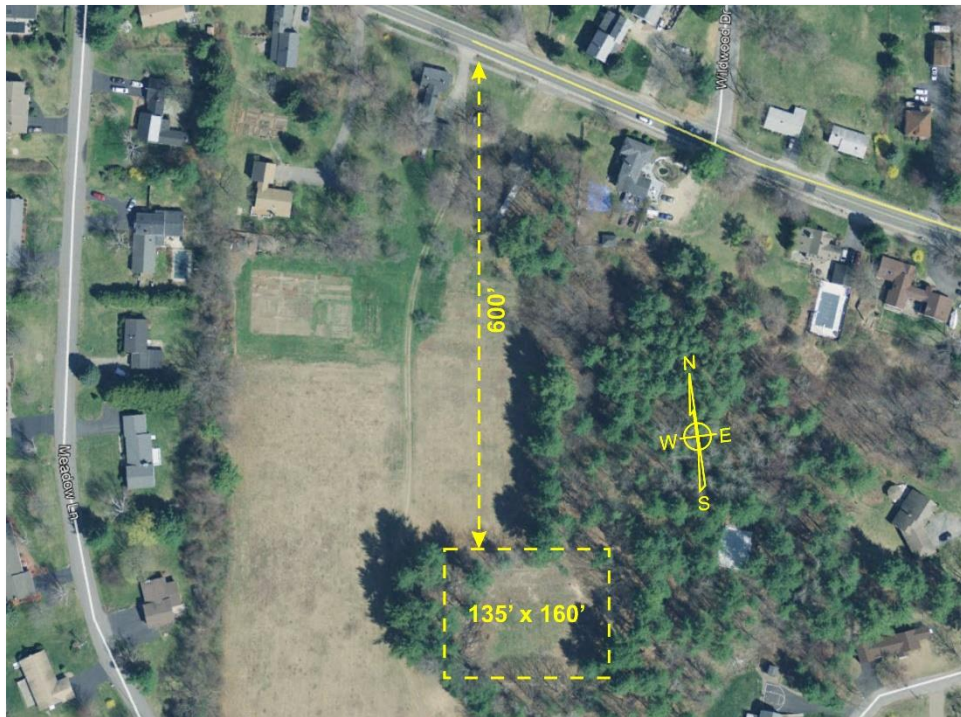


Figure 2: Shows the location of the burial grounds behind 323 Ferry Road.

A grid survey area was set up using ground stakes on both the East and West sides of the burial site at four-foot intervals. Starting at the southwest corner and scanning to the east, anomalies seen on the Digital Control Unit (computer screen) indicated the presence of graves as well as rocks and tree roots.



Figure 3: Shows survey stakes at four-foot intervals on the west side of the burial site.

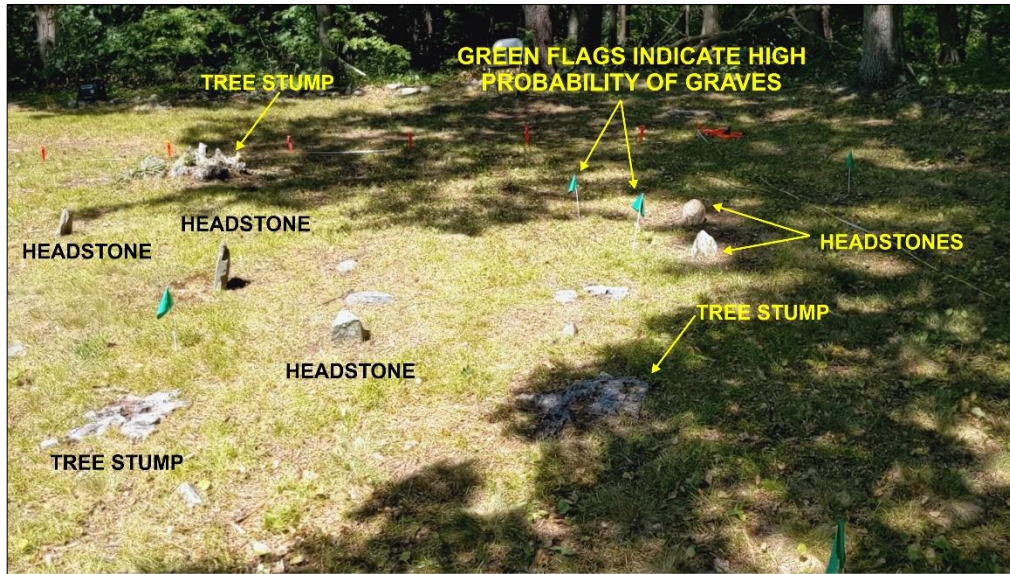


Figure 4: Image shows green flags marking the location of graves, headstones, and tree stumps located in the southeast section of the burial site.

The image below shows one of the test scans performed at the burial grounds. The horizontal scale at the top shows the ground distance along the surface, and the vertical scale on the left shows the depth of the anomaly. The scan is 40 feet long with a scan depth of 10 feet.

The scanning was performed in the direction based on the likelihood that any grave shafts being perpendicular to the existing site markers. Each row was scanned west to east and a return scan in the going east to west, two passes within each row. See **Rating System for Burials** below.

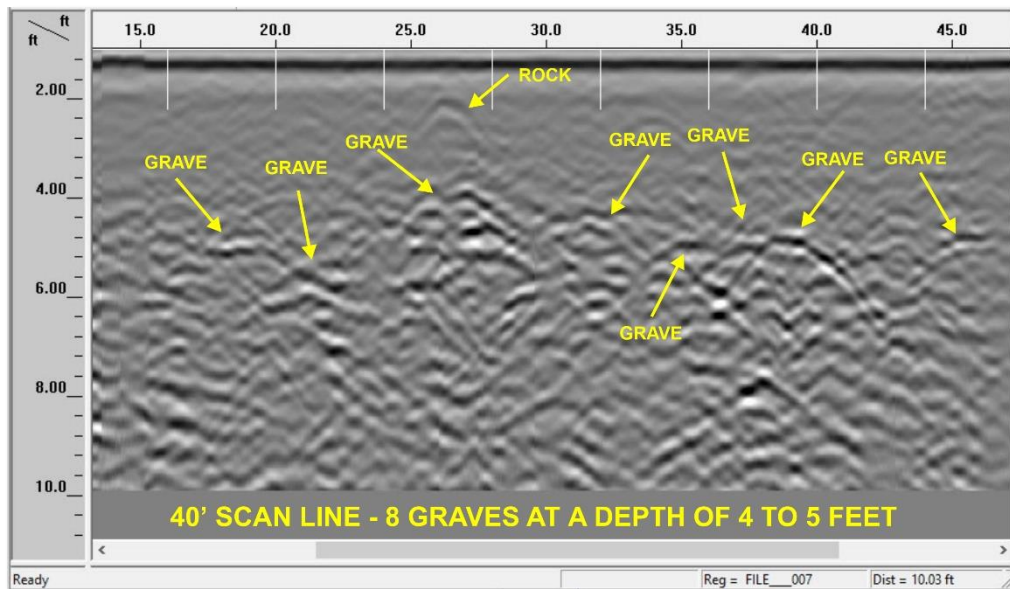


Figure 5: Indicates the presence of grave anomalies at the 4 to 5-foot depth.

GPR Test Scanning:

To survey the hyperbolic characteristics and soil conditions from known gravesites, test areas with headstones near trees stumps were selected for scanning. The test scans (Figure 5 above) show various hyperbolic curves associated with graves and grave shafts at different depths and provided a visual reference for the type of anomalies that would be seen throughout the burial grounds.

GPR Survey Procedures:

There were two types of GPR scanning performed. The first type is commonly referred to as exploratory scanning, where the ground is randomly searched looking for anomalies, which would indicate the presence of unmarked graves. The second scan method is called a grid survey, where stakes are placed in the ground at four-foot intervals, and two scans are performed within each four-foot marker described above. The ground-penetrating Radar revealed subsurface anomalies at a penetration depth of 10 feet were of good interpretative quality.

Summary of GPR Results:

Using both exploring and survey line scanning methods, a total of **two hundred and six** well-defined anomalies showing anomalies with a high probability rating for graves. Given the size of the area, there were numerous grave markers that were negative for any form of an anomaly. There are many reasons for this which I explain below under **Environmental Effects on GPR**

Rating System for Burials:

Operating by the fact that grave shafts are typically longer than two feet, the confidence level rating on whether an anomaly could be considered a human grave was determined by the observation of the same anomalous pattern repeating itself in the neighboring two-foot lateral scan.

- An anomaly detected on one pass along the survey- line would be rated as Low Probability of human grave.
- The anomaly detected on the second pass (coming from the opposite direction) along the survey line would be rated as High Probability of human grave.

In addition to the position of the anomaly along the survey line, the hyperbolic signature of each anomaly as compared to the unique hyperbola characteristic typically observed from the presence of tree roots, layering or bedding of various rocks, ground voids, disturbed soil layers, and burial holes.

GPR Equipment Used:

The radar unit used for this project was the SIR-3000, manufactured by Geophysical Survey Systems. A 400 MHz antenna was used with a scanning rate of 24 scans per foot at a penetration depth of 10 feet.

Environmental Effects on GPR:

Ground-penetrating Radar uses a high EM pulse transmitted from a radar antenna to probe the earth. The transmitted radar pulses are reflected from various materials within the ground, and this return is detected by the radar receiver.

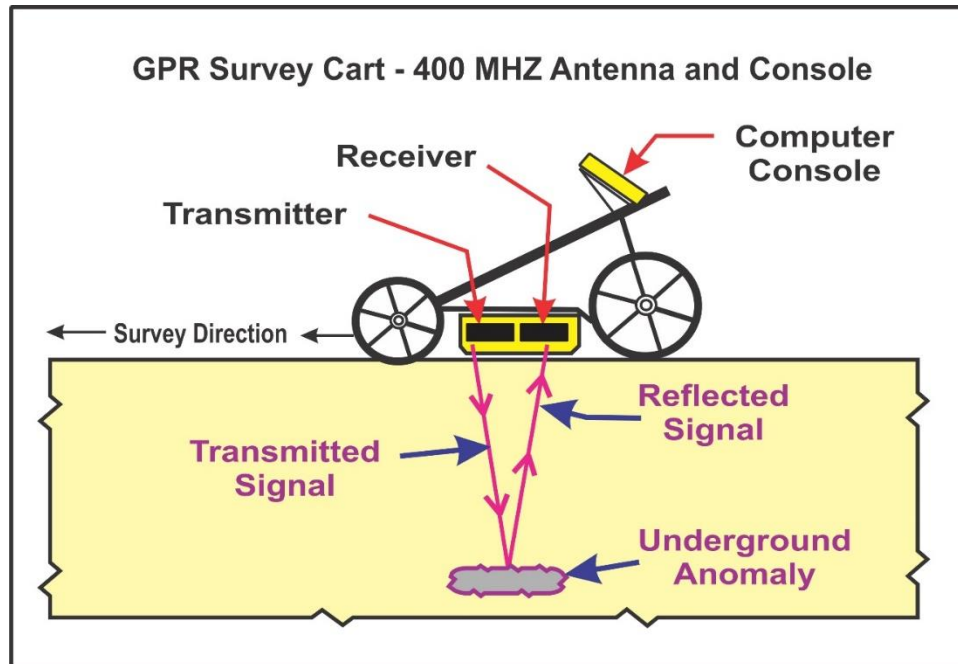
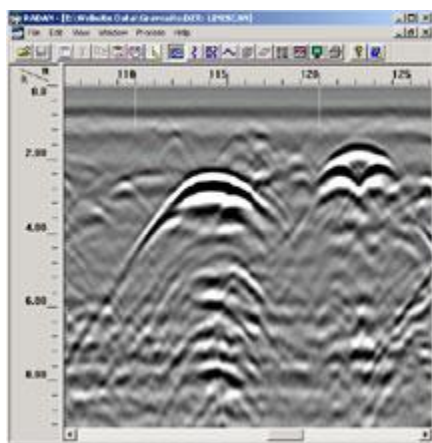


Figure 6: Image shows the transmitted and reflected signal of a GPR system

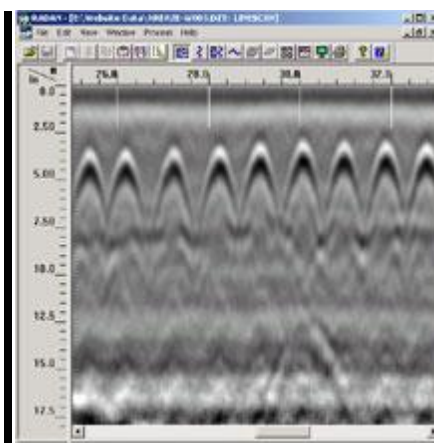
Different materials reflect energy back to the surface in different ways, and some factors come into play when viewing and collecting GPR data. Collecting GPR data is subject to earth material properties location and ground conditions. Heat, humidity, groundwater saturation, salt, iron deposits as well as interfering effects such as radiofrequency, cell phones, emergency siren, including extensive metal structures such as cars passing by and traffic lights all have an effect on the radar data being collected.

Examples of Commonly Detected Objects

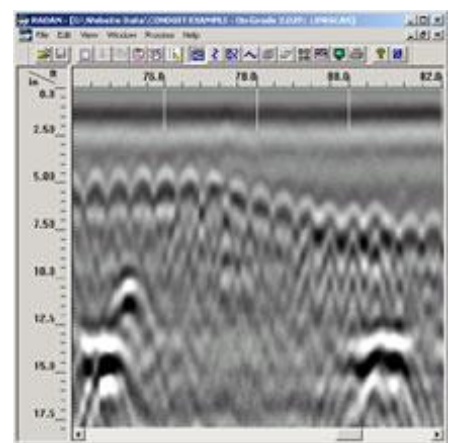
The examples shown below are presented for informational use only. The examples illustrate how a single ground-penetrating radar scan along a survey line can reveal a unique hyperbolic (curve) characteristic of each of the targeted objects. Vertical scales include Time (ns) or Depth (ft/m) as well as horizontal scale for ground distance viewed at the top of the images.



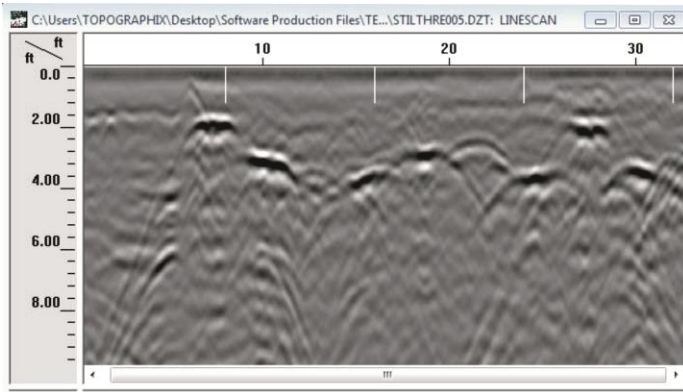
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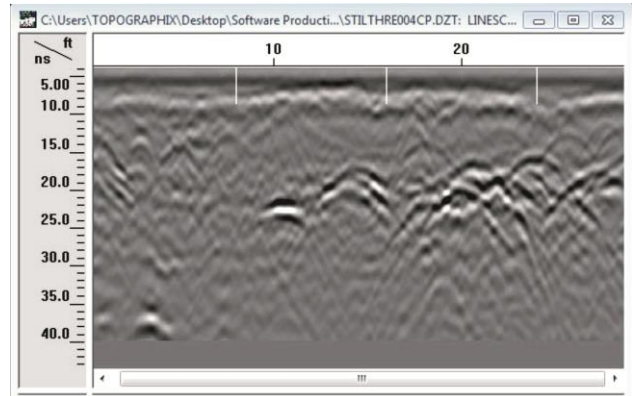
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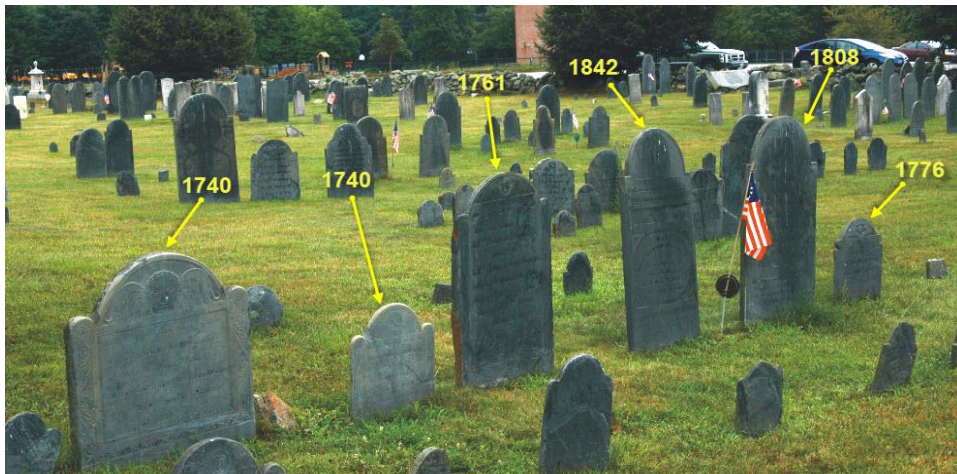


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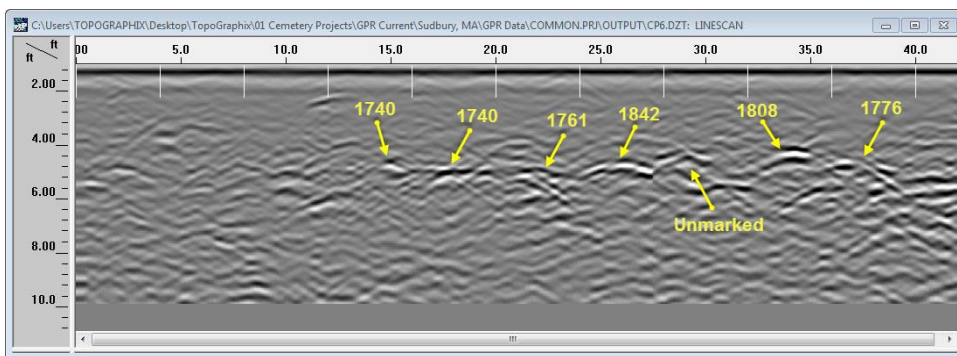


Graves Late 1800s

The two pictures you see below show six dated headstones from a Revolutionary - Pre-Civil War Era. Picture 1 shows dated headstones, and Picture 2 shows a GPR profile of the same six burials as they appear on the computer screen Digital Control Unit (computer screen).



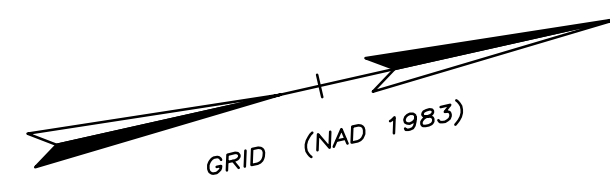
Picture 1: Site Picture of Six Dated Headstones (Revolutionary Burial Ground)



Picture 2: Six Dated Graves from the 1700s to early 1800s (Revolutionary Burial Grounds)

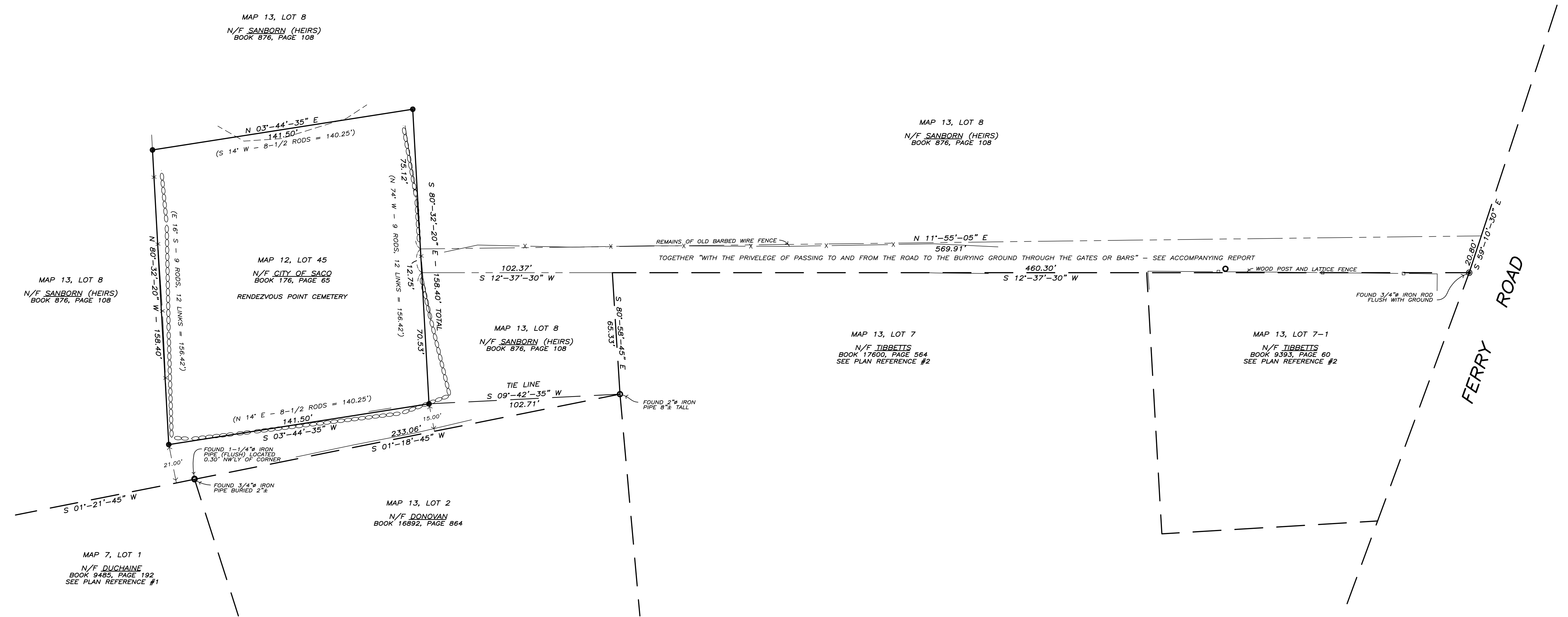
Regards,

Robert W. Perry



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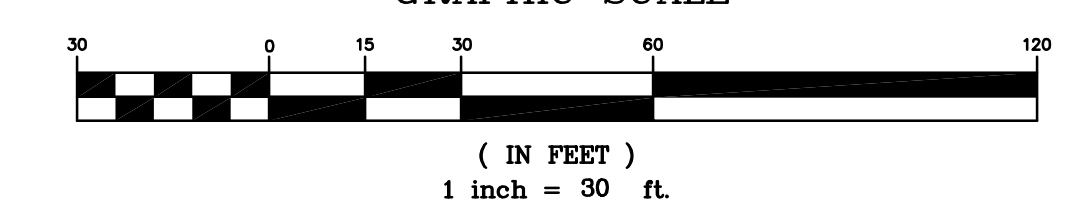
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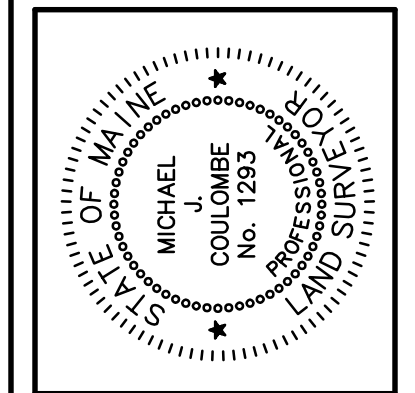
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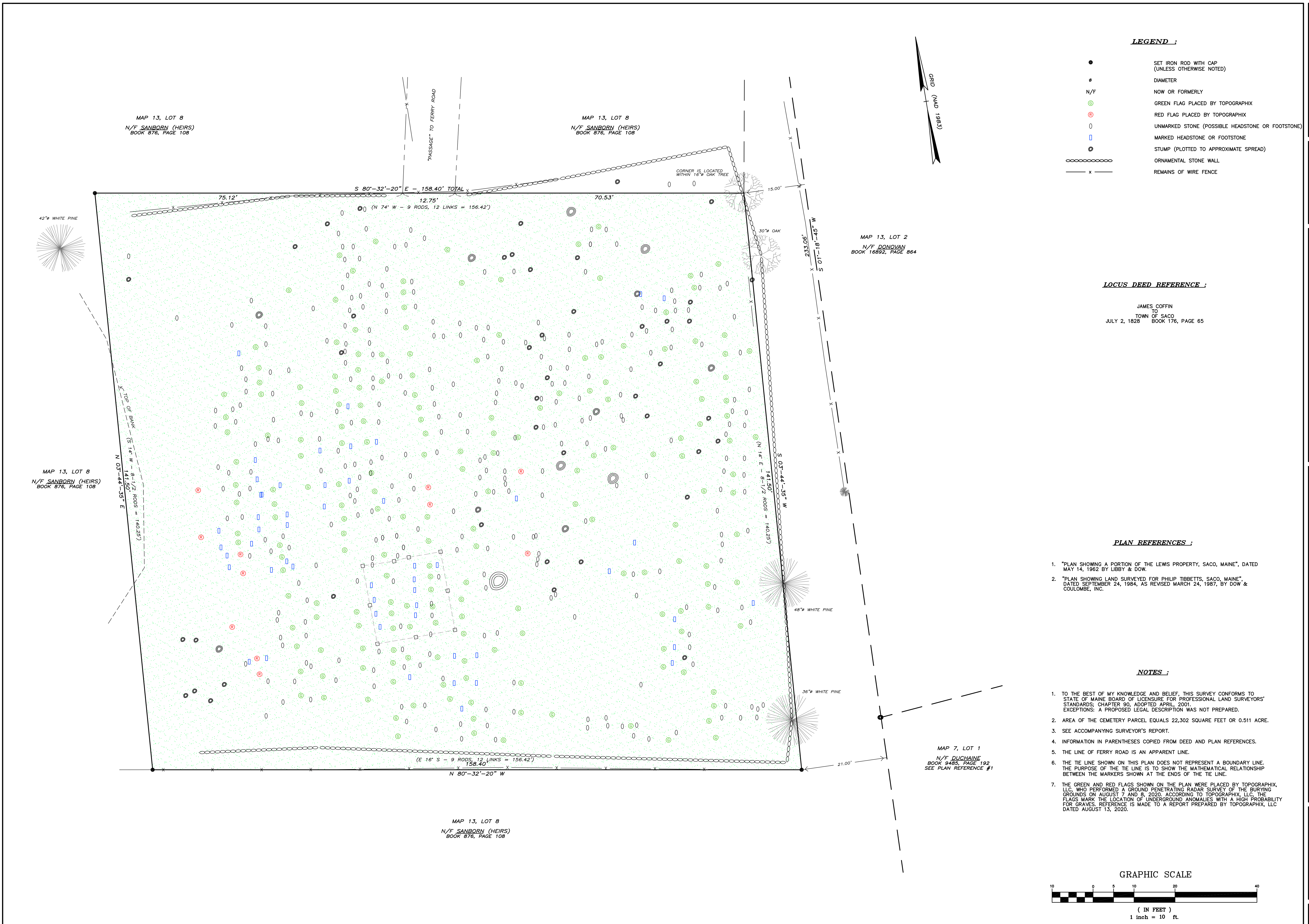


PLAN SHOWING A BOUNDARY SURVEY OF
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(MAILING ADDRESS : 300 MAIN STREET, SACO, ME 04072
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SACO MAINE

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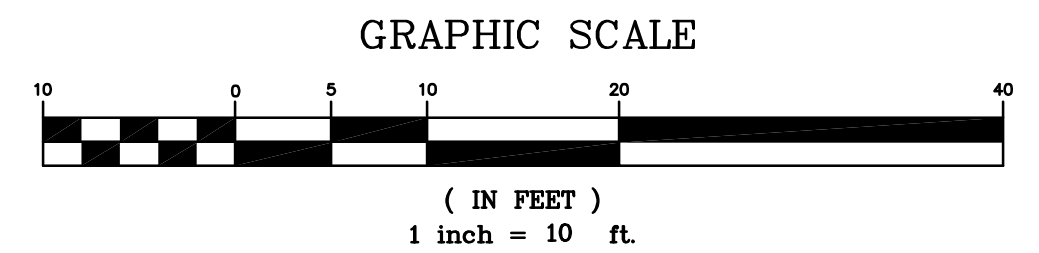
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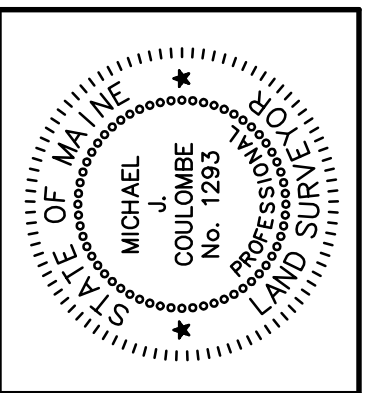
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 - THE GREEN AND RED FLAGS SHOWN ON THE PLAN WERE PLACED BY TOPOGRAPHIX, LLC, WHO PERFORMED A GROUND PENETRATING RADAR SURVEY OF THE BURYING GROUNDS ON AUGUST 7 AND 8, 2020. ACCORDING TO TOPOGRAPHIX, LLC, THE FLAGS MARK THE LOCATION OF UNDERGROUND ANOMALIES WITH A HIGH PROBABILITY FOR GRAVES. REFERENCE IS MADE TO A REPORT PREPARED BY TOPOGRAPHIX, LLC DATED AUGUST 13, 2020.



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PLAN SHOWING A BOUNDARY SURVEY OF
RENDEZVOUS POINT CEMETERY
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September 24, 2020

Bob Hamblen, Interim City Planner
Kelly Archer, Saco Historical Preservation Commission
300 Main Street
Saco, ME 04072

RE: Surveyor's Report, "Plan Showing a Boundary Survey of Rendezvous Point Cemetery Made for the City of Saco, Maine" dated September 22, 2020

Dear Bob and Kelly,

We have completed the scope of land surveying services outlined in our July 13, 2020 letter to Emily Cole-Prescott. Please find enclosed copies of the plans showing the results of our work. Also enclosed, please find an invoice for our services.

The subject parcel of land is described in the deed from James Coffin to the Town of Saco dated July 2, 1828 and recorded at the York County Registry of Deeds in Book 176, Page 65. The deed contains a good metes and bounds (dimensional information) description of the parcel, however it does not call for any markers or physical objects to evidence the corners or lines of the parcel.

During the early 1920's, our office performed what was essentially a survey of the entire City of Saco in order to produce the first assessor's maps for use by the City. We have in our possession the original field books and notes of this survey. A portion of these notes dated from 1922 show a survey of the cemetery based on then existing fences that surrounded the cemetery, and tied in the location of the cemetery to abutting properties located on Ferry Road and what is now Lewis Lane. It is my professional opinion that these nearly 100 year old notes offer the best evidence of the location of the lines of the cemetery. Our office performed subsequent surveys of the Sanborn parcel and abutting parcels during the 1940's, 1960's and 1980's. The cemetery was cleaned and mapped in 1992 as part of an Eagle Scout project, and it is my understanding that in 2009, the cemetery was cleared, trees cut, and cleaned once again. I was told by Mr. Paul Schlaver that the ornamental stone wall surrounding the cemetery on three sides was constructed at that time.

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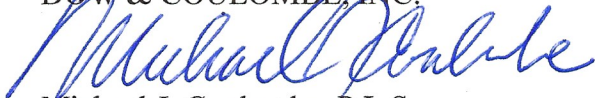
In performing the current survey, we found and located markers, fence remains and other evidence of the earlier surveys of the cemetery and abutting lands performed by our office. We found, located and accepted old wire fence remains buried in the ground evidencing the southerly line of the cemetery parcel that we believe were not disturbed by recent clearing and cleaning activities. The location of these fence remains is consistent with the location of the fence shown in our 1922 notes based on our current measurements. Similarly, we calculated the remaining lines of the cemetery based on the 1922 notes, and find our current measurements consistent with our previous surveys.

Please note that the cemetery parcel was conveyed together “with the privilege of passing to and from the road to the burying ground through the gate or bars”. The deed description does not provide any dimensional information and does not describe a specific location of this right of way. Our 1922 survey indicates a strip of land running from the Ferry Road to the cemetery used as the right of way, and we have shown this strip on the plan per our old survey. We find old fence remains along the easterly and westerly lines of this strip, and although overgrown, there appears to be evidence of an old traveled way located within this strip. As you all know, Mrs. Sanborn has kindly allowed current access to the cemetery through her driveway and farm road.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further service, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

DOW & COULOMBE, INC.



Michael J. Coulombe, P.L.S.

MJC/pd

Enclosures



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2021 NOMINATION SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

Commission Meeting	1st Draft Due	Final Nomination Due	CLG 1st Draft Due	CLG Final Nomination Due
January 22, 2021	2 November 2020	25 November 2020	2 October 2020	2 November 2020
April 23, 2021	29 January 2021	26 February 2021	4 January 2021	29 January 2021
July 23, 2021	3 May 2021	1 June 2021	2 April 2021	3 May 2021
October 22, 2021	2 August 2021	1 September 2021	2 July 2021	2 August 2021

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