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Enjoy the Guided Tours of Old Village Cemetery



Old Village Cemetery viewed from the Millpond Boardwalk

The BAHS is sponsoring free guided tours this summer of Brighton's historic Old Village Cemetery. This guided tour traverses the mature setting of trees and allows all to experience the hidden beauty of this 1837 downtown city-owned burial ground.

You will learn about the families of many of the early Brighton settlers that are buried on this high ground as the guided tour captures all your senses for 60 minutes.

Special booklets have been prepared and will be loaned to you during your guided tour. The booklets will have pictures of people, homes and businesses that you can view as you visit their grave sites and learn about their lives as described by our docents.

The tours will start outside the arched gate entrance to cemetery. This burial ground is directly adjacent to the millpond

in Brighton's downtown. The entrance is located above the millpond gazebo next to St. Paul Episcopal Church.

A public parking lot is located on St. Paul Street adjacent to the church and can only be accessed from Grand River Ave since St. Paul Street is a one-way street. St. Paul Street is the only street between Main St and the Dairy Queen.

The Brighton Farmers' Market is a weekly event on every Saturday morning from 8am-1pm through October. Guided tours will take place on the fourth Saturday of the month during the Farmers' Market. Tours will start at 11am and last approximately one hour.

Before the tour is also a great time to check out the art and history displays located in the City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center. The CoBACH Center is the new name of the classic 1879 Old

Town Hall building located between the millpond and the Yum Yum Tree Restaurant.

A second set of guided tour times will take place on three Sundays before the Kiwanis Concerts. The concerts start at the millpond gazebo at 7pm. Concerts will run from July 10 through August 7. The tours will start at 5:45pm and last approximately one hour. Set-up your chairs for the awesome concert then walk over to the cemetery entrance gate. These Sunday guided tours will be July 10, 31 and August 7.

Summer in the "B" is a wonderful time to enjoy our downtown dining and recreational areas. Make the guided tours a must-do for your summer experience!

Jim Vichich



The Archives

Compiling our local history is an ongoing volunteer effort. We are working constantly to document everything from agriculture to businesses, to churches, to education, from government to the military and residential, etc.

Your memories, photos, maps, etc., will improve the quality of the BAHS archives and can be copied or donated.

You are invited to help us compile these resources. Each Thursday, 9am-12nn, we meet to work in the archives at the Lyon School.

Special points of interest:

HAVE YOU PAID A VISIT YET TO THE LIVINGSTON CENTRE HISTORICAL VILLAGE?

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THIS MONTH'S HISTORY PERSPECTIVE CONTINUES THE STORY OF THE LIVINGSTON VOLUNTEERS, COMPANY I OF MICHIGAN'S FIGHTING FIFTH.

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"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with inherent and inalienable Rights; that among these, are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness; that to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..."

Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)

Declaration of Independence
1776

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Thanks and Recognition

Member Renewals / New Members

Thanks to our existing and new members for their annual memberships:

Patron

- Jack & Heidi Clausnitzer

Family

- Rosemarie Oldford*
- Joyce Powers*

Business / Professional Members

The support of our professional members is deeply appreciated. We encourage you to support these local businesses.

- Acorn Deck Accessories Inc.
- Advance Craft Home Builders
- Archer-Huntley Financial Services**
- Bagger Dave's Restaurant
- Davis Multimedia, Inc.*
- Dr. Bonine Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
- Susan Doyle, Realtor
- Joe Agius / Burroughs Tavern
- Lawrence Autobody**
- Masonic Lodge #247**
- Michigan Commerce Bank
- Patrick Financial Group**
- Promess**
- Refrigeration Research **
- The Engravers Journal
- Yum Yum Tree

* Welcome new members

** Special thanks to these Life Members

Thanks to...

The BAHS recognizes the following people for volunteering their time.

- Bert Bair, Jackie Damm, Jeanette Johnson and Jim Vichich for help with the June Trail Tales mailing.
- Judy Chrysler for the 1993 Livingston County Directory.
- Joyce Powers for her contribution to Friends of Lyon School fund.
- Jack and Heidi Clausnitzer for their contribution to the BAHS Projects Fund.

Donations

One fitting way to acknowledge how much local history means to a person is to make a donation in their name. The BAHS accepts gifts in honorarium, as well as memoriam.

A donation, such as this, provides a convenient way for you to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion. It can also be a thoughtful remembrance of a person's life.

These donations help support our ongoing mission... to "preserve, advance and disseminate" our local history.

Your Memories...

... we need them! Do you have a story or recollection of Brighton's past? Please let us know. We are collecting memories of Brighton's earlier days so as to preserve them for generations to come.

Date to Remember

Jul 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31:

5pm-8pm

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center

Jul 7, 14, 21, 28: 9am-12nn

Archiving/Open House at Lyon School

Jul 17: 1-4 pm

Lyon One-Room School Open House

Jul 27: 6 pm

BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH Center

Jul 23, Aug 27, Sep 24, Oct 22: 11am

Jul 10, Jul 31, Aug 7: 5:45pm

Guided Tour of Old Village Cemetery Meet at Gate above Millpond Gazebo Downtown Brighton, Free Admission

BAHS Military Display - All Wars

All July at CoBACH Center

Tue-Sun: 5pm-8pm

also Sat: 9am-12nn

Area Organizations

Civil War Exhibit in Ann Arbor

Washtenaw County Historical Society is offering their Civil War exhibit, *Behind the Lines: Horses, Hardtack, Heartbeats, and Heroes*, now through October 23 on weekends.

The event is being held at the *Museum on Main Street* in Ann Arbor. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information about the exhibit, please visit:

- www.washtenawhistory.org

Livingston Centre Historical Village in Fowlerville

If you are interested in visiting some real history in person, consider a visit to the Livingston Centre Historical Village at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds.

The LCHV consists of eight historical buildings from Livingston County. Each of the buildings was moved to the site and restored over time since its inception and development by the Fowlerville Agricultural Society since 1989.

The buildings include the 1882 Coughran Schoolhouse from Conway Township, 1910 Hartland Barber Shop, the 1850s Iosco Methodist Episcopal Church, 1870 Clinton Shoe Repair & Harness shop from the Village of Pinckney, the 1859 Kirkland House from Iosco Township, the 1880s

Fowlerville Village Farm and the 1872 Pere Marquette Depot from Howell.

An excellent time to visit the LCHV is during the upcoming Fowlerville Family Fair, which runs July 25 - 30, 2011. Founded in 1886, this year marks the 125th anniversary of the fair. The fair includes 4-H events and exhibits, a carnival, harness racing, truck and tractor pulls, a demolition derby, and several music acts among other attractions.

The Fowlerville Fairgrounds are located in the Village of Fowlerville, which coincidentally is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year. Festivities related to its history were celebrated over the Fourth of July weekend.

For more information about the Fowlerville Family Fair or the Livingston Centre Historical Village, please visit:

- www.fowlervillefamilyfair.com

For more information about the history of Fowlerville, please visit:

- www.fowlervillehistory.org
- www.fowlerville.blogspot.com

Article by Dave Ball, Trail Tales Editor

This Month in the Civil War: July 1861

July 21: The First Battle of Bull Run, aka the First Battle of Manassas. The day began well for the Union, but ended in a rout by the Confederates. This foreshadowed tough times for the Union in the coming two years.

Support BAHS: Become a Member or Donate

The BAHS relies on participation of its members and the generosity of its patrons. If you would like to make a donation or become a member, please visit our web site at www.brightonareahistorical.com or mail in the following form below.

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Membership Plan:

New Business \$500 Life \$15 Individual

Renewal Personal \$50 Patron \$2 Student

\$25 Family

Friend of Lyon School:

\$10 \$100 \$25 \$250 \$50 Other \$ _____

BAHS Projects Fund:

\$10 \$100 \$25 \$250 \$50 Other \$ _____

The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. All donations are tax deductible.

BAHS Merchandise

We have many great items for sale that help us generate much needed funds to carry on our mission.

These include home décor items (pewter items, afghans and pillows, decorative ceramic tiles, etc.), postcards, craft items, and the like.

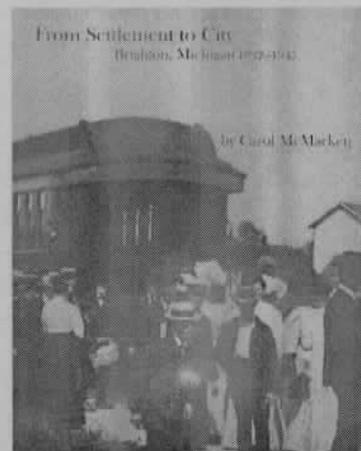
To see our full gift shop offering, please contact us, visit CoBACH Center or the Lyon School, or see our web site.

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 of wilderness settlement through to the growing community of the mid-1940s.

The book also contains over 300 pictures and illustrations and is a must for any book collection on Michigan and its rich history.



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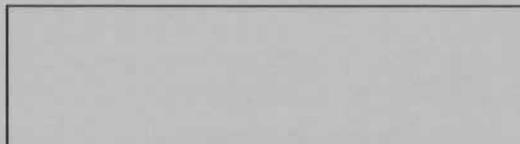
Lyon School
11455 Buno Road, west of Pleasant Valley Road. The 1885 Lyon School is a fully restored, barrier-free one-room schoolhouse and serves as our organization headquarters.

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.

The BAHS accepts monetary support and donations of historical artifacts. Please consider supporting us with your generosity.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Civil War Veterans Resting At Old Village Cemetery (Part 3)

John Jones enlisted in Co. I Michigan 5th Regiment, under Capt. John Gilluly. Believing the war would not last long, recruits signed up for 90 days at \$13.00 per month. Co. I, known as the *Livingston Volunteers*, consisted of all Livingston County men.

As a private, Jones was mustered in at Fort Wayne, August 20, 1861, before "...hundreds of spectators consisting of ... friends and relatives of departing soldiers who had come to say good-bye and God-speed. The crowd was kept back by the unceasing labor of guards stationed along the line."

After receiving the regimental flag, the "...command was marched to the river and embarked for Cleveland..." en route to our nation's capital. Within a week, they reached Washington. They were allocated "indifferent" Springfield rifles and then on to Camp Richardson in Virginia. Winter was spent in "Camp Michigan". Co. I joined the battle at Williamsburg on the afternoon of May 5, 1862.

July 1, 1863 found Jones in the Battle of Gettysburg. Death by enemy fire or disease soon depleted many other companies, which were then replenished with members of other regiments. Jones was a part of Co. D, 29th Michigan Infantry November 27 at Locust Grove during the Mine Run Campaign. He was among those of the Michigan 5th when it was furloughed January 4, 1864, in Detroit.

After the end of his first enlistment period, Jones re-enlisted February 22, 1864. He later saw action with the 5th Regiment May 6, 1864, during the Wilderness Campaign at Chancellorsville. An appreciation of the service "...by the Fifth may be had from the fact that of the twenty-six men of Co. I who entered the fight May 5, seventeen were killed and wounded."

Many engagements followed to the end of the war. The 5th Regiment was present at Appomattox Courthouse for the surrender of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia by Gen-

eral Lee. Jones was mustered out of service on July 5, 1865, returning to Brighton and civilian life.

Jones had left wife Caroline (Hinkley) with two children, Stephen (born 1857) and Fannie (born 1859). Illustrative of child mortality during the 19th century, Jones already had two sons and a daughter buried in the Old Village Cemetery. His parents, Stephen and Diantha had also lost young children: Albert (1838-45), Willis (1841-42), Wilfred (1848-50), all buried at the same cemetery. Any parent can imagine the heartache surrounding the loss of a child, as was common during this time period.

After his return from the war, the couple had six more children: Eva (1866), Lottie (1868), Nina (1874), Rhoda (1879), William (1881) and Bertha (1884).

Brighton Village was chartered in 1867. Jones served as Village Marshall and his father was a Trustee on the Village Council. Both had been born in Vermont.

Jones was a blacksmith by trade, a trade welcomed by the area's farmers. Once arriving in Brighton (formerly Ore Creek), his father Stephen opened a local grocery and drugstore. An 1875 photo shows Stephen Jones as a member of the Ore Creek Fire Department.

Jones' surviving children all married local residents: Steve married Elvira, Fannie married William Ball, Eva married Edwin Ball, Lottie married Ira Cook, Nina (who taught school in Pinckney) married John Cord, Rhoda married Steve Franks, William married Etta Roberts, and Bertha married L.W. Morris. Thirteen members of the Jones family can be found in the Old Village Cemetery next to the millpond.

Compiled by Marieanna Bair from census records; obituaries collected by Milton Charboneau; and Carol McMacken's book 'From Settlement to City, Brighton 1832-1945.' Additions, corrections requested. 810-229-6402.