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VILLAGE CEMETERY TOUR IN JULY

A GENERAL MEETING (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) IS IN THE WORKS FOR NEXT MONTH. A GUIDED TOUR OF THE VILLAGE CEMETERY WILL HELP US ALL BE MORE AWARE OF THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE AREA.

WILLIAM A. CLARK, D.D., ARRIVED IN THE AREA IN THE MID 1830s. HIS PROPERTY INCLUDED THE HILL BEHIND ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. HE DONATED THE LAND FOR USE AS A CEMETERY. HE AND HIS FAMILY ARE BURIED THERE ALONG WITH GOV. KINSLEY BINGHAM AND HIS FAMILY.

EARLY SETTLERS' NAMES, FROM ABRAMS TO WORDEN, CAN BE FOUND ON THE MARKERS, ALSO THAT OF FORMER SLAVE, JOHN MCKINNEY.

NEW DISTRICT LIBRARY OPEN!

IT MAY BE RECALLED THAT THE SOCIETY SUPPORTED THE LIBRARY BOARD IN NOVEMBER, 1992, WITH A \$1000.00 DONATION WHEN DISCUSSION WAS FIRST BEGUN RE THE FORMING OF A DISTRICT LIBRARY AND NEW CONSTRUCTION.

THE DESIGNATION OF A 'BRIGHTON ROOM' IN THE ARCHITECTURAL PLANS FOR LOCATION OF LOCAL HISTORY RESEARCH MATERIALS HAS COME TO FRUITION. SOME REFERENCE MATERIALS ARE IN PLACE AND MORE ARE BEING ADDED. THE SOCIETY HAS PRESENTED A COPY OF MICROFILM COVERING 48 YEARS OF THE LOCAL PRESS, BEGINNING 1880, WHICH IS NOW ON HAND IN THE BRIGHTON ROOM (NOT ALL YEARS AVAILABLE). GLORIA OSBORNE, REFERENCE PERSON, IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR OTHER ISSUES TO BE MICROFILMED.

THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ALSO HAS REFERENCE MATERIAL IN THE ROOM.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- *JUNE 8, 9-11 A.M. ARCHIVAL FILING.
- 13, 5-8 P.M. GENEALOGICAL HELP;
BRIGHTON ROOM, BRIGHTON LIBRARY.
- 14 MICHIGAN CIVIL WAR BATTLEFLAGS
EXHIBIT AT MICHIGAN HISTORY
MUSEUM, LANSING. ALSO DIORAMAS
OF ARTIFACTS.
- ** 19, 7:30 P.M. HOME TOUR MEETING,
11700 E. GRAND RIVER. 229-8694.
- * 24, 7:30 P.M. SOCIETY BOARD MEETING.
- * 27, 7:30 BOOK COMMITTEE MEETING.
- ** 29, 10 A.M./6 P.M. LYONS SCHOOL
EXTERIOR PAINTING.
- AUG. 24/25 12TH ANNUAL CIVIL WAR MUSTER,
CASCADE FALLS PARK, JACKSON, MI.

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

**SEE RELATED ARTICLE.

PATRON: TED & DORIS CARMACK (DRBRN.), WHITNEY & JUNE KIMBLE (97), ELSA STEGENGA (AZ 97), BOB & RUTH WATSON (HOWELL).

BUS/PROF: HERRMANN FUNERAL HOME.

INDIV/COUPLES: AL & KATHY ALRUBALY (HOWELL), W. CHARLES & JOAN M. BROWN, FLORENCE CHASE (FWLRVL), PAUL & VIRGINIA DELUCA (HOWELL), FRED & PHYLLIS GRUEZKE, BOB & BETSY HERBST, ED & ELAINE KLINSKE, ELNORA KNAUS (IN 97), LOIS KRAUSMAN (FL), DAVE & CHARLENE KULL, MARSHALL & JE'MEL PERDUE (97), TEDD & LINDA POTTER (97), FRED-SCHILLER, BILL & JANE TOMLINSON, BILL & CHARMAINE ZINK.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SEND A CHECK LARGER THAN THE DUES. THE POSTAGE AND PRINTING EXPENSE OF THE NEWSLETTER ARE BARELY COVERED BY DUES FEES. IT IS BELIEVED IT IS GOOD P.R. TO DISTRIBUTE TRAIL TALES TO LOCAL REALTORS, MEDICAL OFFICES, BANKS, ETC. MAKING IT AVAILABLE TO OTHERS. IT IS BENEFICIAL FOR PEOPLE TO LEARN ABOUT THE SOCIETY AND ITS PURPOSES.

THE MAILING LIST IS BEING UPDATED. ARE YOU RECEIVING TRAIL TALES? ARE YOU A MEMBER? HOPE YOU CONSIDER JOINING.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...JIM VICHICH FOR HANGING THE BANNERS ON THE OLD TOWN HALL FOR MEMORIAL DAY. ...VFW #4357 AND AMERICAN LEGION #235, THE BRIGHTON HIGH MARCHING BAND, THE SCOUTS AND MARCHING GROUP FROM MAXIE BOYS SCHOOL. ALL CONTRIBUTED TO THE DIGNIFIED MANNER IN WHICH MEMORIAL SERVICES WERE CONDUCTED. SERVICES AT THE VETERANS' CIRCLE AT BRIGHTON HILLS CEMETERY RESULTED IN A REFLECTIVE MOOD FOR ALL.

...ORE CREEK QUESTERS CHAPTER #262 FOR THEIR CASH DONATION.

NEEDED NEEDED NEEDED

...AN ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER FOR USE IN THE ARCHIVES.
 ...A NEW MASTHEAD FOR THE NEWSLETTER?
 ...SOMEONE TO SERVE AS SOCIETY TREASURER.
 ...SOMEONE TO SERVE AS SOCIETY V.P.
 ...SOME TO CONTACT LOCAL BUSINESSES/MERCHANTS TO SECURE SUPPORT FOR NEWSLETTER EXPENSES. CONTACT MARIEANNA BAIR, 229-6402 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ARCHIVES: WRITTEN MATERIAL, PICTURES, MAPS, SCRAPBOOKS, ABSTRACTS, ETC., ARE ALL WELCOME FOR PLACEMENT IN THE SOCIETY'S ARCHIVES. REGULARLY MEETING THE SECOND SATURDAY, 9-11 A.M., YOU ARE INVITED. CALL 229-6402 IF ANOTHER DAY IS BETTER.

HISTORY BOOK: THE 4TH THURSDAY EACH MONTH WILL FIND THOSE INTERESTED IN COMPILING A HISTORY BOOK OF THE AREA IN DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECT MATTER. ITEMS, SUCH AS NOTED ABOVE, ARE VITAL TO THE PROCESS. YOU WILL BE WELCOME. CALL CAROL McMACKEN, 231-2957, WITH YOUR SUPPORT.

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.

\$1000. SCHOLARSHIP \$1000.

APPLICATIONS FROM PHOENIX GRADUATES ARE BEING RECEIVED.

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN, GARY MCCRIE, TELLS US ADMIRABLE REPORTS ARE BEING RECEIVED FROM CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY REGARDING THE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY RYAN CAMPS, LAST YEAR'S GRANTEE.

DONATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND MAY BE MADE TO THE SOCIETY. IT IS BELIEVED THE GRANTING OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS AKIN TO PRESERVATION IN THAT DESERVING SCHOLARS ARE GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE AT A PRODUCTIVE LIFE.

LYONS SCHOOL NEEDS A PAINT JOB

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M., WITH A BREAK FOR LUNCH (WILL BE PROVIDED), BRING A STEP OR EXTENSION LADDER AND BE READY TO PAINT.

JIM VICHICH, 227-4840, WILL HAVE THE OTHER MATERIALS NECESSARY. CALL JIM SO HE'LL KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT. IF ANOTHER DAY IS BETTER FOR YOU CALL HIM.

LYONS SCHOOL IS IN BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP, 11455 BUNO ROAD.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

COVERLETS: (BLUE/BEIGE REVERSIBLE) WITH SCENES OF EARLY BRIGHTON MAY BE PURCHASED AT UBER'S DRUGS, THE BOOK NOOK OR NANCY REDENBURG, 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.

HOME TOUR: 7:30, JUNE 19, AT 11700 E. GRAND RIVER (LARGE BLUE MAIL BOX BY THE ROAD) WILL SEE A MEETING OF THOSE INTERESTED IN A 1996 HOME TOUR.

A TENTATIVE TOUR DATE IS OCTOBER 19. CHAIRMAN JULIETTE RILEY, 229-8694, HAS SECURED FOUR HOMES THUS FAR. NEEDED ARE PEOPLE TO OFFER THEIR HOME IN ORDER TO HAVE 6-7 FOR THE TOUR. CAN'T OFFER A HOME? OTHER HELP IS NEEDED: PUBLICITY, TOUR GUIDES, ETC., ETC., ARE NEEDED. CALL JULIETTE WITH YOUR OFFER OF HELP. ATTEND THE JUNE 19 MEETING FOR MORE INFORMATION.

SIGNATURE QUILT: THE NEWEST ADDITIONS TO THE QUILT ARE THE NAMES OF DALE AND PHYLISS PEARSALL. DAUGHTER, PATRICIA HAMILTON, MADE THE DONATION.

THIS IS ONE OF SEVERAL FUND RAISERS CONDUCTED BY THE SOCIETY. PROCEEDS FROM ALL FUND RAISERS ARE DIRECTED TO THE SOCIETY'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS. THIS PROJECT ENABLES YOU TO HONOR OR MEMORIALIZE SOMEONE. MANY SIGNATURES OF EARLY RESIDENTS OF THE AREA ARE AWAITING YOUR \$10. DONATION, IF YOU HAVEN'T A NAME TO SUBMIT.

MAY GENERAL MEETING RECAP

1ST SGT. HOMER POTTER MEMBER OF 17TH MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER INF., CO. 3, A.K.A. RON WEBB, CIVIL WAR REENACTOR, WAS HOME ON FURLOUGH RECRUITING FOR THE 17TH.

POSSIBLE RECRUITS PRESENT TESTED POTTER'S PATIENCE IN LEARNING MARCHING TECHNIQUES.

EXAMPLES OF CLOTHING, FOOD, EQUIPMENT, SHELTER, ETC., MADE CLEAR THE HARDSHIPS VOLUNTEERS WOULD FACE.



1ST SGT. POTTER IS SHOWN DEMONSTRATING THE RIGHT AND WRONG MANNER OF USE OF HIS MUSKET. THE DEMONSTRATION CULMINATED IN THE ACTUAL FIRING OF THE WEAPON.

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ADDRESS _____

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- () 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

SWEET & LONG CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

OLD MISTER HUBBARD WENT TO THE CUPBOARD
TO GET HIS POOR DOGGY SOME MEAT.
BUT THE DOG HAD BEEN THERE BEFORE, I
DECLARE,
IN SEARCH OF SOMETHING TO EAT.
SO HE PUT ON HIS THINGS AND HIS BANGLES
AND RINGS,
AND TOOK HIS STAFF, HEAVY AND STRONG,
AND STARTED AWAY AT THE BREAK OF THE DAY,
FOR THE MARKET OF SWEET & LONG.
THE MEAT THAT HE FOUND, WHILE LOOKING
AROUND,
MADE HIM SO HUNGRY THAT DAY.
HE SAW SUCH NICE MEAT, SO FRESH AND SO
SWEET
THAT HE ALMOST FAINTED AWAY.
THE BEEF AND PORKSTEAK AND THE SAUSAGE
THEY MAKE
AT PRICES THAT ARE NOT TOO STRONG.
MADE HIM LOOK UP AND SMILE AND LAUGH
ALL THE WHILE,
AND HE TOOK SOME NICE FRESH MEAT ALONG.
THE MEAT THAT THEY SELL WILL SURELY
PLEASE WELL
FOR THE FINEST OF CATTLE THEY BUY;
AND IF YOU WANT MEAT THAT'S FRESH AND
QUITE SWEET,
THE CENTRAL MARKET'S THE RIGHT PLACE
TO TRY,
ANOTHER FINE CARD IS THEIR HOME MADE LARD.
AND THE SUGAR CURED HAMS THAT THEY SELL,
AND THE OYSTERS AND FISH ALL MAKE A
NICE DISH
TO TICKLE THE PALATE AS WELL.

THE CAN GOODS AND PICKLES AT A
PRICE THAT TICKLES,
ARE JUST ABOUT RIGHT I DECLARE;
AND THE PEOPLE IN TOWN WHEN
LOOKING AROUND,
CAN BUY THE BEST BOLOGNAS THERE.
LIKE OLD MR HUBBARD, JUST FILL
UP YOUR CUPBOARD.
THIS IS THE ADVICE OF MY SONG:
YOUR TRADE THEY INVITE AND YOU'LL
BE USED RIGHT
AT THE MARKET OF SWEET & LONG.

(YOUR EDITOR IS NOT FAMILIAR
WITH THE POSSIBLE LOCATION OF
THIS MARKET. ANY INFORMATION
WILL BE GLADLY RECEIVED.
810/229-6402.)

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