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2023 BAHS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES!! Your membership and donations make a HUGE difference! Please see the enclosed flyer to renew your dues for 2023. Not a member? Please use this flyer to become a member of the Society. Current members, please forward this flyer to family members or friends you feel would enjoy becoming a member. Thank You.	INSIDE THIS ISSUE: Dates to Remember Thanks and Recognition Sponsor Form BAHS Leadership	
The Brighton Area Historical Society extends its sympathy to the family of Lin Millar	Contact BAHS Historical Perspective	
Lin was a long-time member of the Society and previous Board member.		

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS: (Reflect dues paid for year 2023 unless otherwise noted)

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BUS/PROF: Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center*, Preview Properties

Welcome to new Members*: Liv. County Convention & Visitors Ctr.

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES.

Please see the insert or the form on Page 3 if you would like to join, or renew your dues. Through your dues and donations we are able to continue the work of preserving Brighton's history.

THANKS:

- To our members who have renewed their dues for 2023 and beyond.
- Livingston County Convention & Visitors Center for their 2023 Bronze Sponsorship along with their dues.
- Debra Ball Johnson for her donation to the Society along with her dues.
- Bill & Margaret Dixon for their donation to the Society.

- Joe & Tena Anderson for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund along with their dues.
- Jeanette Johnson, James Lauridsen, Steven Matschikowski, John & Linda Rawcliffe, George & Fritzie Seger, Dianne Taeckens and Mary Vogt for their donations to Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Joanne Bellmard, Marlene Fonseca for their donations to Friend of Lyon School along with their dues.
- Kathy Pearson for her donations to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund, Friend of Lyon School, CoBACH Events and Old Village Cemetery.
- Pleasant Valley Social Club for their donation in memory of Lin Millar.
- Mindy Kinsey & Marian Papp for donating jewelry for the spring jewelry sale/fundraiser.
- November volunteers that staff CoBACH: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Bob Pettengill, Lynn Strong, and Jim Vichich.
- The volunteer workers who perform maintenance and archive historic articles during the Thursday morning work session: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- The talented & dedicated Restoration Team at Old Village Cemetery: Howard Bisoski, Don Boyer, Bob Brantley, Jerry Brock, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Tony Ferreyra, Dave Fuller, Mike Johnson, Mindy Kinsey, Bob Knight, Jack Longberry, Randy Needham, Bob Pettengill, Dave Pettigrove, John Rawcliffe, Dave Rebiger, Spence Schubbe, Pat Smith, Jim Vichich, Ed Vitez, and Dick Weaire.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: Days and hours of operation:

Tuesday—Friday 5—8 pm, Saturday 11—5 pm and Sunday 2—5pm. Closed Mondays.

<u>CURRENT EXHIBIT: Through Dec 22</u>: "Christmas Memories of Brighton." Parents take your FREE family Christmas photo inside CoBACH with a wonderful setting in the background. Enjoy the warmth & NO wait!

<u>NEW CoBACH EXHIBIT</u>; Jan—Feb: "Advertisements of Brighton's Former Businesses."

CoBACH CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS: December 23 — January 2. Reopens Tuesday, January 3rd.

December 29; Thursday: Lyon School will be CLOSED.

January 25; Wednesday, 6pm: BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH. There is no December board meeting.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Sharrell (Munce) Blakeley (CA) — Shirley Barton — Janice Beach Donald & Shari Black (NJ) — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — John & Jenny Conely — Edgar L Cord, Ph.D. — Bonnie Corrigan Timothy & Giannine Corrigan Jerry & Carole Damon — Bill & Margaret Dixon —Joan Engel — Tony & Beth Ferreyra — Nancy Fredenburg Lee & Deb Gough — Stephen & Marilyn Harrington — William & Lenore Harris — Betsy & Bob Herbst — Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) Kathy Jacoby (OR) — Claire & Aaron Jusino — Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX) — Ray & Bessie Maltby — Jere & Kay Michaels James & Janis Miller — Randy & Linda Veno Needham — Greg & Pamela Park (OH) — John G. Park & Madeline Kingston-Park — Richard Park (IL) Kathy Pearson — David & Marilyn Pettigrove — Bob & Donna Phillips — Douglas & Carole Rearick — Brigette Ritsema — Tom & Bonnie Riutta Robert & Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Carole Scott — Anne Stratigos — Lynn Brady Strong — Jim & Vicki Vichich Linda (Skeman) Wintermute — Al & Karen Wirth — Alice Wyland

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2023 Sponsorships: <u>Bronze</u>: Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center

Support BAHS: Become a Member or Donate

The BAHS relies on participation of its members and the generosity of its patrons. If you would like to make a donation or become a member, please mail to the address provided on the form below.

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Platinum — \$1,000+; Gold — \$500+; Silver — \$250+; Bronze — \$100+ If you would like to become a sponsor or have a question, please contact: Jim Vichich, President Brighton Area Historical Society 810-250-7276 or James.Vichich@gmail.com			
BAHS Leadership 2022		BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us	
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The BAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please help us fund our mission while also helping yourself with a tax-deductible contribution. The BAHS accepts monetary support and donations of historical artifacts. Please consider supporting us with your generosity.		 11455 Buno Road, west of Pleasant Valley Road. The 1885 Lyon School is a fully restored, barrier-free one-room schoolhouse and serves as our organization headquarters. CoBACH Center 202 W. Main Street, in downtown Brighton next to the Millpond. CoBACH is formally known as the City of Brighton, Arts, Culture and History Center. It is located in the historic 1879 two story brick building, also known as the Old Town Hall. 	

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



As many of our readers/members enjoy researching, we will periodically publish tips/articles on how to research different topics. These were pulled together by Tim Bennett. Tim Bennett is the sixth generation owner of the Warner Homestead farm, located on Buno Road. For the past fifteen years Tim has conducted extensive research on the historical and genealogical background of the family. Archaeological excavation of the site is one of the few, if only, by a direct descendant in Michigan. He has published a number of articles and presented on his research to various groups around the state. The Warner Homestead was recently recognized as Michigan's newest historic site with the installation of the Michigan Historical Marker in the front yard.

"Research Tips — Early Maps"

The first survey of Brighton Township was made in 1815-1816. It was limited to notes and included unfavorable descriptions such as "poor barren land" and "scrubby oak". Other surveys with similar descriptions across lower Michigan discouraged initial large scale settlement of the state. Another survey, completed in 1823, provided a basic map along with more favorable descriptions.

One of the first named natural features in Brighton Township, "Ore Cr", appears on a map by Orange Risdon. It was compiled in 1825, years before settlers arrived. State and regional maps drawn during the 1830s, particularly by John Farmer, included paths/roads that were used as guides by pioneers to make their way to the interior of Michigan.

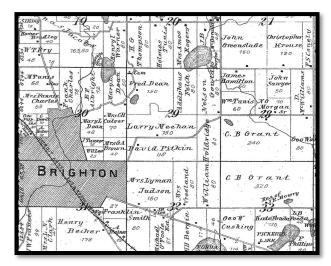
Plat maps provide a visual representation of how land was divided, its location, and who owned it. During the 19th century these maps for Livingston County were published in 1859, 1875, and 1895. Ownership information has a few exceptions as it appears data was taken from tax records and in some cases taxes could be paid on property not yet transferred. To promote local sales, inclusion in the business directory section was often dependent on the purchase of a map.

The 1859 plat shows the location of buildings including log cabins and frame houses, as well as swamps and woodlands. The notation of woodlands is important as it provides an indication on how much land was cleared for agricultural use. It is configured as a large wall map that also includes images of prominent buildings/residences around the perimeter, insets of village plats (including Brighton), and a business directory. F. W. Beers' 1875 plat map also includes information

on when pioneers arrived/settled in addition to listing in the business directory. School districts are also color coded. The 1895 map still shows the location of schools but does not delineate the districts. Town plats from the late 19th century are found in the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps. Many 19th century township atlases are available online including in the Library of Congress and the David Rumsey map collections.

While the work published by Geil, Harley, and Siverd in 1859 is the earliest plat map for Livingston County, it isn't the first to show landowners. That distinction belongs to Bela Hubbard, an explorer and cartographer who drew early maps of townships across Michigan. His map of Brighton Township dates to circa 1838 and notes the location of some early pioneer homes including Lyon, Palmer, Maltby, Woodruff, and Marsh. Natural features are noted as well as improvements made by settlers including mills, roads, and post offices.

(Thank you to Tim Bennett for assembling this information. Plat maps for Livingston County can be found on Brighton Area Historical Society website: info@brightonareahistorical.com)



From a 1895 Plat map