


Memorializing the Enslaved in Arlington 1669-1865

“We owe it to ourselves, our ancestors, and our future generations to preserve—and share—the full American story. Sometimes preserving that story means working through a difficult past to create a more inclusive future.”

- National Trust for Historic Preservation

“A person is only forgotten when his or her name is forgotten.”

- *Talmud*



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Possibly Coming Soon to Your Neighborhood



Selena Gray (right) and other enslaved women, Arlington House

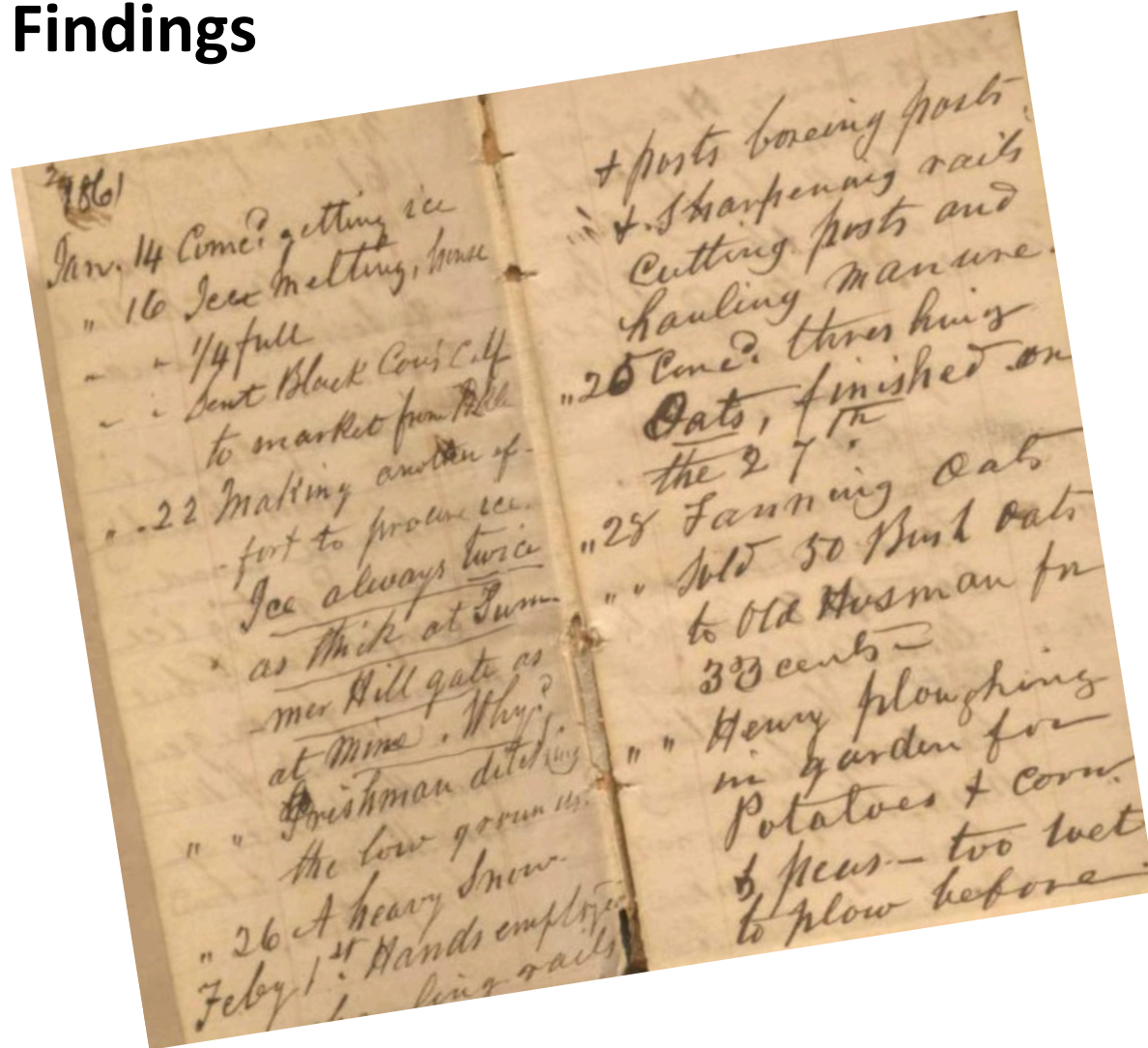
The Arlington Historical Society, in collaboration with the Black Heritage Museum of Arlington (BHMA), aims to:

- Reveal the largely unknown history of the county's enslaved population and to chronicle their lives.
- Provide names, when possible, for enslaved individuals to honor their memory and ensure they are not forgotten
- **Mark the locations in Arlington where slavery occurred with plaques or stumbling stones**
- Confront a difficult history and honor our shared humanity

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Research Findings

- For much of Arlington's early history, 1/3 of its population was enslaved.
- More than 130 Arlington residents were enslavers.
- Arlington residents used enslaved people to operate their farms, businesses, and homes.
- By 1850, almost half of Arlington's enslavers leased their enslaved workers
- MEA looked at over 280 sources while researching enslavement in Arlington.



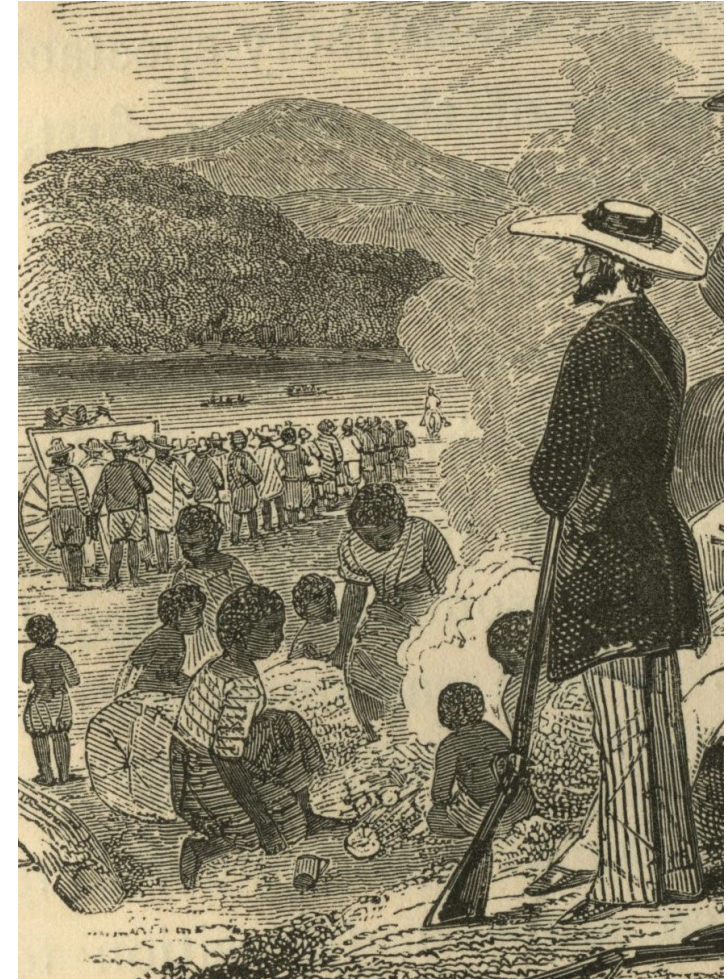
Diary of Bushrod Hunter, 1861

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Accomplishments to Date

- Timeline of Slavery
- Spreadsheet of 1,400+ Enslaved Individuals
- Published Articles and Stories of Arlington's Enslaved People
- Map of Enslavement Locations
- Placement of First 3 Stumbling Stones at the Ball-Sellers House
- APS Lesson Plans on Slavery in Arlington
- Walking tour of Columbia Pike
- MOA with Arlington County

AHS Website: <https://arhist.org/enslavement/>

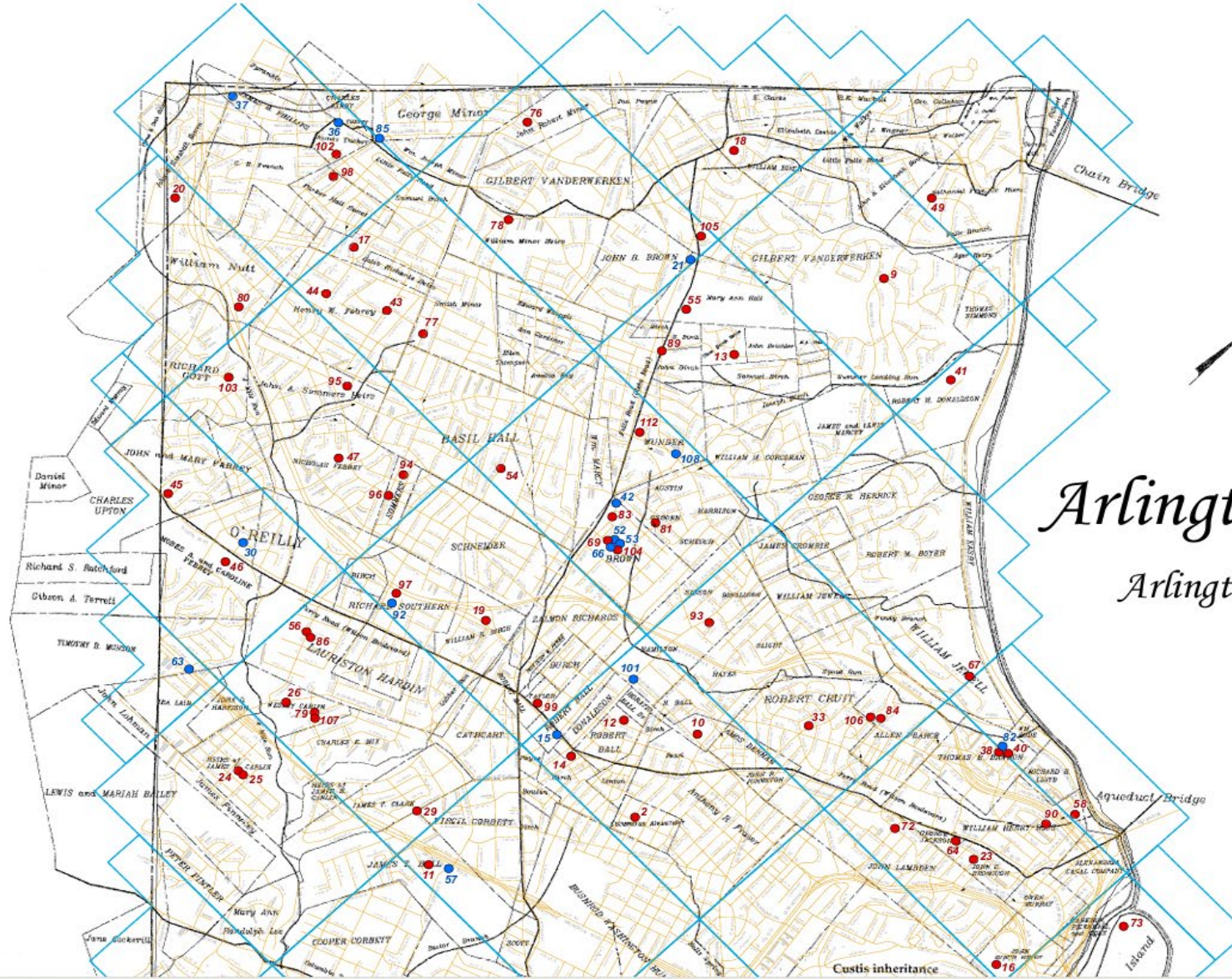


Coffle of enslaved people being transported by Franklin & Armfield armed guards

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Map of Enslavement Locations

- ID # Slaveholder**
- 1 Addison, AE
 - 2 Alexander, Columbus
 - 3 Alexander, George Dent
 - 4 Alexander, Gerard (1714-1761)
 - 5 Alexander, Philip (1742-1786)
 - 6 Alexander, Robert (1740-1793)
 - 7 Antisell, Thomas
 - 8 Awbry, John
 - 9 Ball, Charles H
 - 10 Ball, Ens, John
 - 11 Ball, James T
 - 12 Ball, Robert
 - 13 Birch, Caleb
 - 14 Birch, James
 - 15 Birch, Joseph
 - 16 Birch, Randolph/John
 - 17 Birch, Samuel
 - 18 Birch, William
 - 19 Birch, William R
 - 20 Bowen, Jonathan W.
 - 21 Boyleston, William
 - 22 Brewer, John
 - 23 Bronaugh, JC
 - 24 Carlin, Elizabeth
 - 25 Carlin, Letitia
 - 26 Carlin, Wesley
 - 27 Carlyle, John
 - 28 Chapman, Constant and Nathaniel
 - 29 Clark, James T
 - 30 Colom, Henry
 - 31 Corbett, Sewall
 - 32 Cosene, John
 - 33 Cruit, Robert/Susan
 - 34 Custis, GWP/Robert E Lee
 - 35 Custis, John Parke
 - 36 Darne, Henry
 - 37 Darne, Thomas
 - 38 Dawson, Thomas B
 - 39 Dodge, Allen
 - 40 Donaldson, John
 - 41 Donaldson, RH
 - 42 Earp, Matthew
 - 43 Ely, Henrietta
 - 44 Febrey, Henry
 - 45 Febrey, John
 - 46 Febrey, Moses
 - 47 Febrey, Nicholas
 - 48 Fraser, Anthony
 - 49 Frye, Thomas B
 - 50 Gibson, Joshua
 - 51 Graham, CB
 - 52 Griffith, David
 - 53 Griffith, Jr, David
 - 54 Hall, Basil
 - 55 Hall, Mary Ann
 - 56 Hardin, Laureston
 - 57 Hardin, William
 - 58 Hoover, Andrew
 - 59 Hunter, Alexander



Arlington's Enslavers
 Arlington Historical Society

Aqueduct Bridge
 Built in 1843, this bridge was replaced by Key Bridge in 1925.

LEGEND

Memorializing the Enslaved in Arlington the Memorials

6" Bronze Memorial Plaques

- Highlight, when possible, the name of enslaved individual and birth and death dates
- Powerful reminders that slavery occurred in our own neighborhoods



Modeled after Europe's Stolpersteine or Stumbling Stones honoring victims of the Holocaust; more than 100,000 can be found throughout Europe



Amsterdam



Rome



Berlin

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AHS/Arlington County Stumbling Stones Agreement

7/2/24 Memorandum of Agreement

AHS shall:

1. Produce 6” round non-skid bronze plaques for installation
2. Obtain permits if needed (i.e., VA Dept. of Transportation, National Park Service)
3. Provide list of proposed locations and plaque text
4. Collaborate with County DES on details and specifications for installation
5. Retain ownership and maintain plaques

The County shall:

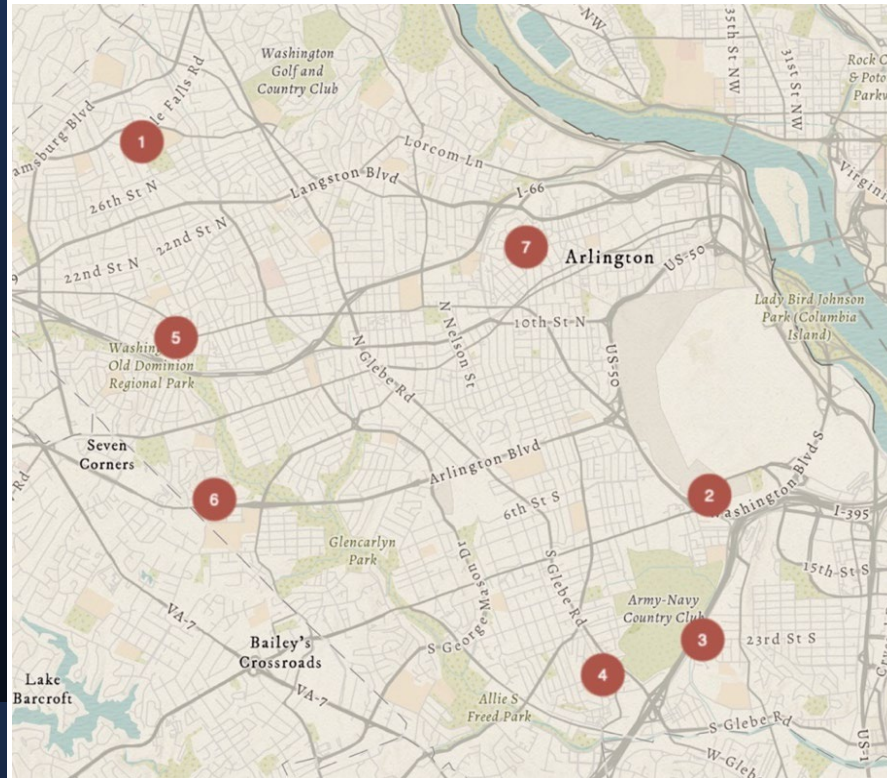
1. Review, permit and install the plaques
2. Assist in replacement
3. Establish a GIS layer to identify installation locations



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Phase I
15 Stones, 7 Locations
(early 2025)

Stumbling Stone
Placement



1. Little Falls Rd. & N. Harrison St.
(3) Charlotte, Margaret, & George Hyson,
enslaved by William Minor
2. Columbia Pike & Ode St.
(2) Thornton & Daniel Check
enslaved by Bazil Williams

3. 24th St. near Oakridge Elementary School
(2) Mary & Levi Jones, Jr.,
enslaved by Anthony Fraser
4. In Green Valley near Lomax A.M.E. Church
(2) Sarah Ann Jones & Isaac Jones
enslaved by Anthony Fraser
5. Washington Blvd. & 16th St. N.
(2) Jinny & Liza
enslaved by Nicholas Febrey
6. Montague St. near Church of the Brethren
(2) Killemacse & Con
enslaved by John Hurst
7. N. Highland St. & 18th St.
(2) Priscilla & Humphrey Albert
enslaved by Robert Cruit

Honoring the
Enslaved

Future Plans

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- Site Commemoration/Community Events
 Invite Descendents, Local Residents, APS Students & Elected Officials
- Use Enslavement Curriculum to Teach Enslavement at APS
- Write Additional Biographical Sketches

- Fabricate and Place Additional Stumbling Stones of the Enslaved
- Generate Story Maps
- Incorporate Sites into Walking and Driving Tours
- Develop a Speakers Bureau

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Let's Remember Together

“To forget is to offend, and memory, when shared, abolishes this offence. If we want to share the beauty of the world, if we want solidarity with its suffering, we need to learn to remember together”

- *Edouard Glissant, philosopher and historian*