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

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, JULY 4, 1776

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed;.....The unanimous declaration of the thirteen United States of America.

VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY BICENTENNIAL

After an emotional good bye to the Nez Perce', who had saved them countless times, the return trip was underway. As they had previously planned the Captains, attempting to cover as much territory as possible, split into two groups. (A possibly dangerous decision.)

Meriwether Lewis would travel east, into the dangerous Blackfoot Indian territory, to explore the Marias River to determine if it would reach the 50^o latitude (to enlarge U.S. territory), and if it was navigable (to transport furs, etc., down the Missouri).

William Clark headed south along the Bitterroot Mountains, crossing the divide at Gibbon's Pass. Picking up the cache left the year before, the Jefferson River was followed to the Forks of the Missouri. Here a canoe party (another split of

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Dates to Remember:

- July 1: 8-noon. Society booth at Farmers' Market.
- *2: 1-4 Lyon School Open House. Woodworking exhibit
- 4: Happy Birthday United States!
- *3, 13, 20, 27: 1-3 p.m. Archives filing. Welcome.
CALL 810/229-6402 to confirm.
- *24: 6:30 Society board meeting. Welcome.
- Aug *5: 1-4 Open House at Lyon School. Antique Car Show. All antique cars welcome. 810/229-4483.
- * Lyon School, 11455 Buno Road, Brighton Township.

MEMBERSHIPS

PATRON: John & Phyllis Wenzel.

BUS/PROF: *The Livingston County Woodcraft Guild. (Makers of toys for children in hospitals.)

COUPLES/INDIV: Fay Hall (CA), Bob & Betsy Herbst, Jeanette Johnson (07), Pound, Tom & Susan, *Oma L. Rose NV.

*Welcome to new member Oma L. Rose of Nevada, and the Woodcraft Guild. It is encouraging to receive renewals also.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...Rosemary Ulmer for her help in mailing the June issue of Trail Tales.

...Sue Walters-Stainacker and her helpers for the fine quilt show last month. Also to Pauline Schaffer and Mindy Kinsey for serving as docents.

...BAHS class of 1956 for inviting the Society to sell the history book at their golden anniversary celebration.

...Parent-Teacher Tech, 117 E. Grand River for stocking the history book.

...Fay Hall (CA) for the invitation to the induction ceremony of her late father, Henry Hall, into the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Museum at Vail, Co. She also sent information on the world famous exploits of this champion ski jumper of the world, who made Brighton the Ski Capital of Michigan 1929-1937. It was located on Flint Road.

...Lucille Weaire for scheduling the Society booth at the Farmers' Market. She is organizing hours for people to help at the booth at the Art Fair, August 12 and 13. Call her with your offer to help for an hour or two. 810/229-3066

...Bob & Betsy Herbst for 06 membership in Friends of Lyon School.

...State Historic Preservation Office, Michigan Dept. of History Arts and Libraries and MDOT for the DVD documentary re: the Sauk Trail 'From Moccasins to Main Street - a Journey Down the Old Chicago Road.' Contact a board member to borrow.

...Iva L. Pettits for a patternbook from Strick's Department Store, 1968 map of the SE ¼ of Livingston County, pictures of the area around the gas station her parents owned at 23/Grand River. Also a pen with the name of the station.

PRESERVATION/RESTORATION

ARCHIVES: Photos of early local (all are historical) sites are needed to enlarge the Society's collection. Records, clippings, etc., are desired. To rid the files of acid-bearing and deteriorating newsprint, copies of clippings are being made.

Oma L. Rose, NV. is researching the Lobdell family name. Contact <o.l.rose@att.net> for information.

FARMERS' MARKET: Fine weather adds to the fun of the Society booth. It's an opportunity for folks to stop, ask questions and chat while supporting the Society. Lucille Weaire, 229-3066 is organizing hours for people to help at the Society booth at the Art Fair August 12, 13. Call her with your offer to help an hour or two.

HISTORY BOOK: The first edition of 'From Settlement to City - Brighton - 1832-1945' is almost sold out. These are still available at Parent-Teacher Tech, 117 E. Grand River. Members \$60. non-members \$65. (+shipg). Or call 810/229-6402.

LYON SCHOOL: The recent Open House was adversely affected by rainy weather. The quilt display in June had a fine reception and a fine day. August 6, will show antique cars. Your car is welcome. Sue at 810/229-4483.

ORAL HISTORY: Two representatives of the Society participated in the workshop offered by the Michigan Oral History Association at the Brighton Library. The why and how to, of conducting an oral history were made clear. A manual is available. To more fully compile the history of the area oral histories should be taken of Brighton-born or longer time residents. It should be noted that 1500 WW II vets die each day. Conduct an interview with the veteran you know and love.

NEEDED NEEDED NEEDED

...Donations to the Friends of Lyon School for roof repairs needed in the near future.

...A local business to stock tiles, or coverlets, or pewter plates or pillows or post cards or note paper or Lyon School T-shirts.

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\$\$\$ FUND RAISING PROJECTS \$\$\$

Book: FROM SETTLEMENT TO CITY - Brighton, MI 1832-1945, by Carol McMacken. Brighton's own history. Almost 500 pages, over 300 pictures. Members, \$60.00. Non-members \$65.00, + shpg. Available at Parent-Teacher Tech, 117 E. Grand River. Or 810/229-6402.

TILES: 6" square, ceramic tiles. 13 local scenes in black/white. \$8.00, 3/\$21.00.

1875 TOWNSHIP PLAT MAPS: Brighton, Conway, Genoa, Green Oak, Hamburg, Hartland, Iosco, Howell and Oceola \$1.00. 1915 city maps of Brighton and Howell.

LYON SCHOOL T-SHIRTS, S/XL \$12.00.

NOTE PAPER \$2.50 pkg.
 TOTE BAG \$15.00. PEWTER PLATE \$35.00
 All with the Old Town hall and millpond.

WOVEN AFGHAN \$49.00, red, green, blue with nine local sites.

TAPESTRY PILLOW \$28.00 shows depot and train.

SIGNATURE QUILT \$10.00. Your signature or another's to be embroidered on the quilt to remain in Society archives.

2004 CALENDAR \$5.00 with local scenes.
 MORE INFO? 810/229-6402.

(cont. from p.1) a limited number of men) headed north along the Missouri to meet Lewis at the Great Falls of the Missouri, while Clark crossed the Big Bear Mountains to the Yellowstone to ride it down to the Missouri.

Food would not be a problem; thousands of buffalo roamed the meadows. However Lewis' party encountered a small band of Blackfeet, lost some horses and barely escaped with their lives. Grizzlies were encountered and mosquitoes made life difficult for all. Clark also lost some horses but had a rather, in comparison, uneventful trip down the Yellowstone. (It boggles the mind that these small parties, in vast, unexplored mountains plan to meet several weeks later at the confluence of the Yellowstone and the Missouri. Editor)

Independence is knowing what you prefer instead of humbly saying Amen to what the world tells you you ought to prefer.

Robert Louis Stevenson

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

Advance Craft Homebuilders, Inc.; Ameri-Construction; William P. Horal, DDS; **Lawrence Autobody; Livingston County Woodcraft Guild; Matthew Matuszak, DDS, PC.; Carol McCririe S Associates; Lindhout Associates; **Promess, Inc.; The Fence Spot. Be sure to patronize these local, independent sustainers of the Society.

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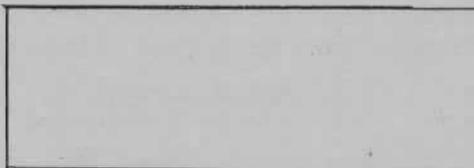
WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Michigan's area historical societies and organizations offer opportunities for family fun through exhibits, tours, museums, etc. To learn of historical events in Michigan to travel and visit see Calendar@www.hsmichigan.org

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BROTHERS HENRY W. AND WILLIAM H. PIPP

Henry W. b. 1831 and Elizabeth Buek b. 1833 Pipp were both born in Germany. Henry, an orphan at 16 came to America in 1847. Before his apprenticeship as a wagon maker Henry worked in a brick yard. 1859 finds him, a partner of John Becker, in the blacksmith business in Brighton. Their shop was on the south side of Fitch (E. Main) between East Street and Grand River; where the Beckers lived.

(The construction of the railroad, 1871, resulted in the Smith/McPherson Addition for several blocks each side of the tracks. This event was followed by the building of a foot bridge over Ore Creek for pedestrians and a bridge for wagons, etc. The commercial area west of the creek developed quickly.) Pipp and Becker realized the smithy business would be 'down-sized' now that farmers' needs could more easily be filled. The Pipp and Becker Hardware Store, s. e. corner W. Main and Hyne was built c. 1871 by brother William H. Pipp, a carpenter/contractor. William built many homes and other buildings in the Brighton area.

Henry W. and Elizabeth's home was the n. w. corner of Grand River and Mill (St. Paul) Streets. A descendant notes Henry's business motto was 'Deal fairly and keep your expenses below your income.' Their home was filled with eight children - five boys and three girls. Brighton Village was organized in 1867. By 1869 Henry W. was village president. As a member of the school board he was responsible for construction of the new school for District 5 students which opens in 1868, grades 1-10. The curriculum was improved over the years and the first class to graduate from the 12th grade was in 1886. During the 'War of the Rebellion' the Union League (Loyal National League of America) to which many Brighton and Livingston County residents adhered - finds Henry W. among them.

William H. b. 1836, married Elizabeth Smith b. 1835, but didn't leave the 'old country' until about 20 years later, c. 1867, after the birth of two sons, William 1863 and Henry 1865. Their home was at the s. e. corner of Grand River and Beaver Streets where five more children were born - three girls and two boys.

Pipp and Becker were in business until 1896 when they sold to Henry Ratz. Years later son George, when remodeling the store found a wide board from the counter under which he found in German, "Pipp is just a poor hardworking man who kept his nose out of other peoples' business, enjoyed his food and his liquor and slept well at night!" The children of both Henry W. and William H. Pipp have taken their talents to other climes and appear to have continued those responsible ways. (Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: Census records; Bill Pless' (with Stephen Leith's addendum) Village Cemetery Supplement; obituaries recorded by Milton Charboneau and material compiled by Robert Watson. Additions/corrections welcome. 810/229-5402)