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1992 MEMBERSHIPS 1992

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These are more than just names of the person who will be our patrons. The Society has known these people for many years and they have given generously to the Society and the community. We are greatly appreciative of their support.

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FROM THE TREASURER

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A study of the Treasurer's report may imply a fine balance; but projected expenses on the items noted above will account for a major share.

The Society Board is acutely aware of its accountability in regard to the resources in its care.

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _______________________________________________________________________
ADDRESS ___________________________________________________________________

NEW ( ) RENEWAL ( )

ACTIVITIES

Activities in which I would like to participate:
( ) Bake Sale ( ) Help with Spec. events ( ) Newsletter ( ) Research
( ) Board Member ( ) Hospitality ( ) Oral History ( ) Restoration
( ) Fund Raising ( ) Programs ( ) Photography ( ) Video Taping
( ) Genealogy ( ) Membership Committee ( ) Publicity ( ) Other

I would be willing to do:


Send to: Brighton Area Historical Society
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BUSINESS MEMBERS 1992

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Grand River Trail

TRAIL TAILS

Brighton Area Preservation News

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The membership is composed of people who feel this purpose is worthwhile and should be promoted.

EDITORIAL

Support of the Society’s goals and projects comes in many forms. Pictures and artifacts are donated or loaned. Raffle prizes, labor and merchant contributions all are encouraging signs that the community cares.

All in the area should be aware that this continued support is needed and that it must assuredly increase.

The railroad depot is gone, the Union School is gone. Many old barns and homes have been dismantled or remodeled without regard for architectural integrity.

Little by little the Society is gaining in credibility and visibility. And little by little the history of the area is being revealed because many are willing to help.

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AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES TO MEET

The spring meeting will be hosted by the Plymouth Historical Society, Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 at the Museum, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth. The program will include a speaker on organizing genealogical materials in archives and libraries of local historical societies.

This ‘Cluster’ meeting takes place twice a year and gives societies an opportunity to compare notes and learn from each other. Contact a member to attend with us.

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We have to accept a certain amount of old age; we’re not all beautiful forever.

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GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 14
Beginning with a pot luck @ 6:30 for those who wish, the General Meeting of the Society will be Tuesday, April 14, at the Miller Intergenerational Center, 850 Spencer Rd. (entrance at the far end of the parking lot.)

At 7:30 Lyle Harbet will give a short talk on how Brighton got its name, etc. Lyle has been a lifelong resident of the area and has a good memory. The meeting is open to the public. Bring a friend.

BOARD MEETING, May 14
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