



## Purpose & Background

The UWF Historic Trust is seeking proposals for a Cemetery Conservation Specialist to conserve five brick and plaster gravemarkers in the historic cemetery known as Magnolia Cemetery, located at the north corner of 601 W. Brainard and 1110 N. A Street Pensacola, Florida. The work will be conducted under an Abandoned African American Cemeteries grant from the Florida Division of Historic Preservation. Conservation work will be conducted on 8 brick and plaster vernacular markers. All work will be conducted under the supervision of the UWF Historic Trust in coordination with the UWF Archaeology Institute.

## Scope of work

Conservation work by a conservator meeting the Secretary of the Interior Professional Qualification Standards will be performed on 5 brick and plaster vernacular cemetery markers. Markers include tomb covers and headstones. The conservator should be experienced in working with brick and plaster cemetery structures in the southeastern United States.

The 5 sites to be repaired are

### Louis Egbert Lowe

- This vault top collapsed in 2020. The site has been temporarily stabilized by fill, and this grant will return the top of the vault to its previous appearance.



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## Richard Stallworth

- This site is currently badly compromised, with large losses of areas of plaster on the surface and bricks missing from some portions of the marker already. Treatment will stabilize the marker, as well as re-lay bricks to reconstruct the vault cover and marker to as-near its original appearance as possible.



## Rosse Faulks

- This marker has a cross on top which has been broken off and will need to be secured. Some areas of plaster are cracking off and the vault will need to be stabilized.





## Liller Williams

- The vault cover for this marker is buckled and may require lifting and filling to stabilize. The marker shows significant salt efflorescence and will need to be evaluated to determine if there is interior mortar failure, as well.



## Frank Jones

- This marker has been tipped off its base and will need to be lifted and reset. Areas of damage will be assessed and restored as necessary.



## Deliverables

- Final report detailing conservation activities
- Before & after images of all work
- Recommendations for maintenance of conserved markers.

## Proposal Guidelines

Please submit a proposal that includes

- CV of the lead conservation professional
- Examples of similar projects completed
- Project approach for each gravesite
- A detailed cost estimate
- Overall project timeline

## Timelines

### Request for proposals timeline

Responses should be submitted no later than 5 pm Central Standard Time on Monday, December 1, 2025 to Jennifer Melcher via email to [jmelcher@uwf.edu](mailto:jmelcher@uwf.edu)

Evaluation of proposals will be completed by **December 12, 2025**, conservators will be notified during this time if any additional information or discussions are needed.

The selected proposal will be chosen no later than **December 15, 2025** and all conservators will be notified by December 19th.

### Project timeline

Project initiation will begin **January 5, 2026**

All project deliverables must be submitted by **May 15, 2026**.