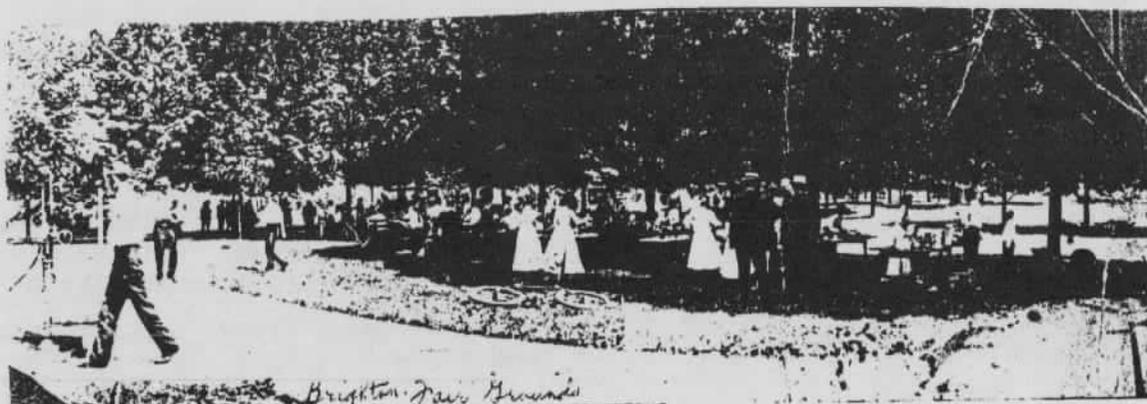


IT'S FAIR TIME!!! (CONT.)

AT THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FAIR IN BRIGHTON IN 1853, EXHIBITORS DISPLAYED THEIR BEST CROPS, LIVESTOCK, FARM MANAGEMENT SKILLS AND DOMESTIC PRODUCTS. PREMIUMS WERE AWARDED SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE FAIR HELD 10 YEARS EARLIER. HOWEVER A PLOWING MATCH WAS ADDED WITH THE FIRST PREMIUM FOR BEST QUARTER-ACRE PLOWED GOING TO WILLIAM WHITE. THE TREASURER REPORTED A PROFIT OF \$383.70.

AND WHERE WAS THIS FAIR GROUND LOCATED? NEITHER AN 1859 NOR AN 1875 MAP NOTE THE SITE. AN 1895 ATLAS SHOWS THE BRIGHTON FAIRGROUND IN THE S $\frac{1}{2}$ OF THE NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF THE NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SECTION 36, GENOA TOWNSHIP. JUST NORTH OF THE BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL ON BRIGHTON ROAD. HOWEVER ON THAT MAP IT IS TITLED THE BRIGHTON MARKET FAIR ASSOCIATION AS OWNER. AN 1887 SHARE OF THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE BRIGHTON MARKET FAIR ASSOCIATION WAS SOLD TO IRA BRADLEY WITH A PAR VALUE OF \$25. JOHN CARTER IS LISTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION AND LEWIS MEYER AS SECRETARY. THIS WRITER'S REFERENCES DO NOT INDICATE WHEN THE B.M.F.A. WAS ORGANIZED, WHO WERE THE ORGANIZERS, WHEN THE LAST FAIR WAS HELD, ETC. A 1915 MAP REFERS TO THE PROPERTY AS BELONGING TO THE STUHRBURG BROTHERS. PERHAPS IT WAS STILL USED AS FAIR GROUNDS?

WE ARE INDEBTED TO FLORENCE WARNER CHASE OF FOWLerville FOR HER DONATION OF THE NEGATIVE OF THE PICTURE BELOW. ONE CAN SEE BRIGHTON FAIR GROUNDS WRITTEN ON THE PICTURE. ALSO A WATER PUMP, BICYCLE, PICNIC TABLES AND A WIDE PATHWAY CAN BE SEEN. THOSE IN THE BACKGROUND ARE PERHAPS WATCHING A PLOWING OR PULLING CONTEST OR A GAME OF BASEBALL. THIS WRITER ESTIMATES THE DATE AS 1910. CAN ANYONE HELP WITH THIS? ARE THERE MORE PHOTOS AROUND?



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