



## BEHIND THE SCENES BY DR. LEE ANDERSON, FHRC PRESIDENT

In January 2009, Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery assumed ownership of Riverview Cemetery. As we begin our 8th year of leadership all activities focus on our Mission: operating this active burial ground, maintaining its 42 acres of greenspace in the City of Wilmington, restoring its two buildings (community mausoleum and office), and preserving it for future generations. We invite you to tour our website, visit the cemetery, volunteer your time, and give your financial support.

Although many of our accomplishments are visible to families at the time of burial, to visitors on special days, and to viewers of our website, much of the work happens "behind the scenes". Identifying 957 Veterans is one example (November 2015 Newsletter). Submission of grant requests for our Capital Campaign is another (September 2015 Newsletter). Oversight of maintenance and repairs of cemetery buildings, monuments, and fencing is managed by various board members. Checks and balances are in place for handling finances. Monthly reporting is provided on all accounts. Statements of Activity and Cash Flow are completed annually, tax forms prepared as required, and investments monitored to ensure our fiscal future remains sound.

We pick up and respond to mail, return phone calls daily, photograph grave monuments for those unable to visit, and communicate with companies, organizations, and schools to plan special projects. Of utmost importance is working closely with funeral directors to find burial sites, oversee opening and closing the grave and attendance at every burial. All burials are recorded in an electronic database of over 36,000 people that will one day be accessible to the public. We are still correcting errors from the past. We walk the cemetery to be sure every gravestone containing vital information (name and dates) is recorded properly.

### Now, we need YOUR help "behind the scenes"!

We are missing the burial location of 75 people who were buried between 2003 and 2008 when the previous owner did not keep records. We believe 236 people were buried during his tenure. When FHRC assumed ownership, 206 locations were unknown. Since then we have located 131 of these burials. We need your help to find the last 75 people in order to enter the location into the Burial Database.

*We need family members, funeral directors, and the general public to contact us if you recognize any of the names below. Thank You!*

NAME	DEATH	BURIAL	NAME	DEATH	BURIAL	NAME	DEATH	BURIAL
Allison, Anna Mae	3/23/04	3/31/04	Grandel, Janet A.P.	4/23/03	4/26/03	Myers, James	12/13/03	12/17/03
Ashe, Bessie M.	6/3/03	6/12/03	Griffiths, Robert E.	2/24/03	3/1/03	Nemetz, Linda Lou	5/10/06	/ /06
Bantum, Mary V.	10/13/06	10/20/06	Grinnage, Mary Lou	2/1/04	2/7/04	Parker, Kevin Wayne	2/27/04	/ /04
Baughner, Dorothy A.	8/19/06	8/23/06	Hale, Evelyn L.	10/27/07	11/3/07	Perkins, Mable E.	6/13/03	6/19/03
Bishop, Jeannie	3/27/06	4/3/06	Hall, James E.	12/16/03	12/23/03	Perry, Anne Miles	8/4/04	8/12/04
Boulden, Millison E.	10/23/07	10/27/07	Hansley, Randolph Dorsey	10/30/04	11/4/04	Popken, Mary C.	11/4/03	11/7/03
Braxton, Edward James	5/10/07	5/17/07	Helm, Sarah C.	10/10/04	10/18/04	Rebman, Janet R.	1/9/06	1/ /06
Bremby, Monique T.	6/18/03	6/24/03	Henry, Dorothy M.	8/27/06	9/11/06	Rhoads, June I.	1/31/07	2/5/07
Brown, Gladys A.	9/28/06	10/3/06	Henry, Margaret	11/17/07	/ /07	Shelton, Ruth C.	12/6/06	12/15/06
Brown, Ida	8/10/05	8/15/05	Holmes, Jerome	3/15/05	3/25/05	Simpson, Sherilyn D.	8/3/03	8/12/03
Brown, Jeffrey Eugene	9/29/06	10/3/06	Hoxter-Jones, Deborah O.	5/13/04	5/20/04	Smoke, Edward Robert	11/12/08	11/17/08
Brown, Lennell, A., Jr.	6/8/03	6/18/03	Jack, Dorothy Jane	3/24/05	3/29/05	Thomas, Ruth D.	12/18/03	12/22/03
Campbell, Shannon	11/30/05	12/6/05	Johnson, Robert	12/18/08	12/27/08	Thompson, Mildred	7/17/05	7/25/05
Cooper, George Washington			Johnson, Venus E.	4/1/07	4/9/07	Tucker, Charles	10/26/03	10/31/03
	12/4/03	12/11/03	Lewis, Chirstine	5/4/05	5/9/05	Vice, Dorothy	6/13/03	6/20/03
Cooper, Jamesha Lrae Yvette			Logue, Margaret J.	11/13/06	11/30/06	Vice, Marla Antoinette	8/16/06	8/23/06
	2/4/07	2/14/07	Loper, Anna O.	12/4/03	12/9/03	Wahl, Georgianna B.	10/22/08	/ /2008
Cooper, Linda M.	3/12/07	3/21/07	Martin, Marion	9/12/03	9/17/03	Watters, Jean	12/15/04	12/18/04
Crossley-Tryon, Jean S.	10/23/04	10/24/04	Matthews, Michael	2/16/06	2/23/06	Watters, Wayne Robert	12/16/08	12/19/08
Draper, Lillian R.	1/7/06	1/13/06	McCray, Mary L.	6/4/04	6/11/04	Wilford, Anthony	2/19/06	2/25/06
Edwards, Leonard Pyle	1/16/04	1/22/04	Merriam, Dimeberu H.	7/17/04	7/23/04	Wilson, Mildred	7/8/08	7/12/08
Folks, Evelyn	12/9/04	12/17/04	Moody, Mary Louise	2/6/04	2/13/04	Wisher, Michael Darnell	6/25/06	7/3/06
Folks, Herbert Alfred	3/16/07	3/26/07	Moore, Terry L. Sr.	2/4/07	2/24/07	Wright, Roosevelt D.	9/9/06	9/15/06
Folks, Mary V.	11/15/03	11/20/03	Moore, William	4/22/03	4/25/03	Young, Hattie L.	8/20/06	8/26/06
Gaddis, Rose H.	3/22/04	3/26/04	Morris, Phyllis G.	8/14/03	8/23/03	Zgoba, Eugenia Jean	8/8/06	8/11/06
Golden, Sarah Jane	1/30/04	2/4/04	Mosby, Rosa Jane	8/13/06	8/18/06			

Chart courtesy of Tedd Cocker

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



### VOLUNTEER PROJECT

January 9  
9am – Noon

(weather permitting)

Join us for a variety of outdoor tasks to keep the cemetery clean and safe

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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## FROM *the* BOARD

### Capital Campaign Update

We are close to reaching the Longwood Foundation 50K Challenge Match! Remember, donations are Tax Deductible. With your support the project will be completed in 2016.

Thank you to our December contributors:



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| <b>Crystal Trust</b>  | <b>\$25,000</b> |
| This is the second time they have selected FHRC and awarded \$25,000 for our Capital Campaign, for a total of \$50,000. |                 |
| <b>Joan Wheeler</b>   | <b>\$1,000</b>  |
| <b>Holiday Wreath Fundraiser</b>  | <b>\$960</b>    |
| <b>Earl Stout</b>   | <b>\$300</b>    |
| In memory of Krista, Erik & Sharon Stout  |                 |
| <b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Robert H. Wagner</b>  | <b>\$100</b>    |
| In memory of Gladys Cann Altick, Maude J. Cann Cloud, William D. Cloud, Daniel & Ann H. Cann                            |                 |
| <b>Sheriden Black</b>   | <b>\$50</b>     |

### Burials

There were no burials in December, however, it was our pleasure to help several families locate new graves available for purchase near their relatives. We are happy to help you Pre-Plan.

### 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: 957

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

**Correction:** A special thank you to George Pauley and John Toomey (John W. Pauley Cemetery Memorials) and Ted Kusters (Abba Monument Co.) for venturing out on a rainy and dismal day in November to repair six more of the grave markers that were vandalized last year.



Lee Anderson  
President



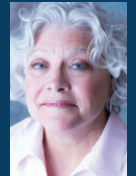
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### The Next Generation of Volunteers!

Gretchen Broadwater learned from her mother at a young age about the importance of volunteering. She now brings her grandsons, Ethan and Darren, to volunteer at Riverview Cemetery several times a year. Gretchen believes it is important to give back to the community. Her grandsons learned to read a grave layout map and place decorated wreaths.



### SAVE THE DATE:

Memorial Day Service May 30, 2016 at 9:00 AM

## PROJECTS *of* NOTE



Thank You Bank of America Delaware Volunteers for your Labor of Love! 65 one-of-a-kind Holiday Wreaths were made on a warm winter day in front of the Mausoleum.



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