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“Traditional Irish Music: McDermott’s Handy”

The Historical Society of Riverton will meet on Monday March 5th, 2007 at 7:30 pm for a general meeting and program in the Riverton School Media Center at Fifth and Howard Streets. Join us for a program featuring traditional Irish music by *McDermott’s Handy*.

The musical couple of Kathy DeAngelo and Dennis Gormley will perform traditional Irish tunes while relating the history of the Irish in Riverton. Drawing on their many musical programs, *McDermott’s Handy*, performs before historical and heritage societies across the country. One of their programs ‘Bound for Amerikay’ blends the Irish emigrant experience as told through music, song and story.

Their music is a living tribute to **Ed McDermott**, a fiddler from County Leitrim, who emigrated in 1915 and who, 60 years later, was still inspiring young people with Irish music. In 1977 Kathy DeAngelo organized a tribute for Ed McDermott at the New Jersey Folk Festival.

Join us for an enjoyable evening of history, music and fascinating facts about the history of Riverton’s Irish community. This performance made possible by a generous donation from the *Robert and Agnes Kennedy* program fund.



McDermott’s Handy: Irish musical duo Kathy DeAngelo and Dennis Gormley.

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1872 RIVERTON BASEBALL

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LOCAL BUTCHER E.F. PERKINS

*The Irish Echo newspaper described
McDermott’s Handy as a
veritable folk orchestra’*

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Historic Images of Riverton

Presented by John McCormick

Our January program, **“A Riverton Pictorial: Images and Postcards”** was presented by John McCormick, a local educator and board member of the Historical Society of Riverton. Mr. McCormick, an avid collector of historic images and postcards, presented before one of the largest gatherings of the membership of the Historical Society of Riverton. His collection of historic postcards and photographs stirred the memories of many members whose recollections added meaningful details and background information to what we know about early life in Riverton.

Among those in attendance included town historian Betty Hahle, Bill Hall, Lorraine Gambone, Jeff Cole and other borough residents who brought with them photographs of Riverton from 1862 through the mid-twentieth century. John’s wife, Linda McCormick, scanned each member’s photographs for display at future exhibitions and to be preserved in the archives of the historical society.

We appreciate the generosity of those who shared their photographs, letters and recollections with the historical society membership at the January meeting. We are indebted to John and Linda McCormick for their work to preserve these precious local memories. The images scanned at the meeting in January will contribute to our ongoing effort to document Riverton’s history and preserve it for future generations.

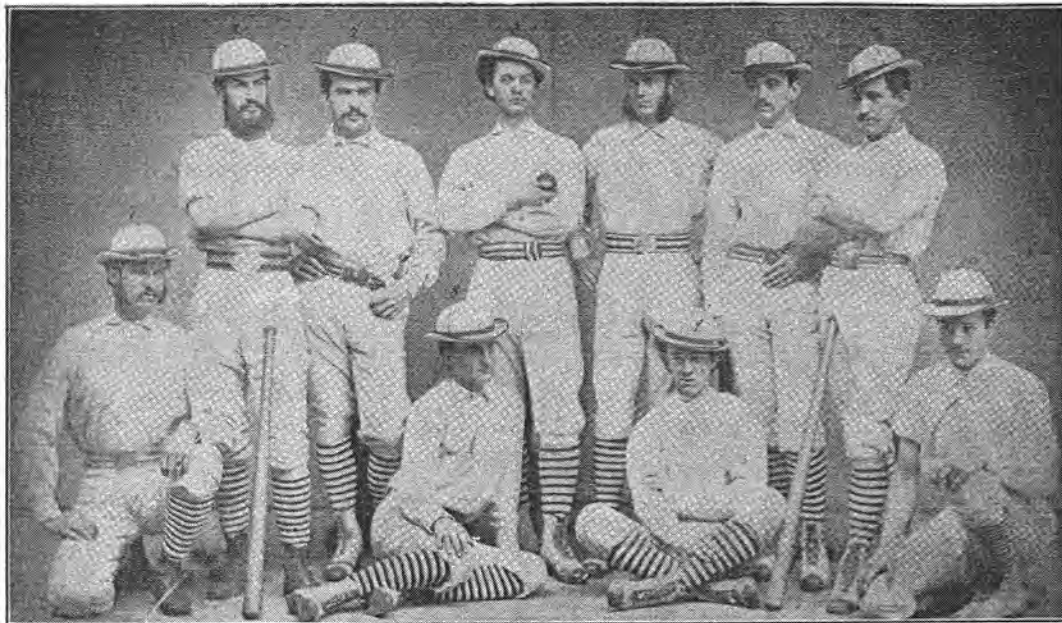


Please contact John McCormick or Pat Bruncker to donate a copy of your photographs, news clippings, letters or artifacts to the historical society archives. rivertonhistory@usa.com



Left- Photograph of early Riverton resident Ezra Lippincott circa 1862. Right- the Lippincott home. Images donated to the archives of the Historical Society of Riverton by Bill Hall.

THEN AND NOW...



PIPE THE LIDS, FELLOWS! But Don't Laugh. This Ball Club Helped to Make Baseball History. It Is the Famous Riverton, New Jersey, Team of 1872, the Best of Its Day. In Its Line-up Was a Second Baseman—Fred Moore—Who Played for Twenty-three Years With Only Two Errors. Only Three of the Players Are Now Living

Top—The 1924 class of the Riverton School donated to the archives of the Historical Society of Riverton by Jeff Cole. Above—Riverton's 1872 baseball team photograph donated by Bill Hall.

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Photographs of the local butcher, **E.F. Perkins** and blacksmith shop workers. Images donated to the archives of the *Historical Society of Riverton* by Lorraine Gambone. Please share with us details on information you may know about these and other images contained in this issue of the *Gaslight News*. Send to John McCormick at

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