



VOLUNTEERS

Outdoor Volunteer Projects

8 am - Noon\*

Project dates are:

October 9

November 13

December 11

\*weather permitting



WFD ROLL CALL AT RIVERVIEW

- William Carlen
- Robert B. Clark
- Barrett P. Conner, Jr.
- Robert T. Farrow
- Howard H. Foulk
- Frank Glasco
- Robert H. Graham
- Robert L. Graham
- William L. Houck, Sr.
- Charles J. Ireland
- Frank R. Kindell
- James Logue, Sr.
- John F. Mayer
- William A. McNeal
- John Miller
- Andrew J. Niedermaier
- Edmund G. Patterson
- George Albert Rogerson
- Carroll Shoemith
- Walter M. Volk
- Clarence W. Wadsley
- John Mc Cready Wadsley
- Thomas T. White, Jr.
- James Whittaker
- Albert W. Windsor
- James H. Yates



Wilmington Fire Department celebrates 100 Years

Riverview Cemetery offers final resting place for 26 firefighters

by Tedd Cocker

As the city of Wilmington prepares to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Wilmington Fire Department, we take this opportunity to identify those former firefighters whose final resting place is Riverview Cemetery.

On December 1, 1921, the Wilmington Fire Department (WFD) was formally created. Prior to that time a number of smaller, independent, local volunteer fire companies throughout the city provided fire protection—two of which began service in the late 1700s. Volunteer fire companies such as Brandywine, Delaware, Fame, Friendship, Independence, Liberty, Phoenix, Reliance, Rescue, Union, Washington, Water Witch, and Weccacoe were those that formerly protected Wilmington. When the WFD was chartered in 1921, many of these companies were dissolved into the new fire department, but a few simply went out of business.

To date, we have identified 26 WFD firefighters who are interred at Riverview. The earliest known burial was that of Howard H. Foulk (Delaware Fire Company #3) in 1890, followed by William A. McNeal (Washington Fire Company) in 1896, James Logue, Sr. (Brandywine Fire Company #10) in 1935, and Barrett P. Conner, Jr. (WFD – Bureau of Fire) in 1974. You can access the complete list of 26 firefighters with their names, date of birth, date of death and Fire Department unit on www.riverviewcem.com and click on "Firefighters" in the navigation bar at top.

We continue our research to identify others.

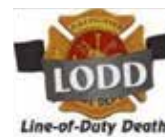
We are privileged and honored to be the caretakers of the remains of these brave souls, some of whom died in the Line of Duty. So, as we go about our daily lives, let's all be thankful that the men and women — these local heroes — of the Wilmington Fire Department are on duty.



◀ JAMES LOGUE, SR. An excavation contractor by trade, he used wagons and teams of horses to haul stones to build Rockford Tower in Rockford Park. He was the first to bring Christmas trees to Wilmington by train from Canada. When sold, trees were delivered by horse-drawn wagons. James was elected president of the Brandywine Volunteer Fire Company No. 10 in 1910.



◀ BARRETT P. CONNER, JR. Battalion Chief and Fire Marshall for the Wilmington Bureau of Fire. He designed and engineered fire engine cages built to protect fire fighters during the 1968 riots. Barrett was also a lifetime member of the Talleyville Fire Company and an instructor with the Delaware State Fire School.



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.

# NOTES FROM the BOARD



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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

July, August, September 2021

Genevieve T/Luchejko in memory of the Tyrawski Family: Joseph and Anna, Stephen, Michael, Charles and Kathryn Margaret Downs Gerber	\$600
In memory of Compton/Downs Families	\$500
Nancy A. Hlywiak	\$500
Carolyn Scarcia/Joanne Bryan-Kendall, Richardson, Riggs Families	\$100
Brian MacDougall	\$100
Kathryn R. Johnson, Membership	\$30

Contributions large and small are needed for cemetery expenses.



**Veteran's Day is November 13**

Walk through Riverview Cemetery and look for monuments that have a round blue sticker. We use this method to identify our Veterans (listed on our website with a *Find-a-Grave Memorial page*). Join us in May 2022 to place American flags at each Veteran's Grave.

**Veteran count 1162**

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.

**BURIALS:** The Board of Directors assisted with 6 burials

**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.

**HELP WANTED: BURIAL COORDINATOR**

Burial Coordinator Job Description is on the Website: [www.Riverviewcem.com](http://www.Riverviewcem.com)  
PASS the WORD!!

## PROJECTS of NOTE

### CONGRATULATIONS ON ARBNET ARBORETUM ACCREDITATION LEVEL 1

Riverview Cemetery is the City of Wilmington's first recognized arboretum. We are grateful to Sam Seo with Delaware Forest Service's Urban & Community Forestry Program and Peter and Julie Zorach for their leadership. The national ArbNet certification reflects Riverview's commitment to a diverse and healthy tree canopy within the cemetery's rich historic landscape.



**Trees of Riverview Fund Established**

FHRC Board of Directors approved a \$10,000 Annual Fund designated for the Trees of Riverview. Make your donation at [www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com) or by check. Mail to 3300 N. Market Street Wilmington DE 19802.



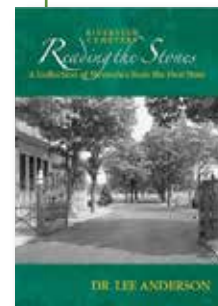
## THANK YOU for YOUR SERVICE!



Wilmington Friends School has served Riverview Cemetery since 2009!

Thank you to the Plummer Community & Correction Center for grass maintenance.

### Make a Connection to the Oral History Project!



**Reading the Stones - A Collection of Memories from the First State**, published in 2005 is still relevant today. We continue to collect your memories, stories and photos to keep the Oral History Project alive. Please mail or email your

information. It will be placed in a binder for display in the Visitor Center. A complimentary copy of 'Reading the Stones' will be mailed as a token of our appreciation for your support of Riverview Cemetery.

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With gratitude for everyone who is part of this large circle of care!