

Grave Stone Cleaning Using D/2 Biological Cleaning Solution

Compatriots Leamon Duncan and Barry Schwoerer spent some time documenting the process and cleaning the grave stones for Patriot Stephen Howison and his wife Mary at the Howison Homestead Park in Prince William County. Permission for the project was granted by working in coordination with the Prince William Historic Preservation Foundation. Always get permission from the family or cemetery before starting any restoration project. The credit for the grave stone preservation goes to Andrew Lumish who started a movement by cleaning the headstones of Veterans in his local community in Florida and telling their stories. His story appeared on the CBS Sunday Morning program. It is called the Cemetery Preservation Movement.

For more information on the D/2 product and Andrew's story follow this link:

<http://www.d2bio.com/>. This is the site for the manufacturer of the cleaning solution, and, on the page when it opens is an article titled, "Good Cemeterian Video Goes Viral Cleaning Veteran Headstones with D/2." Watch the video for the story behind the movement. The manufacturer website also states this is the same cleaner used at Arlington National Cemetery to clean grave markers.

This link, https://www.thegoodcemeterian.org/restore-history/best-practices?fbclid=IwAR0SY0vagw_5unS3Z2rUNotmwlH6SZQsCDwQIYwkA6K_wY64p0gUPSfZJV0, is from Andrew's "The Good Cemeterian website with best practices for cleaning headstones.

The D/2 solution was ordered from www.atlaspreservation.com. They offer the product in many sizes. They also offer a starter kit for approximately \$79 that includes everything one needs to get started doing small restoration projects. This site is recommended by Andrew.

This is a great way to give back to the local community or clean and preserve a family's patriot gravestone for generations to come. It's also another way to honor the Patriots who fought for the freedom and liberty we all enjoy today.

Before and after photos from our recent project are below.



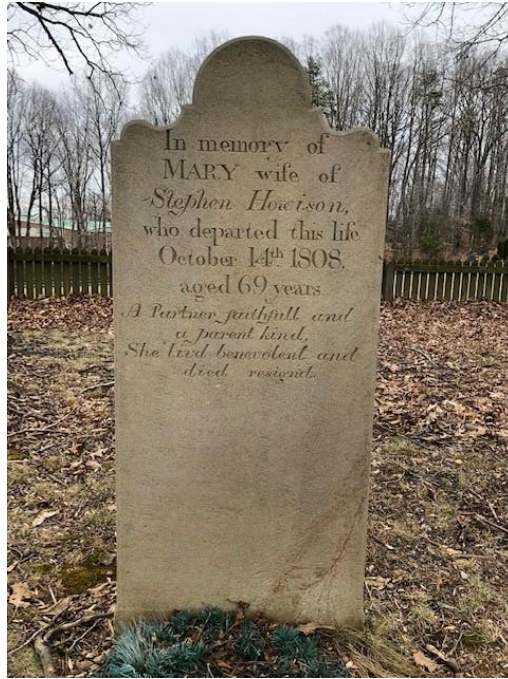
BEFORE



AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER

Please feel free to contact our Chapter Historian, Compatriot Leamon Duncan, lduncan@outlook.com, if you have any questions.