

Proposed Methods for Verifying Historic Cemetery Boundaries

Purpose: To evaluate the historically documented cemetery boundaries and to define the limits of burials using the least invasive methods possible.

- Ground penetrating radar (GPR) surveys have already been conducted.
 - GPR uses radio waves to detect objects, called anomalies, located beneath the surface.
 - Limited subsurface testing is necessary to determine if these anomalies are building foundations, walls, trash concentrations, or burials.
- A tentative cemetery boundary has been established using historic maps, known burial locations, and GPR results.
- Limited hand excavation of test units is proposed to determine whether any human remains are located beyond the tentative historic cemetery boundary and to confirm the nature of the GPR anomalies.
- Native American monitors will be present during subsurface testing.
- Information obtained from this work will minimize the chance that additional remains will be disturbed, and will ensure the long-term conservation and protection of the historic cemetery area of the site.