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# Trail Tales

Preserve, Advance and Disseminate Knowledge of the History of the Brighton Area  
LYONS SCHOOL RESTORATION PROJECT

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WORK IS BEING SCHEDULED TO COMPLETE THE INTERIOR OF THE LYONS SCHOOL.

THE COMPLETION OF THIS RESTORATION PROJECT WAS SPONSORED BY BRIGHTON ROTARY CLUB AND ITS CHARITABLE, GENEROUS (MAY ONE INCLUDE 'NOBLE'?) MEMBERS. PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THEIR EFFORTS WILL HAVE A BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY LIVE. THEY HAVE BROUGHT CLOSER TO COMPLETION A LONG TERM EFFORT ON THE PART OF MANY IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.

BRIGHTON COMMERCE BANK, LIONEL KORB AND MICHELE'S SALON MADE MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

CONTRIBUTORS OF MATERIALS INCLUDED APPROVED PLUMBING, CARLSON DESIGN PRODUCTS, BONNIE CORRIGAN, BRIGHTON BLOCK, CLASSIC QUALITY BUILDERS, DONE RITE INSULATION, NANCY HAVILAND, DORIS LONGFELLOW, LOWES, MARIA'S DELI AND CATERING, MEYER'S EXCAVATING, MR. RUBBISH/WASTE MANAGEMENT, N.A. MANS LUMBER, NORTHVILLE LUMBER, PM COMMERCIAL FLOOR, INC., POOPIES POTTYS, PRIME TIME TOOL RENTAL, REFRIGERATION RESEARCH, SCHAFER CONSTRUCTION, SCHEMER CONSTRUCTION, SIGN-A-RAMA.

AMONG THE MANY CONTRIBUTING LABOR WERE: AMERI-CONSTRUCTION, APPROVED PLUMBING, COMMANDER CONSTRUCTION, COMMUNITY SERVANTS FOR CHRIST, DONE RITE INSULATION, LANDRY ELECTRIC, LINDHOUT ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS, MACAULEY CONSTRUCTION, REFRIGERATION RESEARCH, SCHAFER CONSTRUCTION, SCHEMER CONSTRUCTION, TURNER CONSTRUCTION.

THESE PEOPLE DO GOOD WORK. YOU ARE URGED TO PATRONIZE THEM.



## Dates to Remember:

- JAN. 11, 18, 25, 1-3 P.M. ARCHIVE FILING. CALL 810/229-6402 TO CONFIRM. WELCOME.
- \* 10, 5-8 P.M. AND JAN 23, 1-5 P.M. FOR GENEALOGICAL HELP. 810/227-1760 TO CONFIRM.
- \* 25, 7-9 P.M. SOCIETY BOARD MEETING. WELCOME!

\*BRIGHTON DISTRICT LIBRARY, 200 ORNDORF DR.

## MEMBERSHIPS

COUPLES/INDIV: NORM AND MARYANN CATRELL (O2), JOE & PAULINE CHENOWETH, DR. HARRY & CAROL DAVIS, \*ROBERT H. DAVIS (AZ), EMIL, JR. & JOAN ENGEL, DOROTHY FOSTER (CA), MARLENE & PAT FONSECA (AZ), BILL & HELEN HYNÉ (CHELSEA), CHARLES McCONNELL (SC), HELEN MAE MICHAELS, JERE & KAY MICHAELS, \*RALPH & ELIZABETH ROMANO, BOB & PAULINE SCHAFFER, DORIS SINGER (GRAND RAPIDS), BILL & ROSEMARY ULMER (WHITMORE LAKE) AND DON & ALICE WYLAND.

\*WELCOME TO ROBERT DAVIS (HIS MEMBERSHIP A GIFT FROM HIS AUNT PAULINE) AND TO RALPH AND ELIZABETH ROMANO. MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE THE LIFE BLOOD OF AN ORGANIZATION - NEW MEMBERS INDICATE GROWTH.

IT TAKES LOTS OF PEOPLE TO DOCUMENT AND PRESERVE THE AREA'S HISTORY. THIS DOCUMENTATION AND PRESERVATION HELPS US EVALUATE THE PAST AND BETTER PREPARE FOR THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE.

TO GET THE MOST BENEFIT FROM BELONGING TO THE SOCIETY TRY YOUR HAND AT HELPING WITH THE LYONS SCHOOL RESTORATION; LEARN HOW TO CONDUCT AN ORAL HISTORY WITH A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE AREA (EVEN YOUR OWN FAMILY); SERVE AS A DIRECTOR OR A PROJECT CHAIRMAN; TAKE PHOTOS FOR THE HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY; COMPILE AND ORGANIZE THE MATERIAL IN THE ARCHIVES; PUBLICIZE THE SOCIETY TO THE COMMUNITY; DEVELOP FUND RAISING PROJECTS; ETC., ETC., ETC. CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER.

THANKS      THANKS      THANKS

...NORM CATRELL, JUNE KIMBLE AND MARGE WHITE FOR HELP GETTING THE DECEMBER NEWS LETTER IN THE MAIL.

...MILDRED BENDER, MERRILL & RUTH HERBST, RALPH AND ELIZABETH ROMANO AND DORIS SINGER FOR INCLUDING DONATIONS WITH THEIR DUES.

...BRIGHTON COMMERCE BANK, PAT & MARLENE FONSECA (AZ), LORRY WAGNER, AND STATION WHMI FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO THE LYONS SCHOOL RESTORATION PROJECT.

...BUD STEDMAN FOR HIS DONATION. BUD IS WITH SON, ROBERT, IN NEW JERSEY AND SENDS BEST WISHES TO ALL HIS LONG TIME BRIGHTON FRIENDS.

...LORRY WAGNER FOR A COPY OF HER RESEARCH, AND SLIDES, OF THE WESTERN HOUSE (500 W. MAIN) PROVING HISTORIC STRUCTURES CAN BE

## PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION

ARCHIVES: AFTER A HOLIDAY LULL IT'S BACK TO THE SORTING AND FILING OF ITEMS AND ARTICLES RELATED TO THE HISTORY OF THE AREA. THE COLLECTION OF MAINLY PAPER ITEMS (ALSO ORAL HISTORY, FILM, ETC.) FOCUSES ON THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, RELIGIOUS, COMMERCIAL, GOVERNMENTAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BRIGHTON AREA. DONATIONS OF DIARIES, ABSTRACTS, DIRECTORIES (OR COPIES) CAN BE MADE TO THE SOCIETY. CALL 810/229-6402 FOR INFORMATION OR IF YOU'VE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE.

HISTORY BOOK: THE CONTINUED DILIGENT EFFORTS OF CAROL McMACKEN, 810/231-2957, ASSURE THE EXCELLENCE OF THIS HISTORY OF THE AREA. A LIST OF THOSE WISHING TO ORDER THIS BOOK IS BEING COMPILED.

ORAL HISTORY: LORRY WAGNER 810/231-3328, AND SHERYL VIGMOSTAD 810/227-7506, ARE CONTINUING RECORDING THE MEMORIES OF LONG TIME RESIDENTS. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. CONTACT EITHER OF THESE LADIES TO LEARN HOW TO HELP.

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY: C. 1870 THE AREA WEST OF THE TRACKS IN BRIGHTON WAS DEVELOPED AS A SUBDIVISION OF HOMES. MUCH WORK HAS BEEN DONE ON RECORDING THIS STORY. HOWEVER PICTURES NEED TO BE TAKEN; PREFERABLY BEFORE TREES ARE IN LEAF. OTHER PARTS OF BRIGHTON ARE EVEN EARLIER. ONE BY ONE THESE STRUCTURES ARE DISAPPEARING. THIS SURVEY WILL DEVELOP AWARENESS OF HOW MUCH OF EARLY BRIGHTON SHOULD BE PRESERVED TO INSURE THE PRESERVATION OF THE FABRIC OF THIS COMMUNITY. TO CONCENTRATE ON THE CITY WOULD BE ONLY A PART OF THE STORY. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF EARLY STRUCTURES IN THE RURAL AREA WHICH SHOULD ALSO BE DOCUMENTED. CALL MARIEANNA BAIR, 810/229-6402.

ADAPTED FOR REUSE WHILE RETAINING A PLACE IN THE COMPONENT PARTS THAT MAKE THIS A DESIRABLE PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE. THIS PIECE OF OUR HERITAGE SHOULD BE PROTECTED. LORRY HAS ALSO DONATED A COPY OF HER RESEARCH FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BEURMAN HOUSE (BRIGHTON ROAD) TO THE MICHIGAN HISTORIC SITE REGISTER.

...EVERYONE WHO IS MAKING THIS ORGANIZATION WORK.

HAPPY 2001!!!!

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE INCLUDE ZIP + 4 DIGIT)

SEND MEMBERSHIP CARD? ( ) Yes ( ) No  
 ( ) 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.

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

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

...THREE HOLE NOTEBOOKS, 1 1/2" D RING; TO PROPERLY FILE ARCHIVAL INFORMATION.

...PEOPLE TO SERVE ON THE SOCIETY BOARD OR ON A PROJECT COMMITTEE.

THE SOCIETY EXTENDS SYMPATHY  
 TO THE FAMILY OF  
 ELEANOR HORNING

A LIFE-TIME RESIDENT OF THE AREA  
 AND LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY

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.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CLASS OFFERED

BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 7:30-9, A SIX WEEK CLASS ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION WILL BE PRESENTED BY PHILLIP SMITH (EMU HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRAD) IN COOPERATION WITH COMMUNITY ED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

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#### AREA FARMS C. 1900

RESEARCH OF LOCAL FARMS AND FARMERS, LISTED IN THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, THEIR BACKGROUND AND LOCATION CONTINUES. GEORGE PEACH'S OAKWOOD FARM IS THIS ISSUE'S SUBJECT.

IT WAS THE EARLY 1850S WHEN CHARLES AND ANN (ANKAR) PEACH AND THEIR SEVEN CHILDREN CAME TO THE U.S. FROM ENGLAND; FOUR SONS, THREE DAUGHTERS. SON EDWARD WAS BORN IN THE U.S. THEY LIVED IN ANN ARBOR FOR SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE SETTLING IN GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP.

JOSEPH, FIRST BORN, MARRIED ERMINA DODGE JANUARY 7, 1854, IN ANN ARBOR, AND IN OCTOBER, 1866 HE BUYS LAND IN SECTION 8 OF GREEN OAK. JOSEPH, DESCRIBED AS A GENERAL FARMER, AND ERMINA HAD EIGHT CHILDREN ALSO; TWO SONS, SIX DAUGHTERS. SON GEORGE WAS THE SIXTH CHILD.

JANUARY 23, 1886, GEORGE MARRIED ELLEN PEARSON FROM PUTNAM TOWNSHIP. GEORGE AND ELLEN WERE DAIRY AND POULTRY FARMERS ON 80 ACRES IN SECTION 15 AND THE ADJOINING 40 IN SECTION 22. OTHER PIECES THEY OWNED BROUGHT THE TOTAL ACREAGE, OAKWOOD FARM, TO 175. MUCH OF THIS WAS LATER MINED BY AMERICAN AGGREGATES AND IS NOW PART OF THE ISLAND LAKE RECREATION AREA. NINE CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THEM.

CHARLES AND ANN, JOSEPH AND ERMINA, GEORGE AND ELLEN ARE ALL RESTING IN GREEN OAK PLAINS CEMETERY ON MALTBY ROAD AS ARE SOME OF THEIR PROGENY. (COMPILED BY MARIEANNA BAIR FROM "EARLY LAND OWNERS AND SETTLERS" AND OBITUARIES BY MILTON CHARBONEAU; "YESTERYEARS OF GREEN OAK- 1830/1930" BY GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY; PLAINS CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTION BY JOHN AND JANICE FIELD AND FROM LIVINGSTON COUNTY CENSUS RECORDS AND ATLASES. PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS 810/229-6402.)