



**a FASCINATING JOURNEY to Sustain Our History**

Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery see enormous potential in this 42 acre site as an important historical resource for the State of Delaware and the region:

**'It is wonderful to highlight the diversity of those buried at Riverview Cemetery. Every economic, ethnic, religious, and social affiliation is represented—all resting side by side!'**

*Walt Mateja*

**'Cemeteries are sometimes described as Cities of Stone, a somewhat chilling but appropriate description.'**

*Madeline E. Lambrecht*

**'The stories of those who have lived before us can guide and inspire our own lives. Remembering those who are gone honors them and reminds us that we are connected to the larger community.'**

*Julie Jenks Zorach*

We invite you to share

your personal stories and research with us. The information will be placed in a 3 ring binder in the Visitor Center; and it will serve as a Memory Bank for present and future generations.

**VOLUNTEER PROJECT**

July 13, 2019  
9am – Noon

Sign in at the Visitor Center

Remove Ivy from McMullen Wall

Trim low hanging branches

Pick up fallen branches & trash

Snacks & beverages provided

Community Service Certificates available

**FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION**

FHRC collects food items which are donated to a local food cupboard at the end of the day. Items to share: canned soup, peanut butter, tuna, beans, cereal and pasta.

For Statewide Resources to assist with Loss and Grief visit the website of the Delaware Grief Awareness Consortium:  
[www.degac.org](http://www.degac.org)



**William L. "Wild Bill" Carlisle**  
4 May 1890 - 19 June 1964



We at Riverview Cemetery are the caretakers of the final resting place of one of the last train robbers of the West. **William L. Carlisle**, often referred to as *'the Robin Hood of the rails,'* was born in Chester County, PA in 1890, and died of cancer in Coatesville, PA in 1964.

In 1916 at the age of 25, he committed his first train robbery in Wyoming. He completed 3 additional train robberies that year before being captured by a posse on April 23, 1916 near Walcott, WY. On May 11, 1916, he was sentenced to life in prison at the State Penitentiary in Rawlins, WY.

Carlisle was considered such a model prisoner that on September 9, 1919, his sentence was commuted to 25–50 years. Just two months later, on November 15, 1919, he escaped. He enjoyed his new-found freedom for three short weeks, before being captured near Douglas, WY on December 2, 1919. He was wounded in that confrontation and spent two weeks recovering before being returned to prison on December 18, 1919.

In 1936, Carlisle was paroled. After his release, he ran a tourist camp, married, and adopted a daughter. On November 6, 1947, Wyoming Governor Lester C. Hunt granted Carlisle a complete pardon and restoration of full civil rights. He cited Carlisle's success in business, standing in the community and adoption of a child into his home as satisfactory evidence that he would live up in every way to all standards of citizenship.

Carlisle's wife died in 1962, after which he returned to Pennsylvania, his birthplace, to live with his niece, Mrs. Hilda Cammie, a professional nurse who cared for him during his final two years. He succumbed to cancer on June 19, 1964. Carlisle's burial plot is in a lot owned by Lydia Cottrell, his sister. His grave is marked with a simple flat granite stone engraved with only his initials and years of birth and death.

The mission of Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery is to operate and maintain Wilmington's most culturally diverse, non-profit, public cemetery, and to support its restoration and preservation.

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# FROM *the* BOARD

## FHRC FACT:

In the first year of ownership (2009), 114 people donated \$13,000 to FHRC.  
In the first half of 2019, 32 people donated \$3500.

### Thank you to our May and June CONTRIBUTORS

Grace & Eugene Downard	\$50
John & Frances Gardiner	\$100
John Medkeff	\$50
Bruce Dunlap	\$60
Carol Dennison United Way	
Toqueville Society	\$250
Nancy Hlywiak	\$300
Genevieve Luchejko	\$300
<i>in memory of Joseph &amp; Anna &amp; son Steve Tyrawski</i>	
John Gish (Oracle match)	\$500

Grass-cutting and monument trimming are the biggest expense at the 42 acre cemetery that spans both sides of North Market Street. The 2019 - 2020 season is underway. FHRC Board of Directors continue to work along with Volunteers and Community Partners!

**MEMBERSHIP:** Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery is a 501c/3 non-profit charitable organization. Your membership is tax-deductible and the funds are used for cemetery expenses. Please Join or Renew your annual membership now. And, find out if your employer will match your donation!  
**Membership Levels:** \$30 Individual • \$50 Family • \$125 Restorer • \$300 Preserver • \$500 Guardian

**ESTATE PLANNING:** Consider Riverview Cemetery in your Will. Gifts of stock, retirement plan assets, life insurance and real estate are all welcome. Contact us for assistance.



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**Veteran count 1151**  
To view a complete list and Find A Grave page, please visit [www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com)



## BURIALS

The Board of Directors assisted with 6 burials in May and June.

## CREMATION

Families who choose cremation at the time of death may select a cemetery at a later time. We are available to assist you with the placement of your loved one's remains at Riverview Cemetery. Four family-related cremains may be placed in a single gravesite (a new grave or a grave belonging to your relative). Call 302-762-4705 to discuss this affordable option.

## PROJECTS of NOTE



Bank of America volunteers uncovered hundreds of flat sunken civilian and veteran markers to prepare for flag placement.



Our thanks to 12 St. Georges Vo-Tech students and 2 instructors (Mr. Cochran and Mr. Atkinson) for cleaning and repainting the Section Letters and Numbers on the interior roadways so families can find their way.



Dave Mosley, founder of the Pearl Center receives donations for Veterans in transitional housing. Thank you for your generosity!



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