

SPRING 2024

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## HAPPENING NOW



### ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL Memorial Day 2024 in Riverside

Thank you to all those who came out to commemorate Memorial Day in Riverside. There is no "happy" Memorial Day, instead we remember and thank all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. This year two Riverside heroes who were killed in action were spotlighted during the ceremony.

The men, Matthew Kirchner and Robert Eastburn, were best friends who joined the military together and would ultimately perish together in the Guadalcanal. Their families were present at the ceremony, where they met for the first time in 82 years since they lost their loved ones.

We are so thankful the weather held out for the parade and ceremony and thank the nearly 90 people who came through our museum for visiting! Thank you to everyone who helped us honor the fallen from the parade, to the ceremony, and beyond!



Special thank you to Sargent Andrew Walker of the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey in Lawrenceville for loaning the following items for our military exhibit on Memorial Day:  
World War II Marine uniform, fatigues, and hat.  
-Vince Malecki

### “GRANT”ED SUCCESS!

Thanks to the 2024 County History Partnership Program Grant, the inner workings of the 96-year-old Zurbrugg Memorial Hospital clock left the station on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to be cleaned, repaired, and were returned a month later by Antiques and Clocks Repair and Service of Moorestown, NJ. Master clock repairman, David Fisher, and his wife, Lisa, have owned the company for 36 years and were voted the Best of the Best winners for 6 years in a row by the readers of South Jersey’s House & Home Magazine. The neoclassical clock was made by Mathius Bauerle of St. Georgen, Germany for the Charles Jacques Company of Brooklyn, New York and stands 7’-11” tall with 13 tube chimes.

Mrs. Ralph Charlton donated the clock to the hospital in the 1950s. It stood in the Board Room of the Nurse’s Residence and was later moved to the main hospital lobby where it remained until 1993. The clock and hospital contents were sold with the building. However, in September 2005, it was donated to the Riverside Historical Society where it was displayed at Sun Bank and later in the landmark historic Watchcase Building where our organization was formerly housed. The clock moved two other times. First on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, to 10 Zurbrugg Way and most recently to its present location at the 1931 Pennsylvania Railroad Station on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

We are pleased to retain and hold the ZMH clock in public trust for future generations but maintaining our collection requires funding and as we were reminded by Mr. Fisher, continued maintenance is strongly recommended. So we ask that if you have fond memories of listening to its tick-tock and chimes while waiting in the lobby before visiting a friend or family member at ZMH, please consider leaving an endowment or donate for future cleanings and repairs! Reach out to us at [riversidehistoricalsocietynj@gmail.com](mailto:riversidehistoricalsocietynj@gmail.com) for more information!

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Left: Empty no more! The clock has been restored and chimes again! But it was neat to see the process!

Below: David and Lisa Fisher with Joanne and Rob Smith.



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# HAPPENING THEN

## LIZETTE'S CORNER



“Lizette’s Corner” goes literal this issue!

We’re spotlighting the Missing Man Table which was displayed inside our museum near the portrait of Lizette (top right corner) prior to the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Each item gives a symbolism in relation to those who are no longer with us:

- The **table is round** showing our everlasting concern for our POW/MIA's.
- The **cloth is white** symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.
- The **single red rose** signifying the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose, reminding us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep the faith, while awaiting their return.
- The **yellow ribbon** stands for the yellow ribbons worn on the lapels of the thousands who demand with unyielding determination a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us tonight.
- A **slice of lemon** reminding us of the bitter fate of those missing, captured and held as prisoners in foreign lands.
- A **pinch of salt** denoting the tears of our missing and their families who long for answers after decades of uncertainty.
- The **Holy Bible** represents the strength gained through faith in our country, founded as one nation under God, to sustain those lost from our midst.
- The **lighted candle** reflects the light of hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.
- The **glass is inverted** symbolizing their inability to share the evening's toast.



**Let us remember and never forget their sacrifices.**

### What would social media look like in early Riverside? Wonder no more! Taken from Riverside newspapers:

**May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1892:** A meeting of the veterans of the G.A.R. will take place at the residence of Frank Kubler on Monday evening to make arrangements for Decoration Day services.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1904:** H. Hernandez, a Palmyra wallpaper dealer, has opened a store on Webster Street.

### “GRANT”ED SUCCESS! continued

Another CHPP Grant success story has been in progress for over two full years! In February 2022, The Historical Society of Riverton’s Archivist, Keith Betten, stopped by 10 Zurbrugg Way to donate the Duncan M. Mitcheson Map of Green Bank Farm in Riverside. The map, drawn by Benjamin H. Lippincott in 1853, was in severe need of conservation treatment. After an evaluation and recommendations by the Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia were obtained on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, a Grant Committee was put together to begin the work of applying for the CHPP Grant in 2023.

Once the CHPP Grant was awarded, we signed a contract on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 with the CCAHA and they then provided housing, treatment, digitalization and prints, and a framed copy for display over a year’s time.

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through the efforts of Steve Marino, CCAHA returned the restored map to us! The Duncan M. Mitcheson map is now on display among other historic maps of Riverside dating from 1851, 1853, and 1899. They hang along the walls of what was the agent’s room of the former PRR station, now the Genealogy Room of the Riverside Historical Society Museum.

Stop by to see the beauty of the hand rendered map soon!



*The Mitcheson Map, dated October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1853, features several small hand rendered drawings; the train above is just one of the illustrated scenes.*

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### OPEN HOURS AT THE MUSEUM

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

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### EVENTS IN & AROUND 08075

**SATURDAY, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 1-4pm**

**Museum open hours @ Riverside Historical Society (3 Franklin St.)**

See all the new old stuff that’s been donated!

**THURSDAYS this Summer 7-9pm**

**Summer Concerts @ Hawk Island Marina (Delanco)**

Free concerts sponsored by the Delanco Recreation Commission. See their website at [www.delancotownship.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.delancotownship.com/parksandrecreation) for updates and cancellations.

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