

PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY

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Greetings to all of our Friends of Lynchburg's Historic Presbyterian Cemetery,

We are thrilled to announce that on June 18, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) approved our nomination for listing on both the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

This designation marks the culmination of a two-year effort to recognize and preserve more than 200 years of Lynchburg's history. Throughout this process, we have been blessed by the support and expertise of many friends and colleagues from the City of Lynchburg and across the Commonwealth. We are especially grateful to the staff of the Salem and Richmond VDHR offices for their guidance.

Our Board of Trustees has been our greatest champion throughout this journey. We are also thankful for the contributions of Hurt & Proffitt, particularly Architectural Historian Melissa Schmitt, whose research and discovery of original cemetery maps helped enrich our nomination and deepen our understanding of the cemetery's history.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the many individuals who supported this work, including Al Chambers, Ted Delaney, Nancy Marion, Jay White, and Mark Day, for their expertise, research assistance, and encouragement.

What does this designation mean? Listing on the Virginia Landmarks Register and National Register of Historic Places formally recognizes Presbyterian Cemetery's historical significance and helps ensure its stories are preserved for future generations. The designation increases awareness of the cemetery's rich history and opens new opportunities for preservation, education, heritage tourism, partnerships, and future grant funding.

And to all of our family, friends, and supporters who have shared in our excitement—thank you. This designation belongs to our entire community.

As Presbyterian Cemetery enters this new chapter, we look forward to expanding educational programming, community events, and opportunities for visitors to engage with Lynchburg's history.

Please stay tuned for upcoming events as we celebrate this important milestone in Presbyterian Cemetery's history.