"HOLIDAY GREETINGS": FROM THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, 1898
FROM A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

BRIGHTON

Come gentle muse and softly tune they lyre,
And fill this heart with true poetic fire,
And fill my soul with visions good and true.
Of Brighton village now before my view.
And let me show to people far and near
The beauties of this lovely village here;
Yea, show me all its merits o'er again,
That I may sing them justly with my pen.

For Brighton stands beneath fair Heaven's blue,
A village fair, with citizens so true,
Who ready stand to tell to all the earth
In highest praise, Brighton's intrinsic worth.
A peaceful spot, the gift of nature's hand,
What wonder then that people proudly stand
And point with pride to this, their dwelling place,
As nature's best, the fairest gift of grace.

Fields of bright green beneath the summer's sun
Produce the bread and meat for everyone.
While silvery lakes in any number lay,
To furnish fish to all who come this way.
Fair Island Lake, the soldiers' pride and joy.
Full many a heart with pleasure doth employ,
And people come from city and from town,
To rest themselves and 'neath its groves sit down.

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HISTORY BOOK: MEETINGS are 4th Thursday 7:30 P.M. CONTACT Carol McMacken, 231-2957 if you have letters, pictures, stories, etc., to have this book as complete as possible.

ORAL HISTORY: Not sure how to proceed? SATURDAY, May 5, 10-11 A.M., at the Milford Senior Center “An Introduction to Collecting Oral History” will be presented. Call 810/684-0650 for info.

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY: NEW member, Lisa Cave, and David Barton, 229-5215, hope to have good weather to get lots of pictures of earlier structures of the area. They can use help. Historical research will be done for a complete survey. Many of these buildings won’t be here next year. An income tax deductible donation of funds for film can be made to the Society.

GENERAL MEETING, MAY 29

GAGE HOUSE MUSEUM

In 1835 the Gage family joined the trek from eastern states to the new Michigan Territory. Settling in Green Oak Township it wasn’t long before the original log cabin was replaced with a two story structure. Evidence of which is still visible.

The site is now used by the Green Oak Township Historical Society as a museum. It was a typical farm home and that is the era to which the society has organized its displays. Eight rooms are filled with artifacts, many of which bear a direct relationship to the township, the grounds are in the process of restoration and can be also visited.

The Brighton Area Historical Society will meet at the museum, 6400 Kensington Road for a tour. This meeting is open to the public. Bring your friends.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

COVER LETTERS: Nine scenes of early Brighton are woven into blue, green or red coverlets. Naughty ‘N Nice, 412 W. Main, Heartland House, 12 1/2 W. Main and Wood N Things, 200 Hyne stock these. When this last supply has been depleted...

CERAMIC TILES: For the past 12 years the Society has produced a 6” square tile with scenes of the Brighton area. These are available at Nostalgic Antiques, 116 W. Main. As a decorative item or gifts these limited editions are a fine way to support the Society in its projects.

POST CARDS: You will find scenes of Early Brighton on these. The Book Nook, 322 W. Main, stocks these for the Society.

WITH OTHER GROUPS

The Kempf House Center for Local History, 312 S. Division. Ann Arbor is sponsoring its noon lecture series. For a listing of the topics call 313/994-4988. The April 5 subject is “Railroad Stations in S.E. Michigan.”

The 59th Annual Conference on Local History, Wayne State University, 51557-6003 and the 1st Annual Preservation Network Conference, Bay City, 810/465-0818 are being offered April 11 and 12.

The 5th Annual Conference of the One Room Schoolhouse Association will be held in Colon, May 3. 5 A.M. to 3 P.M. Call 810/229-6402 for information.

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The Green Oak Township Historical Society will be touring the Michigan Historical Center in Lansing, May 18. Public is welcome. 810/29-6402 or 810/686-5115.

Next month will conclude the printing of poems from Fred A. Bush's "Holiday Greetings," 1998. Your Editor is open to suggestions for future research. 229-6402.
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OF BRIGHTON VILLAGE NOW BEFORE MY VIEW.
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THE BEAUTIES OF THIS LOVELY VILLAGE HERE;
YEA, SHOW ME ALL ITS MERITS O’ER AGAIN;
THAT I MAY SING THEM JUSTLY WITH MY PEN.

FOR BRIGHTON STANDS BENEATH FAIR HEAVEN’S BLUE;
A VILLAGE FAIR, WITH CITIZENS SO TRUE;
WHO READY STAND TO TELL TO ALL THE EARTH
IN HIGHEST PRAISE; BRIGHTON’S INTRINSIC WORTH.
A PEACEFUL SPOT, THE GIFT OF NATURE’S HAND.
WHAT WONDER THEN THAT PEOPLE PROUDLY STAND
AND POINT WITH PRIDE TO THIS, THEIR DWELLING PLACE;
AS NATURE’S BEST, THE FAIREST GIFT OF GRACE.

FIELDS OF BRIGHT GREEN BENEATH THE SUMMER’S SUN
PRODUCE THE BREAD AND MEAT FOR EVERYONE!
WHILE SILVERY LAKES IN ANY NUMBER LAY,
TO FURNISH FISH TO ALL WHO COME THIS WAY.
FAIR ISLAND LAKE, THE SOLDIERS’ PRIDE AND JOY.
FULL MANY A HEART WITH PLEASURE DOETH EMPLOY.
AND PEOPLE COME FROM CITY AND FROM TOWN,
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