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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF RIVERTON

Constitution - Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the Society shall be to bring together those people who are interested in history and especially the history of the Borough of Riverton, but not limited thereto.

The Society's major function will be

to create an awareness

of our heritage,

to discover,

restore, and

preserve local objects and landmarks, and to continue to expand our knowledge of the history of the area.

*Discovering the past,
illuminating the present,
enriching the future*

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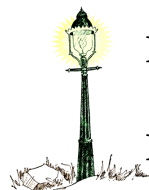
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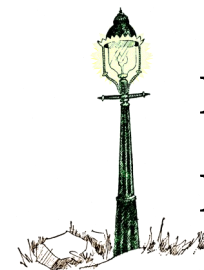
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Riverton c. 1908



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The **Historical Society of Riverton** invites you to join our efforts to preserve and promote our local history through research, special events and public education programs.



Illustration from the book *Anna Mary, A Girl of the Nineties* by Riverton resident Mary Biddle Fitter.

Mrs. Biddle's fictional book series for children began with the publication of *Reddy* in 1929 using Riverton as a backdrop. The pages of Riverton's real-life history abound with intriguing authors, inventors, innovators, industrialists, merchants, philanthropists, stockbrokers and bankers, abolitionists, and social and political activists who have influenced the outcomes of events here and elsewhere. Find out more about these characters at an HSR meeting and in the pages of the *Gaslight News*.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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In the early June 1970, a small group of individuals with an interest in local history assembled at the home of founder Mrs. Betty Lockhart.

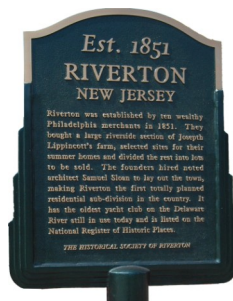
They decided to meet twice a year and elected Mrs. Lockhart as its first president. By 1974, the organization had drafted a constitution and bylaws and became incorporated. Mrs. Marilyn Colozzi wrote a one-page undated newsletter containing announcements of activities which the group christened the *Gaslight News*, named for the quaint lampposts which, at that point, were an endangered species of illumination earmarked for removal by PSE&G.



This modest beginning was the start of the Historical Society of Riverton.

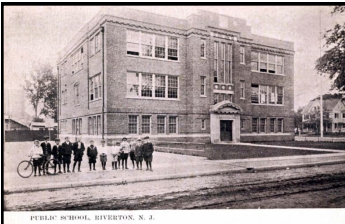
Due largely to the activism of HSR members, those original 52 gaslamps were saved in the late 1970s, thus preserving the Victorian atmosphere of the town.

Other preservation efforts include the transfer to video of the silent film, *Romance of Riverton*, the microfilming of late 19th and early 20th century *New Era* newspapers, and the nomination of



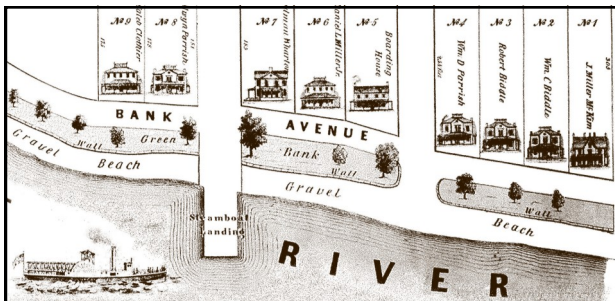
Riverton's Historic District to the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places.

Recent years have seen an expansion of the Society's program offerings including Antique Appraisal Fairs, participation in Victorian Day and Riverton School's 100th Anniversary, Saint Patrick's Day Concerts, Halloween Trolley Ghost Tours, performances by professional historic interpreters, and many special speaker engagements. This year marked the rollout of a newly designed website which holds more content and features for history fans.



Five general meetings are held per year in October, December, January, March, and May. Members attend HSR sponsored programs to hear presentations by speakers on various historical topics.

Today, the Society continues with its mission to create an awareness of our heritage, to discover, restore, and preserve local objects and landmarks, and to continue to expand our knowledge of the history of the area. Join us.



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2011 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Members receive the *Gaslight News*, the HSR newsletter, four times per year which announces general membership meetings, contains articles of local historical interest, and brings news of upcoming HSR sponsored programs and events.

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