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VILLAGE CEMETERY TOUR JULY 25

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 6:30 P.M., MEET AT ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, W. ST PAUL'S ST., FOR A WALK THRU' THE VILLAGE CEMETERY BY THE MILLPOND.

EILEEN HERBST, MEMBER OF ST. PAUL'S, WILL GUIDE US. THE GRAVE MARKERS OF A FORMER GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN AND HIS FAMILY, EARLY SETTLERS OF THE AREA, A FORMER SLAVE, ARE AMONG THOSE WHICH WE'LL SEE. EARLY MARKER DESIGNS CAN ALSO BE VIEWED. A TOUR OF THE CHURCH (1881) WILL COMPLETE THE WALK.

TOUR PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INVITED TO AN ICE CREAM CONE AT THE NEARBY YUM YUM TREE (ITSELF AN HISTORICAL SITE) FOLLOWING THE TOUR.

THE PUBLIC IS VERY WELCOME TO JOIN IN THIS WALKING TOUR, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER SOCIETY EVENTS.

MUCH EARLY LOCAL HISTORY IS TO BE FOUND IN TOURS OF THIS TYPE. IF THE WEATHER IS DAMP, BRING YOUR UMBRELLA AND WEAR BOOTS.

CIVIL WAR DAY May 31, 1996

SCRANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS, ELAINE POTTER AND CINDY ALDEN, PTO MEMBERS, INVITED US TO VISIT THIS EVENT AT THE SCHOOL.

A MOST IMPRESSIVE SCENE INCLUDED ABE LINCOLN, MOCK BATTLE OF UNION AND CONFEDERATE REENACTORS (INCLUDING FIRING OF GUNS), STUDENT BANDS PLAYING APPROPRIATE TUNES, BLACKSMITHS, WEAVERS, COOKS, NURSES, AND A CEMETERY WHICH IMPRESSED VIEWERS WITH THE REAL LOSS OF LIFE ENDURED BY LOCAL FAMILIES. ALL INVOLVED ARE TO BE HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR THEIR SPECIAL EFFORTS.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- JULY 10, 5-8 P.M. MARGE WILCOX OFFERS HELP WITH GENEALOGICAL QUESTIONS AT THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY.
- * 16, 1-3 P.M. ARCHIVAL FILING.
- 20. ORAL HISTORY -RENDEZVOUS AT THE SOO; A WORKSHOP ON ORAL HISTORY TECHNIQUES. LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIV. CALL 229-6402.
- * 22, 7:30 P.M. SOCIETY BOARD MEETING. OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.
- 23, 1-5 P.M. MARGE WILCOX OFFERS HELP WITH GENEALOGICAL QUESTIONS AT THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY.
- ** 25, 6:30 P.M. GENERAL MEETING. PUBLIC WELCOME.

*AT OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN. WELCOME.

**SEE RELATED ARTICLE.

BUS/PROF: BRIGHTON BAR & GRILL.

PATRON: DR HARRY & CAROL DAVIS (97), DAVID GREGORY (FL), HAROLD & ESTHER JARVIS (97), CHAS & NORMA JEAN PLESS (ROSCOMMON 97), RICH & MARY RAY, BONNIE RUITTA.

COUPLE/INDIV: JIM & JOANNE CERU, PETE & EVELYN MARTINI (AZ), RON & JILL MOREY, ALICE NEWCOMB (97), SHERYL VIGMOSTAD.

THE SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE SOCIETY BOARD'S EFFORTS, INDICATED BY MEMBERSHIPS PAID, IS GRATIFYING.

ALL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES OF THE SOCIETY, INCLUDING THE NEWSLETTER (\$200.00 PER MO.) ARE PAID BY DUES RECEIPTS. DONATIONS AND FUND RAISING PROCEEDS ARE DESIGNATED TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS.

MANY WHO ARE NOT CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS REGULARLY READ TRAIL TALES IN THEIR DOCTORS' OFFICES, REALTORS' OFFICES, BANKS, ETC. THIS IS GOOD. EVERYONE SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE SOCIETY AND ITS GOALS. HOWEVER IT IS HOPED A MORE ACTIVE RESPONSE IS FORTHCOMING. YOUR FINANCIAL AND PHYSICAL CONTRIBUTION IS NEEDED.

THE YEAR FOR WHICH DUES HAVE BEEN PAID IS NOTED ON THE ADDRESS LABEL. IF THERE IS NO DATE OR IT'S EARLIER THAN '96, AND YOU WANT TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE.....

SOMEONE WHO CARES ABOUT THE AREA'S HISTORY WOULD APPRECIATE A MEMBERSHIP FROM YOU.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL FOR THEIR FINE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION DELIVERED BY COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE, LISA EPPS. THEY WERE VERY COMPLIMENTARY OF THE SOCIETY'S EFFORTS TO BRING THE HISTORY OF THE AREA TO THE COMMUNITY.

...BUD STEDMAN OF FLORIDA WHO FORWARDED "THE HISTORY OF KENSINGTON METROPARK'S FLOCK OF CANADA GESE 1952-1973" COMPILED BY WM. HOPKINS. IT CONTAINED INTERESTING HISTORICAL DATA.

...MARILYN CAMPBELL OF INDIANA FOR CONTRIBUTING GENEALOGICAL RECORDS OF THE MC CLEMENTS FAMILY OF BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP. SEVERAL MEMBERS ARE BURIED IN THE VILLAGE CEMETERY.

ARCHIVES: TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1-3 P.M. ARCHIVAL FILING OF WRITTEN MATERIAL, PICTURES, MAPS, SCRAPBOOKS, ABSTRACTS, ETC., WILL CONTINUE. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. ARCHIVES ARE LOCATED AT 202 W. MAIN, UPSTAIRS. CALL 229-6402 FOR MORE INFO.

LYONS SCHOOL: 11455 BUNO RD., BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP. A FURNACE HAS BEEN DONATED. JIM VICHICH, 227-4840, CAN USE HELP WITH INSTALLATION. ALSO WITH PLUMBING, CARPENTRY, PAINTING, ETC.

HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY: THE SCAFFOLDING HAS BEEN REMOVED AND WORK ON THE FRONT IS BEGINNING TO GIVE 132 E. GRAND RIVER MORE OF ITS ORIGINAL APPEARANCE.

HISTORY BOOK: NEXT OFFICIAL MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, AT THE OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN, 7:30. HOWEVER PICTURES, FAMILY RECORDS OR ALBUMS, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, INFORMATION ON AREA MERCHANTS/BUSINESSES, RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION, ETC., ETC., ARE ALL NEEDED. ITEMS RELATING TO THE AREA CAN BE COPIED. CHAIRMAN, CAROL McMACKEN, 810/231-2957, WILL BE GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU AT ANY TIME.

POSTAL HISTORY

1996 MARKS THE CENTENNIAL OF RFD - RURAL FREE DELIVERY - IN THE U.S. THE BRIGHTON POST OFFICE IS COMPILING MATERIAL COMMEMORATING THIS EVENT. INFORMATION AND PICTURES OF POST OFFICE LOCATIONS IN THE CITY ARE NEEDED. CONTACT MARION FURGUSON AT THE P.O.

NEEDED NEEDED NEEDED

- ...AN ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER FOR USE IN THE ARCHIVES.
 - ...SOMEONE TO SERVE AS SOCIETY TREASURER.
 - ...SOMEONE TO SERVE AS SOCIETY V.P.
 - ...SOMEONE TO TRANSCRIBE ORAL HISTORY, TAPES.
 - ...SOMEONE TO CHAIR A 'GARAGE' SALE, A RAFFLE, ETC.
- CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER FOR MORE INFO.

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: SET FOR AUGUST 10, 11, CHAIRMAN, JENNIE ANDERSON, 545-7553, IS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE SOCIETY BOOTH. HELP, ESPECIALLY BOOTH SITTERS, IS NEEDED. CALL WITH YOUR OFFER TO HELP.

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.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM FUND RAISERS ARE PLACED IN THE PRESERVATION FUND. DONATIONS ARE INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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 JULY 11, 7 P.M., LDS CHURCH, 1041 W. GRAND RIVER, HOWELL. MILTON CHARBONEAU WILL PRESENT A PROGRAM ON PUBLISHING, FROM SHORT-RUN PROJECTS TO LARGER TYPE SET BOOKS. PUBLIC IS WELCOME.

AT THE LIBRARY

THE SOCIETY HAS RECENTLY INSTALLED A COPY OF "HOW SUPERSTORE SPRAWL CAN HARM COMMUNITIES AND WHAT CITIZENS CAN DO ABOUT IT." A COPY HAS BEEN LOANED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES FOR THEIR INFORMATION. TRAFFIC CONGESTION, HOUSING TRACTS, UNATTRACTIVE RETAIL CENTERS, AN EMPTY DOWNTOWN, AN AUTO-DEPENDENT PUBLIC ARE ALL EVIDENCE OF SPRAWL. EDUCATED CITIZENS CAN AVOID OR CORRECT SPRAWL.

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
- \$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

F. L. SMITH

RACKET STORE

OH THE RACKET! WHAT A RACKET!
HEAR THE RACKET AND THE NOISE
THAT THE PEOPLE ALL ARE MAKING
WHEN THEY SEE THE RACKET TOYS.
SANTA CLAUS, IN ALL HIS GLORY
HAS MADE HEADQUARTERS HERE,
WITH THE PRESENTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS,
OR THE HAPPY, GLAD NEW YEAR.
HERE ARE TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN,
THAT WILL MAKE THEM LAUGH WITH GLEE;
AND PRESENTS FOR THE OLD FOLKS,
THAT THEY ALL WILL LIKE TO SEE.
THEN THERE'S TIN AND GRANITE HARDWARE
FOR THE KITCHEN AND THE SHELF,
THAT IS SURE TO SATISFY YOU,
IF YOU PICK IT OUT YOURSELF.
HERE ARE BROOMS, THAT FOR THE MONEY,
CAN'T BE BEAT IN ANY STORE;
IF IT'S BROOMS THAT YOU ARE SEEKING
THEN YOU'D BETTER LOOK NO MORE.
YOU CAN GET THEM AT THE RACKET,
THAT WILL SATISFY IN PRICE,
AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BOUGHT THEM,
ALL PRONOUNCE THEM VERY NICE.
THERE ARE GLOVES AND MITTS TO CHOOSE FROM,
THERE ARE HANDKERCHIEFS GALORE,
THERE ARE WHIPS TO DRIVE YOUR HORSES,
ALL INSIDE THE RACKET STORE.
THERE'S A ROASTER THAT'S A DANDY,
FOR TO ROAST YOUR TURKEY IN,
THERE ARE CHIMNEYS FOR YOUR LANTERNS,
THERE ARE TEAPOTS MADE OF TIN.
THERE ARE BARGAINS WITHOUT NUMBER
THAT WILL PAY YOU TO EXPLORE,
THAT ARE MAKING SUCH A RACKET
AT SMITH'S GREAT RACKET STORE.

M. G. STRAUS

CITY DRAY AND ICE

WHEN THE CHILLY DAYS OF WINTER
TO OUR FIRESIDES MAKE US TURN,
THEN IT IS THAT WE MUST THINK OF
SOMETHING THAT IS GOOD TO BURN.

M.G. STRAUS CAN SATISFY YOU,
SURELY IF A BODY COULD,
FOR HE QUICKLY FILLS ALL ORDERS
FOR THE BEST OF COAL OR WOOD.

WHEN THE HEAT OF SUMMER HOVERS,
AND YOU SEEK SOME COOL DEVICE,
STRAUS WILL PROMPTLY FILL YOUR ORDER
WITH THE PUREST, CLEANEST ICE.

IF IT'S DRAYING YOU ARE NEEDING,
TAKE THIS WARNING TO YOUR HOUSE,
YOU CAN GET GOOD SATISFACTION
BY EMPLOYING M.G. STRAUS.

(ANY IDEAS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE LOCATIONS OF THESE BUSINESSES? THIS INFORMATION WOULD HELP COMPLETE SOCIETY ARCHIVAL RECORDS. 810/229-6402.)

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