

October 24, 2013

Mr. Paul Rose
President-Trustee
Waterford Union of Churches Cemetery
Waterford, Virginia

Dear Paul,

It has been over thirteen years since I was appointed a Trustee of the Waterford Union of Churches Cemetery and much has happened during those thirteen years; clearing of the title to the cemetery, organization of the cemetery Trustees, establishment of an endowment fund and clean up and construction of a new fence around the perimeter of the cemetery among others.

As I mentioned to you in the past, my motivation for involvement as a Trustee was to try to expand the cemetery so that future internment of Waterford citizens could continue. There seemed to be strong support from the Waterford community to expand the cemetery. As you are aware, I have been working toward that goal for the past several years and in late 2012 contacted the Loudoun County Zoning Administration for an opinion regarding the possibility of expansion.

In February 2013, the Loudoun County Zoning Administration rendered an official decision on potential expansion of the cemetery saying that since the cemetery is the property of a tax exempt non-profit corporation, is managed by court-appointed Trustees, and no longer has a direct connection with the churches of the village, any expansion of the cemetery would be subject to Virginia State regulations governing cemeteries. Requirements set forth in those regulations, i.e. minimum size of 10 acres, minimum set back from wells, minimum set back from residences, make expansion of the historic cemetery impossible.

Serving the past thirteen years as the Cemetery Trustee's Secretary has been interesting and often rewarding but professional and personal reasons make it necessary for me to now resign my appointment as Secretary and Trustee. I will certainly still be available on occasion to volunteer for cemetery clean-ups or other activities when possible. Please have the new Secretary petition the Court to remove my name from the Trustee list when new Trustees are appointed.

It has been a pleasure working with you over the past thirteen years and I wish the Waterford Union of Churches Cemetery all the best in the future.

Very Respectfully,



Robert C. Thompson
Waterford, Virginia