



Grand River Trail

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RECAP OF JULY GENERAL MEETING

THE HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH AND THE TOUR OF THE VILLAGE CEMETERY, PRESENTED BY EILEEN HERBST LAST MONTH, WAS BOTH FASCINATING AND ENLIGHTENING.

NAMES OF MANY OF THE VERY EARLY SETTLERS IN THE AREA WERE NOTED ON VARIOUS MARKERS. A VARIETY OF STYLES OF MARKERS WAS ALSO OBSERVED.

NORM CATRELL, SHIRLEY HOOD AND JOHN FIELD CONTRIBUTED ADDITIONAL INTERESTING BITS OF HISTORY ABOUT VARIOUS PEOPLE RESTING THERE. ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE WITH THE YUM YUM TREE AND EACH PERSON ON THE TOUR RECEIVED AN ICE CREAM CONE.

ALL OF US RECOGNIZED THAT MUCH MORE RESEARCH MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED ON BOTH THE CEMETERY AND THOSE INTERRED THERE.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **AUG. 10, 1 P.M. GREEN OAK DAY.
- ** 10/11, 10 A.M. ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR.
- 14, 5-8 P.M. MARGE WILCOX OFFERS HELP WITH GENEALOGICAL QUESTIONS AT THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY.
- ** 17, 10 A.M./3 P.M. LYONS SCHOOL PAINTING.
- * 19, 19, 1-3 P.M. ARCHIVES INDEXING.
- * 26, 26, 7:30 P.M. BOARD MEETS.
- 27, 1-5 P.M. MARGE WILCOX OFFERS HELP WITH GENEALOGICAL QUESTIONS AT THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY.
- **SEPT. 9, 7 P.M. LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENE. SOC.
- * 19, 7:00 P.M. GENERAL MEETING.
- * 26, 7:30 BOOK COMMITTEE.

*AT OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN. WELCOME.
** SEE RELATED ARTICLE.

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 19

REGISTER AT THE OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN, 7 P.M. WE WILL TOUR AN 1862, TWO STORY, BRICK, ITALIANATE HOME IN BRIGHTON. DIRECTIONS TO THIS PRIVATE HOME WILL BE GIVEN AT THAT TIME.

IN 1884, ALICE EUGENIA HICKS, DAUGHTER OF EUGENE HICKS, TWO TERM STATE LEGISLATOR, WAS BORN IN THIS HOME. AS WITH ALL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETINGS THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.



PATRON: BONNIE CORRIGAN, LYLE & JOYCE POWERS.

BUS/PROF: BRIGHTON PROFESSIONAL TAX SERVICE, INC. (TREVA WILHELMSSEN)

COUPLES/INDIV: CHARLES & JANICE BEACH (97), WALTER & WINIFRED DAMON, DR. D.H. & BARBARA FOLKMAN, WILLARD & FRANCES HEINIG, DON & SHIRLEY JENKS (HOWELL), FRANCIS "BUD" STEDMAN (FL 97).

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SEND IN ADDRESS CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS. TRAIL TALES IS NOT SENT FIRST CLASS. (UNLESS YOU SEND A BOOK OF STAMPS FOR THAT PURPOSE.) THIS MEANS THE POST OFFICE PUTS IT IN THE ROUND FILE IF THE ADDRESS IS INCORRECT.

UPON REQUEST, THIS PAST MONTH, THE P.O. MADE SEVERAL CORRECTIONS. EACH OF THESE COSTS THE SOCIETY .32¢. PLEASE INCLUDE THE SOCIETY WHEN AN ADDRESS CHANGE TAKES PLACE. THE BOARD FEELS VERY RESPONSIBLE WITH THE FUNDS ENTRUSTED. POSTAGE WASTE CAN BE ELIMINATED. CONTACT THE SOCIETY IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER.

SOCIETY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ARE COVERED BY DUES PAYMENTS ONLY. RENEWALS AND NEW MEMBERSHIPS (ESPECIALLY PATRON AND BUS/PROF MEMBERSHIPS) ARE WHAT KEEPS THE SOCIETY RUNNING. THESE ALSO SERVE AS CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD THAT IT'S ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...RON MOREY FOR SERVING AS RECORD KEEPER, ETC., REGARDING DONATIONS MADE TO THE HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION TO THE RESTORATION OF 132 E. GRAND RIVER.

...NANCY FREDENBURG FOR LOAN OF A TYPEWRITER.
 ...EILEEN HERBST FOR HER FINE CEMETERY TOUR.
 ...YUM YUM TREE FOR THEIR SUPPORT.
 ...THE MANY WHO HELPED BERT AND MARIEANNA BAIR COMMEMORATE THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

...WILL BE THE ANNUAL MEETING. ANNUAL REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE, A PROGRAM IS PLANNED AND BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS SERVE A ONE YEAR TERM. ALL SOCIETY MEMBERS SHOULD CONSIDER A POSITION ON THE BOARD FOR A YEAR EITHER AS AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR. THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN IN NEED OF A V.P. AND THE PRESENT TREASURER WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A BREAK. GIVE THIS SOME THOUGHT BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING, CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER FOR A JOB DESCRIPTION OR WITH QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

ARCHIVES: THE REGULAR DATE IS NOW THIRD TUESDAY, 1-3 P.M., 202 W. MAIN, UPSTAIRS. LOTS OF PICTURES AND WRITTEN MATERIALS NEED INDEXING. NOT A GOOD DAY FOR YOU? CALL 229-6402 FOR ANOTHER.

LYONS SCHOOL: MOST OF THE EXTERIOR WAS SCRAPED AND PAINTED AT THE WORK SESSION IN JUNE. ANOTHER IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 10-3 P.M. SOME OF THE FRONT AND PART OF THE EAST SIDE NEED PRIMER. AND THE SHUTTERS WILL BE DONE THAT DAY ALSO. (THESE ARE NOT LOUVERED.) BRING YOUR LADDER IF POSSIBLE AND STAY AS LONG AS YOU CAN. OR JUST AN HOUR IF THAT'S ALL YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS. THE SCHOOL IS AT 11455 BUNO ROAD IN BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP. WE'LL HAVE PIZZA FOR LUNCH. LET'S FINISH THIS JOB!!!

HISTORY BOOK: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 7:30, OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN. NEEDED ARE PICTURES, FAMILY RECORDS OR ALBUMS, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, INFORMATION ABOUT RELIGIOUS, SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MERCHANTS. YOUR ITEMS CAN BE COPIED. CAROL McMACKEN, 810/231-2957 IS AWAITING YOUR CALL.

NEEDED NEEDED NEEDED

...BOX OF ADDRESS LABELS, #5351.
 ...ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER FOR THE ARCHIVES.
 ...PEOPLE WHO WILL CONSIDER SERVING ON THE BOARD IN 1997.

1997 PROGRAM PLANNING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7 P.M. THE BOARD WILL MEET TO PLAN PROGRAMS FOR NEXT YEAR. PROGRAMS PROMOTING THE GOALS OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE OFFERED.

TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION THESE PROGRAMS SHOULD BE OF INTEREST TO AS MANY AS POSSIBLE. THE BOARD IS EAGER FOR ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE FOR A PROGRAM WHICH WOULD INTEREST YOU.

THUS FAR, THIS YEAR: IN MARCH A PANEL OF LONG TIME RESIDENTS ANSWERED QUESTIONS; IN MAY WE HOSTED A CIVIL WAR REENACTOR; JULY SAW A FINE GROUP WHICH TOURED THE VILLAGE CEMETERY.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR 1997? LET A BOARD MEMBER KNOW YOUR INTERESTS.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

COVERLETS: (BLUE/BEIGE REVERSIBLE) WITH SCENES OF EARLY BRIGHTON MAY BE PURCHASED AT UBER'S DRUGS, THE BOOK NOOK OR NANCY FREDENBURG, 229-9100. UBER'S ALSO STOCK EARLY PICTURES OF THE MILL POND, POST CARDS OF LOCAL SCENES AND TILES WITH HISTORICAL SCENES OF THE BRIGHTON AREA. THE BOOK NOOK ALSO CARRIES POST CARDS.

ART FAIR: JENNIE ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY BOOTH, AUGUST 10/11, IS GETTING EVERYTHING READY. THIS IS A FINE PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SOCIETY. STOP AT THE BOOTH (EAST SIDE OLD TOWN HALL) SHE WILL HAVE COOKIES, LEMONADE, COVERLETS, TILES, POST CARDS, NOTEPAPER, ETC. AND SHE COULD PROBABLY USE YOUR HELP TOO. 545-7553.

HOME TOUR: CHAIRMAN, JULIETTE RILEY, 229-8694, STILL NEEDS A FEW MORE SITES FOR THIS TO BE A REALLY GOOD TOUR. OTHER HELP IS ALSO NEEDED: PUBLICITY, TOUR GUIDES, RESEARCHERS, ETC., ETC. THE DATE IS OCTOBER 19. DON'T DELAY.

STRUCTURES OF HISTORIC INTEREST, THOSE SHOWING RESTORATION AND RENOVATION (EVEN IF NOT COMPLETE), ARE ALL ELIGIBLE FOR THE TOUR. CALL JULIETTE.

SIGNATURE QUILT: FOR A \$10.00 DONATION YOUR SIGNATURE, THAT OF ANOTHER OR ONE OF AN EARLY RESIDENT CAN BE ADDED TO THIS QUILT; WHICH WILL REMAIN IN THE SOCIETY'S POSSESSION.

WITH OTHER HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS PROMOTING A BED/BREAKFAST TOUR OF HISTORIC GETTYSBURG SEPTEMBER 30/OCT 3, 1996. \$380.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES, BUS TRANSPORTATION, THREE NIGHTS, BREAKFAST/DINNER, TWO DAYS SIGHTSEEING, TAX & SERVICE CHARGES. CALL BETH STEWART 313/455-8940. FINAL PAYMENT DUE AUGUST 15, 1996.

GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL HOLD THE ANNUAL GREEN OAK DAY PICNIC SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1 P.M. AT THE MUSEUM, 6440 KENSINGTON ROAD; WHICH WILL BE OPEN. BEVERAGE AND DESSERT WILL BE FURNISHED. THIS TYPICAL FARM HOUSE MUSEUM IS OPEN EACH WEEKEND, 1-4 P.M. TILL LABOR DAY.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 5, 7 P.M., LDS CHURCH, 1041 W. GRAND RIVER, HOWELL. THE PROGRAM WILL DEAL WITH THE CREATION OF AN ARCHIVAL QUALITY ALBUM. GET THOSE OLD PICTURES OUT OF THE BOXES IN THE ATTIC, NEITHER OF WHICH IS GOOD FOR THEM, AND GET THEM READY FOR ENJOYABLE VIEWING.

"IF THERE IS ONE THING THAT ALL OUR HISTORY TEACHES US, IT IS THAT A BRILLIANT FUTURE RESTS ON AN UNDERSTANDING OF AND FEEL FOR THE PAST."

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

NEW () RENEWAL ()

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
- \$25. Business/Professional
- \$12. Couple
- \$ 7. Individual

\$2. Student (K-12, College)
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"HOLIDAY GREETINGS": FROM THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, 1898

MORE FROM A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

R. E. BAETCKE

HARDWARE

AS WE JOURNEY ALONG O'ER LIFE'S VOYAGE
BESET WITH THE CARES OF THE DAY,
WHAT A BLESSING TO FIND A GOOD HARBOR
BEFORE WE ARE LOST IN THE BAY.
FOR TWENTY-NINE YEARS R. E. BAETCKE
HAS FURNISHED A HARBOR FOR TRADE
TO THE PEOPLE WHO DWELL HERE ABOUT US
AND GREAT HARDWARE BARGAINS HAS MADE.
HE HAS STOVES AND RANGES TO SUIT YOU,
OF THE WORLD-RENOWNED GARLAND MAKE,
AND ROUND OAK STOVES FOR WOOD HEATERS,
THAT SURELY WILL CAPTURE THE CAKE;
HE HAS OLIVER PLOWS FOR THE FARMERS,
AND PLOWS THAT ARE KNOWN AS THE WIARD,
THAT EACH FARMER WHO HAPPENS TO KNOW THEM
HAS OFTEN PAUSED AND ADMIRIED.
AND IF YOU THINK OF BUILDING SOON
AND BUILDERS' HARDWARE NEED,
BE SURE AND VISIT BAETCKE'S,
HE HAS JUST WHAT YOU NEED:
HE HAS PLANES AND SAWS AND WRENCHES,
AND ELECTRIC CUTLERY TOO,
ROGERS' FINEST PLATED WARE
HE ALSO OFFERS YOU;
HE HAS GYPSINE FOR YOUR WALLS,
AND HEATH & MILLIGAN'S PAINT,
THAT PEOPLE USE FROM YEAR TO YEAR
WITHOUT THE LEAST COMPLAINT.
HE HAS BISSELL'S CARPET SWEEPERS,
AND ROCHESTER NICKEL PLATED WARE,
AND A TIN-SHOP IN CONNECTION,
THAT WILL GIVE OLD GOODS REPAIR.
HE HAS GIVEN SATISFACTION
FOR YEARS BEYOND A SCORE,
AND YOU CAN FIND IT ALSO
AT R. E. BAETCKE'S STORE.

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C. E. CUSHING

HARNESSES AND SPORTING GOODS

IN THE VILLAGE OF BRIGHTON FOR
THIRTY-TWO YEARS,
AS ONE OF OUR DEALERS, C E.
CUSHING APPEARS;
OTHERS HAVE COME AND GONE
ON THEIR WAY,
BUT CUSHING, IT SEEMS, JUST CAME
HERE TO STAY.
AND WHILE I'M SPEAKING I GUESS
I'LL INVITE
YOUR EYE TO THE HARNESS, BOTH
HEAVY AND LIGHT;
HE HAS BLANKETS AT PRICES TO
SUIT ONE AND ALL,
AND WHIPS FOR THE BUGGY OR
WAGON OR STALL;
AND IF YOUR HARNESS GETS
OUT OF REPAIR,
THEN CHARLIE WILL FIX IT WITH
GREATEST OF CARE.
THE NIMROD WHO SEEKS TO
PURCHASE A GUN,
THE FISHERMAN WHO DELIGHTS
IN THAT FUN,
FOR THEIR GUNS AND THEIR FISHING
TACKLE AS WELL
AS POWDER AND SHOT AND THE
BEST LOADED SHELL,
TO CHARLIE'S PLACE TURN, YOU'LL
ALL SEE THEM PUSHING
TO BUY ALL THEIR GOOD OF OUR
FRIEND, C. E. CUSHING.

(TO COMPLETE ARCHIVAL RECORDS,
ADDRESSES ARE NEEDED FOR THESE
BUSINESSES. 810/229-6402)