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BRIGHTON'S OWN STANDLICKS

Phillip Standlick, born in England in 1846, was in Brighton and married to Hannah Hartman, by the 1870 census. (Hannah, b. Sept. 1, 1849, was a daughter of John and Maria Westphal Hartman of Genoa Township, settlers who came from Germany in 1836.)

By 1872, Phillip built a home in the Smith-McPherson Addition, lots 3 and 4 on Walnut Street. This addition included several blocks on both sides of W. Main from the mill pond west. In 1875-76 Phil served as Village Marshall. The 1880 census includes children Charlie b. 1872, May b. October, 1872 and James b. 1876. At that time Phillip is in business as a grain buyer. The Brighton Argus reports that Memorial Day, 1881, was rainy and cool. Standlick's dray horse attempted to swim the millpond without the permission of Standlick. He was nearly killed. His cousin John (b. 1831) and Edward (b. 1859) Truscott, came from England and were with Phillip and Hannah; they are recorded as laborers and may have been employed by Phillip in his business. The 1895 map of Genoa Township Sec. 38, E3SW4 and SW1/4NW4, notes an extensive huckleberry marsh owned by Phillip Standlick.

Phillip's daughter May married William Jarvis II and had two children, Beatrice and Harold Edward. Son James married Mrs. Isabell Bucklew. Son William, b. September 14, 1881, married Libby Becker and lived at 124 S. Third for a time.

Son Edward E., b. August 1, 1880 (whose twin died) married Grace Avis. Circa 1900 they lived near the Rialto Theater. Around 2:30 a.m., noises were heard. The next morning it was discovered the safe, with $200.00 was stolen - wheeled out of town. This couple had 11 children, several of whom also married neighbors. About 1925 he owned the Western House, 500 W. Main, which he planned to use for "residential purposes." There were very few train passengers since the advent of the auto and he sold in 1937. He was also in the ice business. His brothers, Charlie, Henry b. 1884 and Roy b. 1889, cut ice on Lime Lake. January 1, 1936, that business was sold to Don Leith, Sr.

Brighton High School graduation listing in 'From Settlement to City, Brighton, 1836-1945' puts Ed's son Phil in the class of 1927. (There's also a picture of him and his school mates ten years earlier.) Ed's son, Joseph and daughter Lillian are in a 1925 photo of elementary school children in Brighton. Daughter Vivian graduated in 1939, and daughter Dorothy with the class of 1944.

Beginning with Phillip and Hannah, names of many early settlers can be found in this family's genealogical record: Baetcke, Bauer, Collett, Puench, Herbst, Musch, Taylor, Truhn in addition to those already noted. A family reunion could include half the population of the area. All have descendants in the area. Calvary, St. George and Fairview Cemeteries are the final resting places for many. (Compiled by Marlene Bair from census records; cemetery transcriptions; Writings of Bill Fines; Obituaries compiled by Milton Charbonneau and From Settlement to City - Brighton - 1836-1945 by Carol McManeck. Additions/corrections welcomed. 810/329-5402.)

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

Oral History Workshop, June 24

The oral history workshop to be held June 24, 9:30-3 p.m. at the Brighton District Library is a cooperative project of the Society and the Library open to the public.

The workshop is designed to train those interested in recording and preserving family and community-focused oral history.

Geneva Wiskomann, Secretary of the Michigan Oral History Association, is experienced oral historian with an impressive background and knowledge of the subject, will direct the workshop.

The $30.00 Fee includes printed material and lunch. Registration deadline is June 20. Send name, address, phone/e-mail and check (made to MDH) to Brighton District Library, 100 Library Drive, Brighton, MI 48116.

Voyage of Discovery Bicentennial

Beginning the eastward journey up the Columbia from Fort Clatsop, May 2, 1806, Capt. William Clark records, "...it rained, hailed, snowed, and bled with Great Violence the greater portion of the day." The shortage of food became critical - the last of the provisions stored by the Corps was gone. The trade goods were 95% spent. Luckily Indians they met the next day traded Food (roots and dogs) in exchange for Clark's medical remedies which were remembered from the previous fall. Alas! Dispersing medications daily, insufficient provisions were traded, alone through the mountains leaders told each corpsman to try for the best trade he could get.

May 7, the snow covered Bitterroot Mountains came into view. Warned by the Indians that the usually deep snow

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