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DATES TO REMEMBER

- APR. 3, 7 P.M. LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: "INTO GERMANY." PH: 227-1760.
- * 9, 7 P.M. 1997 HOME TOUR MEETING. 5-8 P.M. AND APRIL 22, 1-5 P.M. GENEALOGICAL HELP AT THE LIBRARY.
- * 15, 1-3 P.M. ARCHIVE WORKERS. HELP!
- * 7:30 'BRAINSTORM' MEETING RE: FUTURE PROJECTS.
- * 24, 7:30 P.M. BOOK COMMITTEE.
- * 28, 7:30 BOARD MEETING.
- MAY 1, 7 P.M. LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: PHOTOGRAPHY BY DUANE ZEMPER. PH: 227-1760.
- ** 29, 6-9 P.M. BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING AT GREEN OAK MUSEUM.

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

MARCH MEETING WELL RECEIVED

ATTENDEES AT THE GENERAL MEETING, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN HOWELL, WERE IMPRESSED AND PLEASED THAT CITIZEN OF THE COUNTY, 20 YEARS AGO, VOTED TO PRESERVE AND RESTORE THE BUILDING INSTEAD OF TEARING DOWN AND REPLACING IT WITH A MONOTONOUS REPLICATION OF THE FEATURELESS STRUCTURES TO WHICH ONE IS SO OFTEN EXPOSED.

MODERN UTILITIES WERE UNOBTRUSIVELY INCLUDED DURING THE RESTORATION. THE DISCOVERY OF ITS ORIGINAL INTERIOR DECORATION, AND ITS RESTORATION, HAS RESULTED IN A VIBRANT SENSE OF THE SPECIAL CHARACTER OF THE BUILDING AND ITS REASON FOR BEING. HERE ONE RECEIVED THE SIGNAL OF THE QUIET PERMANENCE AND ASSURANCE OF OBTAINING JUSTICE.

EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE APPRECIATED THE MANNER IN WHICH MARY GRIFFITH DETAILED ITS HISTORY, RESTORATION AND FUTURE.

A TRIP TO THE CORNER DAIRY QUEEN COMPLETED THE EVENING.

WANT TO HELP?

THE SOCIETY IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. YOU MAY PURCHASE THEM OR A CHECK CAN BE SENT NOTING YOUR SELECTION. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

- COPY MACHINE CARTRIDGE = \$125.
- PAPER, REAM = \$4.
- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER POSTAGE = \$48.
- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PRINTING = \$160.
- LYONS SCHOOL ANNUAL UTILITY BILL = \$165.

BUS/PROF: MEXICAN JONES RESTAURANTE,
TOMZ OPTICAL.

PATRON: JOAN (PINNEY) RICE (CA).

COUPLES/INDIV: RICHARD & ELAINE BLIGHT,
MIKE & BARBARA EMMOREY (98), DAVID & TERRI
FISHER (IN), JACK & BEVERLY LABELL, HELEN
LEITZ (DRBRN), PETE & EVELYN MARTINI (AZ),
BRENDA McCARTY, LUCILLE PRIESKORN (98),
JANET ROHRABACHER (HOWELL), ED & CONNIE
SHERMAN, BILL & CHARMAINE ZINK.

THE LISTING OF NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS IS GROWING. ALL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES: P.O. BOX RENT AND NON PROFIT PERMIT, OFFICE EXPENSES, COPYING, PAPER, POSTAGE, OFFICE EXPENSES, NEWSLETTER PRINTING AND MAILING ARE BUDGETED TO COME FROM DUES AND ADMINISTRATION DONATIONS. THIS ALLOWS ALL PROCEEDS FROM FUND RAISERS TO BE DEDICATED TO PRESERVATION PROJECTS. PRESENT DUES RECEIPTS MEET THE BILLS ONLY BECAUSE NOT ALL BOARD MEMBERS TURN IN THEIR EXPENSES. PATRON DUES AND OTHER DONATIONS SAVE THE DAY. MANY THANKS TO ALL DUES PAYING MEMBERS.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...LUCILLE PRIESKORN AND ED AND CONNIE SHERMAN FOR THEIR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND WHICH INCLUDED SUFFICIENT POSTAGE FOR ONE MONTH'S MAILING OF THE NEWSLETTER.

...CITY OF BRIGHTON, WHEN OFFICES WERE MOVED FROM THE OLD TOWN HALL TO THE CITY HALL, FOR THE DONATION OF A TYPEWRITER, DESK AND COMPUTER. THE STAFF WAS ALWAYS SUPPORTIVE AND COOPERATIVE OF THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES.

...BERT BAIR, JOANNE CERU, LIBBY EISENHARDT, FLORENCE KEENAN, JUNE KIMBLE AND SHIRLEY RITTER FOR HELPING PREPARE THE MARCH NEWSLETTER FOR MAILING.

HELP HELP HELP

NEEDS...

- ...FILE FOLDERS, REGULAR AND LEGAL SIZE.
- ...COPY MACHINE.
- ...SOMEONE TO DESIGN A BROCHURE.
- ...FUND FOR COST OF ARCHIVAL STORAGE MATERIALS.
- ...AN ART FAIR CHAIRPERSON.
- ...A RAFFLE CHAIRPERSON.
- ...PEOPLE TO HELP WITH SPAGHETTI SUPPER, HOME TOUR, ETC.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ARCHIVES: CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO THE PROPER FILING OF MATERIALS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THEM AND ALSO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE FOR RESARCH. SEVERAL HOURS WEEKLY ARE DEVOTED TO ORGANIZING MATERIALS RELATIVE TO THE HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY. SEARCH YOUR ATTICS AND OTHER STORAGE FOR PICTURES, CLIPPINGS, ETC., RELATED TO BOTH OF THESE PROJECTS. THESE CAN BE COPIED AND RETURNED.

HISTORY BOOK: MEETINGS ARE 4TH THURSDAY 7:30 P.M. CONTACT CAROL McMACKEN, 231-2957, IF YOU HAVE LETTERS, PICTURES, STORIES, ETC. TO MAKE THIS BOOK AS COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE.

ORAL HISTORY: NOT SURE HOW TO PROCEED? SATURDAY, MAY 3, 10/3 P.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, 229-5213, 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 NEWLY OPENED 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, 6440 KENSINGTON ROAD FOR A TOUR. THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

(PLEASE INCLUDE ZIP + 4 DIGIT)

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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 \$2. Student (K-12, College)
 \$25. Business/Professional Brighton Area Historical Society
 \$12. Couple P.O. Box 481, Brighton, MI 48116-0481
 \$ 7. Individual

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

COVERLETS; NINE SCENES OF EARLY BRIGHTON ARE WOVEN INTO BLUE, GREEN OR RED COVERLETS. NAUGHTY 'N NICE, 412 W. MAIN, HEARTLAND HOUSE, 124 W. MAIN AND WOOD N THINGS, 200 HYNÉ 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'LL FIND SCENES OF EARLY BRIGHTON ON THESE. THE BOOK NOOK, 322 W. MAIN, STOCKS THESE FOR THE SOCIETY.

SIGNATURE QUILT; SIGNATURES OF HER PARENTS HAVE BEEN SENT IN BY JANE OWENS. THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR YOURS. SIGNATURES OF EARLY RESIDENTS ARE AVAILABLE AND NEED ONLY YOUR \$10. DONATION TO BE INCLUDED. THE QUILT, ON WHICH SIGNATURES ARE EMBROIDERED, WILL REMAIN IN SOCIETY ARCHIVES.

FOR NEEDLEPOINT KITS OF THE OLD TOWN HALL AND 10"x14" PICTURES OF THE MILL STREAM DAM (WHEN IT WAS ON THE S SIDE OF MAIN): CALL 229-6402.

ALL DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY ARE INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO THE EXTENT THE LAW ALLOWS.

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 313/994-4898. THE APRIL 9 SUBJECT IS "RAILROAD STATIONS IN S.E. MICHIGAN."

THE 39TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON LOCAL HISTORY, WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, 313/577-4003 AND THE 17TH ANNUAL PRESERVATION NETWORK CONFERENCE, BAY CITY, 810/625-8181 ARE BEING OFFERED APRIL 11 AND 12.

THE 5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ONE ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD IN CORUNNA, MAY 9, 8 A.M./3:30. CALL 810/229-6402 FOR INFORMATION.

THE MICHIGAN ORAL HISTORY COUNCIL, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE MILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ET AL, IS CONDUCTING A WORKSHOP, COLLECTING ORAL HISTORY, IN MILFORD. CALL 810/684-0650 INFORMATION ON THIS MAY 3, 9-5 EVENT. YOUR ORAL HISTORY QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

THE GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL BE TOURING THE MICHIGAN HISTORY CENTER IN LANSING, MAY 18. PUBLIC IS WELCOME. 810/29-6402 OR 810/486-9113.

NEXT MONTH WILL CONCLUDE THE PRINTING OF POEMS FROM FRED A BUSH'S "HOLIDAY GREETINGS", 1898. YOUR EDITOR IS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH. 229-6402.

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"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.

(CONCLUSION NEXT MONTH)