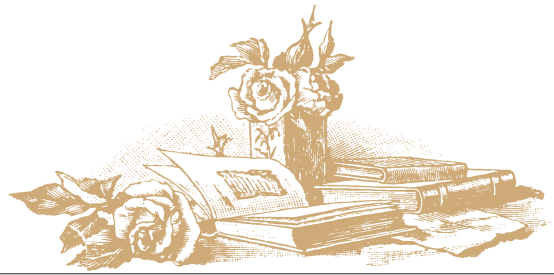


# FAIR VIEWS



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## Over Ten Cemeteries Moved to Fair View Takes Local History Before 1890

Historic Fair View Cemetery is approaching its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary since its establishment in 1890 by a leading group of Roanoke businessmen. The large, spacious grounds and convenient location soon became recognized as the memorial landmark for thousands of families in the Roanoke Valley and surrounding areas.

As early as 1914, the graves from a family cemetery were moved to Fair View. This marked the beginning of over ten cemeteries being relocated, with the last in 1977.

New roads and business development necessitated the proper and lawful removal of graves to a secure and established burial ground. Fair View Cemetery became the final resting place for many who were born in the early 1800s, and one as early as 1779.

*Partial List of Family Cemeteries moved to Fair View:*

### WATTS CEMETERY

Moved from end of Rockland Avenue

### GISH-COON CEMETERY

Moved from Highland Park

### KEAGY CEMETERY

Moved from Rt. 11, presently Stratford Park



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### HOWBERT CEMETERY

Moved from North Lynchburg-Salem Turnpike

### HOWBERT-DAY CEMETERY

Moved from Roanoke County

### MICHAEL TROUT CEMETERY

Moved from Rt. 11 and Rt. 116, Roanoke County

### WILLIAMSON CEMETERY

Moved from off Rt. 416 East/Junction Vinton Mill Rd.

### TAYLOE CEMETERY

Moved from "Buena Vista" in Southeast Roanoke

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Reminiscent of the early days at Fair View, the family of Joyce Ann Hetherington Taylor honored her love of animals with a horse-drawn carriage on January 10, 2009. The procession traveled through the cemetery from the Salem Turnpike entrance to the gravesite near Melrose Avenue. The carriage service was provided by Buck Simmons of Salem.

Roanoke's first motorized hearse was put in service in 1914 by Oakey's, but for a time it was necessary to retain a carriage for those not yet accustomed to motor vehicles.

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## Cemeteries Moved to Fairview

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### McCLANAHAN CEMETERY

Moved from East/24<sup>th</sup> St. between Loudon and Melrose

### CAMPBELL CEMETERY

Moved from NW side of Rt. 460 East opposite Vinton Mill Road intersection

### FAMILY CEMETERY (UNKNOWN)

Moved November, 1914

The Fair View Group takes great pleasure in assisting those who want additional information. Should you desire the names and dates of death of those in the cemeteries mentioned, please contact our office at 540.344.4263.

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## 60th Anniversary of the Mill Mountain Star

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One of the most beautiful vantage points from atop a hillside at Fair View Cemetery is the Mill Mountain Star, turned on for the first time November 23, 1949.

Braving the cold winds were 250 guests at the mountain location, while thousands watched the star light up from the valley below. Loudspeakers delivered the program to four city parks.

A proud participant at the grand occasion was former Rep. Clifton Alexander Woodrum, (1887-1950) who served in the U.S. Congress from March 4, 1923 until December 31, 1945. Mr. Woodrum passed the next year and is interred at Fair View Cemetery.

*We wish you Peace, Hope*

*and Goodwill at this Blessed Season*



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## New Shrubs and Plantings at Both Entrances Among Improvements

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The 75-acre grounds at Fair View require daily care during the spring, summer and fall months by our dedicated maintenance staff. An especially moist season during 2009, kept them even busier with more frequent mowing and trimming.

Shrubs and trees are continuously replaced as a result of age or damage by weather conditions.

A special project this year has been to replace shrubs at both the Melrose Avenue and Salem-Turnpike entrances. Seasonal flowers enhance our gates and are gratefully acknowledged by our many visitors.

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## Web Site Helpful to Historians and Those in Need of Planning Services

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In 2007, The Fair View Group announced a web site to provide vital information for both Fair View Cemetery and Cedar Lawn Memorial Park. We wish to thank the many family members and descendants who have let us know how helpful it has been. Both for historical purposes and for pre-need planning, please continue to share the address to others who have an interest but do not receive this newsletter. [www.thefairviewgroup.org](http://www.thefairviewgroup.org)

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## Cedar Lawn Memorial Park Established 80 Years Ago

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Cedar Lawn was established in 1930 by the Webster Family. In the early 1950s, the cemetery was acquired by Cedar Lawn Burial Park, Inc. and developed into a modern memorial park. Fair View Cemetery Company, Inc. assumed ownership in 1965, and the name was changed to Cedar Lawn Memorial Park.

The Fair View Group oversees the management of Fair View Cemetery and Cedar Lawn Memorial Park under a not-for-profit 501c-13 organization.



The Fair View Foundation gratefully acknowledges those who have generously contributed  
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