



COMMUNITY MAUSOLEUM

*Riverview's Mausoleum, located in Section D, contains 260 crypts. It was built in 1917 by the American Mausoleum Company. Read the NRHP report on [www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com)*

**VOLUNTEER PROJECT**

January 14, 2017  
9am – Noon

General Cemetery Upkeep  
(weather permitting)

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)

**OUR UNDERGROUND NEIGHBORHOOD —  
LEARNING HISTORY TOGETHER**

**R**iverview Cemetery is an ACTIVE burial ground. In the past 8 years, the FHRC Board of Directors has assisted 34 funeral directors with 209 burials. During this time many of the burials have been from Bell Funeral Home, Chandler Funeral Homes & Crematory, Congo Funeral Home, McCreary & Harra Funeral Homes & Crematory, and The House of Wright Mortuary. We encourage you to learn more about the early history of Delaware's Funeral Industry by visiting the funeral home websites.

As a 501c/3 non-profit organization Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery (FHRC) begins its 9th year of ownership of this remarkable 42 acre property located within the Wilmington city limits in New Castle County, Delaware. We continue to learn and value the rich history of this cemetery and it's people.

*We welcome your assistance and invite you to share your knowledge and memories with us through research and storytelling.*

► **FACT OF INTEREST:** Many original Brandywine Hundred landowners and descendants are interred in this historic cemetery. When reading the monuments one observes familiar names including Grubb, Forward, Handy, Linton, Shipley, Talley, Weldin, and Zebley.

► **ORAL HISTORY:** John Medkeff, Jr., author of "Brewing in Delaware" informed us that his great, great, great aunt, Elizabeth Worriolo (Metcalf) Todd and her husband, John Todd, owned the farmstead where the southeast half of Riverview Cemetery is now located, then called "Todd's Cut".

► **RESEARCH:** Tedd Cocker learned that the Booker family owned one section (20 crypts) in the Community Mausoleum. George W. Booker and his three sons, Homer W., Harvey, and George B. each owned five crypts. George W. Booker was a prominent commission merchant (food company) on East 4th Street in Wilmington. After his retirement in 1913, his sons took over the business. Subsequently, his son, George

B., established the George B. Booker Company, a real estate development firm located at 102-104 East 4th Street. With Harvey Booker as company vice president, they developed Lindamere and North Hills. The third son, Homer W., formed his own land development company – H. W. Booker Construction Company and built Lindamere, Crestwood Place, Shellburn, and a large portion of Alapocas and Woodbrook. His company also build many of the homes in the Greenville and Westover Hills area.



*William Eri Haines, along with his wife and mother are interred in Section C Lot 286. He was born in 1885 and is recognized as one of Riverview's early funeral directors; opening his funeral home in 1906 at 24th & Market Street. It was later purchased by John W. Spicer and then merged with a funeral home owned by James Mullikin (operated today as Spicer-Mullikin).*

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

### SAVE OUR TREES!

In our November newsletter we reported on the danger to our White Ash trees by the Emerald Ash Borer, a beetle infestation which could kill the trees. We need donations to offset the \$1800 treatment to **Save Our Trees**. To date, we have received \$600 in donations! Thank you! Visit [www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com) and click on **newsletters** to read the entire story.

### MEMBERSHIP COUNTS!

Did you know that FHRC Membership dues can be paid any-time through the year? Please join or renew now. This money is used to fund cemetery operations and purchase supplies for cemetery maintenance. We count on your support!

Visit our website: [www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com) for membership levels and our electronic payment option.



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## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 2016

Thank you to our November and December contributors:

Anonymous	\$100
Debbie & Mike Bonkowski	\$100
Katherine A. Heverin	\$100
Nathan Pero	\$100
Jeff Pollock	\$100
Boscov Fundraiser	\$200

Karen & Steve Sharp \$200  
Genevieve T. Luchejko \$300

*(in memory of parents, Joseph & Ann Tyrawski & brother, Steven Tyrawski)*

Elaine Wells \$300

*(on behalf of Dorothy Mattern & Lee Rice for father, Samuel Sulick)*

Holiday Wreath Fundraiser \$1100

New Castle County Council: \$2500

*(Penrose Hollins, \$900; John Cartier, \$800; Robert Weiner, \$800)*

Please make your tax-deductible donation now to support the Capital Campaign for the Renovation of the Chapel/Office Building into the Riverview Cemetery Visitor and Information Center.

### FHRC VOLUNTEERS

*FHRC volunteers place wreaths as a service to those who live far away or who are unable to place a wreath themselves.*



**FYI: We have a long list of projects ready for school, church, scout, and corporate groups. Call 302-762-4705 and leave a message about your group and interests.**

### Veteran count 1036

thanks to thorough research by Tedd Cocker.

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 2 burials in November and December.

### 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.

## PROJECTS *of* NOTE

### WREATH FUNDRAISER NETS \$1100 FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN !

Bank of America Delaware volunteers got creative on a cold winter day and crafted 70 beautiful wreaths for our Holiday Wreath fundraiser which was a huge success! Our thanks to each person who purchased a wreath. Let's do it again in 2017!



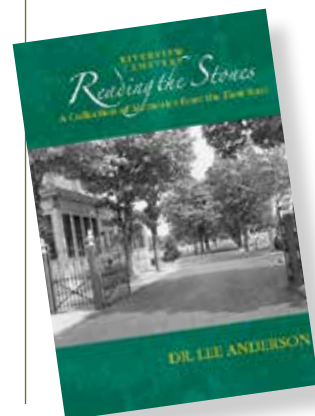
### ORAL HISTORY PROJECT CONTINUES

Tell us in writing about your relatives at Riverview Cemetery and we will include the information in a 3-ring binder that will be placed in the Visitor & Information Center. With over 36,000 people at Riverview, there are many more stories to tell.

### STILL AVAILABLE!

**Reading the Stones, A Collection of Memories from the First State.**

Within this book 220 families introduce us to 1000 loved ones interred at Riverview Cemetery. A fascinating look at Delaware's history.



Visit our website: [www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com)