

*The
Bringing Eliza
Home
Project*

TWO IDEAS CAME TOGETHER

A letter from Père-Lachaise Cemetery to the James Monroe Museum indicating the poor condition of Eliza's grave led Kathryn Willis on a crusade to clean it; however, it's condition was dire.

Research into Eliza's circumstances at the time of her death indicated she intended to return home from her 1838 trip, but poverty and illness precluded travel, and she died in Paris on January 27, 1840.

If her grave is in danger of being obliterated by Père-Lachaise due to lack of maintenance,
and
she intended to return to America,
WE SHOULD BRING HER HOME!

WHO WE ARE

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Presentations, Publicity, Project Materials, Fundraising, and Financial Management

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OUR GOALS

- * To repatriate the remains of Eliza Monroe Hay to her native country, and reinter them in the President Monroe family plot in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.
- * To revise the historical narrative regarding her story, and to restore her reputation.
- * To honor her service to her country with public recognition.
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COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS

- * Provide presentations to groups and organizations
- * Distribute instructional and informative materials
- * Engage with the public via facebook, gmail, and website
- * Coordinate the repatriation process and logistics with descendants and Père-Lachaise
- * Seek supporters for the project among elected officials, diplomats, and organizations