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“McGuire Air Force Base” Program at January Meeting

The Historical Society of Riverton will meet on Monday January 26th, 2004 at 7:30 pm for a general meeting and program at the Riverton School. The program for the evening features Master Sgt. Gary Boyd, the official historian for the McGuire Air Force Base.

Gary Boyd is the author of the book, *McGuire Air Force Base*, from by Arcadia Publishing. He will discuss the historic role played by McGuire as the air force's principal aerial port on the East Coast as well as being the nation's first base with a ground-launched anti-aircraft nuclear missile squadron.

McGuire Air Force base is the home to the 305th Air Mobility Wing, the 21st Air Force and the Air Mobility Warfare Center located in New Hanover Township in Burlington County, New Jersey. The base has two active runways on over 530,000 acres within the northern edge of the New Jersey Pinelands National Reserve.

McGuire Air Force Base missions provide support to worldwide relief efforts as well as transportation for troops, cargo and material for *Operations Enduring Freedom* and *Iraqi Freedom*. The base is named in honor of a native son from New Jersey, Major Thomas B. McGuire, Jr., the second leading American Air Ace of World War II.

“G.W. Boyd has been an air force historian for more than fifteen years. He served in Desert Storm as a historian for the A-10s at King Fahd Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in 1991. He has coauthored two other books relating to the air force, as well as numerous articles on air-power history according to Arcadia Publishing company sources.



Major McGuire is pictured with Charles A. Lindbergh.

The Riverton School, at Fifth and Howard Streets, and the school Media Center (library) are handicapped accessible. Attendees should enter the school through the main doors facing Fifth Street. There will be a short refreshment period afterward.

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2004 Meeting Schedule

The *Historical Society of Riverton* meets on
Monday evenings at the Riverton School 7:30 pm
in the Media Center on the dates below:

January 26th

March 8th

May 10th



Historic Home Show of Greater Philadelphia

January 24th-25th, 2004
Valley Forge Convention Center
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

Two-day exhibition will feature
workshops and seminars that focus
on practical approaches to the
preservation and renovation of
historic buildings and homes, and
will inspire decoration ideas of the
period in which they were built.

For more information visit
www.historichomeshow.com.

Trace Your Family's Roots

The *Burlington County Historical Society*
library collection includes photographs,
maps, manuscripts and deeds. Trace your
family's Burlington County roots through
census records and newspapers on microfilm.

Admission to the museum galleries and
research library in the *Corson Poley Center*
is only \$3.00. Hours are 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.
Tuesday through Saturday.

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Americana and Primitive Antiques

Paint the Town: Painting Historic Buildings

March 20, 2004

A workshop on painting historic
buildings, including appropriate color
schemes, history of paint color, how to
choose a paint contractor. Speakers
include Roger Moss, author of "*Victorian
Exterior Design*". Sponsored by
Preservation Pennsylvania. For further
details, www.preservationpa.org.

Second Annual Antique Appraisal Fair



Riverton's Official Town Crier, Rip Pellaton, welcomes guests arriving with their antiques and collectibles for appraisal at the Historical Society of Riverton's (HSR) **Second Annual Antique Appraisal Fair** held last Fall at the *Porch Club*. Over sixty antiques and collectibles were appraised during the fair.

Donations benefited the Historical Society's public education programs. Special thanks to the Brunker, Kennedy & Taylor families for their leadership of the Fair in 2003.



Hanya Misura-Cosmi, Appraiser

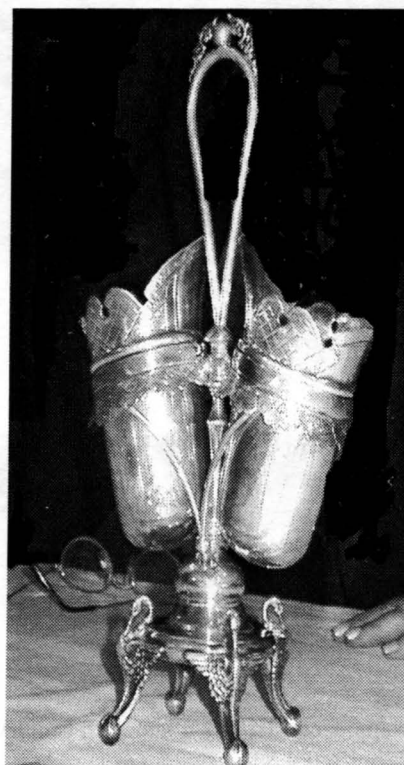
A bronze cannon awarded by the *Riverton Yacht Club* as a prize in a Delaware River sailboat race to the Mortgu family.



Top Right— John Farr learns that his 19th century primitive rocker purchased by his father at auction in Maryland for \$60 has an appraised value between \$750 and \$1,200.

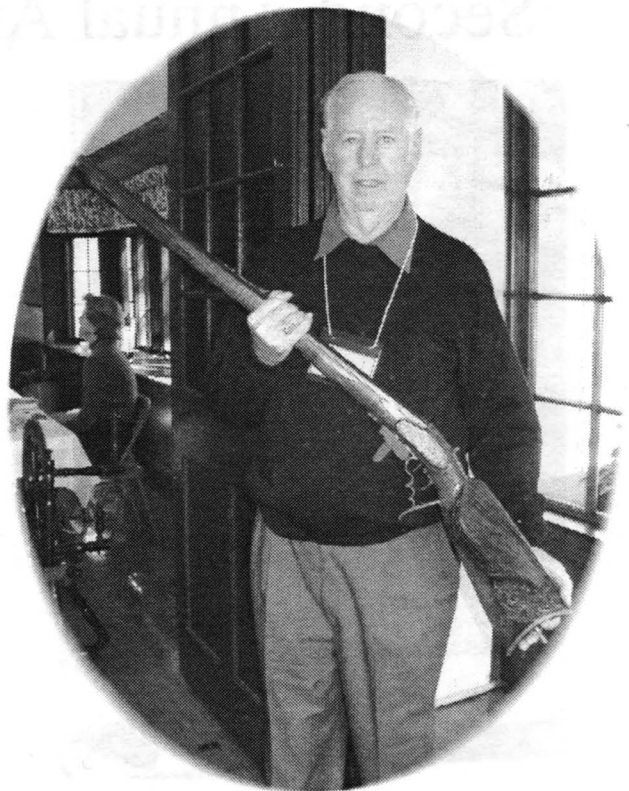
Bottom Right— Agnes and Robert Kennedy stumped the appraiser with this stunning silver service piece. Contact the HSR if you know the intended purpose of this antique.

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Three generations of Rivertonians. Ryan, son of Beth Mortgu, display an oil of the Riverton Yacht Club painted by her mother Doris Lippincott of Riverton.



Bottom Left-
Charlotte Lippincott displays a late 19th century fine china *Children's Tea Set*.



Top Right- HSR Treasurer, Paul Daley holds a 19th century rifle from Germany owned by Bob Myers.

Bottom Right- Hanya describes how a late 1880 kerosene lamp was converted to an electric lamp. Conversion of the Victorian era kerosene lamp substantially reduced its value.