

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY



Metropolitan Historical Commission
Metropolitan Historic Zoning Commission
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MHC Marker Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 7, 2022

5:30 p.m.


Sunnyside in Sevier Park

3000 1113 Kirkwood Ave, Nashville, TN 37204

(MASKS RECOMMENDED)

- I. New Business
 - a. Review proposed historical markers
 - i. Bashaw Cemetery
- II. Adjourn

As a notice to the public, the purpose of the Marker Committee meeting is to select language for the proposed marker. Accordingly, there will be no public comment or participation at this committee meeting. The full Metro Historical Commission will meet on November 21, 2022, to determine whether to adopt the proposed marker. Options for public comment will be made available at the November 21 meeting.

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Bashaw Cemetery

Location: 915 Old Due West Avenue (behind Skyline Medical Center in Madison)

Side 1 original:

Rev. War Pvt. Peter Bashaw (1763-1864) of Fauquier County, Va., son of James Bashaw and of French Huguenot ancestry, served three tours of service in the Virginia Militia under Cols. Triplett and Edmonds.¹ He fought at the battles of Cowpens and Yorktown in 1781 and served with armies under the command of Gens. Lafayette and Washington in Richmond and Little York.² In 1809 the Bashaw family moved to this area and established a dogtrot-style cedar log cabin with working farm.³

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Side 2 original:

Bashaw owned nearly 200 acres of land and held at least eleven enslaved Black persons, including six males and two females in 1850 and two females and three males in 1860.⁴ Upon his death, sources noted Peter as the last surviving Rev. War soldier in Tenn.⁵ Bashaw Cemetery contains at least six burials for Peter, brother Benjamin (1771-1835), wife Frances (1769-1851), daughter Baheathelon (1786-1876), and relatives Elizabeth Dews (1831-1899) and Margaret P. Ulrich (1867-1890).⁶

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Side 2 CM VanReece:

Bashaw amassed nearly 200 ac. of land. At least eleven enslaved Black persons lived here, six males and two females in 1850 and two females and three males in 1860. We acknowledge their part in our history. Sources noted Peter as the last surviving Rev. War soldier in Tenn. Bashaw Cemetery contains at least six burials: Peter, brother Benjamin (1771-1835), wife Frances (1769-1851), daughter Baheathelon (1786-1876), Elizabeth Dews (1831-1899) and Margaret Ulrich (1867-1890).

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- ¹ SAR Application by B.P. Bashaw, grandson of Peter and Francis Bashaw, from TN State Library and Archives, on file at MHC; “Peter Bashaw,” *Memphis Daily Appeal* (Memphis, Tennessee) · 3 Nov 1863, Tue · Page 1-2; The Pennsylvania Society of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, *Application for Membership of Lloyd Rockwell Bashaw*, descendant [great-grandson] of Peter Bashaw, filed April 2, 1962, accessed via Ancestry.com. Family believes James was born in Virginia so did not want this to call James a French Huguenot, as the SAR application states.
- ² SAR Application by B.P. Bashaw; “Peter Bashaw,” *The Missouri Republican* (St. Louis, Missouri) · 5 Jul 1873, Sat · Page 2.
- ³ 1850 U.S. Federal Census, Davidson County, Tennessee; Peter Bashaw Revolutionary War Application Statement to the Davidson County, Tennessee Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 27 October. In U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900. Electronic document, <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1995/>. Civil War questionnaire for Joseph Peter Bashaw, on file at MHC.
- ⁴ 1850 U.S. Federal Census Slave Schedules, Davidson County, Tennessee; 1829 Davidson County tax rolls; see also Civil War questionnaire for Joseph Peter Bashaw (says parents owned “9 or 10 slaves”). 1860 U.S. Federal Census Slave Schedules, Davidson County, Tennessee. There were eight enslaved persons in 1850 (ages 7-70) and five in 1860 (ages 16-50). Ages indicate that two persons were counted on both schedules, but other entries represent people only counted on one of the schedules. This makes for eleven people total across the two schedules. 1850 and 1860 are the only years available for the Slave Schedules. 1820-1850 census does not explicitly list any enslaved persons or Black persons living in the household, so those years cannot be accounted for.
- ⁵ *Daily Missouri Republican* (St. Louis, Missouri)- 19 Mar 1861, Tue- Page 3; *Bangor Daily Whig and Courier* (Bangor, Maine) · 30 May 1864, Mon · Page 2.
- ⁶ *Background Review, Boundary Delineation, and Geophysical Survey for Bashaw Cemetery*, May 2021. On file at MHC. Number of burials could not be definitively determined, but there may be additional burials including Peter’s mother Frances (according to Find A Grave entry) or other burials only marked by fieldstones.