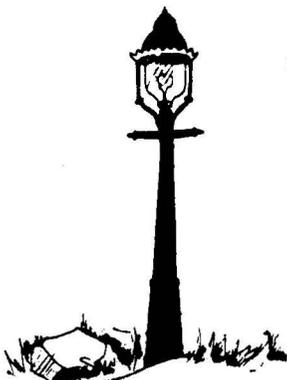


THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF RIVERTON

Riverton, New Jersey 08077

"GASLIGHT NEWS"

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Greetings! This past month has been a very busy and fruitful one for the Historical Society. On February 18th Mr. Jonathan Fricker, the New Jersey State Historical Architect came to Riverton and visited eight homes in Riverton. The majority he judged to have been built in the 1840 - 1850 period. The oldest home was built in 1785 or 1786 and this is located ~~the~~ the corner of Main and Shrewsberry. We are planning to place our plaques on these homes. Due to the exact certainty of the dates they were built most of the plaques will have Circa written on them, indicating that the home was built around this time. Mr. Fricker expressed a desire to return again to Riverton and view more homes.

Our plaques will soon be in the making thanks to Matt Kenney and some Boy Scouts from troop #50. Matt is working on his Eagle badge for Scouts. His project must be a community service or a church service. He will be in charge of the preparation of our plaques. He will direct, lead, and guide the Boy Scouts in the tracing on wood, cutting out, staining, and weather proofing of the plaques. We are very grateful for his help!

The next time you are near the railroad platform on the Deckert's store side take a minute and walk in approximately 20 feet. Right next to the dirt is a hole showing the original planks from the old station platform and a date 1919 written on the boards.

The board has ordered thirty pictures, taken from old glass plates, to be made into slides, from Richard Caughan. We plan to use these slides in future programs.

On May 9th a trip has been planned to Taunton Lakes to view the collection of glass of the Watson Family. This is quite an extensive collection and I am sure will prove interesting. Transportation will be provided. We will meet at the Porch Club at

Tentative plans have been made for a fashion show, combined with our slides for October 20th. More news will follow in the fall.

May 15th is the date to meet May Roberts Taylor at a tea in her honor sponsored by the Society and the Riverton Free Library to be held from 2-4. May Taylor is the authoress of "Gently Sister Gently."

The second and last edition of the Burlington County and the American Revolution booklets is now available in the back of the room. The price is 25¢, and well worth the cost.

"Happy St. Patrick's Day"