



Historical Society of Riverton, NJ

A Gaslight News article on Changes at “The Point” 1851-Present

Changes at the Point
1851-Present
Patricia Smith Solin and John McCormick



The Point at Main & Howard Sts., Riverton, NJ

The Point at Main and Howard Sts. in Riverton has been a town feature since its founding in 1851. Using information in our archives, maps, and new research, we compile several changes the location has seen over the years and invite our readers to add more material to amplify the story.

Before Riverton was a new town, the **Lippincott**, **Toy**, **Thomas**, and **Morgan** families owned most of the farmland in the area. Riverton’s Quaker founders, members of the urban

mercantile aristocracy, sought to establish a picturesque refuge in a rural setting removed from the pressures of city life.

The founders wanted it to be more than just a summer haven for their families; they envisioned a community with other families and services to enhance their proposed village. The founders purchased 120 acres from **Joseph Lippincott**, and they engaged Philadelphia architect **Samuel Sloan** to develop the town plan and design Riverton's first buildings.



detail, Map of Burlington County, Otley and Whiteford, 1849

A map, likely published in early 1851, with the cumbersome title of *Plan of the New Town of Riverton, NJ, beautifully situated on Cinnaminson shore on the River Delaware, Eight miles above Philada.* shows the early street and plot plans in what was once all farmland.



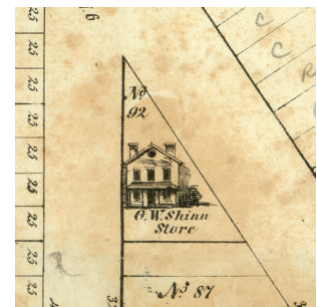
Plan of the New Town of Riverton c1851

American architect **Henry Russell Hitchcock** declared that Riverton was “the first wholly planned subdivision in America.” The town would not simply be a row of grand villas along a waterfront, but the founders also planned to include spaces for churches, schools, and businesses.



Porch Club large map – Plan of the New Town of Riverton c1851

A similar but much larger map on display at the Porch Club, likely published later in 1851, clearly shows a practical building with the auspicious central location at the point of Main and Howard Streets – Riverton's first general store.



PC New Plan of Riverton map G.W. Shinn Store c1851 detail

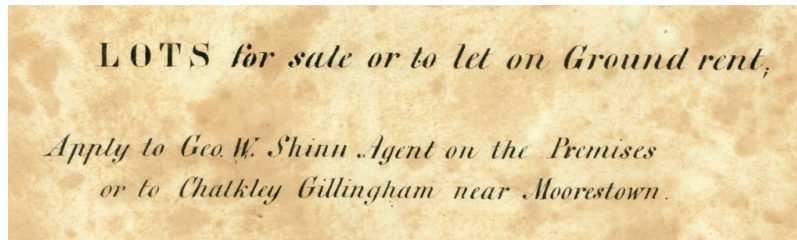
First Store

The Riverton Improvement

Company (RICO) thoughtfully recognized that with most of the early founders living in Philadelphia, they needed a local community agent to help manage inquiries as well as provide “licenses and limited supplies.” (“Robert’s Brick Store,” July 4th Program, BBH, 1998).

RICO built the store directly across the street from the Camden & Amboy Railroad station, already located on Broad Street, and designated two men as contacts for the new

community: **George W. Shinn** and **Chalkley Gillingham**.



PC New Plan of Riverton map c1851, lots for sale GWShinn detail

George Wolfe Shinn (abt. 1835 – after 1920)

The Riverton Improvement Company hired sixteen-year-old **George W. Shinn**, a local farmer, to manage the store when it opened in 1851. As agents, he and **Chalkley Gillingham** (1807-1881), who lived near Moorestown on a large farm that he managed, provided information about the town. Gillingham was one of the founding investors of the village but chose not to live in Riverton.

A carpenter, Shinn may have helped build the store, and from the map caption, we may infer that he lived in a room on the premises. Shinn was an employee of the RICO, not the owner of the property or the business. Shinn also acted as a rental agent for homes in town, such as Rodman Wharton's home on Main Street.



Public Ledger (Philadelphia) May 7, 1851, p4

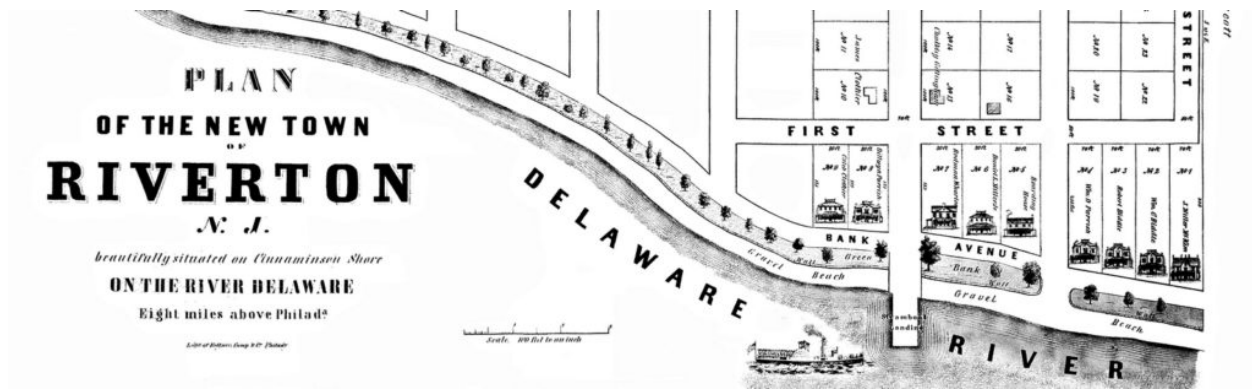
Chalkley Gillingham (1807-1881)

Chalkley Gillingham was a Quaker minister whose ancestors came to this country with **William Penn**. He moved from Frankford, PA to manage the **Benjamin Warrington** farm in Moorestown. Chalkley married, as they say, the farmer's daughter; he and **Keziah Warrington** met here in NJ at her father's farm. Quaker Meeting Records show that he wed her in 1833 when he was about 26.



Chalkley Gillingham,
c1870

As one of Riverton's ten founders, the plan earmarked the lot at 100 Main Street for **Chalkley Gillingham**. He chose not to move to the new village but remained a stockholder for several years.



Founders homes, Plan of the New Town of Riverton, 1851

The US Census records them in **Moorestown** in 1840 and 1850. However, they moved in December 1852 to Virginia to seek hardwood forestry opportunities and run a slave-free farm during the Civil War. He established Quaker Meeting Houses and schools for white and black children. On January 22, 1881, he died and was interred at **Woodlawn, VA**.

Business District

Just eight years after its founding, a detail from the **1859 New Map of Burlington County by Parry, Sykes, and Earl** shows houses scattered throughout the town from the railroad to the river and several buildings including the store managed by **G.W. Shinn**.



Riverton, Hopkins, 1877

By 1870, **James Brown** (1839-1894) managed the store. The 1880 US Census shows him as immigrating from England with his wife, **Alice**, whose occupation was grocery storekeeper.



New Map of Burl Co, Parry, Sykes, and Earl, 1859
Riverton detail

In 1872 the RICO's incorporation ended, and "the Biddle brothers" purchased all unsold Riverton properties, including the store.

Around 1878 **William M. Thomas** (1846-1920) and **Howard H. Thomas** (1850-1907) purchased the business and property. They were the sons of **William S.** (1808-1888)

and **Rebecca Thomas** (1810-1881), owners of the farmland that extended from Thomas Avenue to Elm and from the river bank to the south line of the original County Club property.

In 1882 the Thomas brothers later sold the general store to **Joseph M. Roberts**. The manager, **Henry Roberts** (1845-1916) (no relation), a bookkeeper, worked in the store.

—Messrs. Thomas Bros. have sold the good will and fixtures of their grocery to J. M. Roberts, of Girard avenue, Philadelphia, who will continue the business, adding to the present stock a full line of fancy groceries.

Riverton Journal, August 16, 1882, p2



Riverton Journal, September 15, 1882, p3

Joseph Middleton

Roberts (October 15, 1855

– June 28, 1932)

Born in Chester, NJ, Roberts married **Anna Margaret**

Shaw (1857-1942) on December 25, 1878, in a Quaker

Sealing and had four children: **Anna Shaw Roberts**

(1881-1968); **Gertrude Shaw Roberts** (1885-1976);

Eugene Walton Roberts (1888-1964)-dentist; and **Joseph**

Middleton Roberts, Jr. (1894-1984)-farmer.

After purchasing the general store, **Joseph M. Roberts** purchased a plot of land from **Edward Lippincott's** undeveloped farmland parallel to Main Street. There, he built a house in 1885 at 407 Lippincott Avenue, next door to the **Groves Mansion**. He and his family lived there for 62 years before his heirs sold it in 1946.

A side note: HSR Board Member **Mrs. Nancy Hall** recalled for the *Gaslight News* (**#139, March 2010, p. 5**) a family story about Robert's Store and her Great-Grandfather **Ezra Lippincott's** Irish cook named **Kate McGlinden**.

Ezra Lippincott and his son **J. Lawrence Lippincott** developed much of the enlarged town of Riverton at the turn of the 20th century. Ezra built the house that is today the central building of the Baptist Home, now Riverview Estates.

It seems that Kate purchased for the household from Robert's Store a box of Strike-Anywhere matches—and they wouldn't!



Kate McGlinden, Ezra Lippincott family cook



She returned them to the store owner, who promptly took one of the wooden sticks from the box and, to prove the performance of his merchandise, he struck it on the rear of his pants.

Kate the Cook responded, "Sure'n I should be carryin' Joe Roberts' arse around all day."

Kate returned to her kitchen with a new box of matches.



1886 Hunter and Richards Map of Palmyra and Riverton, Roberts Store detail

Fire, 1890

Segway to a spectacular fire for which the village was not prepared. It destroyed the store and led to the formation of the Riverton Fire Company.

From Lloyd Griscom's *Tales of Three Towns* (p.48):

"On January 11, 1890, a disastrous fire broke out in the stable adjoining the old Shinn store operated by Joseph M.

A \$12,000 Fire at Riverton.
SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER.
RIVERTON, N. J., Jan. 12.—One store, a stable, two dwellings and a barber shop were burned to the ground at this place early this morning, causing a loss of \$12,000. The fire originated in the stable adjoining the store, which was owned by Joseph Roberts. Fire engines from Camden and Burlington were on the grounds and gave much assistance to the local company.

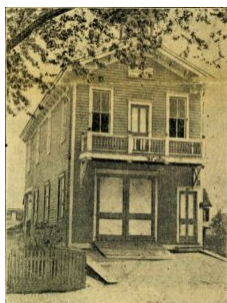
Philadelphia Inquirer, January 13, 1890, p1

Roberts in the center of town, destroying the store,

William Wolfschmidt's barbershop, and the home of **Rebecca Faunce**. A bucket brigade concentrated on saving Louis Corner's home nearby, the fire in other buildings being out of control."

The inferno destroyed the 1851 store and other buildings because the fire hose was too short of reaching it from the hydrants.

The loss of property was estimated at \$12,000, or \$368,000 in today's dollars.



New Era 1939 Anniv Issue, Sec 2, p1, First quarters of Riverton Fire Co

Within the next two months, the volunteers purchased a small hose shed at 5th & Main Sts., adopted a constitution and bylaws, elected officers, and became incorporated as The Riverton Fire Company of Riverton, NJ.

Meanwhile, the undaunted 26-year-old merchant continued to sell goods from a temporary structure on the site while builder **Edward Pancoast** promptly replaced the old store by the fall of the same year with a large, multi-story brick building.

Barber Wolfschmidt also replaced his structure with one of brick. It remains there today as a residence.



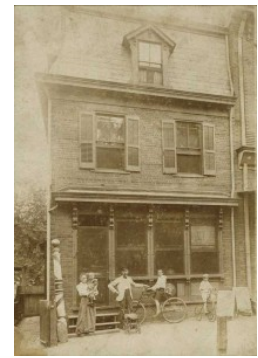
1909 New Era Christmas Issue, p3

Roberts named his new modern beauty, The Brick Store, as he also had another brick store in Palmyra.

Roberts' new "Flat Iron" store at The Point in Riverton provided fresh and canned fruits and vegetables, "satisfaction guaranteed."

He offered a wide variety of groceries, meats, and dry goods such as notions, chinaware, hardware, tinware,

paint, glass, and other general merchandise. Camden's Morning Post said of the store, "...you could get anything from a safety pin to a sewing machine at his store."



Wolfschmidt's Barbershop, Riverton, NJ, 1894 photo



Roberts Store receipt, 1908

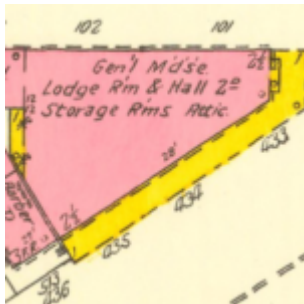


Postcard detail: Riverton's second railroad station opened in 1887, replacing the first one that once stood on the lot now occupied by the Riverton War Memorial. Note Roberts Store, built 1890 on point. The view is toward the river at Broad & Main.

The second floor had a large room that served as a meeting place for local organizations and a venue for entertainment and athletic events.



Roberts Store, Broad and Main, 1907, postcard detail



1905 Sanborn Insurance Map, Roberts Store detail

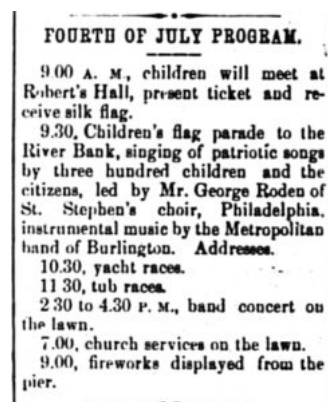
Shopkeepers rented several smaller rooms and a third floor served as storage—an upholsterer, clothing retailer, and clothing cleaner each rented space in the building for a time. The New Era newspaper and the Cinnaminson Bank conducted business there before moving to other quarters.

Mt. Zion AME Church began as a missionary society in 1896, meeting in the Roberts Store second floor. The congregation moved to its present location at 3rd & Penn Sts. in 1909.

Shortly after its late-1890 opening, local citizens raised money to install “a fine drinking fountain for man and beast . . . a welcome addition until cars replaced horses.”



1939 New Era Anniversary Issue



The origin of the July 4th

Parade traces to 1897 when Charles W. Davis and Alfred J. Briggs organized the first Children's Flag Parade. The procession formed at Roberts Store on the Point, each child received a silk flag, and all marched to the riverbank, where singing and oration followed. Aquatic events and then fireworks ended the day.

Weekly News (Palmyra), July
2, 1898 p2

Roberts conducted the store until
1927 when he sold out to the
Atlantic and Pacific Tea

Company, or the A&P.

He maintained a smaller store out of the same building until his death.



Jos. M. Roberts store ad, New Era, February 2, 1928, p8

**JOS. M. ROBERTS
EXPIRES AT 76**

**Old Riverton Resident Dies at
Cooper Hospital After
Brief Illness**

Joseph M. Roberts, 76, and one of Riverton's oldest residents, died in Cooper Hospital Tuesday morning from heart trouble after an illness of thirteen days.

Funeral services will be held from his late residence, at 407 Lippincott avenue, 3 o'clock fifth day afternoon (Friday). Friends may call fifth day (Thursday) evening from 7 to 9. Interment will be private and burial made in Westfield Cemetery. P. A. Shover, funeral director. Members of Camp No. 23, P.O.S. of A., and Covenant Lodge, P. and A. M. are invited to the viewing.

Mr. Roberts was one of the two living charter members of Covenant Lodge, P. & A. M., Palmyra. He was also a past Eminent Commander of the Burlington Chapter of Knights Templar.

December 25, 1928, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They have been residents of Riverton for fifty years.

Mrs. Roberts was Miss Anna Shaw, daughter of Alexander and Anna Hewson, of Philadelphia, and came of Colonial stock. Her grandmother and the mother of James Paulmore Cooper were sisters. Mr. Roberts is descended from John and Mary Roberts, who came from Wales in the ship Kent in 1877, and his grandmother was Lydia Lippincott, of Moorestown. Mr. Roberts was born in Crosswicks.

After their marriage the young couple lived in Philadelphia until 1882 when they moved to Riverton and Mr. Roberts bought the general store owned by Howard and William Thomas. He conducted the store until March, 1927, when he sold out to the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. Since that time until his death he had a small store on Main street in the same building.

Besides his wife he leaves four children, Anna B. Roberts, of Collingswood; Gertrude R. Boyd, of Haddonfield; Dr. Eugene W. Roberts, of Collingswood, and Joseph M. Roberts, Jr., of Riverton.

New Era, June 30,
1932, p1

Joseph Roberts died from complications of a stroke in 1932 and was buried in Westfield Friends Burial Ground.

The Roberts Store: Just a Memory

Upon Roberts' death, the family closed his small store and sold the inventory.

When the A&P struggled to meet its expenses, the store moved across the street to 528 Main in November 1935.

Joseph Roberts' heirs found out that they owed back taxes. Amid the Great Depression, they had to choose from dire alternatives—raze the building or sell it to a developer. Discussions arose between the heirs and the town about converting the space into a park.



A&P, 528 Main St., Riverton, NJ, undated photo



Roberts Bldg. razed, July 1938, scan courtesy of Mary Flanagan

Negotiations between the family and the borough to create a park **broke down**, and the building came down in 1938.



The Woolston family, former **carriage makers**, purchased the property and constructed a gas and service station at 515 Main Street to complement their **automobile agency** on Howard St.



New Era, June 4, 1936, p2

Another incarnation was **Reynolds' Service**

Station. Oddly, because of our access to old Riverton newspapers, it is easier to research the older events than it is the newer ones.

Please contact us if you have any photos or information about that chapter of the property.

Joseph Rainer bought the property in 1994 and for a time used it for his **painting business**. In 2002 he tore down the structure to three walls and transformed it into the

Victorian ornamented structure that stands there today. Various businesses have since rented the building, the most recent being **Haven Hair Design Studio**.

Marcus Tullius Cicero famously said, "To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child." A major purpose of our Society is to create an awareness of our heritage by explaining how individuals and groups throughout our history have shaped the town of today that we cherish.

ADDED 4/20/2022: We are so pleased when a reader contributes images or information that further develops a story. We just received this email from HSR member **Mary M. Flanagan**:

I saw an article in the Gaslight News recently asking for information on the former service station at 515 Main St. after it passed to John "Jack" Reynolds. I contacted Allen Reynolds who is a son of Jack's to see if he could contribute any information. Below is what Allen sent to me.

- Prior to 1947 – **Charles T. Woolston** was the original owner. My father was employee.
- Sept 1947 – Woolston and my father went into partnership (Woolston and Reynolds Service Station).
- Sept 1959 – Woolston opted out of partnership. My father bought Woolston out (Reynolds Service Center).
- However, Woolston continued to own the building, leasing it to my father.
- Jan 1980 – My father dies. I keep business. With my father's death, building lease expires. I have to purchase it to keep business operating.
- 1986 – Business closed. Building sold to **Robert S. Moccia Enterprises, Inc.**



Reynolds Service Station photo from Mary Flanagan

That was wonderful of Mary to track down this photo and information. I had to look carefully at that photo in case our old Ford Torino was in there as I often dropped off our car there for service on my way to Riverton School.

Regular visitors may recall Mary's contribution of scans of remarkable family photos and postcards that I have previously used to illustrate website and newsletter articles. She gave us images of some people, things, and places that literally have no other representation in our records, so in that regard they are priceless. Here are three:

- [Best Wishes from the Society](#)
- [Happy New Year...almost](#)
- [Jos. F. Yearly's photos recall the J.T. Evans Coal & Lumber business](#)

If you persevered to the end, how does viewing the article in this blog format compare to viewing the usual newsletter PDF?

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📅 March 6, 2022 👤 John McCormick

One thought on "A Gaslight News article on Changes at "The Point" 1851-Present"



Jim Lockhart

March 6, 2022 at 8:53 pm

Thanks for the interesting article. Prefer the blog format. I'm sharing it with my brother, who left Riverton in 1960 and now lives in New Hampshire.

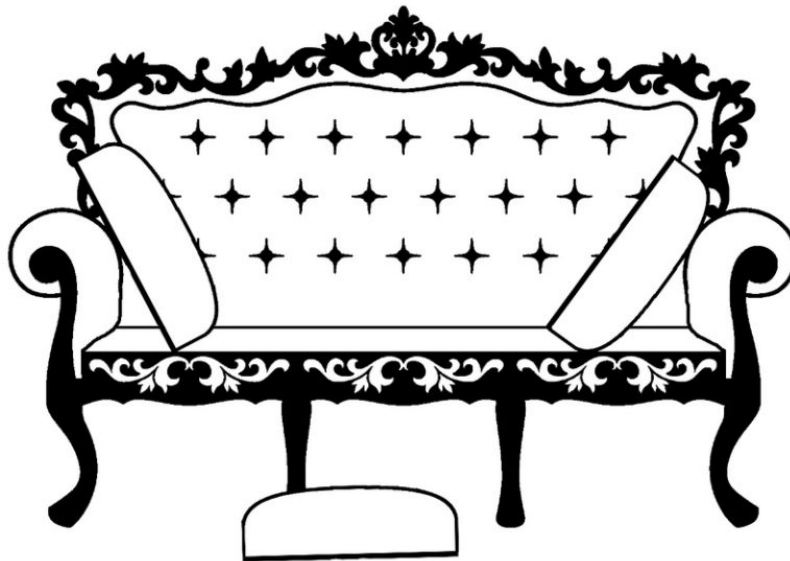
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Historical Society of Riverton, NJ

A Gaslight News article on organizing our archives

We really need to clean up this place more often.



Funny what turns up when you just turn over a couch cushion. Well, not really – we don't actually have a couch. Or a clubhouse, for that matter.

But metaphorically speaking, the housecleaning in our storage area these past few months has turned up more than just loose change.

For more than a year, our HSR Archives Committee has taken advantage of our COVID-induced meeting inactivity to organize, catalog, and archivally store items in our collection. In taking stock, they have found some happy surprises. (See more in [GN #186 May 2021](#), [GN #187 Aug 2021](#), [GN #188 Oct 2021](#), [GN #189 Dec 2021](#))

Four recent cases in point:

#1. New glass plate negative

Archivist **Keith Betten** turned up an orphaned glass plate negative that he figured was of Bank and Main and gave it to Board Member and Borough Historian **Roger Prichard** to see if he could get a scan of it.

Roger reports that indeed it is – and quite a wonderful little time machine. He explains:

Scanning glass plates isn't entirely successful unless you have the advanced equipment that the Conservation Center does, which we used for the collection of 19 plates last year. (See Issue #186, May 2021)



407 Bank Glass Plate neg. coll. HSR

But I was able to get a usable scan from my flatbed, and here it is. (It is a passable web-resolution scan; the Conservation Center will do better.)

The date is unknown and could be in quite a range, though generally turn-of-the-century. It can't be any earlier than 1882 when the Fitler family bought the house and rebuilt it, as you see here.

Not sure what's the latest it could be... the town had dirt streets well into the 20th century, and I don't know how late the last oil-burning street lamp was removed (see at extreme right).

In his book, *Tale of Three Towns*, **Lloyd Griscom** wrote, "In 1880 some fifty oil street lamps were installed on the few streets constituting Riverton at that time. Lemuel H. Davis organized this project, which was supported by popular subscription. Ann Holvick was named as a lamplighter at \$7.50 annually per lamp. These lamps survived until 1908 when the Borough replaced them with picturesque gas lights."

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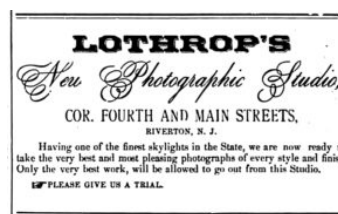
Here's a crop of just the street lamp (a **Dietz #3 Tubular Street Lamp** model later renamed the Pioneer).

Who was the photographer? That's a mystery to me. The whole feel of it is different than the collection in the box, but it's about the same era. It's also about the same era as the 5x7 album prints we got from eBay that I suspect were taken by W.R. Ellison (next door at 403 Bank).



Dietz #3 Tubular Street Lamp

Photographer **David Lothrop** (who lived in Iris and Rich Gaughan's house) was also very active at this time and did take photos of Bank Avenue houses. We got several among the great things that Miller Biddle gave us back in the Fall and I have yet to scan), but those were much more formal, not artistic/atmospheric like these.



Weekly News (Palmyra) Feb 26, 1898, p2

There's more detail on the plate than my scanner can pick up because of haloing on the thick glass plate so we should plan on paying the Conservation Center to scan it one of these days.

Thought you'd all enjoy this little excursion! -Rog

Yes, Roger, thank you for a step back in time. It must be cool for a homeowner to see a photo of their house from 100+ years ago. If you have a 50plus-year-old picture of your home that we could add to our collection, please send it to rivertonhistory@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, your *Gaslight News* Editor looked back to other times we wrote about the gas street lamps. Here's a summary:

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#2 **An Early Map Finds Its Way Home**, Archivist **Keith Betten** explains:

At the very end of January this year a curious document found its way to the "desk" in the HSR's Archival Area. A note which accompanied it indicated that it had somehow been included with the used books and media items regularly offered for sale on Sunday afternoons in the basement of the Riverton Free Library.

When a patron offered to purchase the item, which appeared to be an old, hand-drawn map, the sales volunteer on duty, **Janice Pappenberg**, indicated that she didn't know how that particular document had wound up on the bookshelves there but was pretty sure that "we don't sell old maps". She set it aside, and that is how it eventually found its way to the "Archives Desk."

Great save, Janice!



When it was carefully unfolded, from right to left (south to north), the hand-drawn images at first held the possibility of an important link to Riverton's early history; featuring a side-wheeler plying the Delaware River close to the shore, and a steam locomotive, with billowing smoke approaching a railway station, but when fully unfurled, it revealed that it depicted the confluence of the Rancocas "River or Creek" and the Delaware River.

It, in fact, depicted properties "adjoining the town of Progress" (now Riverside, NJ) based on a survey of the area made by **Benjamin H. Lippincott**, on October 6th, 1853. Because the document did not conform with "Riverton only" accessions policy developed by the Archives Committee, and approved by the HSR board, it was presented, to and was gratefully received by **Riverside Historical Society** president, **Alice Smith**, at their archives and museum on February 10th. That society intends to have it restored and prominently displayed.

Ed. note: We hope to get a better image than this cellphone snapshot.)



Riverton Free Library
original scan

#3 A "new" photo of RFL

(Appeared previously in GN #186,
May 2021)

Former RPS Librarian **Mrs. Pat Solin** actually relished the job of delving into the Library's catacombs to inventory items. So it was with a certain glee that she sent us

a hi-resolution scan of an undated and uncaptioned photo that she found. (See the original at left; photo-edited at right)



Riverton Free Library, undated

While a group email among Board Members awaited a consensus about its origin and date this Editor was motivated to post it along with a number of other vintage and modern views of our favorite library. (See them all [here](#).)

#4 Riverton Laundry 1944 Calendar Keith Betten explains:

Pat Solin has completed a masterful organization of the extensive files of the Historical Society of Riverton, ranging over the course of more than fifty years since its founding, and I continue to organize our “Images of Riverton” collection, which includes vintage and contemporary photographs, slides, video and digital formats of people, places, and events.

In early February, I happened upon a relic from a Riverton business, probably issued in the 1940s. During that time, the **Riverton Laundry**, a fairly extensive operation located in East Riverton, seems to have produced what has to be termed “rather risqué” calendars for selected customers and maybe for the boys overseas.



Riverton Laundry Calendar, c1940s

The calendar page is gone, but the image, in vivid color, was saved. Typical of the (pardon the expression) “girlie calendars” popular at the time, it will become a part of the HSR’s “Private Riverton Businesses” archival collection.

Ed. note: Keith says “...probably issued in the 1940s” because coincidentally, HSR member Jerry Mooney brought to our attention a 1943 pinup calendar of his that also advertises the Riverton Laundry.



Riverton Laundry ad, 1939
New Era Anniversary Issue

Here are some **Riverton Laundry** ads from *The New Era*.



1943 Riverton Laundry
Calendar, Jerry Mooney
PG edit



Thanks to our ability to search through 50+ years of our newsletters, I found this acknowledgment on page 4 of [GN #125 Jan 2007](#).

“**Trish** and **Geno Mori** recently donated a calendar from the Riverton Laundry. The date is unknown as the calendar part has been removed, but the top portion of the calendar has a lovely nude female figure on it.”

Mystery solved!

Should you find any Riverton-related items during your spring cleaning, please consider donating them to the Society. I am weary of hearing someone say, “Oh, I had one of those. Threw it out.” Some of our best finds have been [rescued from the trash](#).

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Before & After: Discoveries in Historic Preservation, a presentation by Dan Campbell, 7pm on Thursday, April 21, 2022

The Gaslight News #182 published in January 2020 an announcement of **Dan Campbell's** March 26 presentation.

Meanwhile, a scientist in China confirmed that a mysterious new pneumonia-like illness identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019, could be transmitted from human to human. The US saw its first case of the disease, later named COVID-19. By February, cases of COVID-19 multiplied around the world, and by March, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic.

The presentation never happened, and we haven't held a General Membership Meeting since.

After a 25-month delay caused by COVID restrictions, we are pleased to announce that Dan has graciously agreed to give his talk on April 21, 2022, at Riverton Free Library.

Daniel Campbell, AIA, is a widely recognized multi-state licensed architect whose specialty is the restoration and preservation of historic architecture. He is also a past HSR president and former Gaslight News editor.

During his eighteen years in Riverton, Mr. Campbell restored and rehabilitated his residence at 16 Carriage House Lane while designing four new residences.

Dan was part of the Riverton Steamboat Landing Foundation Project Team that completed the restoration of the Riverton Yacht Club. The project won a 2001 NJ State

Historic Preservation Project Award.

In 1999, after several years of careful and exhaustive research by Society members and the Borough led by **Daniel Campbell, Keith Betten, and Betty Hahle**, the National Register of Historic Places designated Riverton Historic District.

Mr. Campbell's 40-slide PowerPoint incorporates many detailed drawings and photos of projects he has executed over his career in PA, NJ (including Riverton), DE, MD, & SC.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY of RIVERTON
invites you to a
 special presentation by Daniel Campbell, architect and former HSR President

Before & After Discoveries in Historic Preservation

Mr. Campbell shares his 30+ years experience in architecture and historic preservation in a 40-slide PowerPoint that features many of the projects he has executed in PA, NJ (including Riverton), DE, MD, & SC.

Thursday April 21 2022 7:00 pm Riverton Library 306 Main St. Free Admission Limited Seating

Daniel T. Campbell, AIA

The National Park Service names four aspects of Historic Preservation PRESERVATION, RESTORATION, REHABILITATION, AND RECONSTRUCTION

The Borough, led by Daniel Campbell, Keith Betten, and Betty Hahle, secured Riverton's designation as a Historic District from the National Register of Historic Places in 1999. Among Dan's projects are Riverton Yacht Club, Fairmount Park houses, Nicholas Biddle Estate, New Bolton Center at U of P Veterinary School, Merion Friends Meetinghouse, Washington Memorial Chapel.

Riverton Yacht Club

16 Carriage House Lane



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RIV101: History of Riverton 101

prerequisites: NONE

LECTURE HOURS/CREDITS: 1½/0



Roger Prichard PHOTO:
Susan Dechnik

Borough Historian **Roger Prichard** presented a slideshow that might well have been titled “History of Riverton 101” at the Porch Club on February 16 to an audience of about eighty appreciative HSR members and Porch Club members.



Porch Club 2-16-2022
PHOTO: Bill McDermott

The central premise of the illuminating presentation is that the founders were almost all wealthy Quaker merchants from the Philadelphia area who were deeply committed to the abolition of slavery.

Roger’s extensive use of old photos, maps, newspaper clippings, and documents, many of which had not been seen by an audience before, delivered a very factual, vivid, and engaging picture of the birth of Riverton.

We hope to reprise this program for the general public sometime in the fall.

Membership Report from Heather MacIntosh Huffnagle



The Historical Society of Riverton welcomes new members Stephanie Brown of Riverton, Robert Lundstedt Jr of Mount Laurel, NJ, and Nicole Rafter of Riverton!

Thanks to those members who have already renewed. If you haven't already, please send your dues **via mail** or by

PayPal on our website (scroll down left side to find the PayPal button).

In addition to renewing their memberships, many members have made additional donations. As of March 16, 2022, we have collected \$2,560 in extra contributions! Many thanks to those members: C. William and Joan Biddle, Pat Brunner, Steve Cawley, William and Jo Ann Corbi, Ed and Joann Costigan, Hank and Jill Croft, Joseph and Michele Daniel, Donald and Pamela Dietz, Joe and Eileen DellaPenna, Dennis and Janet DeVries, Jeffrey DiFrancesco and Stephanie Zarus, Eileen Gilbert, Paul Grena, James Griffin, Henry Parrish Hackett, William and Nancy Hall, George and Mary Honeyford, Helen Hughes, Lynn Johnson, Michael and Mary Kate Kearney, Alan and Helene Lilholt, Robert Lundstedt, William and Mary Markiewicz, William and Patricia McDermott, Eleanor Paladino, John and Barbara Palko, Mary Pat Peters, Paul Schopp, Michael Spinelli, Dorothy Talavera, and Richard H. Winans Jr.

Writing Prize for High School Students

Pre-COVID November 2019 seems like a lifetime ago.

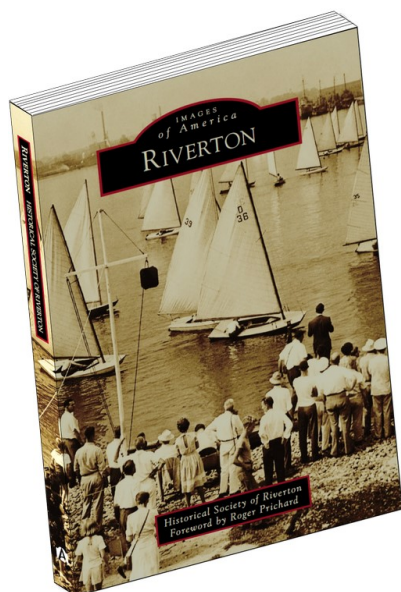
Huffnagle hosted a brilliant **House Party** at the historic Coales' home with the goal to establish cash awards to encourage students to author local history articles using primary source material.

The event raised over \$4,000, but we are only now able to discuss how to frame the program. At an HSR Board meeting on March 15, the group talked about the writing prize and targeted April 1 as the day to announce details regarding our inaugural award. Stay tuned!



100 Lippincott Ave. 11-21-2019

Riverton Arcadia book is coming July 4



Arcadia Book Project Manager **Faith Endicott** reports that our illustrated 128-page paperback Arcadia Images of America book about Riverton is on the way to the presses. It will contain several images not previously seen by the public. We expect to receive our 300 pre-ordered books in time to sell on July 4.

The price is \$23.99. We are preparing to accept payment in cash, Venmo, and PayPal. We plan to set up in front of the library. More details to follow.

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Joe Della Penna

March 17, 2022 at 3:28 pm

It would be great to set up some prepaid orders for the new book so they have enough for 4th of July

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