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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 AT 3 PM

ANNUAL MEETING TO CELEBRATE BRIGHTON'S FRIENDLY HOME

The annual meeting of Historic Brighton will be held on Sunday, January 29 at 3 pm in the auditorium of the Friendly Home, 3156 East Ave. in Brighton.

The program that afternoon will be a Powerpoint presentation of the history of the Friendly Home by Betsy Brayer, who wrote the sesquicentennial history of the home in 1999.

James E. Dewirst, president/CEO of the Friendly Home, will bring the story of the Brighton institution up to date. Refreshments will be provided by the Friendly Home and the public is invited to attend.

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Historic Brighton trustees will be elected at the annual meeting. Nominated for a three-year term are:

- Rome Celli (new)
- Beth Keigher (new)
- Hannelore Heyer (2nd term)
- Arlene Wright (2nd term, Nominating Committee chairman)

The slate of officers, nominated to serve a one-year term, will be voted upon at the first board meeting following the annual meeting:

- President: Sheldon Brayer
- Secretary: Janet Hopkin
- Treasurer: Patricia Aslin
- Assistant Treasurer: Rome Celli



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The Friendly Home—oldest home for the aged in Monroe County and the ninth oldest in the country—began as the Home for the Friendless in 1849. Its fourth building was the converted Alexander Tavern, northwest corner of East Ave. and Alexander St. In 1918, the building became the headquarters of the Red Cross when the home moved to Brighton.



The Friendly Home moved to its Brighton campus in 1918 and changed its name from Home for the Friendless then. The apartment complex, Linden Knoll, was built in 1972.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE FRIENDLY HOME

The Home for the Friendless becomes the Friendly Home and moves to Brighton, 1918



1917

George Eastman was head of the Rochester Red Cross during World War I. In 1917, he wanted the building occupied by the Home for Red Cross headquarters. A large donation to the Home allowed its trustees to purchase 13 acres in Brighton and build a new Home.



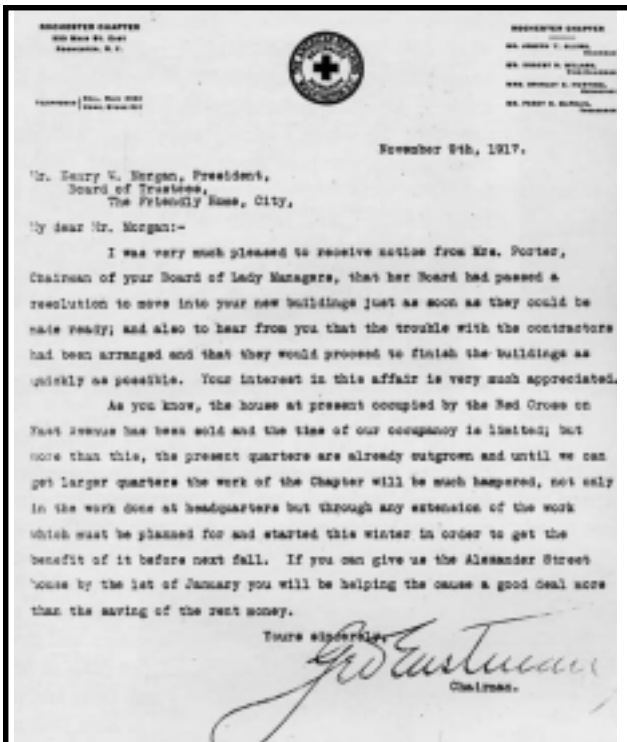
Morgan's 1905 home on East Avenue has recently been named a Brighton landmark by the Brighton Historic Preservation Commission



Henry W. Morgan, trustee and chairman of the Home's building committee, found the Brighton property high on a hill above Allens Creek and had the new building constructed there.



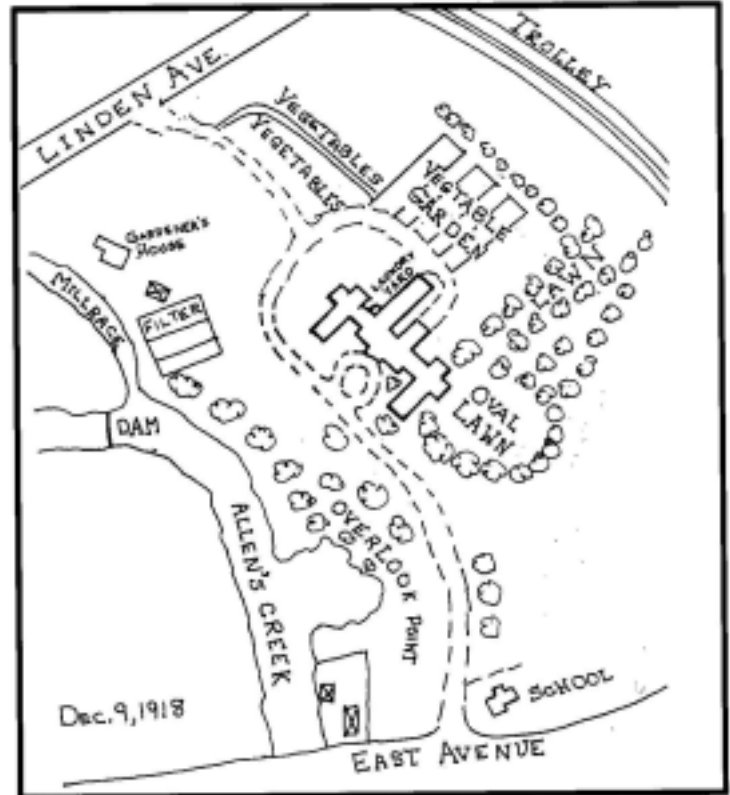
The Red Cross was in its new headquarters in time to celebrate Armistice Day on November 11, 1918.



To find out why architect John Gade (right) was chosen to design the new Friendly Home in Brighton in 1917, please attend the January 29th meeting of Historic Brighton at 3 p.m. in this building.

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The Friendly Home in Brighton, 1918-2006



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In 1918, renowned landscape architect, Alling De Forest drew plans for the 13 3/4-acre parcel that trustees purchased in Brighton. Because the residents wanted to grow their own vegetables, several gardens were planned. The original blueprints, from which this was sketched, are at the University of Rochester Library.



Typical scenes from the Friendly Home archives, 1920s-1950s. In 1949, on the home's centennial, a reporter wrote: "For though it is actually a home for the aged, the operational management of the 'family's' management immediately removes it from the institutional class, happily different from any such 'home' the writer had visited before. Here is a home geared to the group living of more than 100 people, yet its community rules are so elastic that each retains his individuality to the extreme."

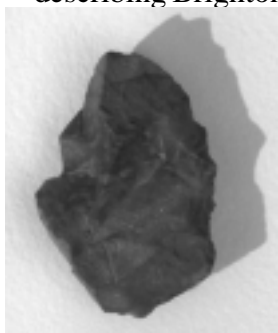
More Friendly Home history will be discussed at the 3 p.m. January 29th meeting of Historic Brighton at 3156 East Ave. in Brighton.

ARTIFACTS UNCOVERED AT THE BUCKLAND FARMHOUSE



By Leo Dodd

Historic Brighton members have been interested not only in the Buckland Farmhouse but also in the land surrounding these early 1800's farm buildings. We had assumed that this land, if examined, would reveal artifacts, lost to the soil, which would provide insight into the life of the people who occupied 1350 Westfall Road over the past two hundred years. So the following is a record of the various artifacts found over the past two years as we examined fields and soil surrounding the buildings. We had planned for a systematic search of the property but construction schedules did not allow this studied approach. We were allowed time in the evening when construction had ceased for the day and we would not interfere with development operations on the property to walk and scan the soil of the park lands. The background of each found item provides a history story describing Brighton farm life.



The oldest item found, pre 1800, is a Native American tool. The item is called a "scraper," and was constructed from flint. Flints were used chiefly for the preparation of hides and skins for clothing and bedding but also for the working of wood, bone, or

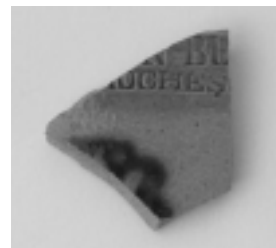
softer materials. This tool was found, on the surface, in a plowed field several hundred feet west of the house. Dr. Martha Semposki, a Research Fellow at the Rochester Museum and Science Center, identified the item. Martha said that it was not possible to date the item because most scrapers looked alike, and were used over hundreds of years with little change. She also said that if we had looked close by we probably would have found an arrowhead that would have help date the scraper, for flint arrowheads progressed in style over the years and can be dated. This tool measures 1 ¾ inch long and 1 ¼ inch

wide. This historical link to a previous century and Woodlands culture was very exciting, and unexpected. The retreat of the ice sheets to the north, which began about 10,000 years ago, allowed plants to grow and woodlands to develop, inviting forest hunters to inhabit the area. This land, now called Brighton, was their land. What a neat historical reminder!



The largest unbroken item is a green 30 oz glass bottle, 11.5" tall and 3.5" diameter, from the Paul W. Friedler Bottling Works, Rochester, NY. Paul William Friedler, born 1866, was prominent in business, social and fraternal circles and operated the company until his death in 1923. In 1887, age 21, he had formed a partnership with his brother John and opened a bottling works at No. 4 West Lowell St. The undated bottle found was designed for 30 ounces of mineral water or soda pop and was probably sealed with a cork plug. (Note: Coca-Cola was born in 1886 in Atlanta GA; its famous contour glass bottle for Coke-Cola was invented in 1915.) The Rochester City Directory for 1893 lists six individual "Soda Water Manufactures" and only one glass bottle production plant, the Reed Glass Works.

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One pottery shard, a small two-inch long segment of a crock, led to the identification of that crock as manufactured by John Burger in 1851-52. Thompson Harrington of Lyons and John Burger Sr. purchased Clark's Rochester pottery, which Burger managed until 1853. From 1855 to 1866 John Burger, Sr. was the sole owner and manager of the pottery. During

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this period, the pottery was moved from East Ave. to Mount Hope Ave. where it remained until closing in 1893.

In 1974, the Rochester Museum & Science Center produced an exhibit titled “Clay in the Hands of the Potter” with a booklet describing the earthenware potters who settled in the Genesee Country during the late 18th and the early 19th centuries.

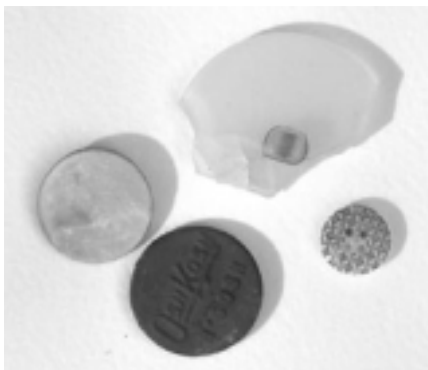
Burger crocks manufactured in Rochester are today selling on e-Bay for many thousands of dollars. (At a recent auction sale, a Burger six gallon cream pot signed “John Burger, Rochester” went for \$44,000.) The shard illustrated could have come from the e-Bay 4-gallon pottery crock shown here.



6 We came across two Indian head pennies, one dated 1898 found in the field and one dated 1901 found by the front porch. A trip to Andy Hale’s Stamp & Coin Shop on Monroe Ave., to assess value, assured me the pennies were interesting but worthless. To prove the point, after I purchased two paper penny containers, they gave me change, which included an 1881 Indian Head penny. OK! OK! They are worthless, but I still think they are a neat find!

Some other interesting items were:

Buttons: One of several buttons found around the house was a very small button with a brown colored diamond design and another was an Oshkosh metal button linking the farmer coverall dress to a Brighton farm.



A collection of some twenty spherical items was found. Several of these were glass or clay marbles. The clay marbles are interesting. Marbles is a game that is more than 3,000 years old. Clay marbles have been found in ancient Egyptian tombs. Originally marbles were made of many materials-clay, bone, polished nuts and stones, and indeed marbles.

Clay marbles began to be produced in bulk from about 1870 onwards on both sides of the Atlantic. In the 1890’s the first machines for the manufacture of glass marbles were introduced. However, machine production remained low until the 1914-1918 war in Europe cut off supplies of marbles to North America. This stimulated the machine production of glass marbles to North America. It is impossible to date the five clay marbles we found outside of the house but clay marbles create an interesting story and picture of the children who lived on the Brighton Farm.

The collection we have established so far consists of approximately 600 shards. The shard summary is as follows: Pottery ~100, Glass~100, China Dishes~200, “Blue Willow Dishware”~100, Metal~50 items, Plastic~25 items. The type of artifacts reinforces the description of the property as being inhabited by the average farmer family in Brighton.

Come join us at Historic Brighton!



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WHERE WAS THIS LOST BRIGHTON POSTCARD SCENE?



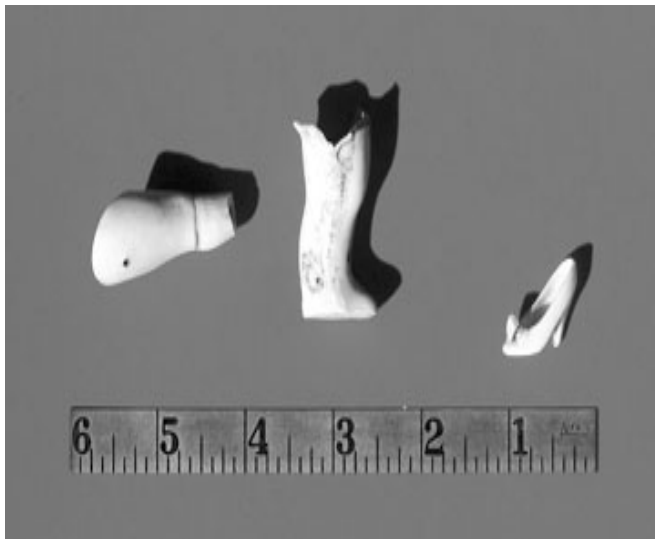
Crestle of R. S. and E. R. R. Over Auburn R. R., 750 feet long, Brighton, N. Y.

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MORE MID-20TH CENTURY ARTIFACTS UNCOVERED AT THE BUCKLAND FARMHOUSE



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