

“Extracts” from the District Home Minutes in regard to the District Home Cemetery

May 17th 1927 – “The proposition of Mr. R. L. Dellinger to handle the funerals for the District Home at a cost of \$18.50 each, not including the lots, was accepted by the Board.”

June 19th 1928 – “L. Ledman, directed to see Manassas Town authorities in reference to Inmates already buried in the cemetery of said town, inquiring whether it is advisable to move them.”

July 17th 1928 – “Mr. Dellinger appeared, by request of the Board, in reference to moving the bodies from Manassas Cemetery to grave yard at District Home, after a thorough discussion of the question. It was regularly moved and seconded that he be paid \$10.00 each for taking up and reinterring the bodies. Unanimously carried.”

October 16th 1928 – “On motion Mr. Dellinger is to be paid an additional \$4.00 each, for 6 boxes used in removing bodies from Manassas Cemetery to District Home Cemetery, making a total of \$114.00 for the whole job.”

August 20th 1929 – “On motion of Mr. Buckley, the Bull Run Power Company is hereby given permission to place guy pole in field near cemetery, with the understanding that if the pole interferes with road or travel now or in the future, it will have to be removed by Power Company. Approved.”

April 15th 1930 – “Whereas the authorities of Fairfax County in the month of March 1930, made request to use the farm as a burying ground for its paupers, having at that time a corpse ready for burial, this corpse was permitted to be buried here, with the understanding the matter would be taken up with the board, therefore be it resolved that this farm cannot be used for Potters field for the different counties and city it represents, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each Board of Supervisors, and the city council represented herein.”

February 16th 1932 – “Sealed bids having been asked for the burial of inmates of home, upon death, two bids were received. George D. Baker & Sons bidding \$30.00 per inmate, and Dellinger & Cross bidding \$15.50 per inmate, Dellinger & Cross being the low bidder. On motion this bid was accepted by the Board.”

April 19th 1932 – “On motion of Mr. T. J. Fannon and seconded by Mr. J. M. Lewis, L. Ledman was requested to get information on the probable cost of placing Head Stones or Slabs at each of the graves now in the Cemetery and those to be buried there, and report at the next meeting.”

June 21st 1932 – “Mr. M. J. Hottle, submitted a bid of \$5.00 each for Grave Markers to mark the graves in the cemetery of this home, the stone when set to be 1 foot out of ground, 8 inches wide and 2 inches thick, with name and 2 dates thereon.”

November 15, 1932 – “It was considered advisable for the body of Mrs. Hanbeck to remain in the cemetery, until the further order of this board.”

July 18th 1933 – “A letter received from the Rose Hill Cemetery, calling attention to requirement of permits for all colored persons buried in said cemetery, said permits granted at \$1.00 each and must be had before any grave is opened.” On motion it was decided to abide by the requirement, and that Undertaker be requested to secure such permit before body was interred.”

- May 19th 1936 – “This Board at its meeting in June 1932 accepted bids for placing markers at graves of inmates at a cost of \$5.00 each. Now on motion duly made and seconded and carried grave markers are to be discontinued, except and only at the request of and to be paid for by relatives of inmates in each instance. All orders in conflict with this order are hereby rescinded.”
- August 18th 1936 – “Mr. Cross was present with his contract for the future burial of dead inmates, and after a thorough discussion, it was decided to accept the \$18.00 job as set out in the contract.”
- July 17th 1939 – “Bull Run Power Company applied for an easement over the property of the District Home on motion of Mr. Fannon and seconded by Mr. Russell, the Power Company was to set out the measurements of the line as now established and have a pencil sketch made of same. And after a time the measurements and sketch was presented to the board and filed, and the easement was signed by the Chairman, in the presence of the board by the following vote: AYES: Thomas J. Fannon, G. C. Russell, R. L. Willis, John Walker and D. W. Buckley.”
- January 18th 1943 – “Mr. R. S. Hall, appeared before the board and offered the sale of a lot on his place at Occoquan, for the purpose of burying colored inmates, after some discussion, Mr. G. C. Russell was appointed a committee to meet with Mr. Hall, and to further discuss the matter and to report back here at the next meeting. Mr. R. S. Hall, of the Hall Funeral Home, appeared before the board, and made an appeal for an increase in the price of all burials from the District Home, as the cost of all materials had advanced. On motion duly made seconded and carried the price was increased from \$18.00 to \$25.00
- March 15th 1943 – “On motion duly made and carried Mr. G. C. Russell, was appointed a committee of one to purchase from R. S. Hall, Occoquan, Virginia, after the title has been ok’ed one half acre of land on his farm near the colored cemetery at the price of \$50.00, for a cemetery to bury colored inmates from this home.”