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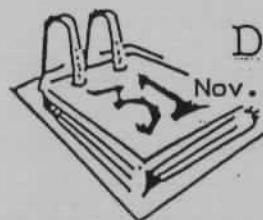
The 21st Annual Meeting of the Brighton Area Historical Society will be held at the newly restored Lyons School, 11455 Buno Road.

Election of the Board of Directors for 2003 will be the main business on the agenda. Nominations for the board may be made from the floor at that time. Don't hesitate to offer yourself.

The Society has been fortunate to have very dedicated members on previous boards. An increase in the number of directors will make for a more effective society. To successfully continue with its mission, as noted on the masthead above, your support is needed. Board members believe in this mission and dedicate much time and effort to assure continued progress. The goals of the Society can be expanded and increased if more members share in the process.

What can you do? There is a real need for someone to take on the responsibility of publicizing the existence, activities and projects of the Society. Encouraging area residents, businesses, etc., to become members will assure the Society's effect on the community will be magnified. The need for financial funding is continual. Your help with the year-long planning of various functions or the planning of a single event would provide major support. Oral history, historic resource survey, historic district commission, Friends of Lyons School, area farmstead survey, etc., are projects all in need of your help.

You'll find satisfaction participating in the Society at whatever level undertaken. Yes, your time and energy will be involved. If you agree the Society's mission has worth you'll do what you can. See you the 25th.



Dates to Remember:

- Nov. *14,21: 1 p.m. Archives filing. Welcome. 810/229-6402, to confirm.
- *13,20: 7 p.m. Lyons School restoration. Wear your workin' duds to help.
- 22: 5-8 p.m. Society booth at Arts Expo, Mt. Brighton Ski Lodge.
- *25: 7 p.m. Annual Society meeting.
- *Lyons School, 11455 Buno Rd., Brighton.

MEMBERSHIPS

Couples/Indiv: Marian Carney, Bill Franklin (Ypsi), Ruben & Evelyn Gallegos, Tom & Melinda Kinsey (Mlfd).

Many thanks to these renewing members.

Next month will begin the review of the addresses to which Trail Tales is sent. If a "Complementary Copy" stamp shows up near the label it means member dues need to be paid. Much as we'd like, the Society cannot afford to send free copies to everyone. We must be responsible to those whose contributions are paying the bills. It is assumed you want to do your share.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...John & Janice Field, Jeanette Johnson and Rosemary Ulmer for helping mail the October issue of Trail Tales.

...Tom Leith for info re: location of the Silver Lunch, the Brite Spot Lunch and the Filkin's Family Restaurant.

...Marian Carney, Bill Franklin (Ypsi), and Tom & Mindy Kinsey for the donation included with their dues.

...Donations to the restoration of the Lyons School sent with their charter memberships in the Friends: Tom & Mindy Kinsey, Bob & Shirley Knight, Norma Jean Pless, Bill & Jane Tomlinson and Pat & Marge White.

...Gi Gi Valliencourt who embroidered names on the Signature Quilt.

...Sheryl Vigmostad for tending the booth at the 1st Presbyterian Church Outreach, in October and to the church for the opportunity.

...Diane Russell for copies of pictures relating to the Blue Lantern Casino and to Greg Park (O.) for his recollection of the grand piano from the Blue Lantern.

...the Harley-Davison Motorcycle store and the Little Professor Book Center for stocking raffle tickets.

NEEDED NEEDED NEEDED

...A three hole paper punch and a paper cutter. Also archival storage boxes to safely store documents and photos.

...People to serve a term on the board.

...First class postage stamps.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/PRESERVATION

ARCHIVES: Desks and file cabinets need to be cleaned and polished. They've been in storage for a while. The Society history scrap book is being brought up to date and filing is continuing.

LYONS SCHOOL: Jim DeJohn and Dick Weaire are there each Wednesday, plus, with restoration and maintenance. Two two-student desks and seats have been reassembled. Dick found two small size desks for use in the school and also early Sutton's Hardware, Howell, record/order/inventory ledgers.

Charter members of Friends of the Lyons School include: Bernie & Bonnie Corrigan, Bill Franklin (Ypsi), Tom & Mindy Kinsey (Mlfd), Joe & Irene Mike, Norma Jean Pless, Richard & Barbara Smith, Bill & Jane Tomlinson, Arlene Warner (Mlfd), and Pat & Marge White.

BAIR IS LOOKING FOR A BOOK

During the Depression, 1930-40, various kinds of work were set up by the Federal government to give employment to artists, authors, writers, and others.

The Writers Program of the Works Progress Administration compiled the Guide Book Series for each state. The Guide to the Wolverine State is in our library. Artists were put to work painting murals in post offices around the country. Young men were employed by the CCC.

We have learned of another project: the "Rural Property Inventories, 1935/1942". This gives detailed descriptions of all farm land including sketches, building descriptions and other data. We assume there is one for Michigan. This book can probably only be found in a store selling old books. If you find it, this would be a fine addition to Society Archives.

FARMSTEAD SURVEY

Leafless trees and bushes will make it easy to photograph area farmsteads. A number are still in existence but are disappearing quickly. By setting aside one day a week this project can be completed. How about every Tuesday (or Saturday or whenever) Contact Marie-anna Bair, 810/229-6402 to set up a schedule.

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

P O BOX 481, BRIGHTON MI 48116-0481

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 your preference)

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 Marker/Restoration, 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, Pillows.

***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.; NOTE PAPER @ \$2.50 pkg; copies of 1875 PLAT MAPS of Brighton, Genoa, Green Oak and Hamburg Townships and a 1915 map of Brighton for \$1. ea; TOTE BAGS @ \$15., NEEDLEPOINT KITS @ \$8. and MUGS @ \$5. all show the Old Town Hall. A new TAPESTRY PILLOW, \$30., depicting the Brighton Railroad depot and train, is available. A fine companion to the afghan below. 810/229-6402 to order any of the above.

AFGHANS, red, blue or green, with nine local sites woven in @ \$49.00 are at The Nature Preserve, 420 W. Main.

For \$10.00 your signature or that of another of your choice will be embroidered on the SIGNATURE QUILT. A file of signatures of early residents is available. Your donation is an appropriate and simple way to support the Society's activities. This quilt will stay in the Society's archives.

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.

WITH OTHER PRESERVATION/RESTORATION ORGANIZATIONS

November 22, 5 p.m. Art Expo at Mt. Brighton Ski Lodge by the Livingston Arts and Culture Consortium. Admission is free. Performing arts and artists of all mediums and cultural organizations. View the Brighton International Film Festival. A silent auction of donated art and the BAHS booth.

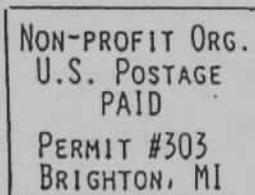
November 18, 7 p.m., the Hartland Area Historical Society will provide useful information regarding designation on the State and National Register of a structure. Meet in the conference room of the Cromain District Library in Hartland. Louisa Pieper of Ann Arbor will be the presenter. She is an experienced researcher. Books on home repairs and those experienced with working on their own homes will be there. 248-887-1283.

The Brighton VFW Post #4357 and the American Legion Post #235 are constructing an American Spirit Center. To honor and memorialize those who've served their country, pavers, 4x8 (\$50) and 8x8 (\$100) will be placed in the memorial garden in the Reflection Walk. Call 810/229-9088 or Email: brightonvfw@provide.net for more information on how you can participate.

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

Advance Craft Home Builders, Inc., Brighton Commerce Bank, First Presbyterian Church, Lawrence Autobody, The Fence Spot. The support of these local businesses is much appreciated. Give them your consideration, please.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THE BOGANS FROM IRELAND

The inner sections of Genoa Township welcomed early settlers from Ireland, among them, the Bogans. Patrick, a farmer, as was his father Edward, arrived in the U.S. in 1830 at 30 years of age. With him came his wife, Mary, and five children. New York City, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania were all considered, looking for the right place to locate. Finally Michigan Territory seemed to fit the bill. Arriving in Detroit in 1836, whether by the land or sea route, has not been recorded, they settled. November 15, 1836, 40 acres in section 15, Genoa Township, were recorded to Patrick and the following spring his family joined him.

A log home in the woods was the first dwelling. The two daughters, between 10-20 years old, and the three sons, between 10-15, all pitched in to clear land for cultivation. Altho' not located directly on the Old Grand River Trail, they were visited by many Indians, all in need. Wildlife, consisting of small game, deer and bears was plentiful and supplemented the Bogan's diet. Wolves were a source of concern against which they were constantly on guard.

By 1849, another 120 acres were added by Patrick. With only oxen and early farming implements this hard working immigrant family survived. The children attended school wherever the family had settled following their arrival in this country. The parents were determined the children should have the ability to read and write, to which not all in Ireland had been entitled. Log school houses, quill pens, slab benches for seats were the accoutrements of that early educational process.

Son James, only four when crossing the Atlantic, even attended school in Howell one winter, 1852, at the age of 26. A sign of the desire and the determination to acquire that all important ability. A year later he was employed in the Upper Peninsular copper mines where he worked for 16 years. Upon his return he bought 80 of his father's acres and by 1890, section 15, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, is also recorded in his name. Crooked Lake Road is on the south and Dorr Road on the east with the Detroit Lansing Northern Railroad traversing diagonally. The raising of grains, stock and sheep was, for 11 years, intermingled with his duties as postmaster of Genoa Station.

At the late age of 58 he married Kate Milet who was born in California. Some of the descendents of the five living children are still located in this area. The children of James and Kate's son, Edward, are those with which this writer is familiar. (Compiled by Marieanna Bair from 1891 Portrait and Biographical Album; census records; 1st Landowners of Livingston County, Early Landowners and Settlers, and the transcription of Calvary Cemetery by Milton Charboneau; and conversation with Rita Bogan Mickelson. Corrections and additions are welcome. 810/229-6402)