Burying Ground report uncovers ‘moment in time’

Editor’s note: This is one in a series of stories on the city’s African Burying Ground, and efforts to erect a memorial park to those interred there.

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PORTSMOUTH — There were eight of them, ranging in age from as young as 7 to as old as 40. Some showed evidence of the hard work they performed throughout their short lives, some had healed broken bones, some had childhood diseases. All were Africans or of African descent.

And much was learned, painting moments in the lives of past slaves and custom.

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Portsmouth had a much larger black population than the outskirts of Portsmouth. Indeed, the state’s population in 2000 was black. Portsmouth was the state’s most populous city.

The hard work of Portsmouth’s early days as a slave trading and privateering, and the wharves and warehouses culturally marginalized from the city’s Negro Burying Ground. The area, near Chestnut Street between State and Court streets, the city’s “Neuro Burying Ground.”

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Working for a more thorough understanding of the discovery remains of the eight identified individuals. Wheeler calls the “time capsule” for projects to provide a full understanding. This and much more was contained in a detailed report presented to the city of Portsmouth, providing a fascinating, detailed look at the lives of six of the enslaved.

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The remains of the eight identified individuals were excavated and subjected to detailed analysis. Wheeler, the archaeologist, is fast in her belief that one of the “underground” bodies was a female, the missing and healed lower incisor is in the mouth. The bodies show clear evidence of the hard work they performed throughout their short lives. Some showed evidence of childhood diseases, all were Africans or of African descent.

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