

CAPTAIN ROSE RISES AGAIN

Captain George W. Rose, a Brighton resident, was killed in action during the Civil War at the Battle of the Wilderness in Virginia in 1864. George Rose answered President Lincoln's call for men in 1861 and joined the 5th Michigan Infantry, Company I, as a First Sergeant.

This distinguished white marble headstone bearing his name within a crest that is topped by an eagle with flags to either side has been lying broken in the dirt and grass for at least the last 70 years. The final record of this man's life and service to country is finally standing upright again. The volunteers of the Brighton Area Historical Society Headstone Preservation Project will complete the Captain Rose restoration by the end of August.

To view this headstone, walk through the double arched entrance gates of



Brighton's Old Village Cemetery located downtown next to the Millpond and up the hill behind the gazebo. Walk straight about 200 feet under the beautiful canopy of trees and look three headstone rows to the right for the three small U.S. flags on veteran's graves.

All broken and leaning headstones within the cemetery are being repaired in a ten year project financed by memberships and donations to the Brighton Area Historical Society. If you would like to join as a volunteer on the 4th Monday of each month during the summer or make a donation, please contact me.

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"Youngster's View of Brighton History"

September—October View Brighton school children's work we received from a 4th Grade assignment in 1978. Check out their view of Brighton's history. At the CoBACH Center Sunday—Friday 5-8 pm Saturday 11am-5pm Closed Monday

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WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Brighton Area Historical Society extends condolences to the family of **Margaret Wilcox**
 A long time member of the Society.

The Brighton Kiwanis Club and Dennis Dimoff are to be thanked for their 39th year of providing music by the mill pond during the summer. Not every community has such a perfect site for holding these kinds of events nor does every community have such dedicated individuals and groups such as Dennis Dimoff and the Brighton Kiwanis. (In fact, the Brighton area has a number of groups dedicated to the improvement, enjoyment and enrichment of this community.)

Thanks and Recognition

Memberships:

INDIV/FAMILIES: Joanne Bellmard, David & Jacque Fuller*, Rodney Goble*.

*Welcome to new members: David & Jacque Fuller and Rodney Goble.

Renewing and new members keep the Society vital.

THANKS:

- Marieanna Bair, Jackie Damm, Jeanette Johnson and Jane Tomlinson for preparing the August issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- CoBACH volunteers for August: Mindy Kinsey, Hank Winegar, Joe Collins, Sheryl Vigmostad, Nancy Fredenburg, Larry Lawrence and Jim Vichich.
- Mindy Kinsey for setting up the Burroughs Farms Exhibit at the CoBACH Center for July and August. Many wonderful comments shared by all the visitors!
- The fun-loving archivists who enjoy volunteering every Thursday at the Lyon Schoolhouse include: Jerry Damon, Marieanna Bair, Mindy Kinsey, Jill Eastcott, Joe Collins, Valerie Haggerty, Lynn Strong, Larry Lawrence and Jim Vichich.
- The July OVC Headstone Preservation team: Hank Winegar, Bob Pettengill, Bill Goodwin, Jerry and Gunnar Damon, Gary Reutter, Dave Pettigrove, Bill Dixon, Don Thomas, Nick and Larry Lawrence, Dave Rebigier, Joe Collins, Ed Vitez, Bob Knight and Jim Vichich.
- Ed Vitez as the dynamic Dr. Gatling as he presented about his Gatling gun at CoBACH Center on August 16. Thanks to Joyce Vitez for assisting with this presentation.
- To the following volunteers who helped setup, teardown and staff our BAHS booth during the Brighton Art Fair: Jerry and Carole Damon, Joe Collins, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence, Joanne Bellmard, Shirley and Bob Knight, Jeanette Johnson, Lynn Strong, Carol McMacken, Sheryl Vigmostad, Marieanna Bair, Sue and Lee Garcia, Genel Pratt, Valerie Haggerty, Hank Winegar, Betsy Herbst, Joyce Powers, Lin and Clark Millar, Tom Reinke, Tony and Beth Ferreyra, Tammy Sexton and Jim Vichich.
- Bob & Kitty Padget for their address change.
- Brighton Rotary for a hard cover edition of Old Brighton Village, and 1946 Brighton Victory Homecoming booklet.
- George and Fritzie Seger for the "History of Brighton Peerless Band, aka the Seger Band" by Wilber Clay Seger.
- Trail Tales readers who send address changes.
- Rodney Goble for his donation to the BAHS Project Fund with his membership dues.

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Dates to Remember

September—October CoBACH Exhibit: "Youngsters View of Brighton History" Sun-Fri: 5-8pm, Sat: 11am—5pm, Mon: Closed

Sept. 2,3,6,9,10,13,16,17,20,23,24,27,30; 5pm—8pm: BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sun, and Wed and Thurs.

Sept. 3,10,17,24; 9am—12nn: Archiving / Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse.

Sept. 23; 6pm: BAHS Board meeting at CoBACH.

Sept 28; 9am—2pm: Old Village Cemetery, Headstone Preservation Day. Help rebuild broken headstones at Brighton's 1838 Cemetery. 4th Monday of the summer months, Oct. 26.

Oct 1; 6:30pm—9pm: Cluster Meeting of Historical Societies and Libraries at Milford Historical Society Museum.

October 16 and 24 The Remarkable Molly Brown, and October 17 and 23 Mary Todd Lincoln: Encore Performances: 7:30 pm at

CoBACH. Tickets are \$10 at CoBACH or \$10 + fee using PayPal at www.livplayers.org.

WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

Sept 11: Lansing Historical Society of Michigan Workshops. Advanced Digitizing of Collections. www.hsmichigan.org.

Sept 13-26: Ypsilanti Historical Society Quilt Exhibit. www.ypsilantihistoricalsociety.org.

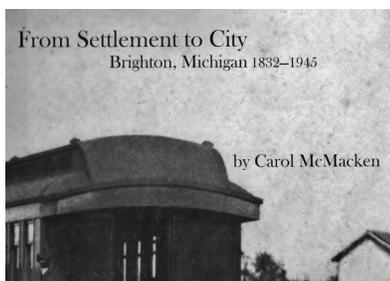
Sept. 19-20: Milford Annual Home Tour. 248-685-7308.

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Brighton, Michigan 1832-1945
By Carol McMacken
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This large volume hardcover book offers the reader an opportunity to gain insight into the chronology of the first one hundred and thirteen years of Brighton's existence. Through text and an extensive-photo collection it is possible to appreciate the effort of the early inhabitants as they endeavored to establish a viable community.

This book can be found at Lawrence Autobody and CoBACH Center or by calling 810-250-7276

We Need Your Help

We are asking our members to step up and get involved. "Can you fill this need?"

Volunteers at CoBACH

Welcome desk (one day a month), help set up displays, loan of personal items for displays of the early days of Brighton.

Contact Jim Vichich at 810-250-7276

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Lyon School

11455 Buno Road, west of Pleasant Valley Road. The 1885 Lyon School is a fully restored, barrier-free one-room schoolhouse and serves as our organization headquarters.

CoBACH Center

202 W. Main Street, in downtown Brighton next to the Millpond. CoBACH is formally known as the City of Brighton, Arts, Culture and History Center. It is located in the historic 1879 two story brick building, also known as the Old Town Hall.

The BAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please help us fund our mission while also helping yourself with a tax-deductible contribution.

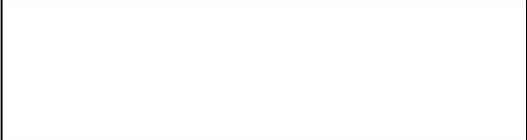
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A Story About Island Lake — Part 1

The words Island Lake cause one to think of the state park, year round homes with lake frontage, recreation, fishing, swimming, etc. In the late 18th century it (with Fonda and Briggs Lakes) was often home to Indians of the Chippewa and Ottawa tribes, among others. They tended gardens of corn. Their diet was supplemented with nuts, roots, etc., they shot game and fished in the lake.

With the dawning of the 19th century settlers from eastern states arrived to farm (often finding arrowheads when plowing), displacing the Indians, who were forcibly moved farther west on to reservations.

By 1834, much of the Island, Fonda and Briggs Lakes area was purchased by speculators, few of whom ever came to see their claim. By the mid 1800s the names John Sowle, James Coe and Lewis B. Fonda appear as landowners in the records. They were putting down roots.

The majority of farmers included an ice house with their other outbuildings. By the 1850s, ice began to be harvested commercially. An ice house for storing ice cut from Island Lake was located on the southwest side of the lake.

In 1872, the Detroit, Lansing and Northern (D.L.&N.) Railroad put down tracks around the south end of Island Lake on its way from the Green Oak Station on to Brighton and beyond. Where the tracks crossed Academy Drive, a station was constructed.

The arrival of the D. L. & N. Railroad improved the commercial aspect considerably. A special siding for shipping ice was installed. Refrigerated cars made the transport of ice to far markets viable. Crystal McFadden Ice Company often hired 30-40 men, usually farmers, during the winter months. With the invention of electric refrigeration near the turn of the 20th century, most people by the mid 1930s, had the source of ice in their

own homes. However, it was the mid 1950s before home delivery was discontinued.

Learning that the Michigan Militia was searching for a suitable training ground, B.T.O. Clark, a Brighton attorney, promoted the Island Lake site. Perhaps it was the proximity of the railroad with its depot and sidings, perhaps the water and ice from the lake, or perhaps the availability of suitable terrain, in any event the State Militia developed Camp Jerome in 1882 as a training site on the south side of the railroad at Academy Drive. The arrival of hundreds of men for training each summer assuredly improved the local economy. Militia from other states trained here also. When war was declared with Spain April 25, 1898, five National Guard regiments of over 5000 enlisted men and over 230 officers boarded the train at Island Lake for service, May 8/July 25, 1898. Thousands were on hand to watch and cheer on each day's departure. The training grounds were later used sporadically. Workers took down the buildings to be reconstructed at a camp in Manistee, June 1901.

With declaration of WWI, April 9, 1917, the Island Lake campground site was considered inadequate because of the huge numbers of men involved. *(To be Continued)*

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from "From Settlement to City, Brighton, Michigan, 1832-1945" by Carol McMacken and "Yesteryears of Green Oak, 1830-1930". Additions/corrections requested 810-229-6402.)

BAHS has a large number of old photos that are available for purchase from the Society. Contact Jim at 810-250-7276 or visit the Lyon School on Buno Road any Thursday morning from 9am—12nn.