

Gravestone Stories

Private Historical Experiences for Meetings, Conferences & Heritage Groups

Research-driven, site-specific historical experiences within Alexandria's Wilkes Street Cemetery Complex—America's most historic cluster of cemeteries—and at two of Old Town's landmark historic sites. Led by working historian and cemetery superintendent David Heiby.

What sets us apart: While most Alexandria tours stay within the King Street corridor, our programs take your guests into a **52-acre historic landscape** containing **13 cemeteries** and more than **35,000 documented burials**. These aren't scripted guidebook anecdotes—they're stories uncovered through a decade of archival research and fieldwork.

IDEAL FOR

Associations & Conferences

DAR, SAR & Genealogical Societies

Heritage Tourism Groups

Educational Institutions

VIP Cultural Add-Ons

America250 Programming

GROUP LOGISTICS

- 90-minute guided experience (custom lengths available)
- Up to 25 guests per tour
- **\$30 per guest, \$300 minimum per tour** (the minimum covers your first ten guests)
- Private departures for conferences & organizations
- 5-min drive / 18-min walk from King Street corridor
- Paved routes available in select cemetery areas
- Every guest receives our *Walking Companion* e-book, free

THE SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

- **The Wilkes Street Cemetery Complex: An Outdoor Archive of American History**—the tour every group books
- **Tailor the emphasis to your group:** Washington's inner circle & Revolutionary foundations · Civil War memory, USCT protest & National Cemetery history · America250 · genealogy & more

Featured Program — From Enslavement to Justice: 21 first-person historical voices, read aloud by participants at the graves. Groups of 21–25—each voice needs a reader.

PARTNERSHIP TOURS

"Rebellious Scoundrels" — Old Presbyterian Meeting House

Sanctuary, churchyard & founders' ground, including the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution—hallowed ground for DAR, SAR & lineage societies. Meets at the sanctuary, 321 South Fairfax Street, Old Town—the one tour away from the Wilkes Street Complex. An active church; dates are limited.

Lee-Fendall House Cemetery Tour

In partnership with the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden: two centuries of lives, from 614 Oronoco Street to the graves just blocks away.

Ticket prices for partnership tours are set by each institution, and every dollar supports those historic sites—we donate the guiding.

Also available for meetings & banquets: expert historical talks and living-history appearances as Alexandria Mayor E. E. Downham.

"Our DAR chapter learned more in 90 minutes than from years of books and lectures. His research is impeccable."

— Amy D., DAR Chapter Member

RECOGNIZED & TRUSTED

Featured by Visit Alexandria · History columnist for the *Alexandria Gazette Packet* · Cited by the Library of Virginia's *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*

Featured in *Emerging Civil War* & *AARP* · 5.0 rating on TripAdvisor & Viator · Research supporting Alexandria's National Register nomination of the Wilkes Street Cemetery Complex

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