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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 in the Society for which archives, research material, etc., can be accessed.

...a site for a place to exhibit artifacts 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 __________________________ (PLEASE INCLUDE ZIP + 4 DIGIT)

NEW ( ) RENEWAL ( )

Activities in which I would like to participate:

( ) Bake Sale
( ) Help with Spec. events
( ) Newsletter
( ) Research
( ) Board Member
( ) Hospitality
( ) Oral History
( ) Fund Raising
( ) Programs
( ) Genealogy
( ) Membership Committee
( ) Photography
( ) Publicity
( ) Other work I would be willing to do:

DUES:
$25. Senior
$25. Business/Professional
$12. Couple
$7. Individual

$2. Student (K-12, College)

P.O. Box 481, Brighton, MI 48116-0481

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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 installment of historic site markers.

7. Contributions to the restoration of other local historic sites.

Available Locally:

COVERLETS: Nine local historical sites are woven into these red or green cotton coverlets. Great for

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