

Old Village Cemetery Rededication Ceremony



Parade: 10:00 am | Rededication: 11:15 am
Cemetery Tours: 12:00 noon

I hope that everyone has set aside time for the rededication of Old Village Cemetery. It will commence immediately after the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars parade and memorial service on Main Street.

The rededication will feature the 5th Michigan Regiment Band. This Civil War style band with color guard will lead the community into the cemetery via the new DDA walkway adjacent to Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. Construction begins in April and will be visible along the top terrace above the gazebo.

During the rededication, you will hear the 5th Michigan Band play vintage music from the 1860's period. The ceremony will feature history about the cemetery. Infor-

mation will be shared about lives of the community members interred there including the first burial in 1837. Learn about John McKinnie, a runaway slave, who made his home in Brighton. Did you know Michigan's first Republican governor, and US Senator, Kinsley Bingham maintained a farm in nearby Green Oak Township?

Following the ceremony, you can experience a personal tour of eight gravesites. Actors from the Livingston Players will present the lives and experiences of local towns' people as they stand in front of their headstones in period dress. The beauty of the Old Village Cemetery will be yours to experience as you walk under the canopy of mature trees enjoying the tunes of the Civil War Band.

The Brighton Area Historical Society is proud to share in the celebration of the 130th Anniversary of Saint Paul's Church. Please join us for cake and refreshments. Visit the church's community center following your tour of Old Village Cemetery to see historical memorabilia.

Jim Vichich

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Woodruff Cemetery Found

In 1839, Susannah Woodruff was buried on property owned by the Woodruff family along Pleasant Valley road. In the decades that followed, eight more family members joined her in the Woodruff Family cemetery. The small rural cemetery was last seen approximately twenty years ago having since been covered by vines and overgrowth.

On April 10th, BAHS members Marieanna Bair, Mindy Kinsey, Jim Vichich and Dave Ball went to work to relocate the cemetery. After an hour of looking, the first headstone was found. Work commenced to locate the remaining stones. All were found but Susannah's which was removed previously.

Our plans this summer are to place four corner posts around the site and replace the missing headstone for Susannah Woodruff.

Special points of interest:

THE FOUR CORNERS OF GRAND RIVER AND MAIN ARE DISCUSSED IN THIS MONTH'S HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ARTICLE.

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A FOLLOW UP TO THE BRIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE IS ALSO INCLUDED.

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"That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons that history has to teach."

Aldous Huxley (1894 - 1963)
Author of *Brave New World*

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Recent and Future Happenings

Dates to Remember - May 2010

May 1: 9am - 2pm

Old Village Cemetery clean up

May 6, 13, 20, 27: 9am-4pm

Archiving/Open House at Lyon School located at 11455 Buno Rd

May 2, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 16, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30: 5pm-8pm

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center at 202 W. Main (near the Mill Pond)

May 16: 1pm-4pm

Open house at Lyon School located at 11455 Buno Rd

May 26: 6:00 pm

BAHS board meeting at CoBACH Center at 202 W. Main (near the Mill Pond)

May 31: 10am

Old Village Cemetery rededication
10am Parade, 11:15 Ceremony
Cemetery tours begin at 12 noon

Archives & Historic Resource Survey

Joe Collins, Sue Garcia, Larry Lawrence, Tammy Sexton and Jim Vichich are doing a great job in filing in a retrievable manner the collected whys and wherefores of the area's earlier days. Your memories, photos, memorabilia are important to a more complete record. Come, see what's going on each Thursday morning at Lyon School. Contact the Society for more information.

Addendum To BFD Series

As the salute to these volunteers continues, it has been found the following were active in 1928: Charles Conely, Erwin R. Hyne (Chief 1937-40), Adolph Marten (Chief 1928), George E. Pitkin, Claud Rolison, Russell Shannon, G. Eric Singer, Fred Stuhrberg and J.W. Thompson.

In 1938, a charter was received from the city. Members at the time also included

Lee Bidwell, Sr., Al Cole, Harold Jarvis, Sr. (Chief 1940-54), Gerald Morgan, A. O'Dell, and Lloyd Pearsall.

Due to sharp-eyed and caring member Dietrich Richter, a photo thought to be c. 1885 is more accurately dated, c. 1890. Great grandfather William Winkelhaus arrived in the United States August 16, 1889, and quickly immersed himself in local responsibilities. Thanks to his great grandson for his dedication to accurate recording.

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In Memorial

The BAHS would like to extend sympathies to the families of:

Elizabeth Eisenhardt

and

Barbara McCririe

Brighton Area Historical Society members

Thanks and Recognition

THANKS TO....

The BAHS recognizes the following people for volunteering their time and energy to support the BAHS.

- Bert Bair, Ida Bair, Jackie Damm, June Kimble and Sue Garcia for help in mailing the April issue of Trail Tales.
- Friends of Lyon School 2010: Arlene Warner and Willis H. Wolfe (CA).
- Nancy Carlson for donation of Lucite display holders.
- Bernon Young's "Memories of Brighton's Main Four Corners reminded me of learning to make decisions. The Malt Shop was a treat, but with only 25¢ for supper – do I get 2 hamburgers and a coke, or 1 hamburger and a malt. A frequent visit was Saturday night before the 10¢ movie." Note to Trail Tales.
- Brenda Moline for her scanning of archives into the computer.

- Heidi Clausnitzer, Jim DeJohn, Carol McMacken, Tom Niemeyer, Dick Weaire, Bob Knight, Peg Siford, Carolina DeLuca, Nancy Carlson, Nancy Fredenburg for serving as Society hosts at CoBACH Center.

Memberships

We would like to thank the following members for their annual memberships:

Patron:

- Jack & Heidi Clausnitzer

Individual

- Larry Johnson* (Lansing)
- Joyce Terry
- Willis H. Wolfe (CA)
- Bernon Young (FL)

*New Member—Welcome!

2010 Business / Professional Members

The support of our professional members is deeply appreciated. We encourage our

members to patronize these local, businesses who are sustainers of the BAHS.

- Advance Craft Home Builders, Inc.
- Archer-Huntley Financial Services*
- Jagielky Bookkeeping
- Joe Agius/Burroughs Tavern**
- Lawrence Autobody*
- Masonic Lodge #247*
- Patrick Financial Group, LLS*
- Promess*
- Yum Yum Tree

*Special thanks to these Life Members

**Welcome to New Member!

BAHS is a nonprofit organization. We rely on the support of our members in the form of annual dues, other monetary and artifact donations, and volunteer work. Your continued participation and generosity is what makes BAHS a vibrant organization capable of responding to new challenges and opportunities.

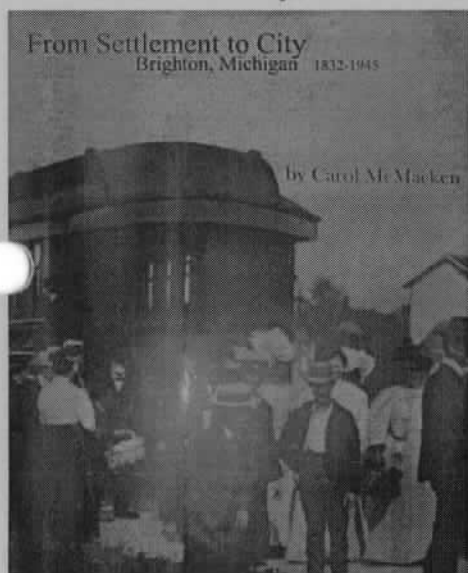
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BAHS Gift Shop



The Brighton Area Historical Society maintains an inventory of commemorative and Brighton history memorabilia for sale as society fund raisers. 100% of all sales proceeds go to fund ongoing organization budget needs of BAHS, including local history projects and Lyon School maintenance.

Our product offering includes BAHS apparel (shirts, hats, etc.), home décor (pewter items, afghans and pillows, decorative ceramic tiles, etc.), postcards, craft items, and the like. To see in detail our full offering, please visit our online gift shop on our web site at www.brightonareahistorical.com.

Product Spotlight

From Settlement to City
Brighton, Michigan 1832 - 1945
by Carol McMacken
450+ pages
Over 300 pictures
\$65.00

Description: This large volume hardcover book contains a beautifully detailed history of Brighton from its earliest days until the mid-1940s. It also contains over 300 pictures and illustrations. This item is a must for any book collection on Michigan and its rich history.

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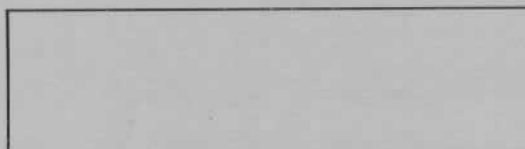
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Brighton's Main Four Corners (Part 2)

"Meet me at Lu and Carl's for lunch." No need to ask the restaurant's location. It is well known. That northwest corner of the Grand River and Main Street intersection has been a place of business for approximately 160 years. However, in that earlier time it was named Fitch Street, not Main.

Elijah Fitch and his family came to Michigan in 1835 from New York. He bought 40 acres in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 31 of Brighton Township (north side of Main, west of Ore Creek; also an adjoining 80 acres in Genoa Township). In 1838 he was school Moderator and Justice of the Peace. The Fitches were not long-term residents; they bought and sold land, as did many other early arrivals. However, Fitch Street is the name given the line dividing Sections 30 and 31. The Fitches "...removed from this place..." by 1850.

Anthony Gale, on June 27, 1834, recorded land east of the creek along the Grand River Trail and Fitch Street. Not long after, on February 20, 1837, William Noble bought Gale's and in a few months recorded 'Noble's Platt' to the Register of Deeds office. Noble's Plat included both 'Upper Town' and 'Lower Town'. During the late 1830s, a number of other buildings were constructed as Noble sold his lots. A blacksmith, Abram & Fralick, was working in his blacksmith shop in 1838 at the rear of the building (occupied by R.J. Lyon Store in 1907) at current address 100 W. Main Street. This structure was a two-story frame. The General Store was on the first floor with living quarters above.

When the telephone first came to Brighton in 1882, the Judson Brothers' store became the site of the first pay phone in the

area. However, the store closes at 9 p.m., when the family retires upstairs.

In 1898, poet Fred Bush prepared a Book of Poems for the Brighton Argus publicizing the various businesses in town. At that time, F.H. Miller & Son run the General Store. The poem closes with "...You get just what you're after at Miller's Corner Store." In 1919, B.M. Earle was selling groceries in the building.

When did Fitch Street become Main Street? On a 1915 plat of Brighton Village, it is Fitch Street east of Ore Creek and Main Street west of the creek. Perhaps the name changed when the street was paved in 1924?

Fast forward to 1933. William Kirchberger operated a drug store on the corner. Two years later Leland and Baldwin, druggists from Howell, bought the store. In early 1937, Bob Leland is sole owner, a soda fountain has been added and two large sugar cones are advertised for five cents. In the mid 1950s Leland builds a new store across from the Old Town Hall, a block west. (Ore Creek now flows through a 4' culvert from Main, under the newly built parking lot, emerging south of W. North Street.) However, 100 W. Main was never vacant for long. A mirror store, photo supply store, the Brighton Bargain Center, Gourmet Café & Patisserie, Perfectly Seasoned Café, a water bed sales, etc., were followed by the aforementioned Lu & Carl's.

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