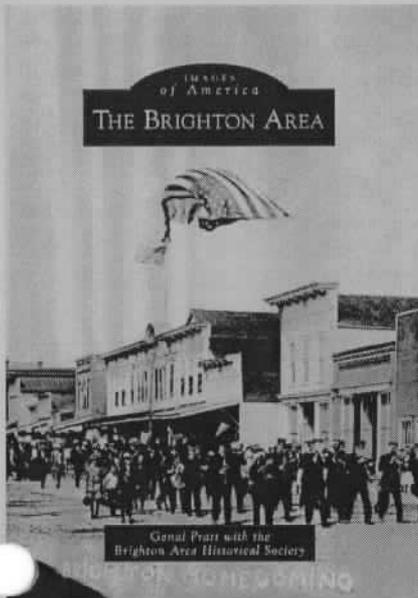


New Brighton Area Historical Photo Book



This June will bring the new release of The Brighton Area historical photo book. You will see nearly 200 old photos of businesses, residences and people that have been a part of the dynamic growth of the Brighton area. Each classic picture has an informative description, which tells about an early business with the present day business name at the same location.

The Brighton author, Genal Pratt, is a member of the Brighton Area Historical Society. She provided the descriptive text while working closely with the BAHS board of directors on the historical documentation used throughout the photo book. Nearly all photos are from our archives and only two were seen in the earlier comprehensive Brighton history book by Carol McMacken.

This paperback book is published by Arcadia Press, which continues their tradition to show the best images of cities and businesses throughout the United States in their Images of America Series.

The Arcadia list price for the Brighton Area book will be \$21.99. The BAHS will be taking advance orders and selling the book for \$20.00, including sales tax. Please contact a board member to order your advance copy today!

Jim Vichich, BAHS President

30 Year Anniversary for BAHS

In 1997, Brighton's Old Town Hall, then the BAHS headquarters, was to become a commercial site again. We needed to relocate and alternate sites were needed for meetings and storage of the archives and artifact collections.

The City Council assisted in the search for a new location. In cooperation with the Brighton District Library, a file cabinet was installed in the Brighton Room. By year end, it was 'home' for meetings and weekly archiving.

Public meetings were held at the library, area schools, the Chamber of Commerce, local

banks and area retailers; wherever room was available.

The city also helped with moving and the rental of a storage locker for the collection of historical materials. Many BAHS members also found space for various project materials in their homes. Display cases and other furniture were stored in the back room of the Lyon School.

In 1995, a Brighton History Book committee was formed. After years of work, the community now has a fine record of the period of 1832-1945 available in the book by Carol McMacken. (*Cont'd - page 3*)

Help Wanted

We are asking our members to step up and get involved. Can you fill one of these jobs?

Web Site Administrator

Proficient with web content management systems; experience with HTML, CSS, graphic design, web servers a plus.

Trail Tales Editor

Proficient with Microsoft Publisher; strong writing skills; familiarity with graphic design preferred, but not required.

Treasurer

Strong understanding of accounting practices; experience managing a general business ledger, P&L statement; non-profit accounting a plus.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

READ ABOUT THE 30-YEAR HISTORY OF THE BAHS.

SEE PAGE 1

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

SEE PAGE 4

"A wise and frugal Government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government."

Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)

First Inaugural Address (1801)

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Thanks and Recognition

Member Renewals / New Members

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

Life

- Nancy Fredenburg

Patron

- Caren Carney Bierman
- Margaret Bowland
- Judith Coebly & Gary Reutter
- Bernie & Bonnie Corrigan
- Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN)
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- Iva L. Pettit (WhtmrLk)
- Ralph Steinberger
- Margaret Siford (2013)
- Wallyne Smail (2013)
- Yvonne Taylor
- Bill & Jane Tomlinson
- Bill & Rosemary Ulmer
- Bob & Ruth Watson
- Robert Wilkinson (Grylg)
- Al Wirth*
- Willis Wolfe (CA)

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. Fred Bonine, DDS
- Susan Doyle, Realtor
- Frank Mancusso, Attorney at Law*
- 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 **
- Synergy Environmental Inc.
- 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 & Marieanna Bair, Judith Coebly, Jackie Damm, Sue Garcia, June Kimble, Tammy Sexton and Jim Vichich for help with Trail Tales mailing.
- Judith Coebly & Gary Reutter, Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby, Bill & Jane Tomlinson, Pat Franklin (in memory of Bill & Betty Hall Franklin), Bob Johnson, Lois Clark, Charles W. McConnell, Richard & Kathleen McKinney, Val & Kathy Jacoby, and Willis Wolfe for donations to the Friends of Lyon School Fund.
- Bernie & Bonnie Corrigan, Steve Flowers, Charles W. McConnell, Richard & Kathleen McKinney, Bob Johnson, and Bob & Ruth Watson for their donation to the BAHS Projects Fund.
- Deanna Dixon-Stagner for a Plessland Dairy bottle and a 1967 Brighton Centennial Commemorative plate.
- Jane Tomlinson for a badge worn during the 1909 Homecoming.

Dates to Remember

March 4, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 18, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29: 5pm-8pm

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sun, Wed and Thu during March and April

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: 9am-12nn

Archiving/Open House at Lyon School

March 28: 6pm

BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH

May 5: 9am-1pm

Old Village Cemetery Fourth Annual Spring Cleanup. Reserve this date for a wonderful and rewarding opportunity. Your help and hard work will have these hallowed grounds looking sharp for Memorial Day, May 28.

Over 35 Civil War veterans and veterans of other wars are buried here. This is Brighton's oldest cemetery dating to an 1837 burial of Truman Worden.

This Month at CoBACH through April 28

Tue-Fri, Sun: 5pm-8pm / Sat: 9am-3pm

Native American Exhibit: See classic old photos with scenes that focus on the talents of the Native Americans.

Learn about the Hopi and Zuni tribes through an extensive display of Kachina Dolls. These dolls represent the actual Kachinas which are believed to be supernatural beings.

Local stone artifacts will be displayed that have been found in Livingston County fields during the farming process.

Area Organizations

Mar 11: 2pm

Saline Historical Society presents *Wicked Washtenaw County -- Strange Tales of the Grisly and Unexplained.* For more details, visit salinehistory.org.

Mar 17 & 18, 25 & 26:

Milford Historical Society presents a demonstration of maple tree sap collection and colonial sugaring techniques at Kensington Metro Park. To learn more, visit milfordhistory.com.

BAHS on Facebook

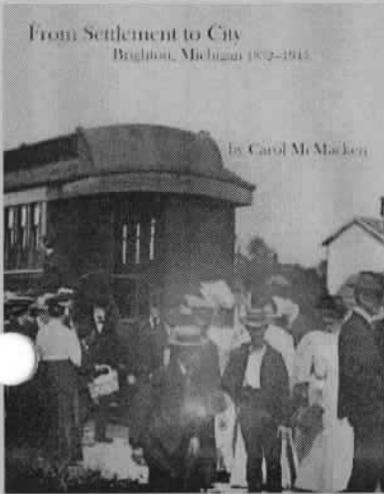
Are you on Facebook? We are! Look us up on Facebook and visit our page. Old photos, memories, and stories are posted frequently and discussed.

 Like Us on Facebook!

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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.

Mail check or money order payable to:		Name: _____	Phone: () _____
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P. O. Box 481		City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Brighton, MI 48116-0481		E-Mail: _____	
		How would you prefer to receive Trail Tales: <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> US mail <small>(PLEASE CHECK ONE)</small>	
Membership Plan:	Friend of Lyon School:	BAHS Projects Fund:	
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100	
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<small>The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. All donations are tax deductible.</small>			



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 the Brighton area, starting with its earliest days as a frontier wilderness settlement through to the growing community of the mid-1940s.
 The book also contains a collection of over 300 pictures and illustrations and is a must for any book collection on the State of Michigan or of its rich history.

30th Anniversary (from page 1)
 Also, work on the Historic Resource Survey began, oral histories were recorded, and Trail Tales publication continued. Booths were opened at the Art Fairs and Farmers' Markets, early issues of the Brighton Argus were microfilmed, and other projects undertaken. Meetings were regularly held, including tours of significant homes and county sites. Studies were done of local land use and municipalities advised on historical background, preservation and relevance. In short, we stayed busy. (To be cont'd)
Marieanna Bair
BAHS Vice President

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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.

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.

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.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Civil War Veterans Resting At Old Village Cemetery (Part 11)

In 1836, Seth Bidwell (born 1810 in New York) came to Livingston County. He had purchased 160 acres while still in New York and 40 more acres upon arrival. These parcels were located on the north and south sides of McClements Road one mile west of U.S. 23. His first wife, Laura Hutchens, had five children of which George Alfred was the third. After her death, his father married Nancy Arms and five more children were born.

George Alfred (born in 1845) enlisted in the 24th Michigan Infantry as a messenger, serving as a corporal from March through August of 1865. His deafness limited his time in service. Later, he was a member of Brighton GAR Post #179.

George married Wealthy Jane Clark (born 1840) probably in the early 1870s. Four children, Lewis (died an infant), William, Mae Lou, and Seth were born. Following Wealthy's death in 1887, George married Mary Blain in 1891. Two sons, Bennie and Henry were born to them (Bennie later served in WWI).

George purchased property in Brighton Village in 1869, and in 1895 owned 80 acres in Section 9, Brighton Township.

George Alfred died in 1922. He, Wealthy, Mary, and Lewis are buried in Old Village Cemetery. Most of his siblings and children married and had families. William Pless writes, "There are several descendants of George Alfred scattered over the state and the U.S.A."

According to the Brighton Argus, on March 3, 1912, "A runaway attracted considerable attention here Tuesday, John Shuldts left his team standing in front of the mill without hitching. They took fright and ran across to the West side passing over George A. Bidwell and Hans Reidel who were talking in the street and did not have time to get out of the way, Mr. Bidwell sustained a severe scalp wound and Mr. Reidel received a broken rib. Little Joseph Anderson was directly in the runaway's path but he screamed and the team turned out for him. Near Hyne's

elevator they ran into a telephone pole where they left the bobs and most of the harness. One of the team was caught near the depot and M.H. Tunis stopped the other at his place."

George Alfred's sister Julia married John Henry Gilbert. John was a private in Co. A, 10th Michigan Infantry from November 1862 to January 1863. He was later promoted to sergeant with Co. B, U.S. Sharpshooters from June 1863 to June 1865. John and Julia are buried in the Old Village Cemetery.

Another Alfred sister, Frances Elizabeth, married William Henry Platt, Esq. in October 1862. He had enlisted in New York on April 23, 1861, and served three months. By 1866 the family moved to Grand Island, Nebraska, later moving to California. Their five children were born in Nebraska.

In 1879, George and his father Seth were officers of the Brighton Grange #336. "The Brighton Grange has devoted itself more especially to the discussion of agricultural topics and subjects which should interest farmers, and has aimed by frequent intercourse to develop the social qualities of its members."

Compiled by Marieanna Bair from Pless Supplement to Old Village Cemetery; census records; Bidwell family genealogical references from Jane Tomlinson; Cemetery transcription by John & Janice Field. Corrections/additions, requested. 810-229-6402.

In Memorium

The Brighton Area Historical Society wishes to extend sympathies to the families of:

**Philip E. Steinacker
and
Guinn Heotaky**

Philip was the husband of former BAHS Board Member and community activist, Susan Steinacker. Guinn was the mother of Vicki Vichich, wife of current BAHS Board Member, Jim Vichich.