



Grand River Trail

TRAIL TALES

BRIGHTON AREA PRESERVATION NEWS

THE PURPOSE OF THE BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS TO PRESERVE, ADVANCE AND DISSEMINATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HISTORY OF THE BRIGHTON AREA.

THE MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED OF PEOPLE WHO FEEL THIS PURPOSE IS WORTHWHILE AND SHOULD BE PROMOTED.

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ANNUAL REPORT

TRAIL TALES HAS BEEN ISSUED ON A MONTHLY BASIS. OFTEN ANNE STRATIGOS' CLASS IN MALTBY MIDDLE SCHOOL PREPARES THE NEWSLETTER FOR MAILING. ANNE ALSO SEES THAT SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, BOARD MEMBERS, SOCIAL STUDIES AND HISTORY TEACHERS ALSO RECEIVE A COPY. JOHN LINAHAN DELIVERS EXTRA COPIES TO REALTORS, BANKS, DOCTORS' OFFICES, ETC., FOR PUBLIC USE. OVER 450 ARE MAILED TO MEMBERS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL BODIES, BUSINESSES, ETC., IN AN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY'S RECOGNITION OF THE SOCIETY AND THE VALUE OF LEARNING THE HISTORY OF THE AREA.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF LOCAL HISTORY ARE RECEIVED. RESPONSES TO ALL WERE AS PROMPT AS POSSIBLE. MANY OF THESE ARE REFERRED BY THE BRIGHTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE SOCIETY BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT TO PROMOTE EDUCATION. A \$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED TO PHOENIX HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, RYAN CAMPS. ONE OF THREE APPLICANTS, HE IS ATTENDING CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY. GARY McCRIE IS CHAIRMAN OF THIS PROJECT. (DONATIONS TO THIS FUND ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.)

INFORMATION RE: "HOW TO" AND A LIST OF POSSIBLE INTERVIEWEES HAS BEEN COMPILED FOR THE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT. SEVERAL HAVE BEEN RECORDED; JULIE (BOGAN) MELODY HAS BEEN HELPING WITH TRANSCRIBING. MICHIGAN ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN ATTENDED. NANCY FREDENBURG HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS PROJECT. SHE HAS ALSO BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE POPULAR COVERLET PROJECT.

WITH THE COOPERATION OF FR. WALTER SHERMAN, ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, COPIES WERE MADE OF THE CONGREGATION RECORDS AND OF THE VILLAGE CEMETERY. VARIOUS EARLY PLATS, ETC., HAVE BEEN LOCATED BY DAVE BARTON'S WORK IN THE HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 10, 1-5 P.M. "MINIATURES OF MANY SIZES", PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 155 S. MAIN, PLYMOUTH. SPECIAL PROGRAM/OPEN HOUSE. (EXHIBIT GOES THRU MARCH 3, 1996.)
- 15, 7 P.M. CANDLELIGHT XMAS CHEER. MILL RACE VILLAGE, NORTHVILLE HIST. SOC. NORTHVILLE. BRING BEVERAGE AND HORS D'OEUVRE.
- 18, 7:30 P.M. BAHS BOARD, 11700 E. GRAND RIVER. (NOTE DATE CHANGE)
- 1/JAN. 31, 96. MON/FRI, NOON/4 P.M.
- Dec. 10, 1-5 P.M. "100 YEARS OF TOYS" WYANDOTTE MUSEUM, 2610 BIDDLE, WYANDOTTE. 313/246-4520.
- 25, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

PATRON: BOB & TILLI BITTEN (96), MARIAN CARNEY (97).

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WITH THE NEW YEAR COMING IT IS TIME TO REVIEW THE MAILING LIST. IT IS NOT CONSIDERED GOOD POLICY TO CONTINUE SENDING TRAIL TALES TO THOSE MAKING NO EFFORT TO SUPPORT THE SOCIETY.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS ARE CONVINCED OF THE VALUE OF THE SOCIETY AND ITS PURPOSES AND GOALS. THE SUPPORT OF OTHERS IS ESSENTIAL.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...STUDENTS OF ANNE STRATIGOS AT MALTBY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THEIR WORK IN PREPARING TRAIL TALES FOR MAILING.

...BRIGHTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

...KAY SPANGLER FOR APPLYING THE SIGNATURES TO THE SIGNATURE QUILT.

...THERESA SWEICKI FOR THE EMBROIDERY OF THESE SIGNATURES.

...MARIAN CARNEY FOR SPAGHETTI SUPPER DONATION.

NEEDED.....NEEDED.....NEEDED

- ...CASE OF COPY PAPER
- ...CANON PC 6RE COPIER CARTRIDGE
- ...BOX OF AVERY COPIER LABELS #5351
- ...ROLL OF 500 NONPROFIT POSTAGE PAID STAMPS @ .05¢

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY THAT A TREASURE TROVE OF FAMILY HISTORY, DOCUMENTS, PHOTOS, DIARIES, JOURNALS AND OTHER PAPER EPHEMERA MAY BE HIDING IN YOUR ATTIC, CLOSET OR DRAWERS? THESE HAVE HISTORICAL VALUE AND IMPORTANCE TO THE HISTORY OF THE BRIGHTON AREA. THE SOCIETY IS INTERESTED IN ACQUISITIONS AS WELL AS LOAN OF ITEMS TO COPY FOR ARCHIVAL STORAGE AND RESEARCH OF THE AREA'S HERITAGE.

CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER AND EXPERIENCE THE PLEASURE OF KNOWING YOUR HISTORY IS OF VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY.

JANICE FIELD AND ALICE NEWCOMB HELP I.D. PHOTOS AND IN COMPILING THE HISTORY OF SITES ON AREA STREETS AND ROADS. SEVERAL NOTEBOOKS ARE BEING FILLED. PICTURES (EARLY AND CONTEMPORARY) ARE INCLUDED. SEVERAL MEMBERS HAVE SHARED MEMORIES WHICH HELP I.D. SITES AND EVENTS. RESEARCH RELATING TO MANY SUBJECTS HAS BEEN COLLECTED INTO FOLDERS.

IT IS LOGICAL THAT SUPPORT BE GIVEN THE HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY IN THE RESTORATION OF THEIR BUILDING AT 132 E. GRAND RIVER. CASH AND IN-KIND DONATIONS ARE RECEIPTED BY THE SOCIETY AND BILLS PAID. IN RETURN FOR THIS SERVICE, THE LYONS SCHOOL PROJECT WILL RECEIVE 5% OF THE CASH CONTRIBUTED. RON MOREY, SOCIETY SECRETARY, HAS BEEN SERVING AS OUR REPRESENTATIVE AND JAIME GREEN HAS BEEN MEETING WITH THEIR RESTORATION COMMITTEE. WE PARTICIPATED IN THE HBA BOOTH AT THE HOME SHOW.

IN RESPONSE TO MANY REQUESTS THE PLANS FOR A HISTORY BOOK OF THE AREA ARE UNDERWAY. CAROL McMACKEN, CHAIRMAN, IS RESEARCHING THE FORM THE BOOK WILL TAKE. BE ASSURED THERE WILL BE LOTS OF PICTURES AND YOUR SUPPORT WILL BE NECESSARY.

A SET OF MICROFILMS OF EARLY ISSUES OF THE BRIGHTON ARGUS HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE HOWELL CARNEGIE LIBRARY. MORE ISSUES WERE COPIED THIS YEAR. (DONATIONS TO THE \$1600.00 BILL CAN BE MADE.) WITH JOHN FIELD'S EFFORTS A READER, DONATED BY THE NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR USE.

UNDER JIM VICHICH'S CHAIRMANSHIP, THE LAWN HAS BEEN MAINTAINED AND LARGE AND SMALL GATES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN THE FENCE AT THE LYONS SCHOOL. TWO DESKS WERE DONATED BY LINDA (COOPER) LATTA AND THE \$630.00 INSURANCE BILL HAS BEEN PAID. (AGAIN, DONATIONS ARE WELCOME.)

EACH YEAR THE SOCIETY'S FINANCIAL RECORDS ARE AUDITED. TREASURER, MARGE WHITE, ALWAYS GETS A FINE REPORT ON HER EFFORTS. ALL SOCIETY OFFICERS ARE BONDED. THE BOARD IS INVOLVED WITH THE BRIGHTON DISTRICT LIBRARY IN THE SETTING UP OF A "HERITAGE" ROOM AND THE PLANNED DEDICATION NEXT SPRING. A DONATIONS WAS MADE TO THE IMAGINATION STATION. TOM AND AUDREY LEITH KEEP TRACK OF MEMBERSHIPS AND SEND CARDS AND RECEIPTS.

THE 1870 CENSUS OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY HAS BEEN PURCHASED. STILL LOOKING FOR AN 1875, 1895 AND 1915 COUNTY ATLAS.

CHUCK AND JANICE BEACH CONDUCTED A VERY SUCCESSFUL SOCIETY BOOTH AT THE ART FAIR AGAIN THIS SUMMER. 1995 SAW A RENEWAL OF THE ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER. CAROLINA DE LUCA CHAIRED THIS EVENT - TERMED ON OF THE MOST SOCIABLE. RICCI BANDKAU MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SITE. THE 1995 TILE COMMEMORATES THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. GEORGE LUTHERAN CHURCH. MANY ARE SENDING A SIGNATURE TO HAVE IT EMBROIDERED ON THE SIGNATURE QUILT. VOLUNTEERS KAY SPANGER AND THERESA SEICICKI SEE THEY ARE APPLIED TO THE QUILT.

1995 HAS BEEN A PRODUCTIVE YEAR. WITH MORE VOLUNTEERS THE PROJECTS NOTED COULD BE EXPANDED AND MANY OTHER IMPORTANT ONES INAUGURATED: AN ENTRY IN THE ANNUAL JULY 4TH PARADE, A CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE, ETC. MORE FUND RAISING EVENTS, TO COVER EXPENSES OF THESE MANY PROJECTS, COULD BE CONDUCTED: CRAFT SALES, RAFFLES, GARAGE SALES, HOME TOUR, ETC., ETC.

A MAJOR NEED IS A V.P. OR PROGRAM CHAIRMAN IN ORDER TO HOLD REGULAR GENERAL MEETINGS, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THIS WOULD RAISE AWARENESS OF THE SOCIETY AND ITS OBJECTIVES AND RECOGNITION OF THE UNIQUE HISTORY OF THE BRIGHTON AREA. A VOLUNTEER TO SERVE AS TREASURER IS STILL NEEDED. CALL A BOARD MEMBER WITH YOUR OFFER TO TAKE MARGE'S PLACE.

THE SOCIETY HAS MANY LOYAL WORKERS. YOU CAN ALSO ENJOY KNOWING YOU'VE HELPED - EITHER BY VOLUNTEERING, DONATING OR BECOMING A MEMBER. MARIEANNA BAIR, PRESIDENT

COVERLETS: LAST HOLIDAY SEASON MANY PEOPLE WERE GIVEN THESE BLUE COVERLETS, DISPLAYING LOCAL SCENES. THESE ARE THOUGHTFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS. YOUR FRIENDS/FAMILY WILL BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE ONE OF THESE. OR GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT. YOU'LL BE HELPING SUPPORT THE SOCIETY PROJECTS ALSO. NANCY FREDENBURG, 229-9100, HAS THEM AND THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT UBER'S DRUGS.

TILES: WON'T BE LONG NOW AND THE 1995 TILE, DEPICTING ST. GEORGE LUTHERAN CHURCH, WILL BE READY. THESE AND EARLIER TILES ARE AVAILABLE AT UBER'S DRUGS, SOMEWHERE IN TIME AND SOCIETY BANK.

EARLY PICTURES OF THE MILL POND, AND POST CARDS OF LOCAL HISTORICAL SITES ARE AVAILABLE AT UBER'S DRUGS. THE BOOK NOOK ALSO STOCKS THE POSTCARDS.

SIGNATURE QUILT: A GIFT FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING? IS THEIR SIGNATURE ON THE QUILT? THIS QUILT WILL REMAIN IN THE SOCIETY ARCHIVES. A \$10. DONATION AND THEIR SIGNATURE SENT TO THE SOCIETY WILL PLEASE THEM AND HELP SUPPORT RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION EFFORTS.

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

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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

work I would be willing to do: _____

DUES: \$25. Patron \$2. Student (K-12, College)

 \$25. Business/Professional

 \$12. Couple Brighton Area Historical Society

 \$ 7. Individual P.O. Box 481, Brighton, MI 48116-0481

"HOLIDAY GREETINGS" FROM THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, 1898

A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

FROM THE OBITUARY FILES ONE LEARNS THAT FRED A BUSH WAS BORN IN HOWELL, AUGUST 15, 1861. HE MARRIED EFFIE I. DURFEE OF BRIGHTON, JUNE 26, 1889. WHILE LIVING HERE HE WROTE A BOOK OF POEMS, ADVERTISING THE VARIOUS BUSINESSES OF BRIGHTON, PUBLISHED BY THE ARGUS, TOWN & JACOBS, PUBLISHERS. HIS LIFE'S OCCUPATION WAS IN THE PRINTING TRADE AND JOURNALISM PROFESSION. HIS POEM, "HOMECOMING DAY", WAS INCLUDED IN THE 1907 HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES. MR. BUSH DIED MARCH 25, 1918. FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF HIS WORK AS PRINTED IN "A BOOK OF POEMS" BY F.A. BUSH.

GEO. L. PITKIN, DRUGS AND GROCERIES
SIXTEEN YEARS AGO IN BRIGHTON,
IN A SMALL BUT MODEST WAY,
GEO. L. PITKIN STARTED BUSINESS,
WHICH HAS GROWN FROM DAY TO DAY.
HE HAS PUSHED ALONG LIFE'S VOYAGE,
DOING WELL BY EVERYONE,
MAKING FRIENDS OF EVERYBODY,
AND THEIR VERDICT IS "WELL DONE."
HE HAS DRUGS AND PATENT MEDICINES
TO CURE YOUR VARIOUS ILLS,
WHICH HE OFFERS YOU AT PRICES
THAT WILL SAVE YOUR DOCTOR'S BILLS.
HE HAS STAPLE FANCY GROCERIES,
SUGAR, COFFEE, SPICES, TEAS,
THAT HE OFFERS TO THE PUBLIC,
ALL AT PRICES SURE TO PLEASE.
HE HAS LAMPS AND FANCY CROCKERY,
PLATES AND SAUCERS, CUPS AND ALL,
THAT ARE BOUND TO ENTERTAIN YOU,
IF UPON HIM YOU WILL CALL.
AND FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR,
HE HAS GIFTS FOR GREAT AND SMALL,
BOOKS TO PLEASE THE LITTLE PEOPLE,
OR THE OLD FOLKS, SHORT OR TALL.
HE HAS PLAIN AND FANCY STATIONERY
FOR THE BUSINESS MAN OR BEAUX,
AND FINE CIGARS FOR THE SMOKER,
AND TOBACCO, TOO, YOU KNOW.
AND WHILE LOOKING 'ROUND FOR BARGAINS,
AND ARTICLES GALORE,
YOU WILL FIND JUST WHAT YOU'RE SEEKING,
AT GEO. L. PITKIN'S STORE.

F.T. HYNE, GRAIN, PRODUCE, ETC.
IN EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO,
TWENTY-SIX LONG YEARS AGO,
THE BUSINESS OF C.T. HYNE & SON
FIRST BEGAN IN TOWN TO GROW.
IT HAS PROSPERED IN ITS JOURNEY,
DAY BY DAY, AND YEAR BY YEAR,
SINCE THE BUSINESS FIRST WAS STARTED
IN OUR THRIVING VILLAGE, HERE.
F.T. HYNE NOW CONTROLS IT,
AND HE HAS SINCE SEVENTY-EIGHT,
WHERE HE FURNISHES A MARKET,
AND NO FARMER HAS TO WAIT.
HE BUYS GRAIN AND FARMER'S PRODUCE,
HIDES AND PELTS AND FURS AND WOOL;
AND HIS STOCK OF SEEDS AND PLASTER
HE ENDEAVORS TO KEEP FULL.
AND, IF YOU SHOULD THINK OF BUILDING,
AND WISH PLASTER, LIME OR HAIR,
YOU SHOULD VISIT F.T. HYNE,
FOR YOU'LL ALWAYS FIND IT THERE.
IF FOR FIELD SEEDS OR THE GARDEN
YOU ARE LOOKING, LOOK NO MORE.
CLOVER, TIMOTHY OR GRASS SEED,
GO AND LOOK HIS LARGE STOCK O'ER.
WHEN THE DREARY HOURS OF WINTER
ROUND ABOUT YOU CHANCE TO ROLL;
WHEN YOU FEEL ITS ICY FINGERS,
THEN TO HIM JUST TURN FOR COAL.
HE CAN SATISFY THE PEOPLE,
FOR HE KEEPS A STOCK THAT'S RIGHT
AND WILL GIVE COAL BURNERS COMFORT
IN THE DAY TIME OR THE NIGHT.
THEN, IF YOU HAVE BEANS FOR MARKET
AND WOULD SELL THEM ON THE SQUARE,
TAKE THEM TO HIS ELEVATOR,
YOU'LL FIND SATISFACTION THERE.

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