

Goss Family Cemetery Grave Removal Request

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Purpose of Grave Removal

- To accommodate proposed development authorized by the Town of Cary (including the extension of a town street and greenway) on the surrounding 2.84-acre property.
- To provide better protection of the remains by relocating them to a perpetual care cemetery.

Petitioner:	Ellen Turco of Richard Grubb & Associates
On Behalf of:	Nicolas Otheguy of Carpenter Fire Owner, LLC
Location:	7204 Carpenter Fire Station Road (PIN 0735349864)
Zoning:	Cary Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ)
Number of Graves in Petition:	Approximately 3—Actual number cannot be determined with certainty until the site is fully excavated.

Cemetery Location

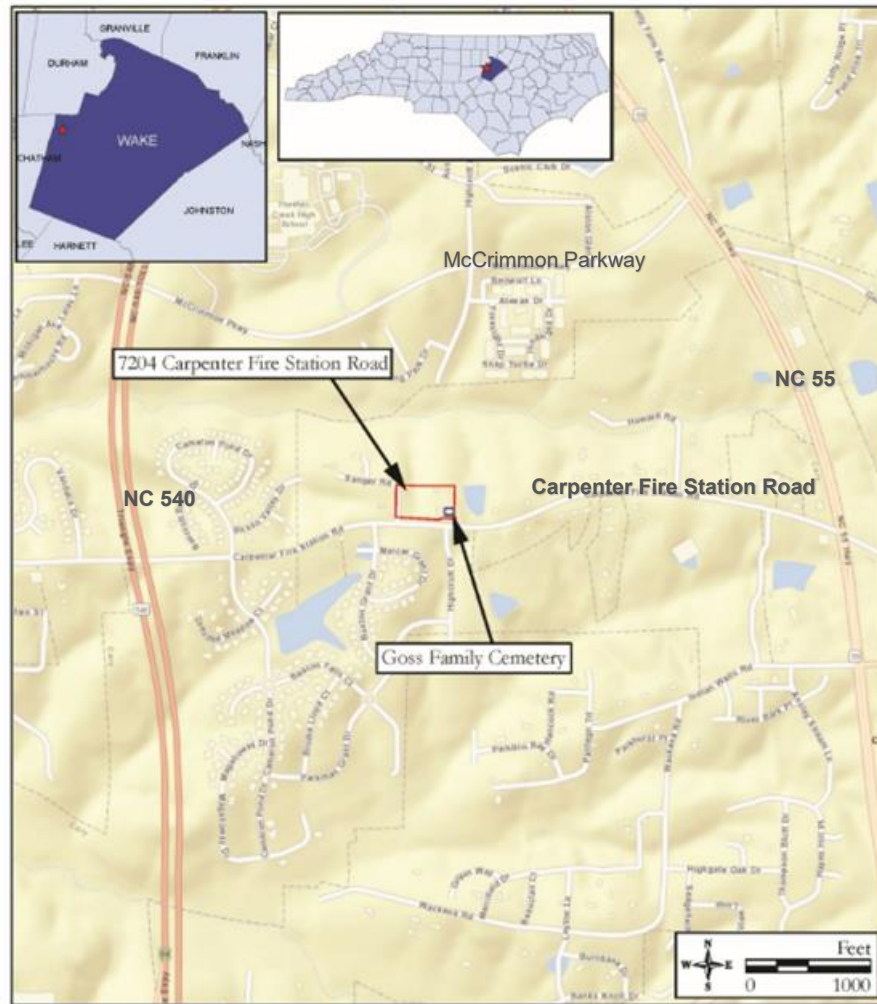
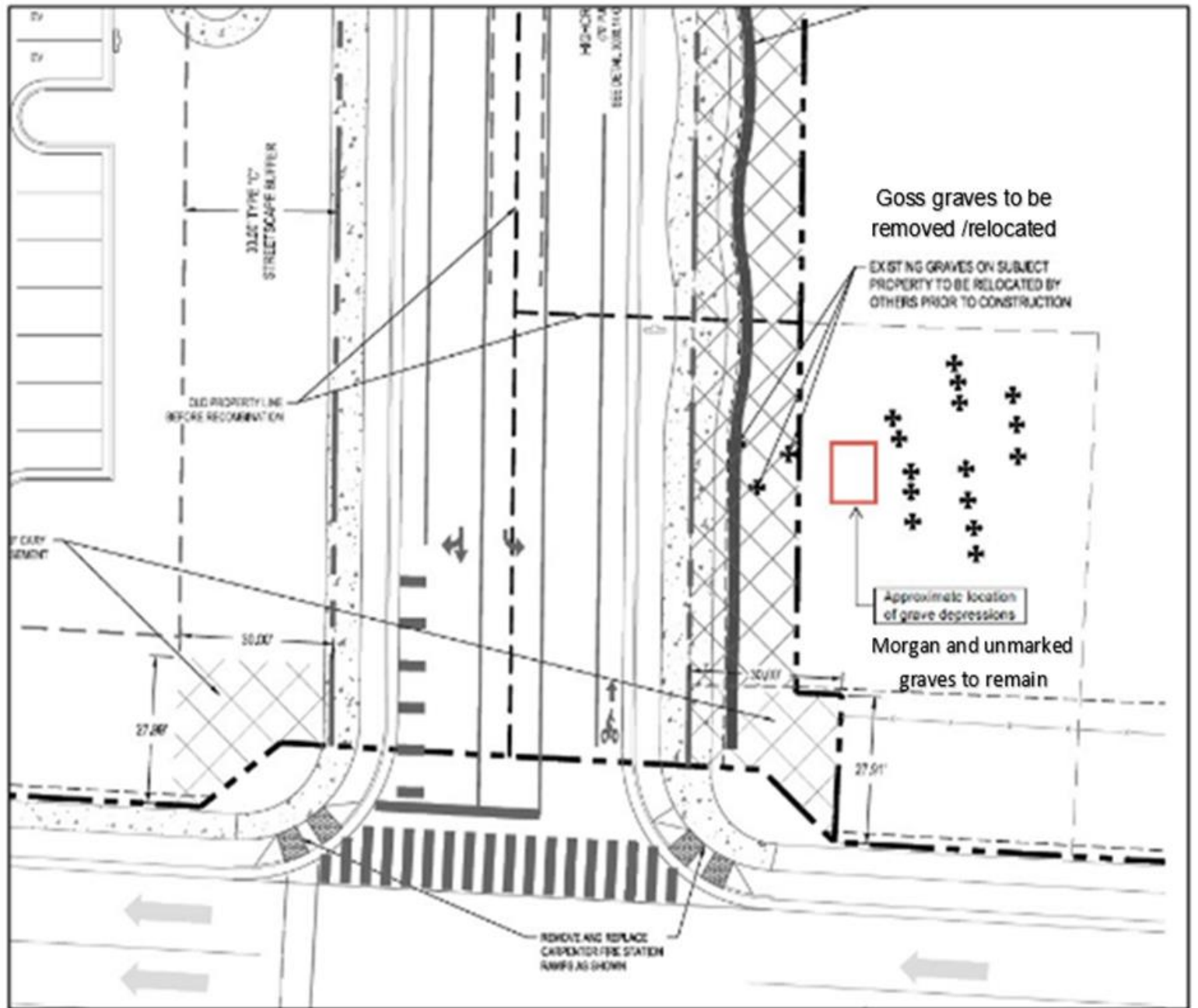


Figure 1.1: Street map showing the location of the Goss Family Cemetery (Environmental Systems Research Institute [Esri] 2024).



Figure 1.2: Aerial map showing the location of the Goss Family Cemetery (Google Earth 2022).

Site Plan



Cemetery Photos



Figure 3.3: Detail view of the burial plot for W. M. and R. A. Goss.



Figure 3.7: Detail view of the headstone for Fannie Goss within the Goss Family Cemetery.

Cemetery Survey

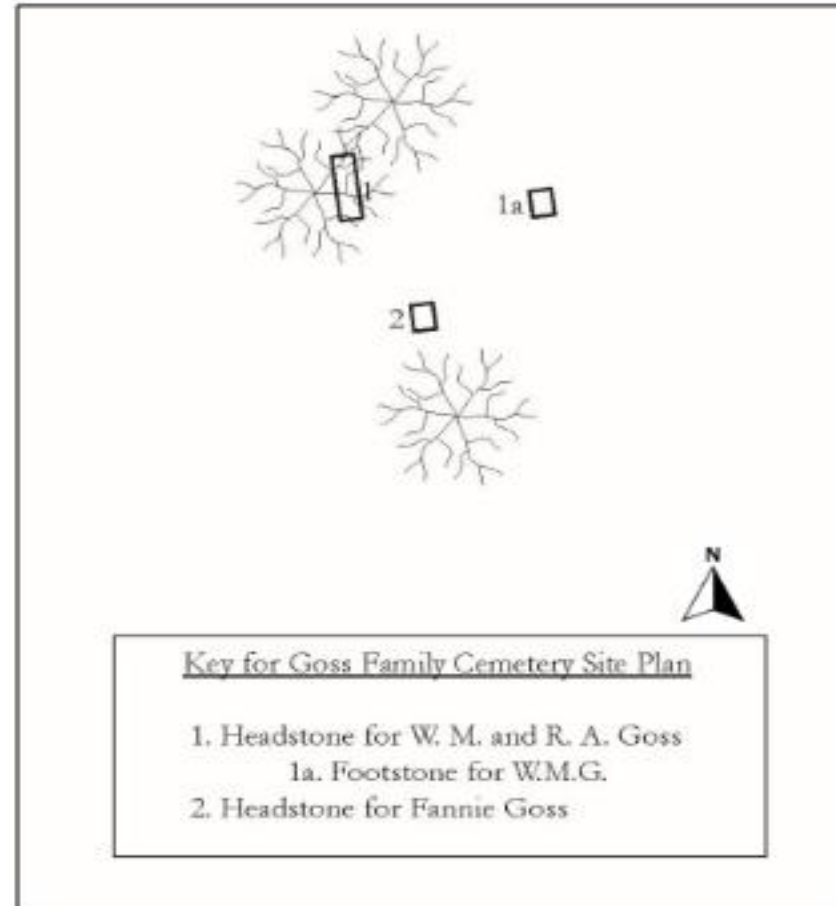


Figure 1.5: Sketch site plan of the Goss Family Cemetery, not to scale
(Created by Patricia McEachen, RGA).

Cemetery Summary

- There is one inscribed marker for William M. Goss (died 1922) and his wife Rebecca Ann Green Goss (died 1925), and a small inscribed stone for their daughter Mary Francis "Fannie" Goss (died 1961).
- The petitioner conducted extensive genealogical research of the Goss family in an effort to identify any living next-of-kin.
- Notification letters were sent by the petitioner to 61 living relatives (with 3 more identified by the family).
- The petitioner received 6 responses from the next-of-kin requesting general information, but no one expressed any opposition to the relocation of the graves.

Cemetery History

- No records of historical significance were found.
- Resources Consulted
 - Wake County Cemetery Census
 - Wake County GIS/Revenue Database
 - Capital Area Preservation
 - Wake County Cemetery Survey Group
 - Websites for findagrave.com, ancestry.com, and interment.net
 - Various records from US Census, WPA, NC state archives, deeds/plats/maps, birth/death certificates, newspapers

Reinterment Site–Oakwood Cemetery



Staff Findings

1. The petitioner has fulfilled all of the requirements as outlined by the North Carolina General Statutes.
2. Removal is necessary to accommodate site improvements (required town street and greenway extension) associated with a pending residential development authorized by Cary, and to provide better protection of the remains by relocating them to a perpetual care cemetery.
3. The remains will be reinterred at Oakwood Cemetery, near downtown Raleigh, where they will receive perpetual care.

Staff Findings

4. All required public notifications were complied with by the petitioner and Wake County planning staff (i.e.-legal ads in the newspaper and public hearing sign posted at the site).
5. There was no opposition from the next-of-kin (64), or the general public, to the relocation of the graves or to the planned reinterment site.
6. No evidence of any historical significance and their removal and relocation would not be detrimental to the general welfare of the County.

Staff Recommendation

The planning staff recommends approval of the request to disinter, relocate, and reinter the Goss family cemetery as requested.



Public Hearing