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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- * JAN. 6, 7 P.M. PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 1997.
- 8, 5-8 P.M. & JAN. 28, 1-5 P.M.,
GENEALOGICAL HELP AT LIBRARY.
- * 21, 1-3 P.M. WORK IN ARCHIVES.
- * 23, 7:30 P.M. HISTORY BOOK COMMITTEE
- * 27, 7:30 P.M. BOARD MEETING.
- FEB. 6, 7 P.M. LIVINGSTON COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, LDS CHURCH,
1041 W. GRAND RIVER, HOWELL.
"LET'S CHECK THE INTERNET".
- MAR. 6, 7 P.M. LCGS. LIVINGSTON
COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS
OFFICE. "AVAILABLE RECORDS
AND HOW TO USE. 227-1760.
- APR. 11, 12, MICHIGAN HISTORIC PRESER-
VATION NETWORK, 17TH ANNUAL
PRESERVATION CONFERENCE,
BAY CITY. 313/998-6248.
- * 202 W. MAIN, UPSTAIRS. WELCOME.

BOARD MEMBERS AND/OR CHAIRMEN NEEDED

TO BECOME A MORE VIABLE ENTITY IN THE
COMMUNITY IN 1997 SEVERAL POSITIONS NEED
TO BE FILLED IN THE SOCIETY:

FUND RAISING CHAIRMAN: RESPONSIBLE FOR
PROMOTION OF VARIOUS MEANS OF RAISING
FUNDS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS
OF THE SOCIETY. THIS WOULD INCLUDE APPOIN-
TING CHAIRMEN FOR THE SPAGHETTI DINNER,
HOME TOURS, ART FAIR, RAFFLES, SALES, ETC.
ALSO TO FOLLOW UP ON DISTRIBUTION OF INVEN-
TORY AND TRANSFER OF PROCEEDS TO THE
TREASURER.

THE SOCIETY HAS A FINE MEMBERSHIP OF PEOPLE
WILLING TO HELP WHEN ASKED. WHAT IS NEEDED
IS SOMEONE TO COORDINATE THE VARIOUS PRO-
JECTS ESTABLISHED AND TO PROMOTE OTHERS.

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN: RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVER-
TISING SOCIETY ACTIVITIES ON A REGULAR
BASIS,, E.G. ART FAIR, TOURS, GENERAL
MEETINGS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS,
WORK WITH THE FUND RAISING CHAIRMAN WITH
THOSE PROJECTS. EVERYTHING WHICH WILL HELP
THE PUBLIC BECOME AWARE OF THE SOCIETY
AND ITS GOALS.

NEWSLETTER CHAIRMAN: GET INFORMATION RE
THE SOCIETY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES TO THE
MEMBERSHIP ON A MONTHLY BASIS. CONTACT THE
VARIOUS CHAIRMEN FOR REPORTS. PREPARE
MATERIAL READY FOR PRINTING.

ALL OF THE ABOVE SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND
BOARD MEETINGS REGULARLY OR SEE THAT A
REPORT IS AVAILABLE. THEY CAN SERVE AS A
BOARD MEMBER OF AS A CHAIRMAN.

TREASURER: IS A BOARD MEMBER, WILL ATTEND
BOARD MEETINGS, RECORD RECEIPTS AND DISBUR-
SEMENTS, PREPARE MONTHLY AND ANNUAL
REPORTS. THE SOCIETY BONDS THIS OFFICER.

BUS/PROF: PDQ/BUSINESS IMAGING GROUP,
T. CHARLES & Co.

PATRON: JERE & KAY MICHAELS.

COUPLES/INDIV: HOMER & EVELYN DOTHAGER
(IL), EMIL & JOAN ENGEL, KATHERINE HAMPTON
(HARBOR SPRINGS), ED & ELAINE KLINSKE,
HELEN MICHAELS, JOE & IRENE MIKE (98).

THE MEMBERS LISTED ABOVE ARE AMONG THE
MANY IN THE AREA SHOWING APPROVAL OF THE
SOCIETY'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. BOARD MEM-
BERS ARE ENCOURAGED BY THIS KIND OF SUPPORT.

ABOUT \$3000. MUST BE BUDGETED EACH YEAR
FOR TRAIL TALES. DUES FEES AND SPECIAL
CONTRIBUTIONS ARE DESIGNATED TO THAT EX-
PENSE (\$250. PER MO). MEMBERSHIPS BARELY
COVER THIS (OTHER ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES
COME FROM DUES ALSO).

YOUR MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AN
INVESTMENT IN THE PRESERVATION OF THE
RICH RESOURCES WE'VE INHERITED FROM THE
PIONEERS. IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER BUT WISH
TO REMAIN ON THE MAILING LIST A CONTRIBUTION
WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

THANKS.....THANKS.....THANKS

...BILL McCRIE FOR VOLUNTEERING TO KEEP
THE CHIMEMASTER, INSTALLED BY THE SOCIETY
INTO THE OLD TOWN HALL, IN GOOD, WORKING
ORDER.

...NORM CATRELL, JOANNE CERU, JUNE KIMBLE,
AND SHIRLEY RITTER FOR HELP IN NEWSLETTER
MAILING.

...NAUGHTY 'N NICE AND WOOD 'N THINGS FOR
STOCKING THE COVERLET FOR THE SOCIETY.

...NOSTALGIA ANTIQUES FOR STOCKING THE TILES
FOR THE SOCIETY.

ARCHIVES: WORKING FOR TWO HOURS EACH 3RD
TUESDAY (1-3) IS BARELY MAKING A DENT IN
THE TASK OF ARCHIVING AND INDEXING THE
EVIDENCE OF THE AREA'S PAST. YOUR HELP IS
NEEDED! IF OTHER DAYS OR HOURS WOULD BE
BETTER CALL 229-6402.

HISTORY BOOK: MUCH GROUND WORK IS BEING
COMPLETED BY CHAIRMAN CAROL McMACKEN.
PICTURES, LETTERS, MEMORIES, ETC., ALL CON-
TRIBUTE TO A MORE COMPREHENSIVE BOOK OF THE
HISTORY OF THE BRIGHTON AREA. YOURS WILL
BE WELCOME. JOIN IN AT THE OLD TOWN HALL,
202 W. MAIN, 4TH THURSDAYS.

HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION: WORK IS CON-
TINUING ON THE RESTORATION OF THIS BUILDING,
132 E. GRAND RIVER, TO MAKE IT A VIABLE
PLACE OF BUSINESS. OFFICES CAN BE LEASED.
DONATIONS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE HISTORI-
CAL SOCIETY AND ARE INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

LYONS SCHOOL: THE EXTERIOR PAINTING WAS
COMPLETED. CHAIRMAN, JIM VICHICH, DEDICATED
HIMSELF TO FINISHING THIS JOB BEFORE WIN-
TER. LOCATED AT 11455 BUNO ROAD THE CHAL-
LENGE OF PREPARING THIS BUILDING FOR USE BY
SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE IN FULL SWING
THIS SPRING.

ORAL HISTORY: JANICE FIELD AND MARIEANNA
BAIR ATTENDED THE MICHIGAN ORAL HISTORY
ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP IN WALLED LAKE. PRE-
SERVATION OF FAMILY HISTORY, ASKING GOOD
QUESTIONS, USE OF EQUIPMENT, ETC., WERE
AMONG THE SUBJECTS COVERED. INTERESTED IN
CONDUCTING ORAL HISTORIES? LET US GET THE
INFORMATION TO YOU.

FIANCIAL RESOURCES

COVERLETS (RED, GREEN, AND BLUE) WOVEN,
COTTON, WITH NINE HISTORIC BRIGHTON SITES,
CENTERED BY THE MILL POND AND THE OLD TOWN
HALL, C. 1920, CAN BE PURCHASED AT NAUGHTY
'N NICE, 412 W. MAIN AND AT WOOD 'N THINGS,
200 HYNE STREET.

POST CARDS OF EARLY LOCAL SCENES ARE AT THE
BOOK NOOK, 322 W. MAIN.

SIGNATURE QUILT: A SIGNATURE, WITH A \$10.
DONATION, (OR A SIGNATURE OF AN EARLY RESI-
DENT OF THE AREA, FURNISHED BY THE SOCIETY)
WILL BE EMBROIDERED ON THE QUILT, WHICH
WILL BE RETAINED BY THE SOCIETY.

NEEDLEPOINT KITS OF THE OLD TOWN HALL,
\$8. OR 10X14 PICTURES OF THE MILL STREAM
DAM (BEFORE IT WAS COVERED BY THE PARKING
LOT) ARE AVAILABLE AT 810/229-6402, \$15.

SOCIETY TILES: CAN BE PURCHASED AT NOSTAL-
GIA ANTIQUES, 416 W. MAIN. THE 1996 TILE,
OF THE RIALTO THEATER IS ALSO HERE. \$8.
OR ANY THREE FOR \$21.00.

PROCEEDS FROM THESE ITEMS ARE DESIGNATED
TO THE SEVERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION PRO-
JECTS OF THE SOCIETY, I.E. LYONS SCHOOL,
ORAL HISTORY, ARCHIVES, ETC.

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

FOR THE PAST 13 MONTHS EXCERPTS FROM "A BOOK OF POEMS" BY FRED A BUSH (1898) HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED ON THE BACK PAGE OF TRAIL TALES. THIS BOOK WAS A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE BRIGHTON ARGUS FOR THAT LONG AGO HOLIDAY SEASON.

THIS PAMPHLET MEMORIALIZED MANY OF THE STORES AND MERCHANTS IN THE AREA AT THE TIME. ADDRESSES OF THESE SITES WERE NOT INCLUDED. IT WOULD ADD A GREAT DEAL TO THE LOCAL HISTORY TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION. WE KNOW THAT THE SITE RELATIVE TO THIS MONTH'S POEM WOULD HAVE BEEN THE UNION SCHOOL. OPENED IN 1868 THE FIRST HIGH SCHOOL CLASS WAS GRADUATED IN 1886. THIS 100TH ANNIVERSARY WAS COMMEMORATED IN 1986 WITH A THREE DAY CELEBRATION WHICH HUNDREDS OF ALUMNI ATTENDED.

WHEN CONSTRUCTED THIS BUILDING CONTAINED ALL THE ELEMENTARY CLASSES AND THE HIGH SCHOOL. IT SERVED THE COMMUNITY FOR 60 YEARS. IT WAS REMOVED IN 1957 TO MAKE WAY FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SCHOOL, LOCATED AT 710 RICKETT ROAD. THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PREPARED A TILE PORTRAYING THE UNION SCHOOL.



CORRECTION: BOB WATSON, WHO RECENTLY DONATED COPIES OF SANBORN MAPS, REMINDS US THEY WERE PREPARED FOR USE EXCLUSIVELY BY INSURANCE COMPANIES. ACCURATE, CURRENT AND DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE BUILDINGS THEY INSURED WAS NEEDED. AGAIN, THANKS BOB.

ANOTHER DATE OF INTEREST: APRIL 6, 10-4:30, EIGHTH ANNUAL GENEALOGY AND HISTORY BOOK FAIR, LANSING CENTER, 333 E. MICHIGAN AVE., LANSING. 517/332-0123

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"HOLIDAY GREETINGS": FROM THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, 1898

MORE FROM A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

BRIGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

FOR EDUCATION

THERE IS A SAYING TRUE TO ALL MANKIND
THAT EDUCATION FORMS THE COMMON MIND,
AND KNOWLEDGE, WHERESOEVER IT BE ATTAINED,
IS FAR THE BEST OF JEWELS EVER GAINED.
AND AS OUR CHILDREN SOON MUST FEEL THE STRIFE
THAT'S BOUND TO COME TO MOST OF US IN LIFE,
THERE'S NOT A BETTER GIFT IN ALL THE NATION
THAN A FIRST-CLASS AND FINISHED EDUCATION.
TO THOSE WHO DWELL NEAR BRIGHTON I WOULD SAY
WE HAVE A SCHOOL TO OFFER YOU TO-DAY
THAT RANKS AMONG THE BEST IN MICHIGAN,
IN EDUCATION ON THE MORE ENLIGHTENED PLAN.
THE CHILD IS TAUGHT FROM LOWER GRADES TO HIGHER,
ALONG LIFE'S WAY AT ALL TIMES TO ASPIRE
TO HIGHER WALKS, AND LEARNS THE LESSON WELL,
THAT IN FUTURE YEARS WILL SURELY TELL.
GIVE TO THE CHILD A WELL DEVELOPED BRAIN
AND IT WILL LIVE TO BATTLE EVERY STRAIN,
AND IN THE VOYAGE ALL MUST TRAVEL HERE
AMONG THE BETTER CLASSES WILL APPEAR,
PROFESSOR E. D. WATKINS, IN WHOSE CARE IS PLACED
THE INTERESTS OF ALL, HIS NAME HAS GRACED,
WITH A DEGREE ON WHICH WE PLACE RELIANCE,
THE HIGH DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE.

AND MARY STEWART SEYMOUR, THE
PRECEPTRESS TOO,
AMONG THE TEACHERS RANKS AMONG
THE BEST 'TIS TRUE.
LOVINA WESTPHAL HAS THE GRAMMAR
GRADE
AND AS A TEACHER HAS HER RECORD
MADE.
WHILE LITTLE ONES CAN LEARN
THEIR A. B. C.
THROUGH ETTA ABRAMS AND ELLA
KENNEDY.
THE COUNTRY SCHOOL CAN START THE
GERMS OF THOUGHT,
BUT HIGHER AIMS AT HIGHER SCHOOLS
ARE BOUGHT.
JUST SEND YOUR BOYS AND GIRLS TO
SUCH A SCHOOL AS THIS
AND THE COST OF TUITION YOU
WILL SCARCELY MISS.
AND PTOLEMY, CLARK, AND RATZ,
PLACEWAY AND BOYLAN TOO,
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL DO
WHAT THEY CAN FOR YOU.