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TILES: 6” sq. ceramic tiles, black/white. 13 local scenes. $8, 3 for $21.

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OWNERSHIP PLAT MAPS: $1.00 – 1875 maps of Brighton, Genesee, Green Oak, Hamburg, Hartland, Iosco, Howell and Oakland. 1915 city maps of Brighton and Howell.

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As a historical society, our goal is to preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the history of our community. We will be preserving all existing and future images using a digital format. This will maintain photographic quality of those same original images for future generations to enjoy. Current older photos have already lost the sharpness in picture quality due to the damaging effects of light, humidity and the acid content in the paper. Employing the digital format enables us to freeze the current photo quality before more damage occurs. These new digital pictures of the old photos will look the same in the future as they do today.

I am very excited about this new project. I invite members of our community to bring those old photos of family, friends and community to us to be permanently recorded. While we scan your pictures, they will only be an arm's reach from you. We scan your picture while you wait. After scanning, you take your pictures back home with you with no fear of being lost.

Your family's presence in the Brighton area will be recorded for future generations to enjoy.

(More info to follow in the future!)

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