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**Trail Tales**

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This book has multitudes of photos that show the early days of Brighton. The faces, clothing and setting allow us to interpret the stories frozen in the camera shots from the past.

As time passes, we start to lose these valuable memories of our past. Anecdotes fall silent if not collected. Photos disappear if not preserved.

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We will only need your photos for a few minutes while they are scanned into the computer. You can bring your photo albums for us to scan while you wait. Once scanned, your family photos will become a permanent record in the archives for everyone to eventually access.

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* 19: 6:30 p.m. Society Board meets. Welcome

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