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F I N A N C I A L  R E S O U R C E S

Other tiles from previous issues are still available. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, State Police Post, Mount Sinai Hospital, Eastern House, Lyons School, Western House and the Union School. These can be purchased at $8. or 3/$21. Get yours soon. Make your set complete. What shall the tile depict in 1994? Contact a board member with your suggestion.

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RESIGNS FROM BOARD

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If one of our readers would consider serving on the board please contact a board member. Time and energy will be needed but you’ll find it worthwhile.

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2nd ANNUAL BRIGHTON COMMUNITY FAIR

Saturday, March 5, 1994, 9a.m./1p.m.

The Society will have a table again. Can you help for an hour or two? Call Marianna Bair, 229-6402.

GENEALOGY

The Livingston County Genealogical Society (LCS) has a representative at the Brighton District Library, 200 N. First, each 1st Wednesday to answer your questions.

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February 2 and March 23 are the dates. Contact Lyda Spilbring, 546-6070 for more information.

MISCLASSIFICATION OF EARLY ISSUES OF THE BRIGHTON AREA...is well underway. The Board decided to have extra copies made for the use of the public and archives.

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FINANCIAL RESOURCES

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OLD TOWN HALL NEEDLEPOINT KIT: At the Quilter's Shoppe, 213 W. Main. Pattern only, $3.; complete kit $6.

POST CARD PACKETS: Two different sets, six cards each. At Uber's Drugs and The Book Nook, 322 W. Main.

TILES: The 1993 edition, Brighton Mills, is available at Uber's Drugs and Somewhere in Time, 316 W. Main and Society Bank. The Brighton Flouting and Grist Mill was built by Orson Quickmarksh in 1840, on what is now the North Street parking lot. (N.W. corner W. North Street/S. West Street.) Evert Woodruff owned it in 1849, then Lyman Judson. After 'modernization' it was sold to Eberth A. Albright and Chester Thomason in 1856. They also added improvements including a steam boiler for power during the summer. Charles T. Hyne and Sons purchased it by the mid 1870s. By 1907 the Galbraith family advertised 250 sacks of "Ideal" flour for .55c.

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DATES TO REMEMBER
Feb. 2, 5-8 p.m. LCGS representative at Brighton District Library*
** 12, 9-11 a.m. Filing Society Archives.
16, 8:15 a.m. LCG Church, Howell.*
** 28, 7:30 p.m. Society Board Meeting.
**Apr. 8-9 Local History Conf., Detroit.
**May 13, 2nd Annual Michigan One-Room School House Conf., Ionia.
**May 23-24, Michigan Archival Assoc., Mackinac Island.
*See related article.
**Old Town Hall, 202 W. Main. Members welcome.
**Contact Historical Society of Michigan, 2117 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 48104.

EDITORIAL
Service, religious, social and political organizations, businesses and governmental bodies, etc., need to recognize and appreciate the fundamental importance of the records of their organizations and their preservation.

As with museum artifacts these records are important cultural resources. However many organizations, companies, etc., rid themselves of these records periodically or when storage is at a premium. The loss is too often not realized until decision makers, administrators and attorneys need these records and learn, to their dismay, they've been destroyed or lost.

Organizations must establish and support archives to maintain and preserve their records. (From "Primarily Archives" by David Johnson, State Archivist, Michigan History Magazine, May/June, 1993.)

The Brighton Area Historical Society is working to develop archives especially related to the area. Before eliminating an organization's records consider donating the to the Society. (Marianna Bair, Editor)

BOARD MEETING DATE
CHANGED FOR 1994

(AGAIN!)
Beginning February 28, the Society Board will meet the fourth Monday in 1994.
Meetings will begin at 7:30 (another change) and will be held upstairs at the Old Town Hall, 202 W. Main. Members are welcome.