



porches, noting that most must have had them—and a later check of Sanburn Plats from 1915 more than supported that statement: with VERY few exceptions, every house in Riverton had at least one porch, and most had a back porch as well; some had side or second-floor porches in addition to these. He also commented favorably on the degree of preservation here, and how fortunate we are to have not only a variety of architectural styles, but also good examples of each.

Biddle house, 307 Bank Ave:..no further information at this time. The Borough met with all conditions set down by Judge Haines, well within the given time limit. With no further statements made, we're in a "wait-and-see" period.....

Morgan Cemetery:..over the past summer the grass has been kept cut and trash picked up regularly, through the courtesy of Tom Weber, who has been acting superintendent for some time. However, the long anticipated improvements are contingent upon the sale of the cemetery to new owners, as only the owner has access to funds. Mr. Kane, owner for many years, still retains ownership although he went to California some years back, and has not filed reports to the Cemetery Board for the past two years—and the Board will not accept reports from any but the registered owner. Estimates for removal of tree stumps and repairing vandalism indicate at least \$10,000 would be required for this work to be done. It is much to be hoped that a change in ownership will be accomplished before much more deterioration takes place.

Survey:... APR requested Betty Hahle to attend their October meeting to talk about the survey, and several of their members indicated interest in helping to collect the information needed to complete this phase of the application to place Riverton on the Register of Historic Places. A meeting will be held to orient new "survey helpers" as soon as their names are verified. Anyone else interested in helping should call 829-6315 for inclusion in this orientation meeting.

Reminder, that we, with the Riverton Library, are trying to locate copies of The New Era for recording on film in 1984. Call Donna Tarkington at the Library, or Betty Hahle if you will lend your papers for this project. An important part of any Historical Society's work is preservation, and local newspapers are an important part of our area history. Paper deteriorates, and the record is lost, but filming can save it, and make it available for future generations to use. Please help with this project—it is one that requires little effort on the part of any one person, but yields a very large return.

Did you know that our Historical Society was the recipient of a special Award for its continued efforts for preservation over some years last Spring? It was given by the County Cultural and Heritage Commission at Smithville during National Historic Preservation Week on May 17th, 1983.

The preservation project our Historical Society sponsored through membership in the Conservation Center in Philadelphia, of the early map of Riverton Village, ca. 1851, owned by The Porch Club, has been completed, and the restored map has been returned and will soon again be hung in the Clubhouse.

At some time during November the N.J. Secretary of State, the Honorable Jane Burgio, is expected to visit Burlington county to tour a few selected sites of historical importance, after which the County Cultural & Heritage Commission will give a brief Reception for her. Representatives of Historical Societies will be invited to attend the reception. As you may know, last year some changes were made in department responsibilities, and the State Department now has responsibility for cultural and historical agencies. The Department of the Secretary of State now includes the NJ Historical Commission; N.J. State Council on Arts; N.J. State Museum; and Bureau of Archives and Records Management.

Reminders:

Dues...if you haven't yet paid yours for 1983/84, please remit promptly. Send to John Parry, Treas. (803 Main St) or bring to the next meeting. It's a bargain--

only \$2.00 per year per person (\$1. senior citizen) plus \$1.00 per FAMILY assessment each year to help meet rising operating costs...for which you get Gaslight News, published quarterly delivered to your home, and 5 excellent programs at meetings throughout the year..AND the opportunity to meet with friends similarly interested in local history and preservation. Renew now, and invite a friend to join.

A word of thanks is long overdue to Harold Zayotti, who takes care of the printing of our Newsletter each quarter at "Archway Printing", at no cost to our Society.

Reminder...Reminder...Reminder...of the dates November 28 and January 16, for our next two meetings. Mark them down NOW, so that Holidays don't make you forget....

Enjoy many Bazaars and House Tours during the coming season. A few are listed here:

- November 12: Holiday Bazaar, Riverton Porch Club, 4th & Howard Sts.  
 Baptist Home Fair Riverbank
- Dec. 2: Woodstown-Pilesgrove Hist. Soc. Candlelight Tour; 769-2997 for inf.
- Dec. 4: Salem Co. Hist. Soc. Museum, Market St., Salem, Open House 2-4 p.m.
- Dec. 11: Christmas in Greenwich: tour—Cumberland Co Hist. Soc. Call for inf: 455-4055; 451-8454; 451-5867.
- Dec. 3: House Tour, Medford Historical Society—watch newspapers
- Dec. 10: House Tour, Mount Holly Historical Society—watch for notices
- And many others—Moorestown, Burlington, and Philadelphia...etc.....

#### Yesterday:

The New Jersey Mirror regularly had a column entitled "Odds and Ends", a collection of adages and "jokes" that don't seem particularly funny today. This line, though, is still true.."Life is a crazy quilt, made up of jagged and uneven patches of every day experiences." (1887)

In November, 1900, McKinley carried the vote in Burlington county. Toward the end of the month Vice-president-elect Theodore Roosevelt spent the day in Riverton as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen "at their handsome house on Lippincott Ave." Samuel Allen and family lived at 404 Lippincott.

November 7th was Donation Day at Burlington County Hospital, and readers were asked to "remember this institution with contribution of money or some articles of food or clothing."

There were 2 physical culture classes in Riverton, both under the direction of Miss Wharton, of Philadelphia. (Rodman Wharton was one of Riverton's founders in 1851)

Parties were noted...AME church gave an oyster supper in Roberts Hall; a dance at the Lyceum was given by Miss Helen Walnut; Mrs. A. A. Grant was tendered a surprise party; and Ezra Perkins opened a new oyster saloon on Main Street.

There were problems, too—sling shots were "much in evidence and many windows are suffering." J.C.W. Frishmuth offered a reward for arrest and conviction of whoever "deliberately disfigured two of his carriages by scratching them."

The rector of Christ Episcopal had been collecting photographs of all past rectors, and they would "shortly be framed in a group and hung in the vestry room."

And the river road from Pensauken creek to Camden was being laid out—its completion would make "a continuous stone road from Palmyra to Camden."

In December, the field on the Evaul farm used as a skating park during the winter had been cleaned off and flooded, and skaters were waiting for cold weather to freeze it. And chicken thieves were at their mischief again—the last ones caught in Palmyra and sentenced to State Prison got 2 years for 4 chickens. Something new had been added in education—the International Correspondance School of Scranton, Pa., and several persons from Palmyra enrolled in their courses.

Sidewalks in Riverton on Howard Street were now 5 ft. wide. Mrs. Edw. Fidler and her family had returned to Philadelphia for the winter, and Mrs. Alex. Marcy had decided to spend the winter in the South, for the health of her infant.

Holidays drew near, and ads offered initialed silk handkerchiefs for ladies at 25¢ each. A man could have tailor Garitee, of Market St., Phila., make him a

fine suit for \$10-\$20, and samples would be sent out on application.

There was another side to life, at the turn of the century. An American Encyclopedia and Dictionary, published in 1897, had a large section entitled "What to Do And How to Do It", which explained everything imaginable—cooking, playing games, nursing, gardening—you name it. Under "House-Wife, Rules for the Young: is this general order of working for every day: before leaving your room, open windows top and bottom, put pillows in sun, turn back mattress; downstairs, open blinds and windows, light kitchen fire, take up ashes and sift them. Brush off stove, rinse and fill kettle; sweep kitchen, stoop or piazza, beating all mats thoroughly. Remove stale flowers from parlor and dining-room, and dust. Prepare for breakfast, putting biscuits or muffins to bake while you lay the table. Close blinds on sunny side. After breakfast clear table, putting milk and butter away at once and remove white tablecloth (it draws flies) and brush crumbs from floor (same reason). Wash and put away dishes, darken all unused rooms; make beds, empty slops, wash soap-dishes, fill water-pitchers, fold dry towels, and darken rooms after putting them in perfect order. ... Instructions end here...wonder what happened the rest of the day?

For Holidays, there were gift-making, baking, decorating, etc. and surely, extra chores for all. The man of the house made the holiday punch, and a few old recipes follow: (from the Compleat Housewife, pub. 1742) (abbreviations used are ed's)  
 Take 2 qts Brandy, put in a large Bottle, and add the juice of 5 lemons and Peel of 2, half a nutmeg. Stop it up and let stand 3 days and add 3 Pints of White wine, a pound and half of Sugar. Mix it and strain through flannel, bottle it up. Tis a pretty Wine and Cordial.

.. "punch" comes from the Hindustani "panch", meaning 5 ingredients: rum, water, lemon or lime, sugar, and spices.....

Rum Punch for 4 servings:

3 oz pineapple juice; 3 oz. orange juice;  
 3 oz. lime juice; 8 dashes bitters; 6 oz.  
 rum; 2 oz. simple syrup (1 C ea. water/sugar,  
 warmed to melt sugar, then refrigerated).

Mt. Vernon Punch, 32 servings

3 C lemon juice & gr. rind 2 lemons  
 2 qts. water  
 1½ cups ea. Brandy and Rum  
 2 lb sugar  
 Combine, mix well, put in freezer 3 hrs  
 before using, stirring every ½-hr. until  
 consistency of loose sherbet. Garnish  
 with lemon slice.

The Golden Lamb, an Inn in Ohio since  
 1813, serves this favorite pie:  
Sister Lizzie's Shaker Sugar Pie  
 9" uncooked piecrust

1/3 cup flour; 1 cup brown sugar; 2 cups lt. cream; 1 tsp vanilla; 2 tblsp butter.  
 mix flour/br. sugar and spread on pie shell; add cream and vanilla; shave butter  
 overtop, and sprinkle with nutmeg. Bake 350° for 40-45 minutes. (serve cool)

(Recipes found in various magazines and books, and have been adapted for modern measures and methods; included for your Holiday enjoyment.....)

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