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THE SOCIETY CONSIDERS ITS FUTURE

Goals and aims of the Society were discussed at the recent board meeting. The promotion of public awareness of the history of the Brighton area quickly rose to become goal #1. The preservation of this history has an equal value.

The board logically realized increased involvement of Society members, and the general public, will be vital to the accomplishment of this goal.

It's the history and sense of place that keeps a community alive and attractive. There is financial benefit to be derived from preservation. When downtown businesses fold, social and economic life goes down the drain.

Local governing bodies, school boards, organizations - all must be encouraged to recognize the benefits, social and economic, of supporting and encouraging this organization of history preservationists. Society members, as representatives, attending the public meetings of these bodies, can be instrumental in the development of policies which promote appreciation for the preservation of local history.

The majority of members of the Society board are employed. The need for more members to serve on the board, or committees, assisting in reaching this goal, is obvious. Contact a board member or call 810/229-6402.

VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY BICENTENNIAL

How did the Corps occupy itself during the long winter at Fort Mandan? The keel boat was repaired, six canoes built, jerky and moccasins made; hunting, dealing with the cold, repairing old equipment. The keel boat, too large to traverse the upper Missouri, would re-
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Dates to Remember:

- Mar. *3, 10, 17, 24: 1-3 p.m. Archives filing. Welcome. Call 180/229-6402 to confirm.
- *9, 16, 23, 30: 7 p.m. Lyon School maintenance. You can help.
- *28: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Board meeting. Public welcome.
- *Lyon School, 11455 Buno Rd., Brighton.

MEMBERSHIPS

PATRON: Val & Kathy Jacoby (FL), Steve & Kate Lowry, Doug & Carol Rearick

COUPLES/INDIV: George & Muriel Allen (Howell), Bert & Marieanna Bair, Charles & Janice Beach, Elaine Blight, Bill & Marianne Comiskey, Duane & Thelma Duncan, *John Fillicaro, Jack & Bev LaBelle, Brenda McCarty, Cleo Moran (S.Lyon), Ruth Munzel (S.Lyon), Mark & Carol McMacken, Ed & Connie Sherman, Sheryl Vigmostad, Bob & Ruth Watson (Howell), Dick & Lucille Weaire, Bill & Charmaine Zink.

*Welcome to new member John Fillicaro. All members should know membership lists are not sold or distributed other than Society files. Lists are shredded annually.

Thanks for observing the 'Complementary Copy' stamp notification of dues renewal time. It saves the expense of renewal envelopes. The mailing rate used does not include forwarding. It is good to let the Society know of address changes. The post office must charge .37¢.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...Bert Bair, Ida Bair, and John & Janice Field for help in mailing the February issue of Trail Tales.

...Brenda McCarty, Cleo Moran, Sheryl Vigmostad and Bob & Ruth Watson for including a donation with their dues.

...Duane & Thelma Duncan, Val & Kathy Jacoby, Cleo Moran and Doug and Carol Rearick for sending donation to the Friends of Lyon School.

...Jerry & Lisa Cave for their donation.

...Bradley Beal, Howell, for genealogical information re: descendants of Godfrey Hyne who arrived in the U.S. in 1840, to the area c. 1843.

CORRECTION

Re: 'THE CARPENTERS COME TO FARM' in the November, '04 issue: Last paragraph, 7th line - 'Carrie' was inserted instead of 'Addie'. It has also been learned Addie's name was Adelgunde. Many thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS

Rotary USA on the 100th anniversary of that organization.

PRESERVATION/RESTORATION

ARCHIVES: Archival boxes are being purchased for the preservation of fabric items: WW I uniform, etc., a dress from the Brighton Centennial and a quilt.

FROM SETTLEMENT TO CITY - BRIGHTON, MI

1832-1945: a best seller on anyone's list. Sunday, April 3, 1-4 p.m. author Carol McMacken will be at the Lyon School, 11455 Buno Road to autograph your book. Books may be purchased at that time. Already have yours? Carol will be glad to sign it for you then. Can't wait? Call 810/229-6402.

LYON SCHOOL: The First Sunday of each month, 1-4 p.m., the school will be open for visitors. Collections displays, programs, etc., will be offered each month. Thanks to members of Quester chapter Plank road #236 for serving as guides.

NEEDS NEEDS NEEDS

A local business to stock Society items - pillows, coverlets, note paper, T-shirts.

People to take an active position as a director or committee member for a year.

People to arrange for a monthly Society booth at the Farmers' Market in Brighton this year.

Person to prepare applications to the Michigan Historic Site Register of local sites. A historic site marker raises awareness of local history.

WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Fenton: 26th Annual Antique Show. March 12, 10a.m.-5:30 p.m. March 13, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Quality dealers, lunch room, free parking. Admission: \$5.00

Saline Area Hist. Soc. Antiques 101: What's Hot. What's Not, What Will Be. Depot Museum. Bennet St./Ann Arbor St. north of Michigan Ave., Saline. www.salinehistory.org

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS '05

LAWRENCE AUTOBODY AND PROMESS both are life members. The continued support and confidence they exhibit is much appreciated. Give them your consideration please. The support of others in the commercial community is welcome.

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The Society is a 501(c)3 Income Tax Deductible Organization

FUND RAISING PROJECTS

FROM SETTLEMENT TO CITY - Brighton, MI - 1832-1945, by Carol McMacken. Brighton's own history book. Almost 500 pages, over 300 pictures. Members, \$60.00 non members \$65.00 + shpg.

TILES: 13 local scenes, black/white 6"x6" ceramic tiles. Main Street Cafe, 440 W. Main. \$8. or 3/\$21.

1875 PLAT MAPS \$1. of Brighton, Conway, Genoa, Green Oak, Hamburg, Hartland, Howell, Iosco and Oceola Townships. 1915 maps of Brighton and Howell cities.

LYON SCHOOL T-SHIRTS \$12. S/XL.

SIGNATURE QUILT \$10. Add your signature or another of your choice to be embroidered on the quilt which will remain in the Society's archives.

MUGS \$5.00. NOTE PAPER PKG \$2.50
 TOTE BAG \$15. PEWTER PLATES \$35. All show the Old Town Hall by the millpond.
 AFGHANS \$49. red, green, blue, woven with nine local sites.

2004 CALENDAR \$5. with local scenes.
 TAPESTRY PILLOW \$28. with railroad depot and train.

For more information - 810/229-6402

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turn to St. Louis. On it would be packed the journals full of what they had learned. Cpl. Warfington, Pvts. Newman and Reed, Mr. Grave-lines and the four French voyageurs would be entrusted to safely deliver Lewis' "A Summary view of the rivers and Creeks, which discharge themselves into the Missouri..." describing the geography, soil, minerals, climate and Indian tribes along with botanical, mineral and animal specimens. Also maps based on their experiences and Indian descriptions. To insure delivery they were told there would be no pay until safely received by Jefferson.

In mid March it rained, ice began to break up on the Missouri. Sacagawea's husband, Charboneau, convinced the expedition would not be able to continue without them, declined their contract as unsuitable. However, after a few days in the Mandan village he contri-tely agreed to the contract the leaders had offered.

All were anxious and excited to be on their way. The end of March, Clark writes, "All the party in high Spirits...fiew nights pass without a Dance. Possessing perfect harmony and good understanding towards each other. Generally healthy except venerials complains which is verry Commion..." In a week, April 7, they would be off into unmapped territory.

It matters not how
 a man dies, but how
 he lives.
 ...Gene Kilbourn

One man with
 courage makes
 a majority.
 ...Andrew Jackson

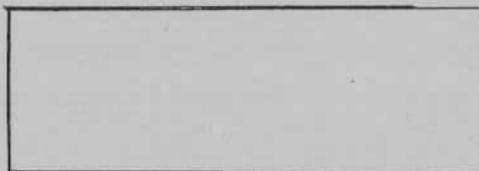
To whom is in fear
 everything rustles.
 ...Sophocles

HOW THE SOCIETY DISBURSES ITS FUNDS: Dues go into the General Fund. All administrative expense, including printing and mailing of Trail Tales, are paid from this income. Donations go into the Preservation and Restoration Fund. Expenses in connection with Archives, Historic Resource Survey, Lyon School, Oral History, etc., are paid from this source.

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THE BUCK (FAMILY) STOPS HERE

Several families by the name of Buck are recorded as having purchased land in Livingston County in the first half of the 19th century. All, of course, came from the east. Jasper and Rhoda (Hendricks) were in the Brighton Village area by 1841. Shortly after their arrival, their two oldest children, Willis, seven and Philena, one, died in 1843. Rhoda's obituary indicates the daughter was the 4th body buried in the Village Cemetery. This is difficult to confirm since early records would dictate otherwise. Abigail, born August 24, 1844, married William C. Lyon of Brighton Township. After Lyon's death March 3, 1909, she married Charles E. Placeway, a widower after Alta Case's death in 1910, February 8, 1911. Abigail and Charles are both buried in Calvary Cemetery beside their respective first spouses. Myron, who became a veterinarian following his service as a bugler in the Civil War, was born in 1846. He died in Chicago January 14, 1901. Kingsley was born in 1848. Other than 1860 census records, and his inclusion in Jasper's will, no more information has been found. There is no mention of him in Rhoda's obituary nor in Jasper's two line obituary.

As a cooper, Jasper brought a valuable trade to the growing community; he made barrels and casks. Storage containers for food, water, grains, etc., were in short supply and much needed by the settlers. A cooper needed to be knowledgeable about tree species, the use of cutting and shaping tools and how to steam and bend the staves into useful containers. His shop is said to have been located on Ore Creek south of North Street. Following the opening of a large cooperage in Unadilla Township his small operation could not compete. Rhoda's obituary recorded "Mr. Buck kept store in the Weicher building on the (SW) corner of Main Street and Grand River Road".

By the spring of 1850 the couple buys 120 acres in Section 13, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; Section 14, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; and Section 23, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ in Hamburg Township to build a home and farm. Bisected by Winans Lake Road, the farm was located between Chilson and Hamburg Roads east of Winans Lake. Here daughter Ella was born in 1856. She married George Burgess and moved from the area.

The Bucks were sympathetic to the plight of a child for shortly after moving to the farm, Henry S. Fitch, a 14 year old orphan, came to live with them. (His father had died at sea on his way to California shortly before.) One can understand the Buck's willingness to take him in having lost the two little ones less than 10 years before.

Jasper, b. 1812, N.Y., d. December 1, 1887, and Rhoda, b. 1820, N.Y., d. January 1, 1909. Both are interred in the Village Cemetery near their two children. After his death the land is willed to the four remaining children. Presently one finds many pleasant homes in that area; homes of those anxious to raise their families in rural surroundings. (Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: Census records; Old Village Cemetery transcription by John & Janice Field and its Supplement prepared by Bill Pless; The Calvary Cemetery transcription and obituaries compiled by Milton Charboneau. Additions/corrections welcomed. 810/229-6402.)