

BAHS Annual Meeting: 2012 Elections



Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization. Above, Gary Reutter and Judith Coebly volunteer at CoBACH Civil War Program

The BAHS Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20th at the Lyon School. Come at 1:00pm for pot luck.

The business meeting will begin at 2:15pm. Reports of 2011 activities will be given and plans for future projects will be reviewed. The annual election of the Officers and Board of Directors for 2012 will also be on the agenda.

To keep our organization viable, we need the support of all members. Nine board members, doing their best, have been very successful in making the BAHS an important part of the community. Please consider serving as a member of our Board of Directors.

A number of committees will benefit from chairpersons and/or committee members. Projects include Lyon School maintenance and Lyon School Open House hosts. Students from area schools visit the

Lyon School for a one-room school experience.

The Farmers' Market, Art Fair and Harvest Festival need hosts to help at our booth. The Old Village Cemetery tour committee needs people to host on Saturdays for one day per month. Also, volunteers are needed for Old Village Cemetery preservation work.

The City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center organizational committee has two BAHS representatives. Your help would provide guidance to this group comprised of three non-profit groups. Help is also needed on the committee which manages our popular exhibits at CoBACH. Volunteers are needed two times per week as hosts. Volunteering just one evening per month would be a big help. This is a great way to assist while also having fun.

The Oral History Project needs

a volunteer to interview long time area residents, in order to capture their memories. It is very gratifying to participate in these interviews and see the joyful expressions of the seniors as they reminisce about community and family.

Visit our website for more information, as these are just a few ways to participate in this important community organization!

Marieanna Bair
BAHS Vice President



Edward Livingston, I presume?

If you are reading this article, it is likely that you know something of Brighton's history. But, how much do you know of Livingston County and how it got its name?

In 1829, the Michigan territorial government created twelve new counties, eight of which were named for the cabinet secretaries of the recently elected President Andrew Jackson. These counties were Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Eaton, Ingham, Jackson, and Van Buren.

In 1833, Livingston County was created from parts of Shiawassee and Washtenaw counties, and named for Secretary of State, Edward Livingston. This was an obvious attempt to win favor in Washington in the border dispute with Ohio over the Toledo Strip.

Edward Livingston was born in New York in 1781 to a prestig-

Points of Interest:

DO YOU KNOW WHERE LIVINGSTON COUNTY GOT ITS NAME? YOU WILL NOW.

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THE STORY OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS BURIED IN OLD VILLAGE CEMETERY CONTINUES IN THIS ISSUE'S HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.

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"No nation ever yet found any inconvenience from too close an inspection into the conduct of its officers, but many have been brought to ruin and reduced to slavery by suffering gradual impositions and abuses."

Edward Livingston
1764 - 1836
American Jurist
and Statesmen

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Thanks and Recognition

Member Renewals / New Members

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

Life

- Joyce Powers

Family / Individual

- Lee & Sue Garcia
- Stan Kourt (Gaines)*
- 'Pete' Leitz
- Pam Reitsch (Howell)*

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
- Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce
- Hands on Mind and Body Wellness Center
- Joe Agius / Burroughs Tavern
- Lawrence Autobody**
- Masonic Lodge #247**
- Michigan Commerce Bank
- Patrick Financial Group**
- Promess**
- Refrigeration Research **
- Yum Yum Tree

* Welcome to these new members

** Special thanks to these Life Members

Thanks to...

The BAHS recognizes the following people for volunteering their time.

- Bert Bair and Jane Tomlinson for help with the October Trail Tales mailing.
- Joyce Powers for a Life Membership in memory of Lyle and Ronni Powers.
- Larry Lawrence for delivery of Trail Tales during Tom Niemeyer's absence.
- Jane Petrie for delivery of Trail Tales during Ann Stratigos' absence.
- The Hamburg Township Historical Society for hosting the most recent Cluster meeting of area historical societies. The exchange of experiences is helpful.
- Marieanna Bair, Caren Bierman, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Sue Garcia, Larry Lawrence, Tammy Sexton and Jim Vichich for their regular participation in the Thursday archive sessions at Lyon School, organizing, scanning, filing and compiling the Historic Resource Survey.
- Judith Coebly and Sue Skwarski for arranging student visits to the Lyon School and contacting 100+ educators regarding the BAHS and its mission.
- Ralph Steinberger for loan of shortwave radios for CoBACH exhibit and Larry Lawrence for assisting in setup.
- Joe Collins and Don Thomas for trimming around headstones in the Old Village Cemetery.

Date to Remember

Nov 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30:

5pm-8pm

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center

Nov 3, 10, 17: 9am-12nn

Archiving/Open House at Lyon School
Closed Thanksgiving Nov 24

Nov 16: 6pm

BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH Center
One-week earlier due to holiday

Nov 20: 1pm-4pm

BAHS Annual Meeting at Lyon School with election of 2012 Officers and Directors. Join us for pot luck before the meeting.

Pot luck: 1pm-2pm

Annual Meeting: 2:15pm-4pm

This Month at CoBACH

Oct 18 - Nov 30:

Tue-Sun: 5pm-8pm / Sat: 9am-12nn

"Early Shortwave Radio" exhibit

Area Organizations

Saline Area Historical Society

Visit sahshistory.org for details.

Nov 13: 2pm

"The First African American Woman Cartoonist / Nancy Goldstein" by Jackie Ormes

Northville Historical Society

Visit millracenorthville.org for details.

Nov 16 & Nov 19: Multiple times

Thanksgiving Children's Class: Learn about Abe Lincoln's role in the holiday, what 1863 dinner would have been, and make a treat. Ages 5 and up.

Edward Livingston, I presume? (continued from page 1)

ious area family. He graduated from the College of New Jersey (today known as Princeton University) in 1781 and began a successful career in law and politics.

From 1795 to 1801, Livingston served as Representative from New York in the U.S. Congress. As a member of the Democratic - Republican Party, he was a political ally of Andrew Jackson and opponent of the Federalist administrations of Washington and Adams.

In 1801, he was appointed and served as both U.S. Attorney and Mayor of New York City. He did so until 1803 when, while recovering from yellow fever, a clerk under his supervision mismanaged public funds for which Livingston was responsible, leaving him deeply in debt.

He thus resigned both posts and surrendered his property to the government.

In 1804, Livingston moved to Louisiana, where he again prospered, acquiring a law firm and paying off his debts.

During the War of 1812, his leadership helped rouse the New Orleans citizenry to action in the defense of the city. He also was advisor to then General Andrew Jackson.

While in Louisiana, Livingston developed the code of judicial procedure used by the court from 1805 to 1825. In 1824, he developed a new code of criminal law and procedure. The "Livingston Code" influenced penal reform of many countries in Europe and the Americas. It laid the foundation for ending capital punishment and ended forced labor setting it instead

as a reward for good conduct.

Livingston remained active in politics. He was again elected to Congress, this time for Louisiana. He served in both the House (1823-1829) and Senate (1829-1831). He also served as minister to France (1833-1835).

In 1831, Livingston became Secretary of State in the Jackson Administration. It is in this capacity his name was lent to Livingston County, Michigan.

Edward Livingston had moved to New York in 1831, living at Montgomery Place, a family estate left to him by his sister. He died there in 1836, and is buried nearby in the family vault at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which his family helped found.

By Dave Ball, Trail Tales Editor

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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Brighton Area Historical Society		Address: _____	
P. O. Box 481		City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Brighton, MI 48116-0481		E-Mail: _____	
Membership Plan:		Friend of Lyon School:	BAHS Projects Fund:
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
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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.

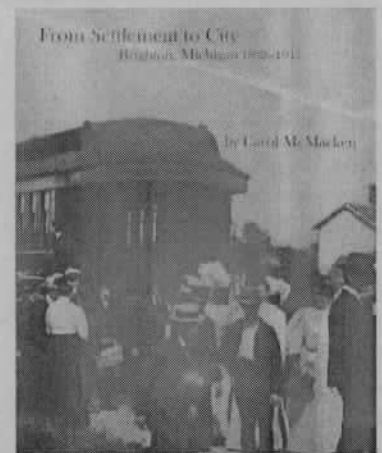
These include home décor items (pewter items, afghans and pillows, decorative ceramic tiles, etc.), postcards, craft items, and the like.

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.



BAHS Leadership

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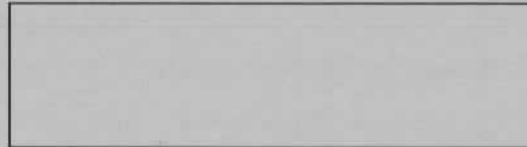
Lyon School
11455 Buno Road, west of Pleasant Valley Road. The 1885 Lyon School is a fully restored, barrier-free one-room schoolhouse and serves as our organization headquarters.

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 7)

Ansel Crippen and wife Marilla (Paddock) came to the area from Penfield, New York in 1836. They settled along the (Indian) Grand River Trail in Brighton Township, Section 18, and one half mile north of Hilton Road on Ore Creek (now the site of Woodland Lake).

With them were two young children. Millard F. was three years old and Henry L. was one year old. Several more children were born in Brighton Township; Isaac, Harrison, Ernest and Emily (called Emma).

Marilla Crippen, was a daughter of George W. Paddock who accompanied Ansel and Marilla to Michigan. The Paddock and Crippen families continued to live in close proximity to each other and also the Rose and Dickinson families, of whom have already been written in this series. Ansel was a farmer, carpenter and cabinet maker.

Co. I, 9th Michigan Infantry Regiment, all Livingston County men, was recruited by Capt., John A. Tanner. The five Crippen brothers all enlisted in the 9th, along with their sister Emily's husband, Peter Ackerman Jr. The group enlisted August 15, 1861, their respective ages being: Peter, 21; Isaac, 24; Harrison, 25; and Henry, 29. Harrison was discharged because of disability November 1, 1862, Ernst (22 years old) and Millard (31 years old) enlisted on September 12, 1864. Peter was mustered out October 14, 1864 due to poor health.

By October 27, 1861, the 9th Michigan was at Salt River, Kentucky, for the winter. From there, they went to Nashville, Tennessee. The summer saw heavy fighting in the Battle of Stones River at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. It also saw service in 1864 with the Army of the Cumberland in Georgia and Tennessee.

After the fall of Atlanta in September, 1864, the regiment returned to Chattanooga, until March 27, 1865. It was on duty at the military prison until September 15, 1865, when the remaining members of the 9th were "...mustered out of the service,

and on the following day left for Michigan. It arrived at Jackson September 19, 1865, and one week later the men were paid off and disbanded, when they returned to their homes and the avocations of peace."

By 1880, Henry Crippen, his wife Cora, and their three children were living in Section 19, Brighton Township. Henry, died in 1923, and is buried in Fairview Cemetery. Isaac, his wife Elizabeth, and their three children were in Green Oak Township. Isaac died in 1923, and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery. Harrison had a farm on E. Grand River, Section 34, Brighton Township, bordering the old Woodruff Mill. He died in 1915 and is buried in Calvary Cemetery. Peter Ackerman died not long after the Civil War. His burial site may be on his parents' lot or the Crippen lot in the Old Village Cemetery. His is another of the markers which still needs to be located. Emily's two children are also in the Old Village Cemetery, as are her parents and brothers, Millard (died 1905) and Ernest (died 1920).

Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: Bill Pless' "Supplement to the Old Village Cemetery"; census records; cemetery transcriptions; atlases; 1880 History of Livingston County; "From Settlement to City 1832-1945, Brighton Michigan" by Carol McMacken. Corrections/additions, requested. 810-229-6402.

The Perfect Gift

Your donation to the BAHS in honor or memory of someone can accomplish three things:

1. The donor doesn't have to spend time and gas shopping.
2. The donor can take a deduction on their 2011 Federal Income Tax.
3. The recipient realizes you care about them, the BAHS and the preservation, restoration and recording of the Brighton area community's past.