

Virginia Department of Historic Resources Historical Highway Marker Required Information

This form is designed to provide the Virginia Department of Historic Resources with the data necessary to evaluate a potential marker topic.

Proposed Title for Marker: <i>Sales of Enslaved People in Court Square</i>
Address or Description of Proposed Marker Site: Located within City-owned <i>Court Square Park</i> , an area of approximately 0.4 acres immediately west of the Albemarle County Courthouse. Please also attach a map showing the proposed location for the marker.
City or County where proposed marker would be located: If the marker is to be placed in a town or city, please see Appendix 2 to this application form. Marker will be placed within the City of Charlottesville, on land owned by the City.
Would the marker be placed at the actual historic site it describes? If not, why not? If the marker site and the historic site are different, please be sure to indicate each one on the map submitted as part of the application package. Marker will be located within the boundaries of the area represented. Auctions of enslaved individuals occurred throughout the approximately 3-acre area known as <i>Court Square</i> , which surrounds the Albemarle County Courthouse, where the sales were then memorialized.
How far away (e.g., yards, miles) is the historic site from the proposed marker site (if applicable)? Marker will be placed within area of historic site.
Is the proposed marker associated with a “mitigation” agreement stemming from a federal 106 environmental review project? If so, please provide details about who is involved with the project and the appropriate project codes. n/a

Proposed Text for the Marker: What information do you think should appear on the marker? Please propose a draft text of about 100-120 words that highlights the most significant facets of the topic.

If your proposed topic is selected as one of the five that will move forward in the process toward official approval, please note that changes to the submitted text are likely to be made by DHR staff, the Marker Editorial Committee, and/or members of the Board of Historic Resources so that the final text conforms to the marker program's criteria and writing style. Examples of recently approved texts are available from DHR upon request.

In addition to submitting your proposed text in this application packet, **please also send an email containing your text** to Jennifer Loux at Jennifer.Loux@dhr.virginia.gov. This facilitates the creation of an electronic file for the application. Please do not write your text in capital letters.

Proposed Marker Text:

Sales of Enslaved People in Court Square

Enslaved men, women, and children were sold between 1762 and 1865 at various Court Square locations: outside taverns, at the Jefferson Hotel, at the "Number Nothing" building, on a tree stump, and from the steps in front of the Albemarle County Courthouse—wherein records of such sales were filed and are still archived. The largest auction in Court Square, at Eagle Tavern in January 1829, was that of 33 enslaved individuals from the Monticello estate of Thomas Jefferson. Enslaved Charlottesville residents Fountain Hughes and Maria Perkins recalled *court day* sales as dreaded occasions which resulted in the permanent separation of families.

[Should Court Day be capitalized?]

Bibliographical Sources Consulted. A minimum of three sources is required, but please do not limit yourself to three if you have additional material that will help us learn more about your subject. Our approval process includes a word-by-word fact check, and we will be looking at the documents very carefully. Please photocopy and submit all sources, or provide web addresses for sources that are online; applications submitted without these photocopies or web links will not be considered. Below, please list all documents, books, and articles you have consulted. You may use an extra sheet if necessary.

Source #1

Author	<u>Gayle Schulman</u>
Title	<u>"Site of Slave Block." <i>Magazine of Albemarle History</i>, Volume 58</u>

Publisher	Albemarle County Historical Society [now Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society]
Publisher's location [City and State]	Charlottesville, Virginia
Date of publication	2000

Source #2

Author	
Title	The Business of Slavery at Monticello Thomas Jefferson's Monticello
Publisher	Thomas Jefferson Foundation - https://www.monticello.org/research-education/thomas-jefferson-encyclopedia/the-business-of-slavery-at-monticello/
Publisher's location [City and State]	Charlottesville, Virginia
Date of publication	

Source #3

Author	Norwood, Hermond, and Fountain Hughes.
Title	Interview with Fountain Hughes, Baltimore, Maryland, June 11, 1949 Voices from the Days of Slavery: Stories, Songs and Memories –Fountain Hughes (transcript)
Publisher	Library of Congress https://www.loc.gov/podcasts/slavenarratives/transcripts/slavery_hughes.pdf
Publisher's location [City and State]	Washington, DC
Date of publication	November 6, 1949

Source #4

Author	Alexander Garrett, Thomas Jefferson Randolph, January 1, 1829
Title	Account of Sale of Slaves from Thomas Jefferson's Estate, 1 Jan. 1829 Jefferson Quotes & Family Letters (monticello.org)

Publisher	Thomas Jefferson Foundation - https://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/2340
Publisher's location [City and State]	Charlottesville, Virginia
Date of publication	

Source #5

Author	Maria Perkins
Title	Maria Perkins to Richard Perkins, October 7. 1852, Folder 47. Box 3, U. B. Phillips Papers, Manuscripts and Archives,
Publisher	Slavery and the Making of America . The Slave Experience: The Family PBS (thirteen.org) https://www.thirteen.org/wnet/slavery/experience/family/pop_docs/doc4.html , https://valley.lib.virginia.edu/papers/A8020
Publisher's location [City and State]	Yale University Library
Date of publication	2004

Source #6

Author	The Reginald D. Butler Local History Archive
Title	Albemarle – Albemarle Deeds – Albemarle DB-03 1761-64. Digital images, pp. 306, 307, 338, 414, 427
Publisher	http://community.village.virginia.edu/cvhr/universalviewer/scans
Publisher's location [City and State]	
Date of publication	

Source #7

Author	<u>The Reginald D. Butler Local History Archive</u>
Title	<u>Albemarle – Albemarle Deeds – Albemarle DB-05 1776-82. Digital images, pp. 07</u>
Publisher	<u>http://community.village.virginia.edu/cvhr/universalviewer/scans</u>
Publisher's location [City and State]	<u></u>
Date of publication	<u></u>

Source #8

Author	<u>The Reginald D. Butler Local History Archive</u>
Title	<u>Albemarle – Albemarle Deeds – Albemarle DB-10 1789-93. Digital images, pp. 44, 55</u>
Publisher	<u>http://community.village.virginia.edu/cvhr/universalviewer/scans</u>
Publisher's location [City and State]	<u></u>
Date of publication	<u></u>

Source #9

Author	<u>The Reginald D. Butler Local History Archive</u>
Title	<u>Albemarle – Albemarle Deeds – Albemarle DB-14 1802-04. Digital images, pp. 41, 63, 81, 82</u>
Publisher	<u>http://community.village.virginia.edu/cvhr/universalviewer/scans</u>
Publisher's location [City and State]	<u></u>
Date of publication	<u></u>

Sponsor Information (The foundry will send the invoice for the marker to the address provided below.)

Organization: City of Charlottesville – Historic Resources Committee

Name: Jeff Werner, Preservation and Design Planner

Address: City Hall, 610 East Market Street

City, State, Zip Code: Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

Email address: wernerjb@charlottesville.gov

Daytime telephone and area code: 434-970-3130

Signature: _____

Date: _____

By signing this agreement you confirm that you have funding to pay for a state historical highway marker. The price is set by Sewah Studios and is approximately \$3,000 for the sign panel. The post on which the marker would be installed—which is necessary only for markers installed in localities outside VDOT’s jurisdiction—is \$400. In certain situations the sponsor could be responsible for expenses associated with installing a marker. The marker is and will remain the property of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

• • Signature required for processing all applications. • •

If the applicant is an organization, please provide the name and title of the contact person who will work with DHR to finalize the marker text.

Contact Name: Jeff Werner

Title: Historic Preservation and Design Planner

Email address: wernerjb@charlottesville.gov

Daytime telephone and area code: 434-970-3130

Author's Information

(If the author of the proposed marker text is different from the sponsor, please provide that person's contact information here.)

Organization: _____

Name: [Click here to enter text.](#) _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

Daytime telephone
and area code: _____

NOTE: If the marker text refers to a specific physical property, the Department of Historic Resources needs the property owner's information and signature prior to reviewing the proposal. Please provide the same below:

Owner: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

Daytime telephone
and area code: _____

Owner Signature _____

Date: _____

Notification

In the following space, please provide the contact information for the local County Administrator or City Manager.

Name:	Samuel Sanders, Jr.
Position/Title:	City Manager
Locality:	City of Charlottesville
Address:	PO Box 911
City, State, Zip Code:	Charlottesville, VA 22902
Email address:	sanderss@charlottesville.gov
Daytime telephone and area code:	434-970-3536

Proposed marker topics will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

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| 25 points | Has potential to educate the public |
| 25 points | Fills a gap in the historical marker program in order to address a topic that the program has not extensively covered |
| 20 points | Addresses the history of a community that has been marginalized or underrepresented |
| 20 points | Reflects a breadth of historical significance that extends beyond the locality, preferably demonstrating statewide or national significance |
| 10 points | Contributes to a more equitable geographic distribution of markers |

IS YOUR APPLICATION COMPLETE? Please make sure you...

- ☐ Review Appendix 2 to determine whether your application needs to be accompanied by a signed letter from a local official.
- ☐ Include copies of your documents/sources that verify the information that would appear on the marker.
- ☐ Submit a map indicating the proposed location of the marker.
- ☐ Provide the sponsor's signature on page 11.
- ☐ Send in your proposed marker text in the body of an email (or in an attached Word document—not pdf) to Jennifer.Loux@dhr.virginia.gov.