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Brighton Area Preservation News

The purpose of the Brighton Area Historical Society is to preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the history of the Brighton Area.

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- OCT. 2, 7 P.M. LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. "UNUSUAL TOMBSTONES & EPITAPHS". 227-1760.
- 5, 9:30/5 P.M. MID MICHIGAN ANTIQUARIAN BOOK AND PAPER SHOW. LANSING CENTER, 517/332-0112.
- * 8, 5-8 P.M. AND OCT. 28, 1-5 P.M. GENEALOGICAL HELP AT THE LIBRARY.
- ** 9, 7 P.M. PROGRAM BY WELDON PETZ, HILTON SCHOOL.
- 18, MICHIGAN ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP. ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM, ROCHESTER. PH: 517/321-1746.
- * 27, 7 P.M. SOCIETY BOARD MEETING.
- 28/31, MICHIGAN MUSEUMS ASSOC. ANNUAL CONFERENCE. KALAMAZOO. "REINVENTING OURSELVES, RENEWING OUR COMMUNITIES. 810/229-6402.

*BRIGHTON DIST. LIB, 200 CHAS. ORNDORF DR.

**SEE RELATED ARTICLE.

HEAR WELDON PETZ, OCTOBER 9

WEDNESDAY, 7 P.M., AT HILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THE SOCIETY IS PRESENTING WELDON PETZ, A NATIONALLY RENOWNED SPEAKER ON THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN. PETZ'S PROGRAM ON THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS IS BOTH MOVING AND INSPIRATIONAL. THIS PERFORMANCE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO LINCOLNPHILES.

SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 7 P.M.

BRIGHTON DISTRICT LIBRARY

THE SOCIETY, A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION, ADVANCEMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF THE HISTORY OF THE BRIGHTON AREA, CANNOT CONTINUE WITHOUT DEDICATED PERSONS SERVING ON THE BOARD. IF THIS IS IMPORTANT TO YOU YOU SHOULD CONSIDER 1998 AS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. YOUR SUPPORT WILL DETERMINE WHETHER THERE WILL BE A SOCIETY IN 1998.

A REVIEW OF SOCIETY BYLAWS IS BEING COMPLETED. A REVISION WILL BE VOTED UPON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN WILL BE PRESENTED.

- Nov. 1, 5TH MICHIGAN RAILROAD HISTORY CONFERENCE, ADRIAN. 313/499-3466.
- 1, 10-3 P.M. DU MOUCHELLE ANTIQUE APPRAISAL CLINIC. HOWELL AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY DEPOT MUSEUM, 128 WETMORE ST. LIMIT OF 3 HAND-CARRIED ITEMS. PROCEEDS TO MUSEUM.
- 8, MICHIGAN ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, LANSING. 248/6566-4663 OR 810/229-6402.

MEMBERSHIPS

PATRON: DR. HARRY & CAROL DAVIS (98),
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SMITH, GEORGE & VIOLA SWIFT, RICHARD &
SARA THOMAS (98), LORRY WAGNER (98),

THE PETTIGROVES, SWIFTS, THOMASES, THE
RICHTERS AND LORRY WAGNER ARE NEW MEM-
BERS. WELCOME!

IT'S GOOD TO KNOW OTHERS ARE CONVINCED
THE GOALS AND PURPOSES OF THE SOCIETY
(RESEARCH, PRESERVATION OF LOCAL HISTORY
AND MAKING IT AVAILABLE) ARE WORTH SUP-
PORTING. ALL PROCEEDS FROM FUND RAISING
EFFORTS ARE DEDICATED TO THESE PRESERVA-
TION PROJECTS. ALL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES,
INCLUDING PRINTING/MAILING OF TRAIL TALES,
ARE PAID FROM MEMBERS' DUES RECEIPTS. A
STRONG MEMBERSHIP IS HOW THIS ORGANIZA-
TION EXISTS. QUESTIONS AS TO WHEN DUES
ARE TO BE PAID? IF THE DATE ON THE ADDRESS
LABEL IS LESS THAN 97 - YOUR PAYMENT CAN
BE MADE AT ANY TIME. (OR CALL 810/229-
6402) MANY SEND DUES FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN
ADVANCE. PATRON DUES ARE DOUBLY APPRE-
CIATED.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...BERT BAIR, NORM AND MARY ANN CATRELL,
JOHN AND JANICE FIELD FOR THEIR WILLING
HELP IN PREPARING TRAIL TALES FOR MAILING.

...F.H. "BUD" STEDMAN OF FLORIDA WHO SENT
A CHECK IN MEMORY OF LILA ROBERTSON.

...STANLEY HOME BUILDERS FOR A DONATION
FOR TWO MONTHS' POSTAGE FOR TRAIL TALES.

...JENNIE AND NANCY FREDENBURG PLUS ALL
THEIR HELPERS FOR CONDUCTING THE SPAGHETTI
SUPPER LAST MONTH. ALSO TO THOSE WHO
PROVIDED DESSERTS.

...THE ESTATE OF MARGARET GOLDSTEIN FOR
ITEMS OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH VALUE. ITEMS
LIKE THIS ARE ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO THE
SOCIETY.

...ALENE ANDERSON WHO CONTINUES TO
REMEMBER US.

LINDHOUT ASSOCIATES FOR THEIR OFFER OF
GUIDANCE IN CONTINUING THE RESTORATION
OF LYONS SCHOOL.

PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION

ARCHIVES: IDEALLY SOCIETY ARCHIVAL MATE-
RIAL, NOW IN A STORAGE FACILITY, WILL
HAVE A WARM SITE BEFORE WINTER. ROOM
FOR A TABLE TO SORT, INDEX AND FILE IS
ALSO NECESSARY. THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE
IS ANXIOUS TO BECOME ACTIVE AGAIN. LET'S
NOT KEEP THEM COOLING THEIR HEELS. CALL
810/229-6402.

HISTORY BOOK: CAROL McMACKEN, 231-2957,
IS RESEARCHING AND WRITING AT A GOOD PACE.
ANY PICTURES, LETTERS, INFORMATION OF
LOCAL HISTORICAL NATURE IS WELCOME.
LET CAROL DECIDE IF WHAT YOU HAVE SHOULD
BE INCLUDED. BESIDES BEING A LONG AWAI-
TED HISTORY OF THE AREA THE BOOK WILL
ALSO BE A SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR PRESERVA-
TION. AS SOON AS IT CAN BE DETERMINED
WHAT THE PRICE WILL BE YOU CAN PLACE
YOUR ORDER.

LYONS SCHOOL: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HAVE
BEEN MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM
LINDHOUT ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS IN THE
PREPARATION OF A PLAN OF ACTION TO COM-
PLETE THE RESTORATION OF THIS ONE ROOM
SCHOOL. THE ANNUAL \$600.00 INSURANCE BILL
HAS BEEN PAID FROM THE LYONS SCHOOL FUND
DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO REPLENISH THIS
FUND. DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE TO THE
AVERAGE MONTHLY \$15.00 UTILITY BILL.
NEED MORE INFORMATION? CALL JIM VICHICH,
810/227-4840.

NEEDS NEEDS NEEDS

...PEOPLE TO SERVE AS OFFICERS (PRESIDENT,
V.P., SECRETARY, TREASURER) AND ON THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1998. (ELECTION
NOVEMBER 24.)

...A SITE FOR A HOME FOR THE SOCIETY IN
WHICH ARCHIVES, RESEARCH MATERIAL, ETC.,
CAN BE ACCESSED.

...A SITE FOR A PLACE TO EXHIBIT ARTI-
FACTS OF LOCAL HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

SYMPATHIES OF THE SOCIETY
TO THE FAMILY OF
LILA ROBERTSON
BRIGHTON NATIVE AND
SOCIETY MEMBER

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: _____

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| 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

THE SOCIETY BOARD IS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS FOR MEANS OF FUND RAISING. ALL PROCEEDS ARE DESIGNATED TO THE SEVERAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN:

1. DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL HISTORY ARCHIVES FOR RESEARCH INCLUDING PROPER STORAGE, COPYING OF MATERIALS AND ASSURING ACCESSIBILITY.
2. CARRYING OUT A HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY OF THE AREA INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS.
3. CONDUCTING AN ONGOING ORAL HISTORY AND VIDEO PROGRAM.
4. RESTORATION OF THE LYONS SCHOOL AND DEVELOPING OPPORTUNITIES ENABLING ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE THE EARLY MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.
5. PREPARATION AND PUBLISHING OF A COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL HISTORY BOOK.
6. CONDUCTING RESEARCH ON LOCAL SITES FOR APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN HISTORIC SITE REGISTER AND THE SUBSEQUENT INSTALLATION OF HISTORIC SITE MARKERS.
7. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RESTORATION OF OTHER LOCAL HISTORIC SITES.

BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, HOLIDAY, OR HOSTESS GIFTS THESE CAN BE PURCHASED AT NAUGHTY 'N NICE, 412 W. MAIN, FOR \$49.00 TAX INCLUDED.

POST CARDS: LOCAL HISTORICAL SITES, INCLUDING STREET SCENES AND MODES OF TRANSPORTATION OF EARLY BRIGHTON, THESE CARDS ARE AT THE BOOK NOOK, 322 W. MAIN FOR \$3.00 A PACKET OF 6.

NEEDLEPOINT KIT OF THE OLD TOWN HALL, 10"x14" PICTURES OF THE FIRST MILL STREAM DAM AND PACKETS OF NOTE PAPER CAN BE ORDERED FROM 810/229-6402.

SIGNATURE QUILT: A \$10.00 DONATION ASSURES YOUR NAME, OR THAT OF ANOTHER IS EMBROIDERED ON THIS QUILT, WHICH WILL REMAIN IN THE SOCIETY'S ARCHIVES. MANY SIGNATURES OF EARLIER RESIDENTS OF THE AREA ARE IN SOCIETY FILES. THESE CAN BE REQUESTED. 810/229-6402.

TILES: 6" SQUARE WHITE CERAMIC TILES CAN BE PURCHASED AT NOSTALGIA ANTIQUES, 116 W. MAIN. \$8.00 OR 3 FOR \$21.00 TILES SHOWING THE UNION SCHOOL, WESTERN HOUSE, LYONS SCHOOL, EASTERN HOUSE, MELLUS HOSPITAL, STATE POLICE POST, ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BRIGHTON MILLS, BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL, ST. GEORGE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND RIALTO THEATER ARE AVAILABLE. WORK ON THE 1997 TILE, THE CANOPY, IS UNDERWAY.

AVAILABLE LOCALLY:

COVERLETS: NINE LOCAL HISTORICAL SITES ARE WOVEN INTO THESE RED OR GREEN COTTON COVERLETS. GREAT FOR

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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AREA FARMS C. 1900

RESEARCH IS CONTINUING ON A LIST OF FARMS, COPIED FROM A C. 1900 NEWSPAPER CLIPPING. ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO FIND WHERE THEY WERE LOCATED, WHY THEY HAVE THE NAME ASSIGNED AND SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE OWNERS. THIS ISSUE DEALS WITH THE HENRY J. CRAWFORD FARM, MEADOW BROOK, ON PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD IN BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP.

RESEARCH OF THE 1859 BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP ATLAS SHOWS AARON BEACH'S NAME ON THIS PIECE, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 22, 80 ACRES. A BUILDING IS ALSO INDICATED ON THE PROPERTY. BY 1875, MILO BEACH, AARON'S SON, (WHO HAD MARRIED NEIGHBOR MARY CONELY IN 1867) IS RECORDED. THIS WAS A GENTLY ROLLING PIECE THROUGH WHICH MANN CREEK FLOWS FROM BINDERNAGLE HEIGHTS (GENERAL MOTORS PROVING GROUND SITE) NEAR THE OAKLAND COUNTY BORDER. (THIS CREEK CONNECTS WITH WOODRUFF CREEK AND THEN FLOWS INTO THE HURON RIVER.)

HENRY J. CRAWFORD WORKED FOR MILO. HENRY AND ANNA, MILO'S DAUGHTER, MARRIED IN 1892. BY 1915, HENRY IS RECORDED AS OWNER OF 80 ACRES LOCATED JUST NORTHWEST OF MILO'S. THIS WAS A HILLY PIECE, GOOD FOR GRAZING SHEEP AND CATTLE. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT WHEN HENRY AND ANNA MARRIED, MILO AND MARY MOVED PART OF THEIR HOUSE SEVERAL HUNDRED FEET NORTH FOR THEM. THIS HOUSE STILL STANDS, WITH MANY ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS HAVING BEEN MADE.

TWO SONS WERE BORN - ONE DIED AT THE AGE OF 13, THE OTHER, EARLE, MARRIED FRANC DUNNING IN 1917. (FRANC WAS 101 ON HER LAST BIRTHDAY.) EARLE AND FRANC FARMED, RAISING HOGS, STEERS AND DAIRY COWS. THAT FALL THE BARN, FULL OF CROPS FOR WINTER, BURNED TO THE GROUND. ALTHO' THE ANIMALS WERE SAVED DIFFICULT TIMES LAY AHEAD. A BARN HAD TO BE BUILT AND MILK HAD TO BE SHIPPED. EARLE RAISED WHEAT AND HAY, DID CUSTOM FARMING AND HAY BALING AND WORKED IN A MACHINE SHOP. FRANC TAUGHT SCHOOL AND CONDUCTED A CAMP FOR CHILDREN DURING THE SUMMER TO HELP WITH EXPENSES.

TODAY MILO AND HENRY'S FARMS ARE PART OF THE LAKE MORAINE DEVELOPMENT. A DAM HAS BEEN BUILT ON MANN CREEK. (COMPILED FROM MILT CHARBONEAU'S COLLECTIONS OF OBITUARIES, 1880 HISTORY OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ATLASES AND THE ASSISTANCE OF ELIZABETH CRAWFORD HERBST. MARIEANNA BAIR, 810/229-6402. CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ALWAYS WELCOME.)