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

HAPPENING NOW

BASEMENT YIELDS TREASURES!

What cherished items are hidden in your basement? Could it be a paper document, hidden behind a \$4.00 flea market painting, which experts later identify as a first printing of the Declaration of Independence? However, whether your donations to the Riverside Historical Society are valued at \$1 or \$3+million, they are priceless to us!

Just ask Glenn and Millie Tubic Oppermann Sr. of Palmyra who made a donation last September after finding two boxes filled with (27) 5x7 dry plates that had been sitting in their basement for over thirty years. These glass photographic scenes showcase Riverside families, homes, and fire company memories from years long gone by.

The Oppermanns acquired the slides from John Cook of Atco; the numbered markings seen on the plates are his own when he began scanning the collection for identification. John and his wife, Angela Serlenga Cook, found the boxes in the garage of her parents' house on Neck Road in Burlington Township. Our member, Frank Pearson, has since scanned and enhanced them to the images you see at right today.

We think the dry plates may have been part of the Gustave "Gus" Hennigs Collection and were passed to Gus' son Adam "Ottie" and Marie Kleesattel Hennigs. Some photographic images on the plates are familiar and already a part of our collection, however, others have never been seen like the images we're including in this edition's printing. Another investigative research into our collection determined one of these homes to be the Hennig home and store – "Mr. Hennig's store on Bridgeboro Street with dwelling attached, is completed and he will soon open with a stock of groceries." [Sminkey, April 1885, 18].

Hennigs & Brothers were involved in box making and in July 1890, James Brammall Jr. purchased their company. By October, they were "making a quite strong show." [Sminkey, p 62]. A 1890 industrial journal entry mentions J. J. Hennig, Paper boxes, employing 1 man and 6 women, however, we are not sure if this is the same family as there were two families living in Riverside with two different spellings: Hennigs and Hennings. According to the families, they are not related. If you can help us with the identification of the people in the photographs, please reach out to us at riversidehistoricalsocietyNJ@gmail.com with "Hennigs" written in the subject line.

To learn more about this collection, mark your planners for a program highlighting the history of Riverside through Oppermann's dry plate donation at our monthly meeting when Frank Pearson will present a more in depth look on Wednesday October 15, 2025.



Left: Boxes of dry plates also known as glass negatives.
Below: Images found on these dry plates as mentioned in our article.



Mark your calendars to join us at **RIVERSIDE'S MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY** immediately following the parade at approximately 10:30 am on Monday, May 26th, 2025. The service will take place in Monument Park located behind the Police Station and across from the Riverside Historical Society.

This year's Parade Marshal is Emerson Lucas who has a long legacy of serving our community for the past seven decades or so from the military serviceman, to the American Legion, Fire Company, Parade Coordinator and much more!

As the Master of Ceremonies, Vince Malecki, will host on behalf of the Riverside Historical Society. We invite you to attend, bring your friends and family, and make it a point to be there as we honor two service men from Riverside who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

In continuation of honoring our veterans, the Riverside Historical Society have accumulated an extensive collection of military records and would be honored if you considered donating copies of your veteran's military papers. Stop by during our open hours. If you're not ready to part with originals, allow us to make a copy to keep on-file at the museum.



MATCHING DONATION CAMPAIGN GOAL EXCEEDED!

We'd like to thank Bill Stanley for initiating the "TAKE THE CHALLENGE" Fundraiser that ran from December to end of January! Thanks to his generosity, as well as all of our donors and friends of the Riverside Historical Society, we can definitely say the challenge was accepted and **SMASHED!**

Bill has become a great supporter of our organization through his 60-year friendship with Trustee Vince Malecki.

We cannot say **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** enough to all of you who extended a donation and, of course, Bill as well!

These funds will be used to fuel ongoing capital improvements for our historical building.

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

HAPPENING THEN

LIZETTE'S CORNER



Enjoy this clipping from the New Jersey Mirror dated April 14th, 1920 to see what Lizette was up to this time of year over 100 years ago!

“Mrs. L. Zurbrugg will give a Musical Tea at her

home on the riverbank, Delanco, on Saturday afternoon, May 1, at two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon, for the benefit of the Burlington County Children's Home.

The program is being arranged by members of the Philadelphia Music Club, under the supervision of Mrs. J.S.W. Holton, President of the Club. The tickets are \$1.00 and may be purchased of any of the managers.”



-The New Jersey Mirror, p. 1 - 4/14/1920

MUCH AT THE MUSEUM

The year 2024 has proven to be another productive, successful year for the Riverside Historical Society receiving 149 physical donations with each having anywhere from 1-40 items recorded in the numbered category.

The top contributors for this year are Becker/Dadino, Cancellieri, Donahue/Karn, Dmochowski/VanEtten, France, Hindsley, Hinkle, Kemble, Kirk, Lucas, Marino/Peluso/Solomon, Nitchkey, Olgiati, and Wrice families along with the Riverside Fire Company and Riverside Schools.

One special item is a piece of the tin ceiling/wall from William F. Taubel's office overlooking Scott Street and the railroad tracks where the lot stands closest to the Pancoast/Candy/Canducci building currently being redeveloped as The Mill at Riverside. The tin belonged to Dennis Rogers and was part of his collection until this past summer.

Dennis passed away on June 16th, 2024, and the piece was purchased by Bill Baxter from Rogers' estate and then donated by Bill in memory of Dennis. The framed piece now hangs on the ceiling of our museum. Stop by, look up, and enjoy the same view as one of Riverside's forefathers!

Dennis was an active member of our organization and a dear friend to many of the local history groups in the community, especially the Riverfront Historical Society where he served as President for almost 25 years. He is greatly missed!

Old Views Are New Again In Town!

Local folks have seen the new town limit “welcome” signs but for those of you reading from further away, take a look at each vignette featuring images from our archives! Interested in learning more about each image? Check out our social media posts detailing what and why they were selected!



OPEN HOURS AT THE MUSEUM

Every Thursday from 9am-4pm.
Every second and last Saturday of the month from 1-4pm.

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COMING UP IN & AROUND 08075

WEDNESDAY, May 21st, 2025 7pm

May Meeting of the Riverside Historical Society @ American Legion #146

Join us at our monthly meeting always featuring a fun program and fellowship! Bring your friends!

MONDAY, May 26th, 2025 9am-noon

Memorial Day in Riverside @ Monument Park

Spend the morning remembering the reason for the holiday. Watch the parade and walk over to Monument Park (behind the Police Station) for the Memorial Day Ceremony where we honor and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice!

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