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Other books which need to be published could include area schools, early businesses, organizations, etc.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Total net worth 8-8-85 $4992.82

Receipts

Iues $99.00

Tile sales 208.00

Raffle 28.00

Flea Market 265.00

Stampy, etc. 59.80

Int: chke 2.97

Sav: 22.11 25.08

Donations:

C. Wilson trust bequest 100.00 1050.77

$5774.69

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Adm. 20.31

Officer Exp. 18.35

Newsletter 30.25

Fund raising 66.76 129.67

Total net worth 9-10-85 63145.03

(Sav. acct. bal. 5465.61)

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(The proposed budget, to be accepted at the Annual Meeting, will be in the November Newsletter.)

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TRIVIA ANSWERS

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3. Frank Seger wrote the Centennial Song. It was played by the Brighton High School Band and sung on Brighton's birthday.

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Society members receiving this newsletter will find two raffle tickets attached. It is hoped this will not seen presumptuous but indeed an opportunity to make a contribution to the Society. More tickets may be obtained from Claire Healy, 229-3867, or the Senior Citizen Center Gift Shop where the afghan is on display.

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NAME

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New ( ) Renewal ( )

Please send a copy of Society Bylaws ( )

Activities in which I'd like to participate:

( ) Bake sale ( ) Meeting programs ( ) Photography ( ) Help with special ( ) Board member ( ) Membership committee ( ) Publicity ( ) Fund raising ( ) Newsletter publication ( ) Research ( ) Genealogy ( ) Oral history ( ) Restoration ( ) Hospitality ( ) Other work I'd be willing to do:

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