

VOLUNTEER PROJECT

March 9, 2019
9am – Noon

Sign in at the Visitor Center

Project:

Outdoor Winter Chores!

- Clear ivy off McMullen wall
- Remove vines from trees
- Pick up branches and 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 soups, 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

Mailing Address:
Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery
P.O. Box 2173
Wilmington, DE 19899
www.riverviewcem.com



TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

The beginning of 2019 is a critical time for Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery. Grass-cutting and monument trimming are the biggest expense at the 42 acre cemetery that spans both sides of North Market Street.

WITHOUT A COMMITMENT FOR CURRENT AND LONG TERM RESOURCES, FHRC WILL BE FORCED TO SEEK A NEW OWNER or RETURN THE CEMETERY TO ITS PREVIOUSLY NEGLECTED CONDITION.

FHRC Board of Directors continue to work along with volunteers and community partners to fulfill our mission: to operate, maintain, restore, and preserve the cemetery.

THE SIX TURNER SONS
A Family of Patriots

Mrs. Anna Bell Turner was the proud mother of six sons: *Guy C., Norman B., James Nelson, Ralph, Aubrey E. and Leroy* and three daughters: *Elizabeth, Viola and Emma.*

During World War I, Mrs. Turner was one of Wilmington's Gold Star Mothers, who had five sons in the service during that war. Prominently displayed in her home were pictures of Ralph Turner who died from the Spanish flu at the Navy's Great Lakes training station in Illinois, just 18 days after he had entered the service.

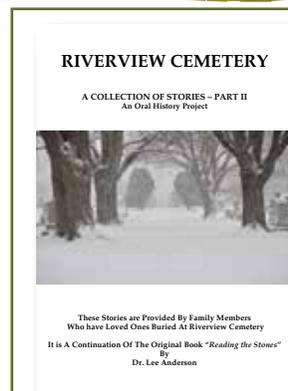
The other four sons, *Guy C. (Army), Norman B. (Army), James Nelson (Army) and Aubrey* all survived World War I. The sixth son, *Leroy*, was too young to participate in World War I, but would later join the service during World War II, and survive that conflict.

Riverview Cemetery is privileged and honored to serve as the final resting place for Mrs. Turner and five of her veteran sons: *Aubrey E., Guy C., James Nelson, Leroy and Ralph.* Her sixth veteran son, *Norman B.*, is buried at Silverbrook.



◀ WWI Victory Medal with GSM gold star affixed to it, much like what Mrs. Turner would have pinned to the photo of her son, Ralph Turner.

▼ The WWI insignia of the 59th Pioneer Infantry - Mrs. Turner's son, James Nelson Turner, was a member of that unit in France during WWI. This looks to be a newly produced insignia ... the WWI version, although identical, would have been much rougher and flimsier. (*This insignia is NOT a swastika symbol. It is the opposite of the swastika.*)



ORAL HISTORY: This is the year to contribute your memories, stories, and photos of Riverview Cemetery. Tell us about your family, friends, or general knowledge of the area. Write them down and send to:

P.O. Box 2173
Wilmington, DE 19899

A 3- ring binder will be located in the Visitor Center to archive your information.

▼ Binder cover: These stories are provided by family members who have loved ones buried at Riverview Cemetery. It is a continuation of the original book, "Reading the Stones" by Dr. Lee Anderson.

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.

Riverview Cemetery • 3300 North Market Street • Wilmington, Delaware • (302) 762-4705



FROM *the* BOARD

Many Thanks to our January and February 2019 DONORS!

Zipfel Family	\$20
Kay Bogart	\$25
Julie Zorach	\$100
Thomas Henderer	\$600

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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Member-at-Large

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping FHRC Board Members with preparation for burials. Being available during the day is required for these outdoor tasks.

Please call 302-762-4705 if you are interested in learning more.

BURIALS

The Board of Directors assisted with 3 burials in January and February.

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 cremains 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.

Veteran count 1142

To view a complete list and link to Find A Grave page, please visit www.riverviewcem.com

PROJECTS *of* NOTE



Our thanks to the 20 volunteers who helped on a cold, windy day. They collected all the holiday decorations, broke them apart, and stuffed 24 large trash bags with the debris.

- The Visitor Center provides volunteers with a comfortable space for indoor projects.
- Transcription of original Lot Owner books continues to be an important Preservation project.



The Board continues to lead by example – and along with volunteers – contributes approximately 20,000 hours of community service each year. This photo from 2009 captures original board members (Tedd, Cheryl, Mary, Kate and Lee).