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Monroe Community College

A Community Treasure Right Here in Brighton

In 1962, Monroe Community College (MCC) opened its doors to students in space rented from the Rochester City School District, the former East High School, 410 Alexander Street, Rochester. The Brighton campus on East Henrietta Road was built on a 359.8924 acre parcel that included the Monroe County Penitentiary farm and privately owned farmland that was purchased for the college. Since then, nearly a half million students have attended MCC sites including the Brighton campus, the Applied Technologies Center, the Damon City Campus and the Public Safety Training Facility. MCC is looking forward to opening the new Downtown City Campus in the former Kodak building on State Street.

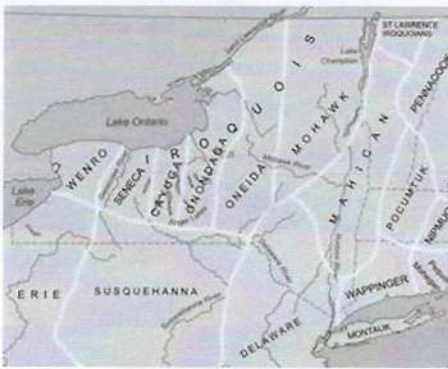
This newsletter will focus on the history and memories of early MCC and the Brighton campus. Brighton Town Historian, **Mary Jo Lanphear**, generously gave her time to search her archives and has written the lead story. **Matt Bashore**, Brighton Memorial Library, provided an invaluable link to **Eric Johannisson**, MCC Archives & Record Management at the Damon City Campus. Eric supplied many photos, maps, clippings, and background information. **Dotty Montulli** and **Professor Elizabeth "Liz" Neureiter-Seely** kindly shared their memories of the early days of MCC. MCC President **Anne Kress** took the time to send us good wishes! **Betsy Brayer**, HB newsletter editor, worked her magic in turning all this material into a newsletter! Many thanks to each of them! If there are mistakes in the newsletter, they are mine, not theirs!

Lastly I must thank my Mother, **Kathleen "Kay" Griffin Weston Hickey**, MCC's first employee, for saving photos, letters and news clippings – many that are shared here. There were many, many people who, with her, put their hearts and souls into founding this school out of a dream. Here are just a few of their stories. Also included are links so that you can research your own MCC experiences. Have fun and get started by going to

- MCC history <http://www.monroecc.edu/etsdbs/pubaff.nsf/MCCFacts/History?OpenDocument>
- Monroe Doctrine 1963-2006 <https://dspace.sunyconnect.suny.edu/handle/1951/43054>

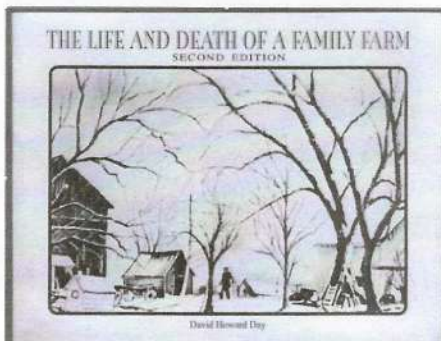
Peggy Weston Byrd

Historic Brighton Board of Directors



Map credit: www.nlm.nih.gov

Approximate location of the five tribes in the original Haudenosaunee



Cover of the book owned by Brighton Town Historian Archeological study of the Bittner Farm on MCC property by Professor Day and his students



Photo: MCC Archives

Barn sign reads, Monroe County Penitentiary Dairy Farm



Photo: MCC Archives

These may be prisoners working the MCPF farm.

MCC From the Ground Up: Glacier to College Campus in only 13,000 years!

Many years ago, a giant ice sheet covered the Genesee Valley. Geologists believe that it was two miles high – over 10,000 feet of ice over what is now the town of Brighton! About 13,000 years ago, as it receded it cut through the land beneath producing the landscape features with which we are so familiar– Cobb's Hill, Highland Park, Pinnacle Hill, Mount Hope Cemetery, and the Irondequoit Valley. It also left behind what Herman Leroy Fairchild called "the real stone monuments of the Glacial Period," the erratics. An example of an erratic is the Council Rock on East Avenue near the Stone-Tolan house, composed of weathered Lockport limestone.

The receding glacier left behind the clay deposits that were so important to the brick industry along Monroe Avenue. Evidence of this can be seen in Brighton's new Sandra Frankel Park along the Brickyard Trail.

Another glacial benefit was the fertile soil that lured thousands of Massachusetts farmers to Brighton after the Revolutionary War. The prime farmland that existed between East Henrietta Road and Clinton Avenue, south of Westfall Road brought Eliphalet Edmunds to Westfall Road in 1824. The Crittenden family had farms on both East and West Henrietta Road. Harvey French and his family settled in the same area before 1850. Their family names live on in Edmunds Corners, Crittenden Road, and French Road.

Agriculture and brick making were the primary occupations in nineteenth century Brighton. Gideon Cobb, Isaac Moore, and the Buckland brothers supplied the bricks for residences as well as the Monroe County Workhouse, Infirmary, and Insane Asylum located in Brighton along the east side of South Avenue. Establishing these institutions and Mount Hope Cemetery in rural Brighton preserved the more valuable city real estate and removed from daily view the county's methods of dealing with its welfare and penal responsibilities. J.H. French's 1860 Gazetteer of New York State said, "The poorhouse establishment is located on a farm of 134 acres in Brighton, just south of the city line. It consists of three large buildings, one of which is used for an insane asylum. The average number of residents is 360, supported at a weekly cost of 68 cents each...The farm yields a revenue of \$3,500." (page 396)

In order to reduce the cost of housing and feeding the inmates, the county expected able-bodied paupers to maintain the farm that supplied the institution with food and a surplus to sell. This procedure that appeared to work for poor house residents was later applied to prisoners in the county jail. In the nineteenth century the housing of prison inmates evolved from twenty-four hour isolation to prisoner socialization. Reasoning that isolation was cruel and inhuman, New York State began reforming the prison experience by having inmates work together. To teach prisoners the value of hard work and thrift, the state urged local penal institutions to

give prisoners the opportunity to work on a prison farm – to grow their own vegetables, raise and butcher their own meat, make their own clothes, and manufacture products for sale. Because this model had worked well for Monroe County in caring for its paupers, the county applied it to its penitentiary and began the acquisition of farmland in Brighton.

When the state banned the sale of prison-made products, the Monroe County Penitentiary expanded its farm holdings in order to provide food for not only the prisoners but also the other county institutions. 250 acres became 600 acres and by 1915 the penitentiary farm was paying the county a profit of \$3,777 in addition to providing \$10,000 worth of produce annually. By 1938 when Homer Lewis of Greece was appointed superintendent of the farm it encompassed 1,000 acres in Brighton on both sides of East Henrietta Road. Sixteen foremen served under Superintendent Lewis with penitentiary inmates working under them. Farming methods changed with the times and the skills of the prisoners. In 1948 the farm's six two-horse teams were phased out because it was a rare inmate that knew how to handle horses. By 1963 the farm was operating in at least two sites.

On the west side of East Henrietta Road was the Penitentiary Dairy Farm, located across the road from the present-day Monroe County Jail. The Penitentiary farm itself was located on the east side of East Henrietta Road where Monroe Community College is today. Pigs were slaughtered on a weekly basis to provide food for county prisoners, chickens provided eggs, and it's said that the hay for the Sheriff's mounted patrol was grown there.

By 1962 when the new college was seeking a permanent site, the Penitentiary farm was being phased out. After looking at the Iola Sanitarium site on 35 acres, the old East High School on Alexander Street, and the 242-acre county farm, it was the last that the Monroe Community College trustees requested. A sale run by auctioneer George Lusk in 1966 disposed of the farm equipment and remaining livestock. Fire damaged the vacant buildings in 1968. Ground-breaking for the college took place in 1965.

Mary Jo Lanphear
Town of Brighton Historian
15 July 2016



Photo: MCC Archives

Pigs were raised to feed the prisoners.



Photo: Margaret McNab, former Brighton Town Historian

MCC Groundbreaking, November 1965



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MCC Groundbreaking, November 1965

County Approves the New College

In September 1960, the Monroe County Board of Supervisors authorized Resolution No. 246 of 1960, the sponsorship and establishment of a community college in Monroe County.

It's interesting to note that today, Monroe County is governed by a County Legislature. According to Carolyn Vacca, historian on the Monroe County web page, "The original 14 towns in Monroe County—Brighton, Gates, Clarkson, Henrietta, Mendon, Ogden, Parma, Penfield, Perinton, Pittsford, Riga, Rush, Sweden, and Wheatland—each elected supervisors who were present at the first Board of Supervisors meeting on May 8, 1821."

"The 43-member Board of Supervisors was the governing body of the county for the next one hundred and forty-five years until the Supreme Court one man-one vote ruling led to the creation of a 29-member County Legislature [in 1966]."
<http://www2.monroecounty.gov/history-index.php>

Monroe County Board of Supervisors

September 1, 1960

RESOLUTION NO. 246 OF 1960

Authorizing the Sponsorship and Establishment of a Community College in Monroe County.

Whereas, a study report presented by the Rochester Bureau of Municipal Research, Inc., and accepted by this Board of Supervisors, has demonstrated the need for a Community College in the County of Monroe,

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monroe, as follows.

Section 1. That the County of Monroe in the State of New York sponsor a Community College under Article 126 of the Education Law of the State of New York, and authorize the establishment of such a college subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monroe submit such plans as are necessary to the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York with the request that the State University approve such plans, and, upon approval, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monroe of the State of New York proceed to establish a Community College in the County of Monroe, pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law, and

Be it Further Resolved, that a plan for such college, and consideration as to the best time to begin such college, and the best manner in carrying out such a plan be thoroughly and completely studied in cooperation with officers of the State University of New York.

Drs. Stabins, Pulsifer Named To Hospital Fund Committees

Dr. Samuel J. Stabins, 1600 East Ave., and Dr. Libby Pulsifer, 63 Woodcrest Dr., have been named chairman and associate chairman respectively of the Doctors' Gifts Committee for this Fall's Rochester Hospital Fund drive.

They will organize committees in the seven participating hospitals, to obtain subscriptions from the physicians, as well as a number of dentists, who are members of the medical staffs.

The Medical Society of the County of Monroe has appointed a committee of seven doctors to represent the medical profession in cooperating with

al Hospital, associate physician at Strong Memorial Hospital, consultant in medicine at Genesee and Lakeside Memorial Hospitals and Iola Sanatorium, and clinical professor of medicine at the School of Medicine and Dentistry of the University of Rochester.

help to keep staff members and others informed on developments in the hospitals' modernization programs.

Dr. Stabins is Surgeon-in-Chief Emeritus of Genesee Hospital, associate professor of surgery at the U. of R. School of Medicine and Dentistry, Associate Surgeon at Strong Memorial Hospital and Consultant Surgeon at Veteran's Hospital in Canandaigua. He is also chairman of the Board of Trustees of the new Monroe County Community College, and chairman of the board of the blood program for the Rochester-Monroe County Chapter, American Red Cross.

Dr. Pulsifer is Chief Emeritus of Medicine at Rochester Gener-

This article from the May 3, 1962, Brighton Pittsford Post details the amazing talent and leadership of MCC's first chairman of the Board of Directors. He was widely sought to provide leadership in the community, so MCC was lucky to enlist him to launch the college on it's maiden voyage!

Led by Dr. Stabins, the very first meeting of the MCC Board of Trustees was on July 27, 1961. Dr. Stabins said, "We were a college in name only. We had no office, no president, no faculty, no students and no money."



Photo: Kay Weston Hickey papers and photo files

MCC Board of Directors, July 1970

Back row l to r: Adelaide Brennan, Secretary, Joseph Ferrari, Dr. LeRoy Good, James McEwen, newly elected President of the Student Association, Pat Madama, President SA, 1969-70

Seated l to r: Alfred M. Hallenbeck, E. Kent Damon, Vincent Jones, Dr. Michael Crino, Marian B. Folsom, Kay Weston, Secretary, James Gray, County Manager Gordon Howe, Carl Hallauer, Dr. Alice H. Young, Dr. Samuel J. Stabins

Dr. Alice Young: MCC Pioneer, Educator, Kind and Gentle Soul



Photo: Kay Weston Hickey papers and photo files
Dr. Young & Kay Weston, June 1982

No history of MCC would be complete without recognizing Dr. Alice Holloway Young. Her role in the founding of MCC is one of strength and perseverance. From her home state of North Carolina to her long career in the Rochester City School District, to the founding MCC Board of Directors, hers is a story of dedication and perseverance. She is an educational pioneer whose contributions to the community have been honored and recognized with many awards.

This bio is from MCC's Monthly Diversity Council Daily/Student Tribune article for September 2013. "Dr. Young has had a profound impact on education in Rochester and Monroe County for over fifty years. As a pioneer African American educator in the Rochester City Schools for four decades, Dr. Young was among the district's first African American teachers and the first African American to hold the titles of reading specialist, vice principal, and principal.

"A founding trustee of Monroe Community College, its chair from 1978 to 1998, and currently trustee emerita, she provided leadership for MCC to become a premier institution.

"The MCC residence halls and the Faculty Internship Program are named for Dr. Young."

<http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/reshalls/thecommons.htm>

<http://www.monroecc.edu/organizations/diversity/dr-alice-holloway-young-faculty-student-services-internships/>

Dr. Young is loved by everyone who has ever met her. Her ninetieth birthday party in 2013 at the college was packed to the rafters with well wishers who have experienced her joy, her generosity, and her loving commitment to making the world a better place.

The First Employee of MCC, “Mom’s” Community College



Kathleen G. Weston
*Secretary to the Board of
Trustees 1961-1972
Administrative Assistant to
the President 1962-1972*

Photo: Kay Weston Hickey papers and photo files

by Peggy Weston Byrd

In June 1961, my father, Art Weston, died while my sister, Kathy Weston Grinnell, was in the hospital. The confluence of these two events changed my mother's life.

My father worked his entire career for Lincoln Rochester Trust Company, but the bank representative told Mom that his death benefit was thirty-five dollars a month! Never one to panic, she knew she had to take action and find a job.

By coincidence, Mom read in the paper that Kathy's back surgeon, Dr. Samuel Stabins, was just appointed chairman of the board of the new community college for Monroe County. My sister recalls her post-surgical examination about a week after Dad's funeral. Mom's priorities were in order. First, was the surgery successful and was Kathy okay? Second, she asked how to get a job with the new college. Dr. Stabins said to send a resume that included her job as the first employee (and as assistant director) of the Rochester Hospital Service Corporation (Blue Cross) from 1935-1941, as well as her extensive volunteer community service.



*Kay Weston with Mrs. “Happy” Rockefeller
and
Governor Nelson Rockefeller, Fall 1965*

Photo: Kay Weston Hickey papers and photo files

The First Employee of MCC, "Mom's" Community College

My first memory of MCC was in September 1961: Mom at her desk in downtown Rochester on the third floor of 39 Exchange Street, the office of the Monroe County Civil Service Commission. It was a borrowed desk, but the shiny new nameplate said "Kathleen G. Weston, Monroe Community College."

She was very proud of this job; she was even more proud of the new school. My mother worked for MCC, but it became her mission in life.

I remember her working on the renovation of MCC's first home, the old East High where my father, aunts, and uncles went to high school. I can also still see her at our dining room table pouring over the blueprints of the new campus in Brighton.

MCC brought lots of new people into our lives, Dr. Leroy Good, Dr. Alice Young, Dr. James Walsh, Ron Gigliotti, and so many newly-hired faculty, administrators, and staff.

Mom retired in 1972 and married my late step-father, Tom Hickey. Everywhere we went she'd ask waitresses, mechanics, nurses, secretaries—everybody—do you know about MCC? Did you go there?

She was a founding board member of the MCC Foundation in 1983. I was a member of that board as a way to honor her memory and help continue her commitment.

Now to 1992 for the final vignette of her life. The nurse at St. Mary's hospice told me that on the morning of her death, Mom asked her where she'd attended nursing school! She showed Mom her pin from MCC.

Mom's devotion to MCC up to her death was not to the buildings or the institution, but to the students. She never went to college but knew that education was the key to success. She also knew that for other families like ours, college might not be financially available. Accessible, affordable, and meaningful education was the founders' goal for MCC. Thousands of students later, it still is.

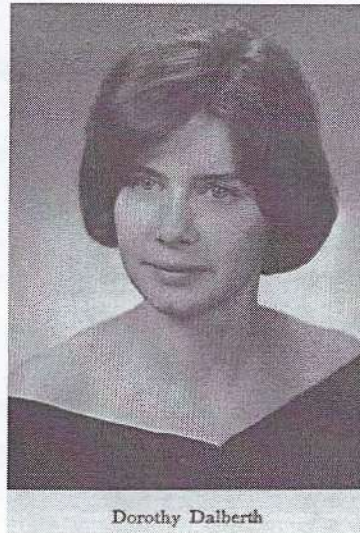
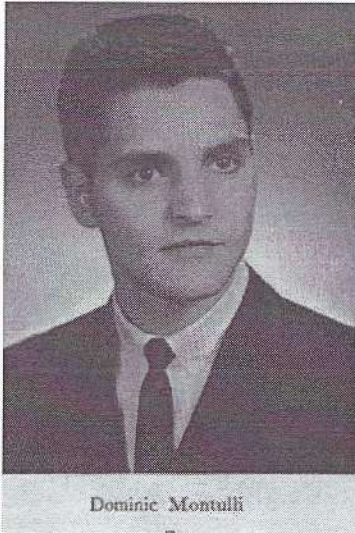
Her picture hangs in the MCC boardroom in great company with portraits of Dr. Good, Dr. Spina, Dr. Stabins, Dr. Young, and President Flynn. I can't tell you how proud I am of her and their great accomplishment, MCC, "Mom's Community College!"



Kay Weston with grandson Scott Grinnell and daughter Peggy Weston at the MCC Brighton Campus Open House, 1969

Photo: Kay Weston Hickey papers and photo files

Two MCC Success Stories



Photos: Dotty Montulli's copy, MCC
"Recall" 1964

Since 1962, thousands of students attended MCC for a myriad of reasons: for an associate's degree, to launch a four-year college career, for technical training or to upgrade skills. Hundreds of teachers and support staff have taught and encouraged them. Each has a story to tell. Here are the stories of a student and a professor.

Love Was in the Air on Day One of MCC!

Who knew when MCC opened its doors for the first time in the former East High School that love was in the air? "I'm going to marry that girl," said **Dominic "Dom" Montulli** when he first saw his future bride, fellow student, **Dorothy "Dotty" Dalberth**.

Brighton resident Dotty Montulli attended West High School and the nursing school at Highland Hospital. She decided to try out the new college, MCC, to complete her studies. She had no expectations about it but knew on the first day that she'd made the right choice. Little did she know that this decision would affect her entire life. She met Dom. He worked in the bookstore and Dotty found that it was a great place to "study!" Dom's brother **Tom Montulli** was also in their class.

There was some expectation that the new "junior college" would simply be a glorified high school, but Dotty says, "The professors were hard. We were surprised by this but all of us were determined to make this college work."

About her time at MCC she said, "Everything was new. We were all so close and we were gung-ho." Her loyalty to MCC remains strong. "We helped to start the school, but even today, if someone has promise and wants to get an education, they will help you do it."

- In 1964, Dotty, Dom and Tom graduated with associate's degrees.
- As Dom foretold on opening day, after graduation he and Dotty were married!
- A few years later, Dotty's sister, **Patty Dalberth Boychuck**, attended MCC.
- Sadly, Dominic died in 2005.
- The MCC Foundation established the **Dominic P. Montulli Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund** in his memory and in gratitude for his ongoing support of the college.

<https://monroecc.academicworks.com/opportunities/1259>

The Montulli Family was there from the beginning and still supports MCC today.

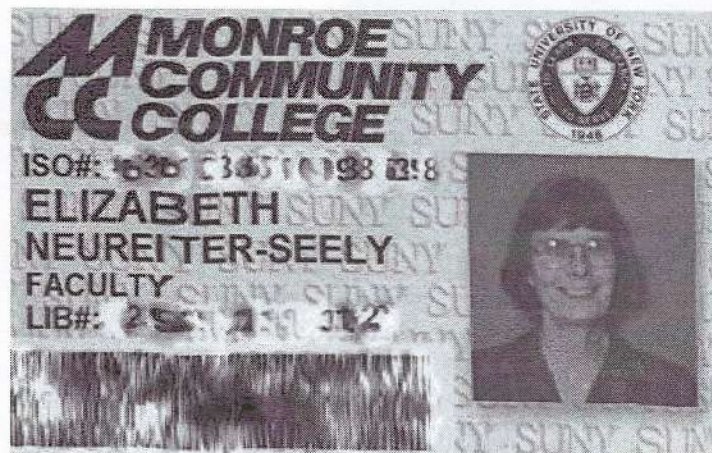
Download MCC Recall Yearbooks 1963-1971 - SUNY Digital Repository

<https://dSPACE.sunyconnect.suny.edu/handle/1951/64059>

MCC Success Stories



Recall 1964: Dom, Tom, Dotty in the Bookstore – a great place to study!



Credit: E. Neureiter-Seely



MCC Alexander Street Campus – Do you remember this? Was it a fire drill?

Professor Elizabeth
Neureiter-Seely's
Faculty ID

A Professor's Journey From Germany to Brighton

Brighton resident, Elizabeth "Liz" Neureiter-Seely, had no idea that living in Germany and her expertise in the German language would lead her to a thirty-three year career at MCC's new, Brighton campus.

In 1969 after moving home from Germany, Professor Seely was hired by Dean of Faculty, James P. Walsh. At the time, languages were popular with up to thirty students per class. The language department first included German, Italian, French, and Spanish; a while later, Latin and Russian were added. "It was an exciting time, a free-flowing time," said Liz. "The MCC campus was new. We were dedicated to teaching, not worried about publishing. Focus was on the students."

In time however, enrollment in foreign languages declined and in the late 70's, MCC faculty recognized the need to focus on international students and local students who needed help with English. Seely participated in creating the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program as well as transitional programs to help students pull themselves up by their bootstraps. Seely said, "It was rewarding to work with students who were eager to learn and who had fought hard to get to this country."

Though Professor Seely retired in 2002, the pride she has for her students and for the college that gave her many exciting years of teaching and innovation is evident. "To see my students [today] is rewarding. MCC is a place where innovation, new ideas were welcomed, a place where students knew that their teachers were there to help them meet their goals."

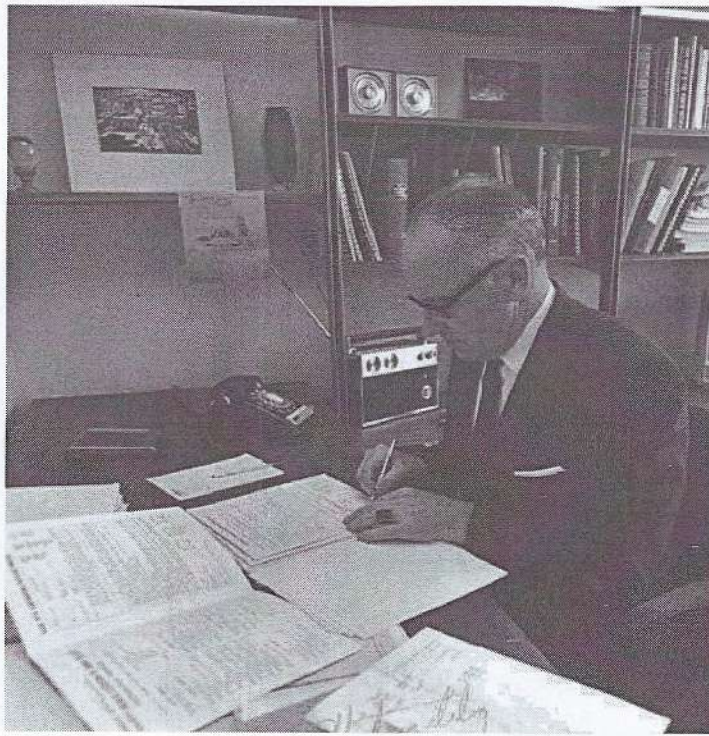


Photo: Kay Weston Hickey papers and photo file
Dr. Leroy V. Good, first president of MCC

MCC Presidents*

Charles Hetherington, 10/1961 - 1/1962
 Referred to in news articles as "advisor" or "consultant"

Leroy Good, 1/12/62 - 9/14/72
 Inauguration 9/17/62. Died while in office 9/14/72

George Glasser, Interim 1972 and 73

Moses Koch, 9/1/73 - 3/81
 Inauguration 5/2/1974

George Glasser, Interim 1981
 Appointed 3/1/1981

Peter Spina, 1/1/1982 - 11/1/1999
 No inauguration ceremony scheduled.
 Originally scheduled to leave 8/31/99 but reappointed 9/1/1999 - 11/1999

R. Thomas Flynn, 11/1/1999 - 8/31/2008
 Interim 11/1/1999 - 2/8/2000. Appointed President 2/9/2000.
 Inauguration 10/28/2000

Larry Tyree, Interim 8/18/08 – 6/09

Anne Kress, 6/22/09 – present
 Inauguration 4/10/10

**Source: MCC Archives*

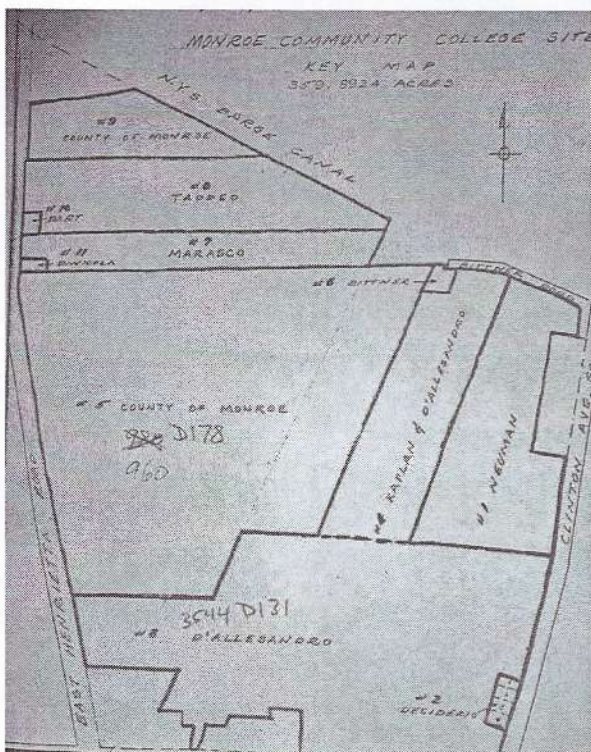
Area Communities Vie Over Site For New College

According to the YouTube video, *History of Community Colleges* by Molly Dugan, the oldest existing community college in the country is Joliet Junior College in Illinois. Built in 1901 as a public, two-year college, they are celebrating their 115th anniversary! Since their humble beginnings in the Joliet Township High School with six students, hundreds of community colleges across the country have opened their doors. It's hard to imagine the time when community colleges weren't part of the fabric of the community.

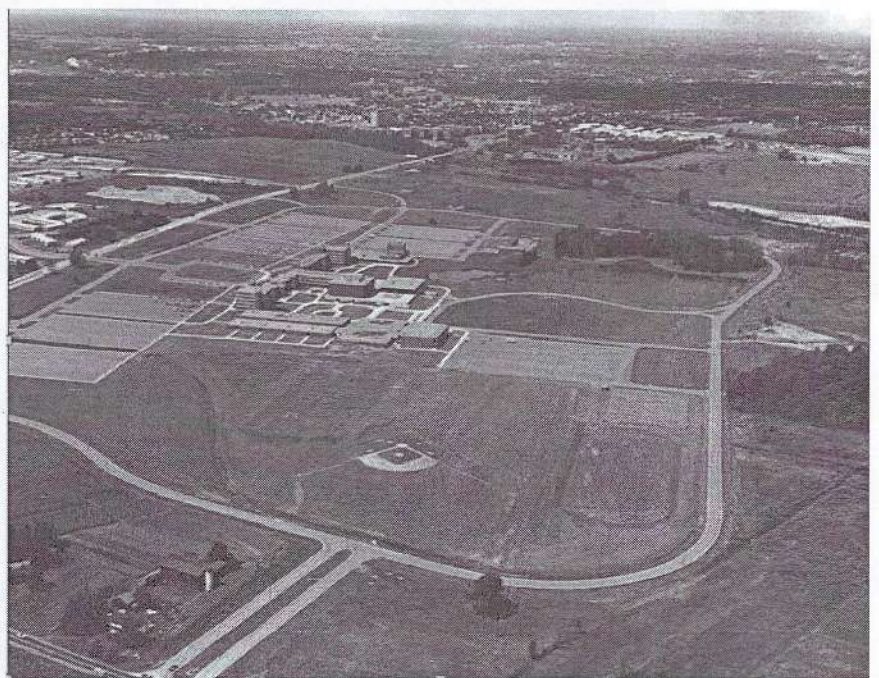
In 1961, the Monroe County Board of Supervisors approved the formation of Monroe Community College. As with any new idea, there were bumps along the way including the location of the new school. According to an article, *Opposition to Community College Site Aired*, in the Spencerport, NY, *Suburban News*, December 12, 1963, the Monroe County Board of Supervisors received letters of opposition to the Brighton location. The Spencerport Businessmen's Association, the Churchville-Chili Central School District Board of Education and the Chili Town Board agreed that the school should be built "on this [west] side of the river."

Eventually MCC trustees decided on the Brighton site "...because it is in the approximate center of the county and that its arterial road plus the planned Outer Loop and Genesee Expressway can best handle traffic."

This hand drawn map (below) from the MCC archives labeled *The Appraisers Parcel Numbers, Monroe Community College Site, Key Map, 359.8924 acres*, includes the following parcel numbers and owners whose property was purchased for the college site: 1. Neuman, 2. Desiderio, 3. D'Allesandro, 4. Kaplan + D'Allesandro, 5. County of Monroe, 6. Bittner, 7. Marasco, 8. Taddeo, 9. County of Monroe, 10. Dart, 11. Dinicola.



MCC Archives



MCC Archives

1970 aerial view of the MCC campus looking north. East Henrietta Road is on the left. Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road is at the lower left.

A view of a portion of the Monroe Community College building complex, showing the main entrance to the right, and classroom buildings to the left. 1970



Rochester Public Library Local History Division

History Happens Now!



Photo: P. W. Byrd

Looking Ahead: New MCC Downtown Campus at Kodak, State Street



Monroe Community College

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK



From Anne M. Kress, Ph.D. President, Monroe Community College

In the early 1960s, local educators, along with community leaders and elected officials, shared a vision to make higher education more accessible for residents and more responsive to local needs. Thanks to their vision, Monroe Community College was authorized by the Monroe County Board of Supervisors and established in 1961 under founding MCC Board Chairman Samuel J. Stabins, M.D. and his fellow trustees. MCC welcomed its first class in 1962; the quality of the college was underscored by its inclusion in the State University of New York, and its academic programs prepared graduates for a wide range of career fields and transfer to four-year institutions. MCC's founding trustees, faculty, and administrators were committed to achieving high academic standards for local students—a commitment that has been a constant for the community's college.

MCC's first class—720 students—enrolled in September 1962 in the former East High School at 410 Alexander Street in the City of Rochester. Since then, the College has grown to serve more than 32,000 students annually (2014-15 credit and noncredit enrollment). MCC's programming has grown over time, reflecting the growing complexity and diversity of higher education and workforce development. With a spirit of innovation and a dedication to academic excellence, MCC continues to offer students a pathway to personal and professional growth and to support the economic development of our region.

Since its founding, MCC has served nearly half a million students. As a Brighton resident and as president of MCC, I am proud of our shared history and deep roots in the community. Thank you for celebrating the ways MCC inspires every day.

Sincerely,

Anne M. Kress

In Memoriam: George Zimmer, Brighton Fire Department Historian



W. George Zimmer

August 25, 1932 - November 18, 2015

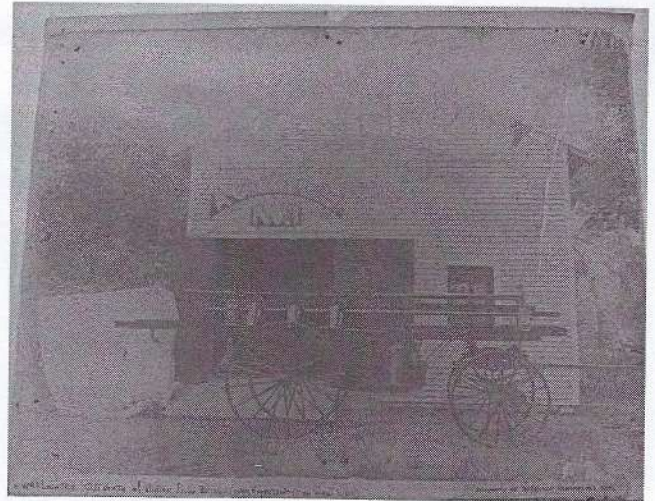


Photo: Brighton Town Historian

Old Brighton Village Fire Hall

George Zimmer, Brighton Fire Department historian and one of the original members of Historic Brighton, passed away November 18, 2015 at age 83. He lived his entire life in his childhood home in the Golfside neighborhood. George volunteered 58 years with the BFD as volunteer firefighter, president and historian, served as secretary for the Brighton Fire Commission, past president of the MCVFA, and a member of FASNY. He was a volunteer driver for ABVI for many years, a job he took very seriously and loved. He was a gifted ASID residential interior designer and had a lifetime career working for such prominent companies as Mangurian's, Ethan Allen, Sibley's, Cherry House, and Edwards.

In his spare time, George's hobbies included showing exotic birds, working on creative projects, and gardening. He also loved dogs, including dachshund companions throughout his life.

George is survived by his wife of 51 years, Nancy, son, Stephen (Lauren) Zimmer; daughter, Wendy Zimmer Thorpe, grandchildren, Jacob Karl Thorpe and Margaret Stephanie Thorpe, many nieces, nephews and cousins. A memorial service was held at BFD. Contributions may be made to the Brighton Volunteer Fire Department, 3100 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14610.

According to BFD President, Jim Quinn, the extensive archive of material collected by George and others is in the process of being catalogued, put in chronological order, scanned, digitized and eventually put on line for public research, hopefully by 2017. Several framed items are already on display in firehouse #1; a new display case will house other objects. In addition, BFD is requesting that residents who may have archival materials such as photos, letters or objects relating specifically to Brighton Fire Department activities, past or current, to call to see if they can be used in the collection. Please call Jim Quinn at (585)381-3200. www.brightonfd.org

Brighton #2 Firehouse



Photo: Brighton Town Historian

Brighton #1 Firehouse



From the Albert R. Stone Negative Collection, Rochester Museum & Science Center

The exterior of the 1926 fire house on East Avenue: It was made of brick and stucco and had two floors and a basement with showers, a game room, meeting hall, dance hall, kitchen, drying room and dormitory with six beds. It was demolished in 1994 and replaced with the present brick building.

90 Year History of the Brighton Fire Department

By Mary Jo Lanphear, Town of Brighton Historian

3 February 2016

In 2015, the Brighton Fire Department (BFD) marked 90 years of firefighting. Founded in 1925, it was awarded its charter by the NY Department of State after the name "Brighton Fire Department" was surrendered by the organization of the same name in the former Brighton Village at Winton Road and East Avenue. The men of the latter group were granted honorary life memberships in the new BFD.

The first alarm answered by the new BFD was a false alarm on Klink Road in December 1925.

In 1926, BFD purchased land at Landing Road South and East Avenue for the first firehouse.

In 1927 #2 was erected at Winton Road and Elmwood Avenue on the former Buckland farm. In 1930, #3 at Blossom Road and Clover Street provided service north of the New York Central Railroad tracks. Architect Leon Stern designed all three buildings in the Tudor style to blend in with the residential neighborhoods.

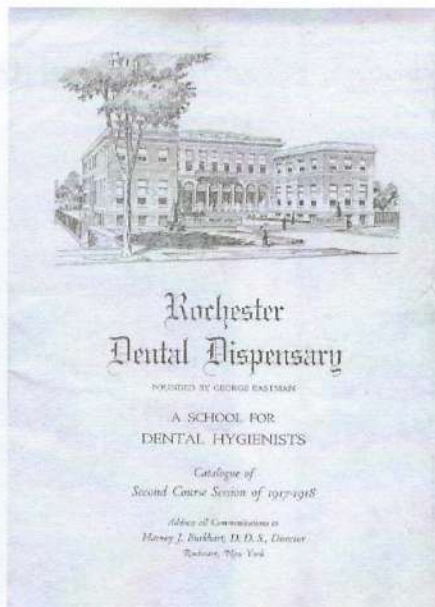
World War II saw a depletion of regular firefighters and the recruitment of volunteer replacements. Brighton #1 planted a victory garden during the war.

The 1951 Brighton gas explosions taxed the department's manpower and training. Firemen went door-to-door in the affected neighborhoods urging homeowners to turn off gas lines, open windows, and leave. Emergency first aid and food was provided at BFD #2 on Elmwood Avenue.

Other major blazes included the 1961 Gonsenhauser barn on Westfall Road that took five days to extinguish. In 1966 the Allendale School fire destroyed the school's main classroom and administration building. In 1967 the original Don & Bob's on Monroe Avenue was a total loss.



CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM, ROCHESTER DENTAL DISPENSARY, ROCHESTER, N. Y.



Hygienists in action



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Eastman Dental Hygienist School Centennial 1916-2016

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"1916: Frank Ritter's daughters donate the Dispensary equipment. The Dispensary establishes the Rochester School of Dental Hygiene. Dr. Rudolph Hofheinz is named principal, but dies suddenly. Mrs. Rudolf Hofheinz donates the laboratory equipment in her husband's memory.

1916: Dr. Harvey J. Burkhart is named first Dispensary director and becomes principal of the Dental Hygiene School.

1964: Administration of the Dispensary's School for Dental Hygiene is transferred to Monroe Community College."

Today, what Mr. Eastman started over one hundred years ago is still going strong on the MCC Brighton campus by providing dental services for the community and training for future dental professionals. <http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/denhyg/>



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