

Brighton Mills, West Street c.1910

TRAIL TALES TRIVIA TEST NUMBER 1 (Answers in right hand column)

1. The location of Mt. Brighton Ski facility was formerly a (n) ?
2. What year did Brighton become a village?
3. Which Brighton school is named after the first settler of Brighton?
4. What is the name of the famous Brighton restaurant that was located on Grand River Ave. and had a green awning over the entrance?
5. Name the stream that meanders through Brighton's Millpond Park?
6. Name the car company that owned the Brighton Mills on West Street for a short period during the 1940's?
7. What is the name of the company that started in Brighton making tee-tops for production model cars in the 1970's?
8. The 1873 red brick hotel located adjacent to the railroad tracks on Main Street was known in the 1960/1970's as the \_\_\_?\_\_\_ Hotel.
9. Last name of the Brighton resident who was in the Civil War and was a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School?
10. What was the original name of Brighton when first settled?
11. What was the name of the first saw mill in Brighton located just east of Third Street and Franklin?
12. What year was the Old Town Hall built, now the location of CoBACH Center?
13. Name the Michigan governor buried in Fairview Cemetery?
14. What Street was previously named Fitch Street?
15. What is the current name of the building that housed Brighton High School in 1936?
16. Correctly spell Brighton's first modern hospital?
17. Name the former bank that housed the Brighton telephone exchange on its second floor in 1915?
18. What local lake had the 'Blue Lantern Dance Hall' in the 1940's?
19. What was the name of the type of road built in the 1850s that went from Detroit to Lansing and was made of three inch thick boards?
20. What is the name of the current business located in the building that housed the former Lawson Bank?

**POINTS OF INTEREST:**

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THE STORY OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS BURIED IN OLD VILLAGE CEMETERY CONTINUES.

SEE PAGE 4

- Answers:**
1. Gravel pit, 2. 1867,
  3. Maltby, 4. Canopy, 5. Ore Creek, 6. Ford, 7. Cars and Concepts, 8. Pink, 9. Gilluly, 10. Ore Creek, 11. Maltby, 12. 1879,
  13. Romney, 14. Main Street, 15. BECC, 16. Mellus, 17. Brighton State Bank, 18. Island Lake, 19. Plank, 20. Yum Yum Tree.

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## Thanks and Recognition

### Thanks :

The BAHS recognizes the following people for their contributions

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- Trail Tales readers' indulgence and patience for late delivery of the July and August issues due to Editorial changes.

### Congratulations:

To: Life Member Promess Inc. on the new Research and Development structure on East Grand River.

To: Waterloo Area Historical Society on their 50th Anniversary.

### Memberships:

**Patron:** Caroline DeLuca.

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## Dates to Remember

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

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday during September and October.

**September 6, 13, 20, 27: 9am-12 noon**  
Archiving/Open House at Lyon School. Visitors are welcome and your Brighton experiences of the past need to be shared.

**September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: 8 am-1pm**  
BAHS is at the Brighton Farmers' Market every Saturday. The new "Brighton Area" historical picture book published by Arcadia Press will be available to purchase for \$20. Enjoy nearly 200 early photos and 127 pages with informative captions.

**September 16: 1-4 pm**

Open House at Lyon School.

**September 19: 6pm at Co BACH**

OVC planning meeting for Headstone Repair project.

**September 26: 6pm**

BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH

**This month at CoBACH Center through October, Tues-Sun, 5-8pm, also Sat 9am-12 noon**

Enjoy old school photos and memorabilia that showcases styles and memories of the past periods in the Brighton schools.

**October 13: 5pm,8pm and 10pm**

OVC Halloween Tours, \$5 per person  
Prepayment and reservations required  
Info at 810-250-7276

### Area Organizations

**September 7:** Basic Archives workshop by the Historical Society of Mich.

[www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

**September 15-16:** Milford Historical Society Home Tour.

[www.milfordhistory.org](http://www.milfordhistory.org)

**September 8: 10-3:** Green Oak Township Historical Society, Green Oak Day  
248-486-9121

**September 21-23:** Northville Historical Society, Victorian Festival.

[www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org)

**October 14:** Waterloo Area Historical Society, Pioneer Day.

[www.waterloofarmmuseum.org](http://www.waterloofarmmuseum.org)

### Village of Brighton Incorporation Date

The question on page 1 of the August issue was not intended to be a trick question. A bevy of proof readers missed the inaccurate answer on page 2. The correct date of incorporation of the village of Brighton was 1867, not 1937 as noted.

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### New book released

#### Images of America: The Brighton Area

by Genal Pratt with the Brighton Area Historical Society

128 pages, and includes 199 pictures

**\$20.00**

**Description:** This new book contains a treasured collection of photographs and provides a fascinating historical record of the people, farms, and businesses that drove the growth of Brighton through the 19th and 20th centuries. The architecture, landscape, and cherished character of Brighton tell the stories that embody the foundation of our community today.

### We Need Your Help

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

#### Web Site Administrator

Proficient with Joomla CMS; 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.

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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.

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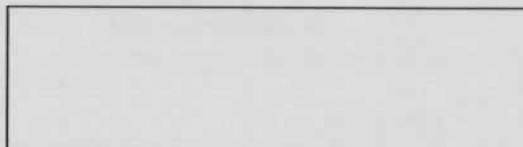
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## Civil War Veterans Resting At Old Village Cemetery (Part 17)

In 1870, **John W. Hutchings**, from England via Illinois, was a laborer for farmer Lyman Judson. Judson owned 160 acres in Section 19 of Brighton Township, about a mile north of town in 1859.

While in Illinois John enlisted, at 18, in Co. A. 69th Illinois Infantry, serving from June 9, 1861 until August 26, 1861, 2.5 months. He was perhaps discharged because of his youth. December 14, 1863, at 20, he enlisted in Co. A. 8th Illinois Cavalry. He was mustered out, July 12, 1865, the result of a skull fracture suffered following his horse's fall.

In Brighton he met and married Sarah A. Pentlin c. 1877. Daughter, Mable, died at one year. A son, Arthur, was born in 1881. John received a soldier's pension of six dollars per month. He and Sarah lived at 315 West North Street all their lives. He was a member of the D.C. Russell GAR Post # 179. John died July 13, 1902, of an unknown illness. He, Sarah and Mable are resting in the Old Village Cemetery.

At the age of 17, **Ransome M. Fillmore** arrived in the Brighton area in 1862, with his parents Walter (a farmer) and Abigail, from Genesee County, New York. Two years later, September 3, 1864, he enlisted as a private in Co. A. 9th Michigan Infantry. Nine months later, he was mustered out in Nashville, TN. The 9th Michigan Infantry had also served in Atlanta, GA.

Ransome married Viola Case November 10, 1867, when she was 21. Viola was a granddaughter of Samuel Case, who settled in Hamburg in 1837. She was a cousin of Wallace Case, noted in the June 2012 issue of the 'Trail Tales'.

Census records indicated Ransome was a carpenter when they married. By 1870, he was a barber. In 1875, Ransome helped organize and was a charter member of the Brighton Cornet Band; in time for the Centennial. The Sinai Tent #44 KTOM of

Brighton included him on the membership roll as did the Masonic Lodge #247 and the D.C. Russell Post #179 of the GAR.

In 1879, Ransome leased, and was proprietor of the Western Hotel (500 West Main) built in 1873. At that time the hotel was owned by R.D. Skillbeck.

When the State Militia began training at Island Lake beginning in 1882, Ransome had a branch barbershop on the grounds.

Not long after their son, Rollo was born, 1871, the couple purchased lot 41 and 42 of Noble's Plat on Grand River in Brighton. It is likely the family built a residence which might have included a barbershop at that location, 225 West Grand River. After the family moved to Lansing in 1901, it appears the home eventually housed a restaurant before burning in 1952. Not long after, Tom and Virginia Disspaine built a residence and beauty shop on the site. In 2012, this site was cleared for development.

While in Lansing, Ransome was prominent in the organization of Michigan State Board of Barber Examiners serving in executive positions. At the time of his death, February 20, 1908, he was serving as treasurer. Ransome's parents and Viola are also interred in the Village Cemetery. Son Rollo died November 15, 1941 There is no marker for him but research indicates he is also buried there.

(Complied by Marieanna Bair from; 1880 History of Livingston County; "Form Settlement to City-Brighton" by Carol McMacken; Case family genealogy by Steven Leith; census records; Old Village Cemetery transcriptions by John and Janice Field; obituaries compiled by M. Charboneau.

(Corrections /additions, requested. 810-229-6402.)