



Let's Deal Some History!

A special collector's edition of new "Then & Now" historical Brighton playing cards will be available **FREE** from downtown restaurants and retail stores. Each card has a unique old Brighton photo of an early downtown building. Learn the history of the building by reading the short narrative that includes a description of the building with its address and the current business operating there. The name of the present day business is also printed across the top of each card.

Each restaurant and retail store featured on the playing card will give one free card that showcases their business to each visitor that enters their establishment.

A small number of cards feature Brighton's historical buildings where no retail or restaurants exist today. These cards plus the two jokers will be included in a special starter pack. The starter pack will also include a card box for storing the deck and a map highlighting the various Main Street and the adjacent Grand River Avenue businesses seen on the cards. The box cover has a classic photo of the 1935 Old Town Hall. One starter pack per guest can be received by visiting 2 Dandelions Bookstore at 428 W. Main Street (Tuesday—Saturday 10—8, Sunday 12—5, Monday closed).

You can collect your deck of cards starting August 6. Learn cool facts and view old images of Brighton! Sign up at 2 Dandelions for the gift certificate participation awards.

Please support our downtown merchants through this difficult time!

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Our sympathies to the family of
Beverly LaBelle
who recently passed away.
Beverly was a long-time member of the Society.

CoBACH Exhibit:

August

"Learning Your ABC's
in Brighton"

CoBACH Hours

August

Friday 5—8pm

Saturday 12—3pm

Sunday 2—5pm

Closed Monday—Thursday

**Archiving at Lyon School
on Buno Road
Every Thursday
9 to 12nn**

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Frequent postings regarding Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical
Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

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

IND/FAMILY: Norma Jean Pless (2024)

PATRON: Jim & Emily (McNally) Brown* (2024)

SPONSORSHIP: 2024 Bronze: Carolina DeLuca

***WELCOME** to new members: Jim & Emily (McNally) Brown

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR

DUES. Please see 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.
- Lake Trust Credit Union and Wallflower Mercantile for their 2023 Platinum Sponsorships.
- Carolina DeLuca for her 2024 Bronze Sponsorship.
- Todd Buckley for the beautifully framed area plat maps that now hang in the newly refurbished museum room at Lyon School.
- Norma Jean Pless for her donation to Friend of Lyon School and the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund along with her dues.
- Jim & Emily (McNally) Brown for their donation to Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Members who advise of their change of address so we can avoid being charged by the Post Office for the return of their Trail Tales.
- Don Boyer for the donation of jewelry for the 2024 BAHS jewelry sale.
- Bill & Peggy Dixon for donating a projection screen.
- Refreshing of the interior of the 1885 Lyon Schoolhouse by the following volunteers: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Tony & Beth Ferreyra, Nancy Fredenburg, Deb Gough, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless and Lynn Strong.
- Steve Black, Ron Cyr, Jerry Damon, Caitlyn Perry-Dial, Tony Ferreyra, Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong for studying needs for the new museum inventory software and developing operating protocol for implementing the new Past-Perfect software.
- Denise Murray from Ann Arbor Spark and Jim Vichich for researching, writing and producing the "Then and Now" playing cards. These historical retail playing cards each have a different old photo of a business including history of the building and today's business. There are (52) unique cards of restaurants and retail businesses on Main St. and adjacent Grand River Ave. See page one for more information.
- City of Brighton DDA, El Arbol Taquira, Explore Brighton/Howell, Griffith Reality and The State Bank for funding the production of the "Then and Now" historic retail playing cards.
- Mayor Tobbe and the Brighton City Council for the very nice proclamation recognizing the outstanding volunteer effort of the Headstone Restoration Team in the restoration of the Old Village Cemetery. The team has restored 163 headstones to date with several more to be completed. The program is hoping for completion in 2023.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: CURRENT EXHIBIT; August "Learning Your ABC's in Brighton. OPEN Friday, Saturday and Sunday ONLY.

See sidebar on Page 1 for exact hours of operation.

August 3,10,17,24,31; Lyon School; 9—Noon: Open for tours and archiving. **August 23; 6pm at Lyon Schoolhouse:** BAHS Board Meeting. **August 28; Old Village Cemetery; 9—2:30pm:** Headstone Restoration continues by the team of volunteers. Additional dates: September 25 and October 23.

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 (FL) — Steve Black — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — John & Jenny Conely — Edgar L Cord, Ph.D. — Bonnie Corrigan — Kelsey Corrigan Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon — Frank & Jo Del Vero — Bill & Margaret Dixon — Joan Engel — Tony & Beth Ferreyra Nancy Fredenburg — Dave & Jacque Fuller — 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 — Brigitte 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

Business /Professional Members: (Indicates Life Members)**

Advance Craft Builders (2023) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brewery Becker** — Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor** Brighton District Library ** — Brighton Lions Club (2023) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** Clark/Tait Eye Center (2023) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center (2023) — Lawrence Auto Body ** — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — Neighbors Magazine (2022) Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2023) — Preview Properties (2023) — Promess, Inc.** — Refrigeration Research ** Serra Honda Brighton (2023) — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2023) — Wallflower Mercantile (2023)

2023 Sponsorships: Platinum: Lake Trust Credit Union, Wallflower Mercantile

Bronze: Margaret Bowland, Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter, Carolina DeLuca, Dr. Caitlyn Perry Dial, Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center

2024 Sponsorships: Bronze: Carolina DeLuca

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.

Mail check or money order payable to:		Name: _____	Phone: () _____
Brighton Area Historical Society		Address: _____	
P. O. Box 481		City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Brighton, MI 48116-0481		E-Mail: _____	

Membership Plan:		Additional Donation to—Check One:	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund	Amount of Donation:
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250
<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Business/Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Life	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____

The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization . All donations are tax deductible.

BAHS Sponsorship Program

The BAHS sponsorship program has the following levels with the associated annual funding gifts. Sponsors will receive recognition through the Trail Tails newsletter and through sponsorship placards located at the City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center (aka Old Town Hall).

Annual Sponsor levels are:

Platinum — \$1,000+; Gold — \$500+; Silver — \$250+; Bronze — \$100+

If you would like to become a sponsor or have a question, please contact:

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 Brighton Area Historical Society
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Current BAHS Leadership

President Jim Vichich	Directors Tony Ferreyra
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Lyon School
 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.

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.

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The following is another article submitted to us by Tim Bennett. As many of our readers/members enjoy researching, we will periodically publish tips/articles on how to research different topics. Tim Bennett is the sixth generation owner of the Warner Homestead farm, located on Buno Road.

RESEARCH TIPS -- DEEDS — Part 1

Similar to land patents, deeds can also provide a wealth of information on the intentions and movement of ancestors. Deeds provide not only the names of the seller (grantor) and buyer (grantee) but also their residence at the time. These documents have a transaction date as well as a recorded date with differences sometimes months, years, or in rare cases decades apart. One extreme example included the deeding of property by Richard Lyons and wife Martha to School Dist No 8. The transaction took place on December 9, 1842 but wasn't recorded until September 14, 1881, nearly 40 years later!

Copies of deeds are held at the Livingston County Register of Deeds office in Howell. Fortunately, transactions from 1834 - 1886 are available online from scanned microfilm through free genealogical services such as FamilySearch.org. The online service provides a scanned index to the deeds and the organization method varies by county. For Livingston County, the index is grouped alphabetically and then sorted by *recorded* date order, not *transaction* date within each letter of the alphabet. The left page lists by sellers while the right lists by purchasers.

A series of deeds over time may show changes in the residences of an ancestor. Not all properties purchased were settled at the time the deed was made, though. In fact, some deeds were transacted from afar with the purchaser apparently buying property sight unseen using justices of the peace as witnesses in separate locations. The residence recorded at the top of the

deed of the buyer and seller is a better indication of where an ancestor lived rather than the location of the property transacted.

Wives had rights to property that was brought to the marriage as well as purchased afterwards. The husband could not sell or mortgage property unless she gave her free consent and her name was listed on deeds including a notation that "on a private examination separate and apart from her husband acknowledged she had executed the same freely and without fear or compulsion of her said husband." Inclusion or exclusion of a known wife on deeds could provide guidance on rough timeframes of marriages or deaths.

Deeds are genealogical gold mines loaded with tidbits of important data. Unraveling the information within, however, can be a bit perplexing without a basic understanding of how plots of land are defined and described.

(To be continued in September issue.)

A handy reference for quickly finding the properties owned by an ancestor was compiled by Milton Charboneau in his *Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, Michigan*. This book is available for reference at the Livingston County Register of Deeds and a number of libraries.