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HAPPENING NOW

Thank you for picking up a copy of the NEW Lizette Gazette created by members of the Riverside Historical Society.

ZURBRUGGS ON THE MOVE…AGAIN!

Lizette and Theophilus Zurbrugg are on the move- their portraits that is! They are moving to 3 Franklin Street and setting up residence in the 1930s train station and saying good-bye to 10 Zurbrugg Way. Moving with them is the Riverside Historical Society and its collection thanks to the generosity of Virtua Health Systems and their deed of gift to the Society.

Left: The new and permanent home of the Riverside Historical Society with our former longtime residence in the background.

The Zurbruggs will be happy in their new home. The former ticket room and its walls will feature items and memorabilia of the Zurbruggs, their Keystone Watch Case Company and Riverside Metals, and the Zurbrugg Memorial Hospital. It is so appropriate to showcase these items in the former Zurbrugg Hospital Thrift Depot.

Left: Mr. and Mrs. Z have found their new home!

FROM A TRAIN DEPOT TO OUR NEW HOME!

The combined Auxiliaries of the two hospitals, ZMH and Rancocas Valley, sent a letter in intent on July 22, 1975 to Penn Central Railroad. Sixteen days later they acquired the station to use as a Thrift Depot. On August 20, 1975 they celebrated their Opening Ceremony and took ownership of the train station on December 2, 1998. They operated for 47 years closing in April 2022. Thank you so much to all volunteers for your dedication in our communities throughout those 47 years.

The Historical Society's acquisition process took years of preparation, interrupted by the COVID-19 global pandemic, but was completed in May 2022. We are excited to move into our new home and hope to host the Historical Society's September meeting at the train station when we begin our 2022-2023 season!

Thank you to all those who made this possible. We are excited to share our collection and our new home to the public during town-wide events and once we are regularly open monthly again soon!

SUPER WALL BANNERS MAKE ITS DEBUT!

Our new Super Wall Banner of Military servicemembers was the talk of the town! VP Brittany Rae and Trustee Vince Malecki spoke at the Memorial Day service at the war monuments after the parade. Take some time to walk uptown and view the individual banners and the brand-new Super Wall Banner with veterans and active duty servicepeople- it's amazing when you realize these 139 with Riverside bonds are just a fraction of the men and women who have served our country from our community.

Celebrate the RPD's 100th Anniversary!

On sale at our meetings and our museum!
$10/ea. All proceeds support the
Riverside Historical Society!

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Flip over to see who Lizette is and what our area was like decades ago.

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LIZETTE'S CORNER

We know Lizette was an avid traveler, having journeyed to Europe 48 times in her lifetime but it's nice to know she made the most of her time while there as it was not the quick trip by air we're used to today! Read below about one of her extended visits to Germany.

Where would you go if you have months to spend abroad?

Mrs. T. Zurbrugg and niece, Miss Katharine Muller, accompanied Mr. Zurbrugg, who left for Europe yesterday. They will be gone several months, spending much of their time in Germany.

-Courier post March 22nd, 1907

Written as a reminder of those events and people that came before us and helped shape Riverside's beginning, the Riverside Historical Society details and describes the 19th century residents who contributed to Riverside's prosperity as a community. Read how their interactions helped in the transformation of this small section of Burlington County from a few scattered farms, with very few residents, into the Township of Riverside.

Winner of Burlington County History Recognition Committee's 2020 Published History Award, "Progress to Riverside: A Story of Our Town's Past" was written by Trustee, Herm Maurer and was published and sold by the 501(c)(3) non-profit Riverside Historical Society to commemorate the 125th Year of the Incorporation of the Town of Riverside on 2/20/2020!

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

It amazes us to see all the treasures that still remain in our community, buried for decades in someone's attic, closet, or dresser drawer- and sometimes even in another town's archives! One such donation is an 1853 map measuring 29" x 20" of Progress donated on February 3rd, 2022 from the Historical Society of Riverton. The map is a plan of property of Duncan M. Mitcheson and is situated between the Camden and Amboy Railroad and the Rancocas River, adjoining the town of Progress, NJ surveyed by Benjamin H. Lippincott on October 6th, 1853. On March 31st, the map was hand carried by Steve and Ruth Marino to the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts located at 264 S. 23rd Street in Philadelphia.

We strive to ensure the history of towns are returned to that historical society's collection so thank you, Historical Society of Riverton, for this wonderful donation back to ours!

What would 19th Century social media look like? Wonder no more! Taken from Riverside newspapers:

April 15th, 1903: The second masquerade ball of the Riverside dancing academy will be held April 28th.
June 11th, 1903: Henry Walter of this place has purchased Fletcher tract at Delanco, including some thirty acres.
July 20th, 1904: T. Zurbrugg, President of the Philadelphia Watch Case Company, and August Zurbrugg, his brother, will start for Europe Saturday for an extended trip combining business and pleasure.

EVENTS IN & AROUND 08075

WEDNESDAY, June 15th 7pm
HISTORY AND LEGACY OF RHS HALL OF FAME @ Riverside American legion
Join us for the Riverside Historical Society's June meeting where RHS's Barbara Milch will present and speak about her 50+ years of service to recording and photographing Riverside sports! All former Hall of Fame inductees welcome!

FRIDAY, June 17th 8:30pm or dusk
RAYA THE LAST DRAGON @ Pennington Park in Delanco
First of the "Movies Under the Stars" series for the county. *Not a Riverside Historical Society event*

TUESDAY-SATURDAY, June 19-23rd Times vary.
FARM FAIR @ Burlington County Fair Grounds
75th County Farm Fair! Fireworks on opening night! *Not a Riverside Historical Society event*

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