The purpose of the Brighton Area Historical Society is to preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the history of the Brighton area.

To this end, we have been trying to first, let the people of the area know we are organized and have many plans for the future. Second is the collection of historic information and plans for a future home and display of this information.

Since starting in September 1981, the B.A.H.S. has:

1. Drawn up a charter.
2. Appointed a Board of Directors.
5. A membership of 45.
7. Started the procedure for having St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Old Town Hall registered as historical sites by the State of Michigan.
8. Held a bake sale at the Hall to raise funds.
9. Had William Pless as a speaker in March. (Bill was made the first lifetime member of the B.A.H.S.)
10. Started its own photographic collection.

Future plans of the B.A.H.S. include:

1. A photo night presented by the Historical Society of Michigan (see details elsewhere in newsletter).
2. Being in the 4th of July parade.
3. Holding a July 4th week-end open house with displays and a central information area.
4. Registering the two buildings with the state.
5. Work on obtaining the Old Town Hall as a museum.
6. Fund raising projects.
7. More information type subjects included in meetings this fall.

As a member of the Brighton Area Historical Society, everyone has an obligation to spread the word that we are here to stay.
We also need ideas and help for fund raising projects. If and when we secure a building, it will be in our hands not only to plan a museum, a possible restoration program but to meet the daily operating costs. The older members should be collecting historic data, going through pictures and identifying them, getting together and writing down (or tape recording) early day memories.
There is so much to be done if we are going to fulfill our purpose and leave this information for future generations.
1981-82 Membership List

William Pless
Herbert & Sharon Wright
Joseph & Irene Mike
Paul & Alene Anderson
Susie Braund
Carolyn Busby
Irene Teasley
Stanley & Adele Ozar
William & Barbara McChirie
Helen Lanning
David & Charlene Kull

John & Mari Lynn Korte
Gary & Ruth Ann Cole
Mildred Shannon
Charles & Janice Beach
Kay Flynn
Mary Layton
Barney & Dorothy Ewald
Irma Truance
Albert & Hazel Cole
Melvin Skeman

As of 3/16/82 - 48 Members

Fred & Mary Hesserschmidt
Wally & Merilyn Jolitz
Margaret Goldstein
Doris Anderson
Madeline Johnson
Judy Dahlin
Norman & Margo Tworek
John & Ethel Gebben
James & Judy Murray
Will & Katherine Hampton

** GENERAL **

Brighton High School Enrichment Classes

Wednesday nights - GENEALOGY I - Genealogical Society of Washtenaw Co. 7-9 pm
8 weeks $20. BHS 282 Begins 4/7
Eight steps in tracing your ancestors.

Basic instruction of Chancery Stylitic Cursive writing.

** MEETINGS **

April 13 - 7:30 pm at the Mill Pond Manor 614 N. 2nd St.
Beverly Labelle will have a presentation on the "Preservation of Public Buildings".

April 27 - 7:30 pm at St. Paul's Annex
Photo night - Historical Society of Michigan

May 11 - 7:30 pm at the Mill Pond Manor 614 N. 2nd St.
Mrs. Reed from the Howell Carnegie Library will have a presentation of "Genealogy".

May 20 - at 7:30 pm at the Witch's Hat Depot Museum
South Lyon Area Historical Society is hosting the spring meeting of Area Historical Groups.

June 8 - 7:30 pm at the Chamber of Commerce
Possible planning for the Fourth of July weekend.

Start thinking about the election of Officers for next fall. If you are interested in any position, please contact a Board member. We also need many chairpersons in order to distribute work load and make the society grow.

July fourth weekend... possible flea market and/or open house. We are having problems with locations but keep these ideas in mind. More information will follow later, one way or the other.
****** MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR ******

Tuesday, April 27
7:30 pm
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Annex

PHOTO NIGHT

A staff member of the Historical Society of Michigan will be here to talk about photographs (collecting, storing, reproduction and historic purpose).

The second part of the program will be the copying of the photographs brought to the meeting. The original pictures copied during the evening will be retained by their owners. The negatives produced, will be held by the B.A.H.S. for cataloging and filing.

Participants with photographs for copying are requested to bring not more than six black & white or color photos not larger than 11 x 14 (removed from frames if possible).

REQUIREMENT...... Each photograph must be accompanied by a 3 x 5 card on which is typed or clearly printed essential information about the picture - persons shown, place and date taken, occasion and particular historical significance.

If you have a photo you can't identify, please bring it along. Maybe someone at the meeting will be able to make an identification. And please, spread the word on this special event.

what's it

No. 1276

This what's it was used primarily during cold weather. Is it a type of "stone" used in the game of curling? Do you think it might be a flask or perfume bottle? You're getting warm! Courtesy of The Keilor Collection. See the correct answer in the next issue.

what's it

No. 277

This what's it may have been part of a hitching post. Also looks like a handmade piece of harness hardware. Maybe it had nothing to do with securing animals at all? What's your guess? Watch for our answer in the next issue. Courtesy of Dr. E. J. Burger, Jr., Chelsea, VT.

Editor - J. Korte
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4/1/82

This is the final chance for charter membership.

$5.00 single per year

$8.00 couple per year

If you wish to join, please complete this form, enclose check (Brighton Area Historical Society) and mail to:

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