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Reclaiming Our Past to Preserve Our Future





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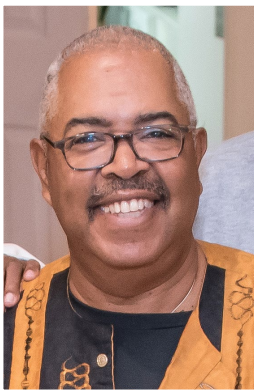
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Neville Waters, III
President*

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the momentous successes achieved by the Mt. Zion Female Union Band (FUBS) Historic Memorial Park Foundation in 2018, we look forward to the opportunities for continued progress in 2019. The organization has been so fortunate to receive the support of the Commission of the Arts and Humanities and a generous grant from a Georgetown philanthropist and preservationist. However, the funding to complete this project and ensure a proper endowment for future generations is far from secure.

We are committed to reclaiming our past to preserve our future. As such, we are delighted to retain the services of renowned architect Rodney Leon, founder and principal of Rodney Leon Architects PLLC. His architectural background as a designer includes work on diverse building types including housing, churches and transportation projects in the U.S. and abroad. Mr. Leon is the designer of the African Burial Ground Memorial in New York City which is the only National Monument in the United States dedicated to the contributions of people of African descent.

Our properties have extreme significance to historically black Georgetown, as well as, the founding of our country. These sites are national treasures with truly unparalleled narratives of awe-inspiring stories and anecdotes. The men, women, and many children laying in eternal rest here chronicle unforgotten community memories. They are iconic figures in this nation's history, representing attributes that are innately American – a struggle for acceptance, freedom and a better life for future generations.



In 2018, we made tremendous progress in other operational aspects. The following brief timeline highlights our major achievements:

May 2018

President Neville Waters receives the William A. Cochran Community Service Award for Exceptional Efforts to Protect and Enhance the Community's Parkland and Architectural Resources from the Citizens Association of Georgetown.

October 2018

The Mt. Zion and Female Union Band Cemeteries became the first official Site of Memory in Washington, DC of the UNESCO Slave Route Project.

October 2018

A private philanthropist and preservationist dedicated over \$460,000 to continued support of the memorial park project.

December 2018

The Mt. Zion Female Union Band Historic Memorial Park Inc. was named a "Georgetown of the Year" by The Georgetowner.

December 2018

The Commission on the Arts and Humanities awarded the organization a Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Enhancement Grant to continue work on this project.

January 2019

The Foundation selected Lisa Fager to serve as its first Executive Director

The accompanying annual report shows additional site and other programmatic progress. We truly hope you will consider supporting our vision to create a memorial park through a financial contribution. We look forward to deepening our partnerships and continuing to proceed to make our vision real.

Sincerely,

Neville Waters, III

President

Mt. Zion Female Union Band
Historic Memorial Park, Inc.



Reclaiming Our Past

2018 Annual Report

The Mt. Zion – Female Union Band Historic Memorial Park (Mt. Zion- FUBS Foundation) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in 2005 to jointly manage the preservation and commemoration of the

and the interred in their proper historical context over arguably the most important 150-year period of our nation (slavery, the Civil War, the Civil Rights Movement and two World Wars).

Segregation in life often meant segregation in death

Mt. Zion and Female Union Band Society Cemeteries. Active from 1808 to 1950 and historically African American, the two cemeteries share nearly equal parts of 3-acres that sit adjacent in Georgetown, Washington, DC.

The Mt. Zion-FUBS Foundation was formed to resurrect the wealth of stories, protect historical artifacts, and preserve and restore this American treasure. Additionally, the Foundation is a platform for the creation of a research and programming center that will educate future generations not only surrounding the burial ground but placing it

MISSION

To reimagine Mt. Zion – FUBS cemeteries and create a historic Memorial Park in order to:

- Rediscover nearly two centuries of lost African American history and;
- Develop a sacred space for quiet reflection and respectful commemoration.

VISION

To create a sacred place for both quiet and spirited academic reflection with the goal of promoting unity, appreciation and remembrance of the founding members of Georgetown and the struggles they endured during a time period wrought with crippling segregation.

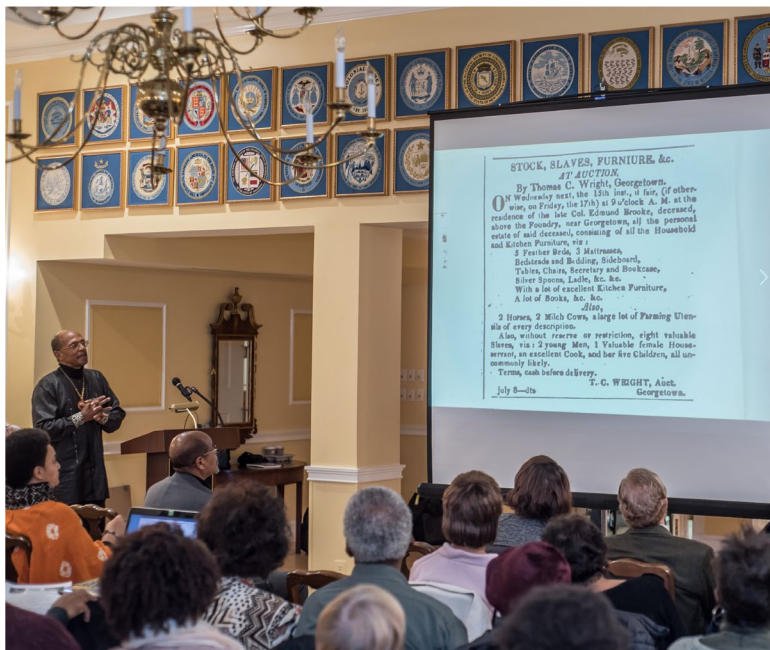




Preserving Our Future

In 2018, we were recognized as an associated Site of Memory of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Slave Route Project. The decree is the first such designation in D.C. and first such U.N. recognition of cemeteries.

The UNESCO Slave Route Project encourages new research in neglected regions and defines new approaches in teaching, preserving and promoting history and historical sites related to the slave trade. It also aims to promote the contributions of people of African descent to the establishments of contemporary societies and preserve written archives and intangible heritage related to history.



EDUCATION

We hosted a lecture series, *“Black Georgetown Remembered”* with author and historian C.R. Gibbs at the Dumbarton House in order to help raise awareness of both the cemetery and the rich African American history in Georgetown.

In 2018, we completed nearly 70% all of the site surveys needed to begin Phase I of our memorial park plans. The survey work will be fully accomplished after the salvage and conservation work on the remaining 700 artifacts is finished.

RESEARCH AND GENEALOGICAL STUDIES

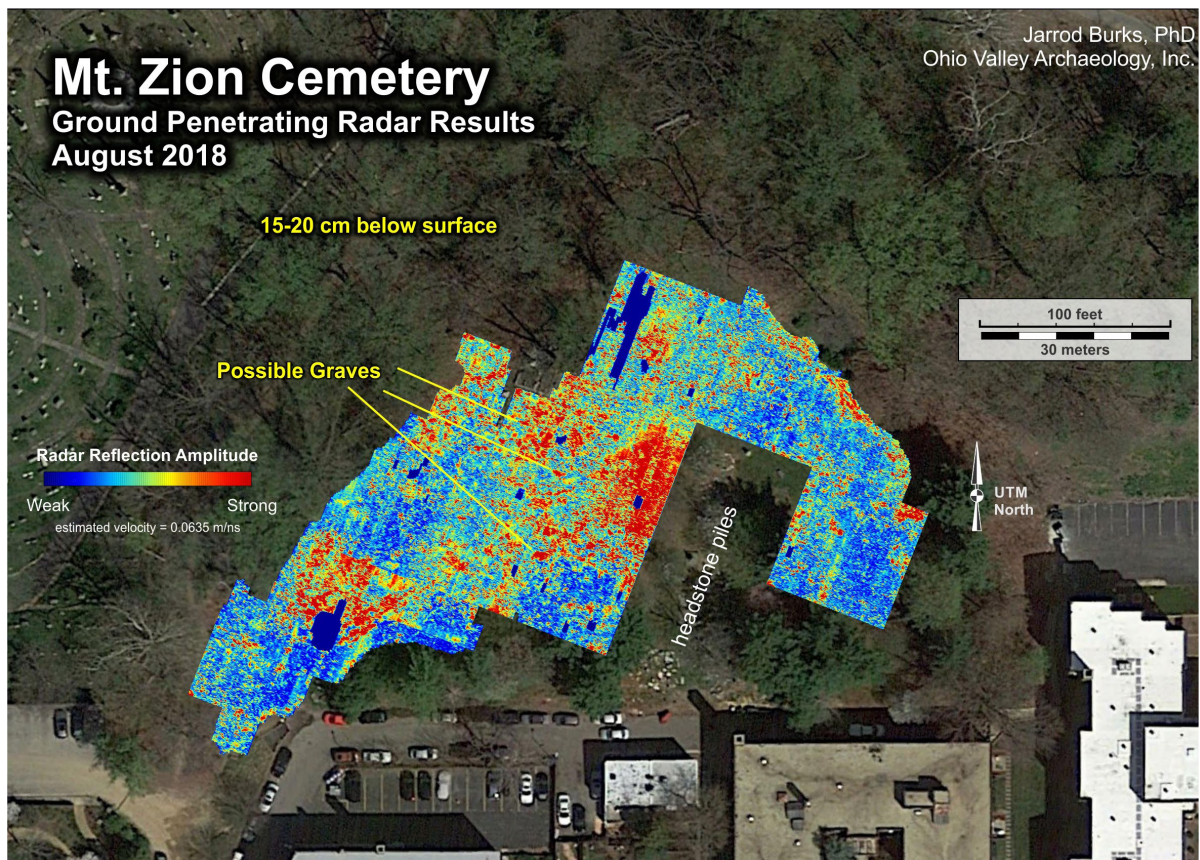
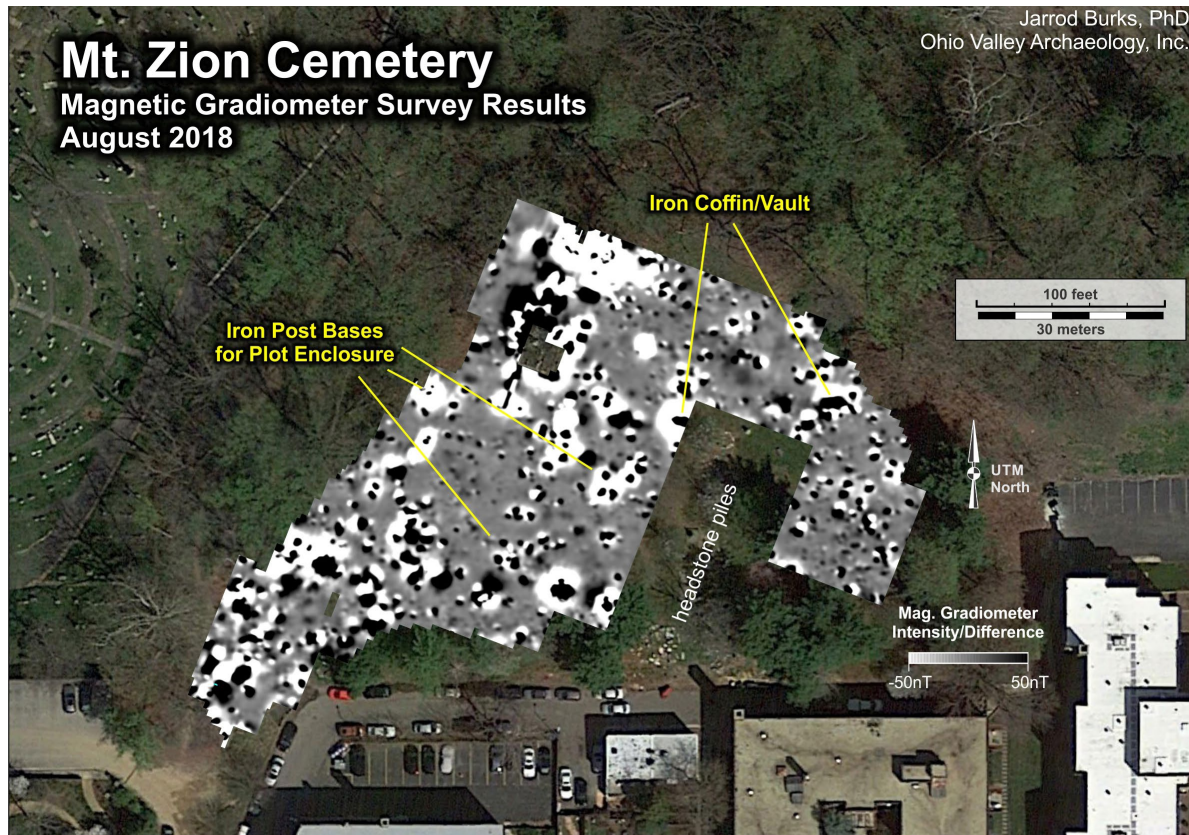
Part of our mission is to tell the stories of those interred. This year we uncovered more than 1500 additional death certificates and burial records from the early 1847 Joseph F. Birch Funeral archives. Bringing our total findings to more than 2770 burial records of known people interred at Mt. Zion - FUBS. These records predate the earliest documented District of Columbia death records by more than 25 years. In addition, hundreds of documents have been collected to supplement the story of the cemetery itself and those interred. These include wills, pensions, obituaries, land records, court records, military records including the known members of the United States Colored Troops, church recorders, newspapers, and funeral home records.

FUNDRAISING

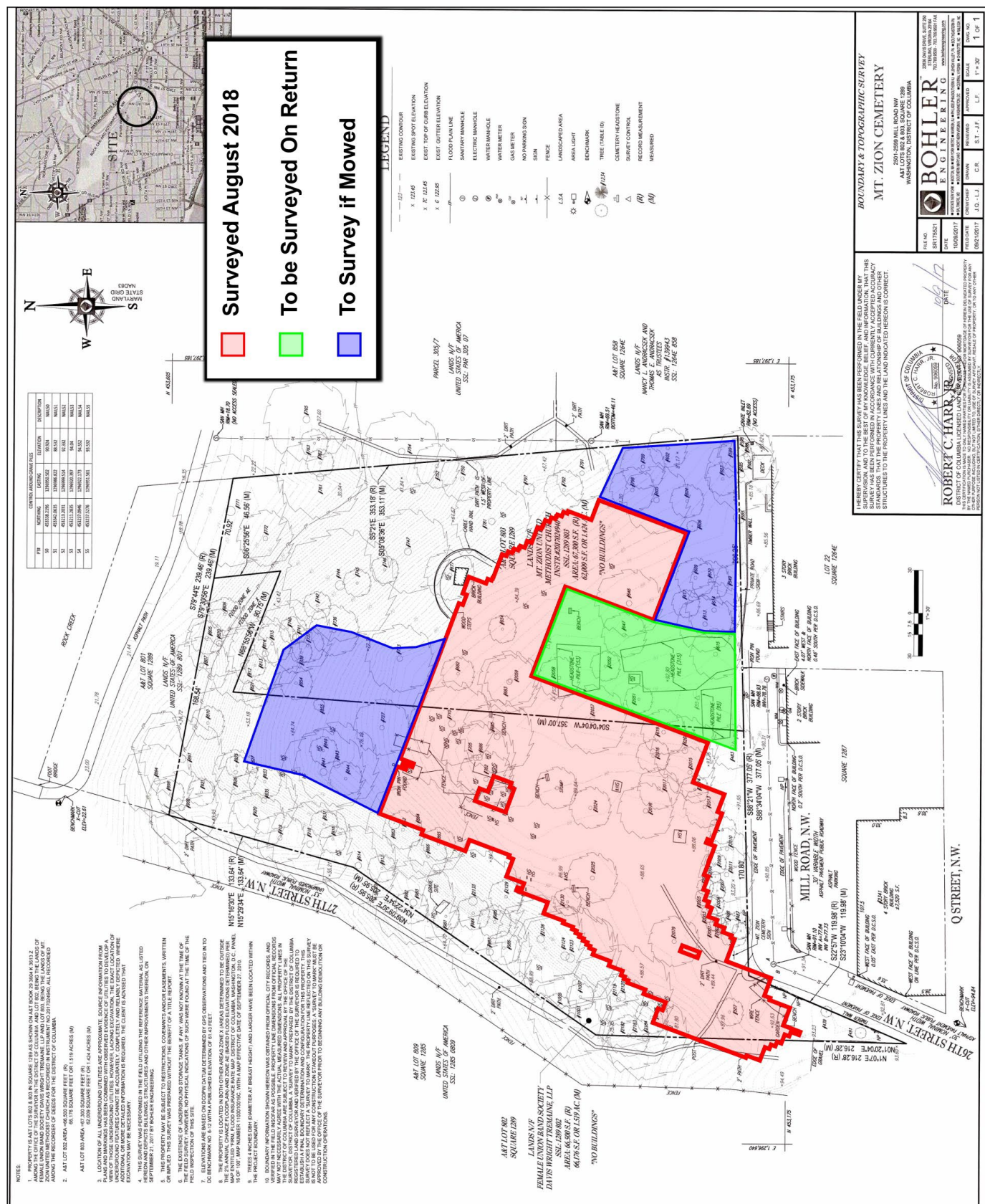
In 2018, Bridge Philanthropic Consulting (BPC) was hired to develop a fundraising strategy and launch a capital campaign. Our first “friend-raiser” was hosted by Georgetown residents, Alan Bubes and Nancy Taylor- Bubes and gave us an excellent opportunity to share with Georgetown influential residents our plans and progress for Mt. Zion - FUBS.

We received second year funding from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities Budget Enhancement Grant which now totals over \$400,000 in commitments to our programming. An anonymous grant was received through the Foundation for the Historic Preservation of Georgetown and committed to a three-year restricted grant of \$460,000 specifically supporting the surveying, preserving of on-site artifacts and physical construction of the memorial park. We have laid the groundwork and anticipate an increase in donor and foundation giving in 2019.

2018 Geological Survey Results



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Mt Zion - Female Union Band Society Historic Memorial Park
Financial Statements FY 2018

INCOME STATEMENT January - December 2018	
Income	Total
Grant Revenue	\$ 200,000
Revenue	\$ 4,325
Total Income	\$ 204,325
Expenses	
Advertising & Marketing	\$ 435
Bank Charges & Fees	\$ 15
Contractors	\$ 78,400
Insurance	\$ 945
Supplies	\$ 451
Legal & Professional Services	\$ 128,910
Meals & Entertainment	\$ 207
Other Business Expenses	\$ 2,788
Taxes & Licenses	\$ 80
Total Expenses	\$ 212,231
Net Operating Loss *	\$ 7,906

*Our 2018 Income Statement is showing a minimal “loss” of \$7,906. This is a result of expenses incurred in the normal course of business that included fundraising consulting, landscaping, and genealogical research. Our financial position is strong with assets of over \$200,000 as shown on the Balance Sheet.

Mt Zion - Female Union Band Society Historic Memorial Park
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BALANCE SHEET As of December 31, 2018	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
IBW Checking	\$ 5,596
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 5,596
Accounts Receivable	
Grants Receivable	\$ 200,000
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 200,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 205,596
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$ 213,502
Net Loss	\$ 7,906
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 205,596



In Special Recognition

A special thank you to our 2018 new and established friends that support and help sustain our mission to preserve, honor and remember the lives and contributions of those interred in this sacred burial ground.

This is only a partial list of our many supporters.

Ann Chinn
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