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Brighton Area Preservation News

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The membership is composed of people who feel this purpose is worthwhile and should be promoted.

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CIVIL WAR REENACTOR, MAY 9

RON WEBB, OF THE 17TH MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, CO. E., WILL PRESENT THE FIRST-PERSON ACCOUNT OF FIRST SERGEANT HOMER POTTER, AN ACTUAL MEMBER OF THE 17TH MICHIGAN WHO IS HOME ON FURLOUGH TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR THE 17TH. INCLUDED WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION OF CLOTHING, FOOD, MARCHING TECHNIQUES, EQUIPMENT, "HOUSING", AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES.

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN OF THE AREA WILL FIND THIS TO BE A FASCINATING LEARNING EXPERIENCE. THEY WILL BE WELCOME.

THE MEETING WILL BE AT THE 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 300 E. GRAND RIVER, BRIGHTON, 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 9.

RON IS LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF DEMONSTRATING THE LOADING AND FIRING OF A CIVIL WAR MUSKET. (NO PROJECTILE, BLANK CHARGE ONLY.)

RON'S APPEARANCE WILL PROVE TO BE A MOST INTERESTING AND ENLIGHTENING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- MAY 2, 7 P.M. LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. "MICHIGAN PIONEERS AND THE ERIE CANAL". 227-1760 FOR INFO.
- \*\* 9, 7:30 P.M. SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING. CIVIL WAR REENACTOR.
- \* 11, 9-11 A.M. ARCHIVES.
- 15, NOON. KEMPFF HOUSE CENTER FOR LOCAL HISTORY. "HISTORIC PAINT COLORS AND SCHEMES". ANN ARBOR. 313/994-4898 FOR INFO.
- 18,19 BRIGHTON DISTRICT LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE.
- 19, 2-4 P.M. GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOURING YPSILANTI MUSEUM. CARPOOL? 810/486-9113.
- \* 23, 7:30 HISTORY BOOK COMMITTEE.
- \* 27, 7:30 SOCIETY BOARD MEETING. WELCOME.

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

\*\*SEE THIS PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



PHOTO: "MICHIGAN SOLDIERS IN THE CIVIL WAR"

PATRON: CAROL REARICK, BILL & ROSEMARY ULMER.

BUS/PROF: PDQ INK.

COUPLES/INDIV: BILL & JACKIE ARMSTRONG, WALTER & WINNIE DAMON, LIBBY EISENHARDT, JANICE FIELD, BETTY FRANKLIN (AZ), TIM & HELEN HURST, HELEN LEITZ (DRBRN), MARTY & LEE PAWLAK (S LYON), MYRTLE ROWE (GR. RAPIDS), JENNIFER SCOTT (97).

SEVERAL OF THESE ARE GIFTS. MEMBERSHIP AND AWARENESS OF THE SOCIETY'S GOALS AND PURPOSES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.

THE BULK MAIL RATE BY WHICH THE NEWSLETTER IS MAILED USUALLY ENSURES BRIGHTON ADDRESSES RECEIVE IT WITHIN A DAY OF MAILING. OUT OF TOWN READERS MAY WAIT 2-3 WEEKS. SEVERAL OF THESE, WHO WISH TO RECEIVE THEIR NEWSLETTER IN A MORE PROMPT MANNER, HAVE SENT US A BOOK OF 1ST CLASS STAMPS FOR USE ON THEIR NEWSLETTER. OTHERS MAY WANT TO CONSIDER THIS ALSO.

MAILING IS ALSO PROVIDED TO 'WINTER' ADDRESSES IF WE ARE NOTIFIED WHICH MONTHS ARE 'AWAY FROM THE WINTER WEATHER' FOR YOU.

THANKS      THANKS      THANKS

...ANNE STRATIGOS FOR SERVING AS HOSPITALITY CHAIRMAN FOR GENERAL MEETINGS.

...JOHN LINAHAN FOR PERSONAL DELIVERY OF TRAIL TALES TO VARIOUS MERCHANTS, BUSINESSES, ETC.

...UBER'S DRUGS FOR THEIR CONTINUED COOPERATION IN STOCKING COVERLETS, POST CARDS, TILES AND PICTURES.

NEEDED      NEEDED      NEEDED

...A TYPEWRITER FOR USE IN ARCHIVES. IF POSSIBLE, AN ELECTRIC ONE.

...A NEW MASTHEAD FOR THE NEWSLETTER? THE SOCIETY ENCOMPASSES THE S.E. 1/4 OF THE COUNTY. IS A MORE REPRESENTATIONAL LOGO NEEDED?

...SOMEONE TO CONTACT LOCAL MERCHANTS/BUSINESSES TO SECURE SUPPORT FOR NEWSLETTER EXPENSES. A \$100.00 DONATION PER YEAR WOULD ASSURE THEY ARE NOTED IN EACH ISSUE AS A CONTRIBUTOR.

...REMEMBER THE SOCIETY IN YOUR WILL.

ARCHIVES: EARLY DIRECTORIES AND ATLASES ARE STUDIED TO DETERMINE THE LOCATIONS OF MERCHANTS AND FOR HOW LONG; WHO LIVED IN WHICH HOUSE; WHERE WERE HOTELS LOCATED; WHAT KINDS OF ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS WERE UNDERTAKEN - ALL INFORMATION VITAL TO COMPREHENSION OF THE HISTORY OF THE AREA AND ITS DIRECT EFFECT ON TODAY. MAY 11, 9-11 A.M., JOIN US AT THE OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN. CALL 229-6402 IF ANOTHER DAY/TIME IS BETTER.

HISTORY BOOK: MEETING AT THE OLD TOWN HALL THE 4TH THURSDAY EACH MONTH, THE COMMITTEE IS DETERMINING SUBJECT MATTER, PICTURES, CHAPTER HEADINGS, ETC. YOU ARE WELCOME TO HELP IN ANY MANNER. WRITTEN MATERIAL, PICTURES, MAPS, SCRAPBOOKS, ABSTRACTS, ETC, ARE NEEDED TO PREPARE A COMPLETE HISTORY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA - FROM SETTLERS OF THE 19TH CENTURY TO TODAY'S 20TH CENTURY RESIDENTS.

HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY: RESTORATION AT 132 E.

GRAND RIVER IS PROCEEDING. FRAMING AND WINDOW INSTALLATION IS COMPLETE ON THE UPPER LEVEL, NEW STAIRS (BOTH UPPER AND LOWER) ARE GOING IN, BRICK REPAIR AND RESTORATION ON THE FRONT IS UNDERWAY. MANY HBA MEMBERS HAVE DONATED LABOR, MATERIALS AND CASH. A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOCIETY MAKES THESE CONTRIBUTIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

WITH OTHER HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

SOUTH LYON: MAY 21, ANTIQUE BULB HOME LANDSCAPING 1800-1940 BY SCOTT KUNST. 810/437-9929 FOR MORE INFO.

GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP: GAGE HOUSE MUSEUM, 4660 KENSINGTON ROAD, OPEN WEEKENDS, 1-4 P.M. AFTER MEMORIAL DAY.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL: JUNE 6, VISIT BRIGHTON DISTRICT LIBRARY. 227-1760 FOR INFORMATION.

FRENCH-CANADIAN HERITAGE: JUNE 22, QUEBEC HERITAGE SEMINAR, TRAVERSE CITY. PAT SUTTER, 4151 SUTTER RD., KEWADIN 49648.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: 155 S. MAIN, PLYMOUTH, EXHIBITS "PLYMOUTH-CANTON COLLECTS" THRU OCTOBER 27. 313/455-8940.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES

**ART FAIR:** JENNIE ANDERSON 517/545-7553, WILL BE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SOCIETY BOOTH DURING THE ART FAIR, AUGUST 10-11. NOT ONLY IS THIS A GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS EVENT FOR THE SOCIETY, BUT FUNDS ARE RAISED FOR THE SOCIETY PROJECTS ALSO. THE SALE OF COVERLETS, TILES, POSTCARDS, COOKIES AND LEMONADE IS VERY HELPFUL. HOW CAN YOU HELP? NEEDED WILL BE PEOPLE WILLING TO WORK FOR 2-3 HOURS AT THE BOOTH, THE DONATION OF COOKIES AND LEMONADE, HELP WITH SET UP, ETC., ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS. CALL JENNIE.

**SIGNATURE QUILT:** THIS QUILT, ON WHICH SIGNATURES ARE EMBROIDERED, WILL REMAIN WITH THE SOCIETY. THIS IS A MEMORABLE FUND RAISER. A CHECK FOR \$10. AND THE SIGNATURE YOU WISH PLACED ON THE QUILT ARE THE ONLY REQUIREMENTS. SIGNATURES OF EARLY AREA PEOPLE ARE IN THE SOCIETY FILES. SEND TO P.O. Box 481.

**COVERLETS:** THESE ARE SELLING WELL. BLUE ON BEIGE, THESE REVERSABLE COVERLETS BOAST NINE SCENES OF THE EARLY VILLAGE. AVAILABLE AT UBER'S DRUGS OR THE SOCIETY, \$49.

**TILES:** ST. GEORGE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENOA TOWNSHIP IS THE SCENE ON THE LATEST ISSUE. THESE AND OTHER SCENES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM UBER'S OR THE SOCIETY. \$8./3-\$21. UBER'S ALSO STOCKS EARLY PICTURES OF THE MILL POND AND POSTCARDS OF LOCAL SCENES.

### ABOUT THE BACK PAGE.....

IN THE DECEMBER, 1995, ISSUE OF TRAIL TALES WAS BEGUN THE REPRINTING OF POEMS ABOUT MERCHANTS AND BUSINESSES IN BRIGHTON VILLAGE BY FRED A. BUSH. THESE ARE FROM A SUPPLEMENT TO THE BRIGHTON ARGUS - "A SOUVENIR OF 1898."

AN ATTEMPT, NOT ALWAYS SUCCESSFUL, IS MADE TO LOCATE THESE ESTABLISHMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO BUSINESSES OF THE MID 1990s.

TWO POEMS ABOUT THE F. T. HYNNE BUSINESS ARE RECORDED. THE FIRST (PRESENTED IN THE DECEMBER, 1995, ISSUE) RELATES TO THE GRAIN, PRODUCE, ETC., OF THE ENTERPRISE. THE SECOND, REPRINTED THIS MONTH, CONCERNS THE LUMBER, LATH, ETC., PORTION. FOLLOWING THE COMING OF THE RAILROAD (1871) MANY COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS SPRANG UP ON EITHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS. HYNNE WAS ONE OF THEM - ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MAIN, BOTH SIDES OF THE TRACKS.

YOUR EDITOR, MARIEANNA BAIR, 229-6402, REQUESTS THAT ANYONE WHO CAN GIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE BUSINESSES PREVIOUSLY PRINTED HERE WOULD PLEASE CALL HER.

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### BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Activities in which I would like to participate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bake Sale    | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Spec. events | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Research     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality            | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral History | <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs               | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography  | <input type="checkbox"/> Video Taping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy    | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity    | <input type="checkbox"/> 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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MORE "HOLIDAY GREETINGS: FROM THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, 1898

A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

F. T. HYNE

LUMBER, LATH, ETC.

IF YOU ARE THINKING OF BUILDING A HOUSE  
OR A BARN,  
THEN LISTEN I PRAY YOU TO MY LITTLE YARN,  
AND HEED ITS INSTRUCTION AND THEN YOU  
WILL GO  
AND BUY ALL YOUR LUMBER FROM HYNE, BY JOE.  
HE HAS LUMBER TO SELL OF ALMOST EVERY KIND,  
AND HIS STOCK IS AS LARGE AS ONE OFTEN  
WILL FIND,  
WHILE HIS STORK IS COMPLETE IN EVERY FORM,  
AND KEPT UNDER COVER TO KEEP FROM  
THE STORM.  
ON LUMBER AND LATH, AND SHINGLES AS  
WELL,  
A LARGE STOCK OF LUMBER IN  
HEMLOCK AND PINE  
IS OFFERED TO BUILDERS AT MARGINS  
QUITE FINE.  
THERE IS CHOICE PINE FROM THE GREEN  
GEORGIA HILLS,  
AND HEMLOCK AND PINE FROM  
MICHIGAN'S MILLS,  
AND SHINGLE AND LATH FOR THE BUILDER,  
YOU KNOW,  
WHO TO THE YARDS OF F.T. HYNE WILL GO.  
THERE ARE SASH, DOORS AND WINDOWS AND  
MOULDINGS AS WELL,  
AND ORNAMENTAL WORK AT PRICES THAT TELL,  
AND SHINGLES IN VARIOUS VARIETIES ARE  
FOUND,  
E'EN THE RED CEDAR, FROM THE GREAT  
PUGET SOUND.

BUT BUSINESS AND PLEASURE TOGETHER  
BELONG,  
AND ERE I CLOSE MY LITTLE SONG,  
TO SPEAK OF A PASTIME THERE'S SURELY  
NO HARM,  
SO I'LL SPEAK TO ALL OF THE ORE  
CREEK FARM.  
FOR HERE ON THIS FARM, ON ANY  
FAIR MORN,  
YOU'LL SEE SOME FINE STOCK OF THE  
FANCY SHORTHORN:  
FOR A PASTIME AND PLEASURE WHAT  
BETTER COULD BE  
THAN THE BREEDING OF STOCK THAT'S  
A PLEASURE TO SEE?  
MR. HYNE ALSO DELIGHTS IN A HUNT,  
BUT WITHOUT ANY GAME HE SAYS IT  
IS BLUNT,  
SO HE'S RAISING THE PHEASANTS OF  
WHICH MUCH IS HEARD  
AND IS STOCKING THE WOODS WITH THIS  
BEAUTIFUL BIRD.  
AND SOME DAY OR OTHER, PEOPLE  
WILL FIND  
A LOT OF GOOD HUNTING AROUND, OF  
THIS KIND:  
SO REMEMBER WHEN BUYING THE RIGHT  
PLACE TO GO,  
IS THE PLACE THAT IS RUN BY F.T.  
HYNE, YOU KNOW.

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