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Trail Tales

Preserve, Advance and Disseminate Knowledge of the History of the Brighton Area

LYONS SCHOOL RESTORATION PROJECT

IF YOU DIDN'T PARTICIPATE IN THE BLITZ BUILD AT THE LYONS SCHOOL LAST MONTH YOU REALLY MISSED AN EXCITING TIME. ALL THE LABOR AND FUND RAISING OF THE PAST 15 YEARS, TO RESTORE THIS ONE ROOM SCHOOL, CULMINATED IN A FANTASTIC FINAL PUSH. WHERE DOES ONE BEGIN TO EXTEND THANKS FOR THE INCREDIBLE EFFORTS OF SO MANY?

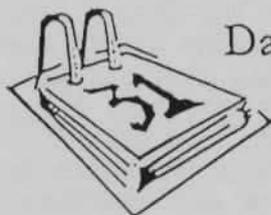
FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS CHRIS WARD, LYONS SCHOOL CHAIRMAN, HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN FUND RAISING AND HAS ENCOURAGED THE PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BRIGHTON ROTARY CLUB.

TWO YEARS AGO PIET LINDHOUT AND BOB KING OF LINDHOUT ASSOCIATES WERE CONTACTED TO ASSIST WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL EXPERTISE NEEDED. PIET AND BOB DEDICATED COUNTLESS HOURS TO PLANNING HOW BEST TO RESTORE THIS 1885 FRAME SCHOOL TO BECOME A WORTHWHILE STRUCTURE FOR 2000 AND BEYOND. ONE MUST EXPERIENCE IT TO APPRECIATE HOW SUCCESSFUL THEIR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN. THEY ALSO WORKED MANY HOURS AT THE BLITZ BUILD.

ONE OF THE MAJOR BENEFITS OF THIS RESTORATION WILL BE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE MICHIGAN'S EARLY EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. SPACE FOR DISPLAYS OF ITEMS RELATED TO THE AREA'S HISTORY WILL NOW BE AVAILABLE. AN ARCHIVES FACILITY FOR PROPER PRESERVATION OF RECORDS OF THIS AREA'S HISTORY, AND ITS RESEARCH, CAN SOON BE PUT TO USE.

A SIGN FACING BUNO ROAD, IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL, DISPLAYS A LONG LIST OF FINANCIAL, MATERIAL AND LABOR CONTRIBUTORS. MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTING FOR SOME TIME, NOT ONLY DURING THE BUILD.

NEXT MONTH THEY'LL BE RECOGNIZED. BE ASSURED NOT ONLY DOES THE SOCIETY EXTEND ITS SINCERE THANKS BUT ALSO THOSE WHO WILL MAKE USE OF THE LYONS SCHOOL. CALL 810/229-6402 TO SEE THE FINE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE.



Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 9, 16, 30, 1-3 P.M. ARCHIVE FILING. CALL 810/229-6402 TO CONFIRM. WELCOME.
- * 8, 5-8 P.M. AND 29, 1-5 P.M. FOR GENEALOGICAL HELP. 810/227-1760 TO CONFIRM.
- * 27, 7 P.M. SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING. ELECTIONS!!! WELCOME!!!

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BUS/PROF: ANN ARBOR NEWS (BOB NEEDHAM) AND
*FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BRIGHTON.

COUPLES/INDIV: JOAN BROWN, TERRI FISHER
(FENTON), JOSEPHINE HYNE (CHELSEA, 01),
SUSAN LANNING (LIVONIA, 01), *STEPHEN LEITH
(CARSON CITY, 01), *GARY & MARIE TOWNSEND
(FOWLerville, 01), *CHRISTINE VACCARO (FL,01).

*A HEARTY WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS.
WITH THEIR SUPPORT THE SOCIETY CAN CONTINUE
ITS EFFORTS TO COMPILE AND DISSEMINATE
KNOWLEDGE OF THE HISTORY OF THE AREA. ALL
MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS.
THEIR FULLEST PARTICIPATION, IN ANY WAY, IS
APPRECIATED.

REVIEW OF THOSE NAMES TO WHOM THE NEWSLETTER
IS MAILED MUST BEGIN THIS MONTH. IT WOULD BE
GREAT TO BE ABLE TO SEND TO EVERYONE IN THE
AREA. HOWEVER, THIS UNDERTAKING MUST PAY FOR
ITSELF. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS MUST ALSO BE
COVERED BY DUES. (CONTRIBUTIONS OF PAPER,
COPIER CARTRIDGES, ETC., HELP MUCH.) OTHER
EXPENSES: OLD PHOTO REPRODUCTION AND THE
TAKING OF PICTURES, ARCHIVAL QUALITY FILING
MATERIALS, ETC., ETC. ARE ALL PAID BY CONTRI-
BUTION. IF THERE IS NO DATE ON THE MAILING
LABEL OR IT IS LESS THAN '01 (2001) IT WILL
BE NECESSARY TO RECEIVE DUES TO CONTINUE
TRAIL TALES DISTRIBUTION. TO BE A COMPETENT
ORGANIZATION THE SOCIETY MUST CONDUCT THIS
REVIEW.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...BERT BAIR, NORM CATRELL, JUNE KIMBLE,
AND MARILYN PETTIGROVE FOR HELPGETTING THE
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER IN THE MAIL.

...FAMILY OF DAVE BARTON FOR TRANSFERRING
HIS WORK ON THE HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY.

...RONNIE POWERS FOR CONTINUING HER CONTAINER
RETURN DEPOSITS FUND RAISER.

...BOGAN INSURANCE AGENCY, BRIGHTON COMMERCE
BANK, HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS, LAWRENCE AUTOBODY
AND LITTLE PROFESSOR BOOK CENTER FOR HAVING
THE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE.

...JOSEPHINE HYNE AND CHRISTINE VACCARO FOR
INCLUDING DONATIONS WITH THEIR DUES.

...ALL RAFFLE TICKET PURCHASERS. MARY JO
HUSTON (WHITE LAKE) WON FIRST PRIZE; AUDREY
REEVES (BRIGHTON) SECOND; KATHY BAIR (ALLEN)
THIRD.

...STEPHEN LEITH FOR COMPLETING THE OLD VIL-
LAGE CEMETERY SUPPLEMENT BY THE LATE BILL
PLESS. LEITH IS CONTINUING HIS ASSISTANCE
ON OTHER RECORDS, MAKING THEM ACCESSIBLE.

PRESERVATION/RESTORATION

ARCHIVES: THE SEVERAL BAGS OF 1950/60
ISSUES OF THE BRIGHTON ARGUS HAVE BEEN
REVIEWED AND ARTICLES CATALOGED. NOW
ON TO THE NEXT COLLECTION OF DONATED
PAPERS. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND WELCOME.

HISTORY BOOK: CAROL McMACKEN, 231-2957,
IS DEDICATING MANY HOURS ON THIS LONG
AWAITED REFERENCE. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
OF THE AREA'S 140 YEARS, 1805/1945,
ARE TO BE INCLUDED.

KENSINGTON CEMETERY: JOHN AND JANICE
FIELD WALK THIS CEMETERY OFTEN, DETER-
MINING BOUNDARIES AND THE WHO AND WHERE
OF THOSE INTERRED.

ORAL HISTORY: THERE ARE MANY LONG TIME
RESIDENTS OF THE AREA OF WHOM IT CAN BE
SAID, "WHEN THAT PERSON DIES A LIBRARY
IS LOST". INFO ON 'DOING' AN ORAL HIS-
TORY IS PREPARED. CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER
IF THIS IS A SERVICE YOU CAN PERFORM.
(OR COMPILE A RECORD OF YOUR LIFE.)

NEEDED NEEDED NEEDED

...BOX OF ADDRESS LABELS - AVERY #5351.

...BOOKS OF 1ST CLASS POSTAGE STAMPS,
FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ARCHIVES.

...NEW 1890 LIVINGSTON COUNTY CENSUS.
PREPARED BY LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGI-
CAL SOCIETY. ORDERED BEFORE DECEMBER 15,
\$65.00; AFTER, \$75.00. THIS IS A VALUABLE
ADDITION TO SOCIETY ARCHIVES RECORDS.

...THREE HOLE NOTEBOOKS, 1½", D RING; TO
PROPERLY FILE INFORMATION ON EVERYTHING
FROM "BANKING" TO BLACKSMITHS, TO POST
OFFICE, TO TELEPHONE, ETC.

...ACID FREE PLASTIC SLEEVES FOR EARLY
PHOTOS, RECORDS.

YEAR 2000 BUS/PROF. MEMBERS

THE FOLLOWING HAVE PAID YEAR 2000 DUES.
PLEASE RECOGNIZE THEM WITH YOUR PATRONAGE.

ADVANCE CRAFT HOME BUILDERS, ANN ARBOR
NEWS, BOGAN INSURANCE AGENCY, BRIGHTON
BAR AND GRILL, BRIGHTON COMMERCE BANK,
BRIGHTON PROFESSIONAL TAX SERVICE, INC.,
FENCE SPOT, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
SUE HAMILTON, P.C., HERMANN FUNERAL HOME,
HOME TOWN NEWSPAPERS, LAWRENCE AUTOBODY,
LITTLE PROFESSOR BOOK CENTER OF BRIGHTON
HERB AND RUTH MUNZEL, PDQ/BUS IMAGING
GROUP AND PYRAMID CONCRETE.

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

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NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

SEND MEMBERSHIP CARD? () Yes () No (PLEASE INCLUDE ZIP + 4 DIGIT)

() New () RENEWAL. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED WITH: *HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS,
FUND RAISING PROJECTS, *ADMINISTRATION OF THE SOCIETY. (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE.)

DUES: () \$50.00 PATRON () \$25.00 COUPLE () \$2.00 STUDENT (K-12, COLLEGE)
() \$50.00 BUS/PROF. () \$15.00 INDIVIDUAL () \$500.00 LIFE

DONATION: () \$10.00 () \$20.00 () \$50.00 () \$100.00 () \$ OTHER.

THE SOCIETY IS A 501(C)3 INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE ORGANIZATION.

*HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS: ARCHIVES, HISTORY BOOK, HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY,
HISTORIC SITE RESTORATION/REGISTRATION/MARKER, LYONS SCHOOL, ORAL HISTORY/VIDEO,
PHOTOGRAPHY.

**FUND RAISING PROJECTS: BAKE SALE, COVERLETS, HOME TOUR, MUGS, NEEDLEPOINT KIT,
NOTE AND POST CARDS, SIGNATURE QUILT, SPECIAL EVENTS, TOTE BAGS, PILLOW.

***ADMINISTRATION OF THE SOCIETY: BOARD/OFFICER/COMMITTEE MEMBER, NEWSLETTER, PUBLICITY.

FUND RAISING PROJECTS

YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL

POST CARDS WITH EARLY LOCAL SCENES, PKG OF 6/\$3.; MUGS @ \$5.; TOTE BAGS @ \$15.; NOTE PAPER @ \$2.50; 11x14 PHOTOS OF THE MILL POND AND DAM @ \$25.; COPIES OF 1875 PLAT MAPS OF BRIGHTON, GENOA, GREEN OAK AND HAMBURG TOWNSHIP AND A 1915 MAP OF BRIGHTON FOR \$1. MAKE AN INTERESTING DISPLAY; NEEDLEPOINT KITS \$8. SHOW THE OLD TOWN HALL. ALL THE ABOVE AT 810/229-6402.

TILES: 13 DIFFERENT LOCAL SITES, ARE SHOWN ON BLACK/WHITE 6" SQUARE CERAMIC TILES. THESE ARE ALL LIMITED EDITIONS. NOSTALGIA ANTIQUES, 116 W. MAIN, HAS THEM IN STOCK AT \$8.00 OR 3/\$21.00.

COVERLETS, \$49., RED, GREEN OR BLUE HAVE NINE LOCAL SITES WOVEN IN. AT NAUGHTY 'N NICE, 412 W. MAIN.

A NEW TAPESTRY PILLOW, \$30., DEPICTING THE BRIGHTON RAILROAD DEPOT AND TRAIN IS AVAILABLE. A FINE COMPANION TO THE COVERLETS ABOVE. 810/229-9100 TO ORDER.

THE SIGNATURE QUILT, ON WHICH ARE EMBROIDERED SIGNATURES FOR A DONATION OF \$10.00, HAS SPACE FOR YOURS. SEND IN YOUR SIGNATURE OR THAT OF A RELATIVE. A FILE OF SIGNATURES OF EARLY RESIDENTS IS AVAILABLE. YOUR DONATION IS AN APPROPRIATE AND SIMPLE WAY TO SUPPORT THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES.

ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTION

AT NOVEMBER 27, BOARD MEETING

NOTICE! ELECTION 2001 NOTICE!

ALL BOARD POSITIONS, 2001, WILL BE FILLED BY ELECTION. ALL SOCIETY MEMBERS SHOULD CONSIDER A YEAR'S SERVICE ON THE BOARD IN THE CAPACITY OF AN OFFICER OR A DIRECTOR. YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL HELP EASE THE WORK OF OTHERS AND THE SOCIETY'S EFFORTS CAN BE EXPANDED. IF THE REGULAR MEETING DATE IS NOT CONVENIENT CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. YOU ARE NEEDED!!!!

THE SOCIETY EXTENDS SYMPATHY

TO THE FAMILY OF

DAVID Z. BARTON

DAVE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT AND MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SUVCW COMMEMORATES VETERANS' DAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1 P.M., THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR WILL BE CONDUCTING MEMORIAL SERVICES AT THE OLD VILLAGE CEMETERY, LOCATED BY THE MILL POND. MORE THAN 30 CIVIL WAR VETERANS FROM BRIGHTON ARE INTERRED IN THIS CEMETERY. IT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE TO RECOGNIZE THEIR SACRIFICES.

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AREA FARMS C. 1900

RESEARCH OF LOCAL FARMS AND FARMERS, THEIR BACKGROUND AND LOCATION AS LISTED IN THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, CONTINUES. GUSTAV WESTPHALL'S FERTILE VALLEY IS THIS ISSUE'S SUBJECT.

OF THE SEVEN CHILDREN OF GODFREY AND SOPHIA WESTPHALL, GUSTAV WAS THE YOUNGEST AND THE ONLY ONE BORN IN THE U.S. HIS NEXT OLDEST BROTHER, LEWIS H. (B. 1845), WAS BORN ON THE ATLANTIC OCEAN DURING THE LONG CROSSING FROM THEIR ANCESTRAL HOME IN GERMANY.

HIS OLDEST SISTER, HANNAH (B. 1828), MARRIED CHARLES T. HYNE IN 1847, SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING IN THE BRIGHTON AREA. HYNE WAS ALSO GERMAN BORN. THE TWO FAMILIES MAY WELL HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER IN THE 'OLD COUNTRY'. GUS' OTHER SISTER, MARIE (B. 1830), MARRIED JOHN HARTMAN THAT SAME YEAR. HOWEVER JOHN'S PARENTS, MARTIN AND MARIA, HAD ARRIVED IN THIS AREA IN THE MID 1830S, FROM THE SAME AREA FROM WHICH THE WESTPHALLS HAD COME. AGAIN, ONE MAY SURMISE THERE HAD BEEN SOCIAL CONNECTIONS BEFORE MOVING TO THE UNITED STATES.

GUS' OBITUARY INDICATES HE WAS BORN 1848 IN BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP, NEAR SCHOOL LAKE. THE 1850 CENSUS WOULD SUGGEST HIS PARENTS HAD NOT YET PURCHASED LAND. BY 1859 GUS' BROTHERS ARE OWNERS OF LARGE ACREAGES IN SECTION 24, GENOA TOWNSHIP. SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHALLIS ROAD AND EAST OF BAUER. THE 1875 ATLAS NOTES GUS OWNED 95 ACRES IN THE SAME SECTION, ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CHALLIS, ACROSS FROM GODFREY C. (B. 1836) AND FREDERICK'S (B. 1838). RESEARCH MAKES IT VERY APPARENT THAT LAND HUNGRY EUROPEAN IMMIGRANTS WERE ANXIOUS TO SECURE ACREAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ALTHO' HIS SIBLINGS MARRIED AND HAD FAMILIES, GUS DID NOT MARRY. WE FIND THAT NIECE, MARY HARTMAN, HOUSEKEEPER FOR UNCLE GUS. HIS FERTILE VALLEY IS A PRODUCTIVE FARM UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1917. GUS' GRAVE IS IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY. OTHER AREA CEMETERIES ARE THE RESTING PLACES OF MANY OF THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF GODFREY AND SOPHIA WHO ARE BURIED IN THE OLD VILLAGE CEMETERY.

BY 1935, THE GRAND RIVER WASH SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY OWNS A TOTAL OF 182 ACRES WHICH INCLUDE GUS' 80. BY 1961 LOUIS AND MABLE HERBST ARE OWNERS OF MOST OF THAT. AND WHAT IT IS TODAY? DRIVE $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE WEST ON CHALLIS; THE NEXT $\frac{1}{4}$ MILE ON THE NORTH IS THE PROPERTY GUS FARMED.

HIS BROTHERS, LEWIS AND GODFREY C. SERVED IN THE CIVIL WAR. THEY ENLISTED THE SAME DAY, SERVED IN THE SAME UNIT AND WERE DISCHARGED TOGETHER. (COMPILED BY MARIEANNA BAIR FROM COUNTY ATLASSES AND CENSUS RECORDS; "EARLY LAND OWNERS AND SETTLERS OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY" AND EARLY OBITUARIES COMPILED BY MILTON CHARBONEAU. CORRECTIONS WELCOMED.)