



Old Village Cemetery Restoration

Restoration work is coming to a completion after 10 years! Thank you to the many Headstone Team Volunteers of which a number are absent from these photos.

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Congratulations Jane Jarvis Tomlinson, long-time member of the historical society for her induction into the 2023 Brighton Area Woman's History Roll of Honor. Along with Jane, the following were also inducted: Colleen Gleason, Thelma Lett, LuAnn Loy, Anne Richardson, Sabrina Nauss and Genevieve Urbain. Congratulations to all.

CoBACH Exhibit:
September
"Learning Your ABC's
in Brighton"

CoBACH Hours

Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm

Saturday 11am—5pm

Sunday 2—5pm

Closed Monday

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

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Frequent postings regard-
ing 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: Roberta Sweetman (2024)

***WELCOME** to new member:

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.
- Carole Damon, Nancy Fredenburg, and Lynn Strong for setting up the new display at the CoBACH Center entitled "Learning Your ABC's in Brighton."
- 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.
- Bruce Ritter for delivering the "Buddy Bench" for the display a CoBACH Center.
- Volunteers of the OVC Headstone Restoration Team for their July restoration work: Howard Bisoski, Steve Black, Don Boyer, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Tony Ferreyra, Randy Needham, Dave Pettigrove, John Rawcliffe, Pat Smith, Jim Vichich and Ed Vitez.
- Howard Bisoski and Jim Vichich for installing new door hardware on the three exterior doors at Lyon School.
- Jerry Damon for painting Lyon School exterior doors with a classic red color. Tony and Beth Ferreyra for painting the stove pipe black in the classroom.
- Paul Sawallich for sharing his electrical talents in the Lyon School Museum room.
- 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, Tony Ferreyra, Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong for starting the inventory process 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 Street and adjacent Grand River Avenue. A complete deck of **FREE historical playing cards** can be collected by visiting specific downtown retailers. A starter pack with (18) cards and map listing locations for individual cards is available from 2 Dandelion Bookstore at 424 W. Main Street. Open hours are Tues—Sat, 10—8pm; Sunday 12—5pm; Closed Monday.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: CURRENT EXHIBIT; September "Learning Your ABC's in Brighton. Hours: Tues—Fri 5—8pm, Sat 11—5pm, Sun 2—5pm. CLOSED MONDAY.

September 7,14,21,28; Lyon School; 9—Noon: Open for tours and archiving.

September 24; 2pm: Old Village Cemetery Tour.

September 25; Old Village Cemetery; 9—2:30pm: Headstone Restoration continues by the team of volunteers. Additional date: October 23.

September 27; 6pm at CoBACH: BAHS 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 (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

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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: Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481	Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-Mail: _____	Phone: () _____
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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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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 Part 2 of the article on researching deeds. We wish to thank Tim Bennett for researching this article and others and submitting them to the society so we can share these tips with our many readers. Tim is the sixth generation owner of the Warner Homestead farm, located on Buno Road.

Even after Livingston County was officially formed, though, some deeds still continued to be recorded in adjacent counties. A forty-acre parcel in Brighton Township was sold to Hiram Olds on October 25, 1836 but was recorded in Oakland County. Another deed recording a sale of property in township 2N range 6E (Brighton) as late as 1837 was recorded in the correct county, but mistakenly listed the description of the property as located in Oakland instead of Livingston.

RESEARCH TIPS -- DEEDS -- Part 2

Surveys of Michigan delineated areas of land using a rectangular system laid out in a grid pattern of counties, townships, and sections. Townships are designated by two numerical values, a township number (north or south) and a range number (east or west) that refers to the distance from the vertical meridian and horizontal baseline that intersect southeast of Mason. Brighton Township is designated township 2N range 6E as it is the second township north of the baseline and sixth east of the meridian. Townships were then further divided into one mile squares (for the most part) called sections. Each section, containing 640 acres, is numbered and Brighton Township has 36 sections.

It may come as no surprise that some of the early deeds exhibit "inconsistencies". Land transactions occurring before county governments were formed were recorded in adjacent counties. Before Livingston County was officially organized in March 1836, deeds were recorded in Oakland and Washtenaw counties. Records from these counties were eventually copied to the books of Livingston County, known as transcribed records (TSR). These early records are not currently available online through genealogical services. However, researchers can view the online indexes of adjacent counties for records on land transacted in Livingston County or visit the Register of Deeds office.

Familiarity on the formation of townships is also useful to understand some of the early deeds. For example, a deed dated June 25, 1835 for land in section 30 of township 2N range 6E from Robert Bigham to William Noble Jr. lists the township as "Green Oak" instead of "Brighton". Although township 2N range 6E refers to Brighton Township on the government survey, the deed description is correct for that time as Brighton Township didn't split from Green Oak until December 1837. Relying on the reference to the section, township, and range numbers will avoid confusion with changing areas of named townships.

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.