

**VOLUNTEER PROJECT**

Sept 14, 2019  
9am – Noon

Sign in at the Visitor Center

Volunteers will work inside and outside the 3-sided structure that contains dirt

remove small trees and brush, and fill groundhog holes.

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)

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**CIVIL WAR MONUMENT PROJECT**

Tedd Cocker

*IN 2009, SHORTLY AFTER FRIENDS OF HISTORIC RIVERVIEW CEMETERY TOOK OWNERSHIP OF THE CEMETERY, WE BEGAN A PROJECT TO IDENTIFY ALL VETERANS WHO ARE BURIED AT RIVERVIEW CEMETERY.* We began with a list of approximately 600 veterans provided to us by VFW Post 2907. We have expanded that list to 1153 veterans who have served our country. Each veteran is listed on our website.

Unfortunately, many of the veterans buried at Riverview have unmarked graves. In March of 2011, and, in partnership with John W. Pauley Memorials of Wilmington, we

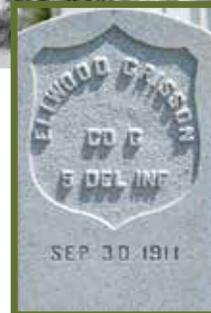


undertook an effort to order and install government-provided gravestones for those veterans whose graves were unmarked. We began with those who were veterans of the Civil War. Our first order was for 11 Civil War style markers, which were received and installed. When we submitted our second order, the

government changed the rules and cemeteries were no longer authorized to request veteran gravestones so that order was cancelled by the government. There was some pushback by veteran organizations, and at least one congressional hearing was held regarding this issue.

In late 2017, the rules were changed and cemeteries were again permitted to order gravestones for veterans buried on the grounds. We re-instituted our project, and in June of this year (2019) we ordered 19 grave markers for Civil War veterans. All of those grave markers have been received and installed.

There are many steps to this process beyond filling out and submitting VA Form 40-1330 (*Claim for Standard Government Headstone or Marker*). We must do the necessary



research to confirm and document the veteran's military service. For Civil War veterans, we begin by searching for an obituary through available on-line resources. We also visit the Delaware Public Archives to peruse their card file of the Delaware Civil War veterans. We search available on-line Civil War databases and other online resources. Ultimately, we must obtain a copy of the individual veterans' Muster-In and Muster-Out paperwork and submit it with the request to the government. It is also necessary to submit a copy of the cemetery's Burial Register to confirm that the named veteran is buried at Riverview. Once paperwork has been submitted, it can take a long as 8 weeks for actual gravestones to arrive. All markers have been installed.

We plan to order new gravestones for the remaining 40-50 Civil War veterans interred at Riverview whose graves are unmarked, once we have confirmed and documented their military service (*as described above*). We also plan to order replacement gravestones for 6 other Civil War veterans whose graves are currently marked with a government-provided grave marker, but the marker is no longer readable.

**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. 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.*

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

## NEW PRICE LIST AT RIVERVIEW CEMETERY

Effective September 2019

Funeral Homes, Vault Companies, and Monument Companies have been notified.

<b>Single-depth gravesite</b>	<b>\$1500</b>
<i>(paid at time of burial or pre-planned)</i>	
<b>Double-depth gravesite</b>	<b>\$2500</b>
<i>(paid at time of burial or pre-planned)</i>	
<b>Entrance Fee Weekend</b>	<b>\$900</b>
<i>(paid at time of burial)</i>	
<b>Entrance Fee Weekday</b>	<b>\$650</b>
<i>(paid at time of burial)</i>	
<b>Marker Permit Fee</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<i>(paid when marker is ordered)</i>	

**Thank you to our July and August CONTRIBUTORS**

<b>Ann S. Perry in memory of Philip F. Harris</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Bruce Dunlap</b>	<b>\$60</b>
<b>John Gerber</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Schneider Trailer &amp; Container Rental</b>	<b>\$100</b>

**Veteran count 1153**  
To view a complete list and Find A Grave page, please visit [www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com)

**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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## PROJECTS of NOTE



### SUMMER HEAT DID NOT STOP OUR VOLUNTEERS IN JULY & AUGUST!



Volunteers from True Life Church helped remove ivy from the wall next to McMullen Square, while others trimmed overgrown shrubs and picked up trash to prepare for the next grass cut. And, at Riverview Cemetery we also weed the sidewalks along Market Street!



## BURIALS

The Board of Directors assisted with 3 burials in July and August.

## 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.



This huge pile of branches is a result of volunteer labor at Riverview. We are grateful to our partner, Davey Tree Company for its removal!



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