

History and Historic Preservation on Rivermont Avenue and Beyond

Dr. Gerry Sherayko, Joshua Bulavko '22

Lynchburg is a city full of historic buildings, memorials, and monuments. Though there have been social, cultural, and architectural histories of Lynchburg that have included many of the buildings on Rivermont, there has never been a comprehensive history of the district. In addition, there has never been a comprehensive study of the monument landscape of the city. This project will continue the work on the Friends of Rivermont website (www.friendsofrivermont.org) that took place during the 2010, 2011, and 2015 Summer Research Programs, including researching current ownership information, photographing structures that have substantially changed since the website was established in 2012, updating information on the website, and professionally archiving the materials about the Friends of Rivermont at the Jones Memorial Library. We will also undertake surveying and researching the history of the historical markers and monuments throughout the city with the intention of including that information on the Lynchburg Historical Foundation website.

