



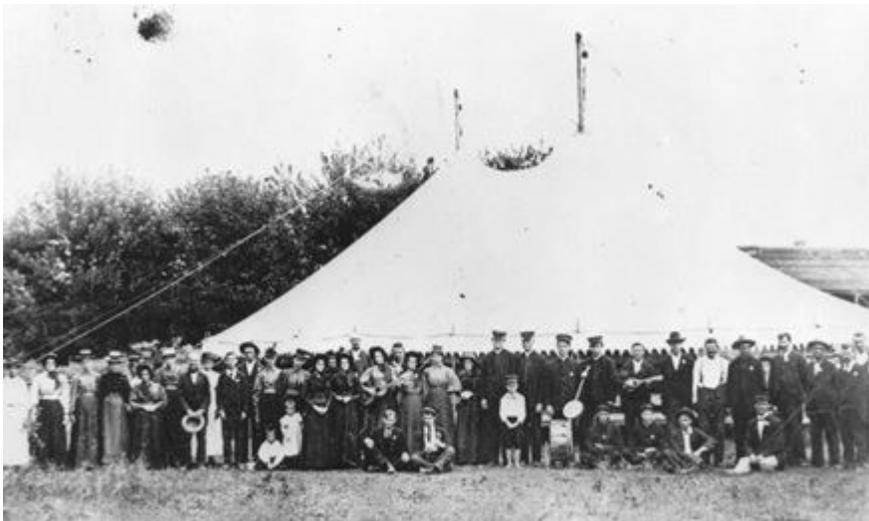
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The Circus Comes to Brighton

In 1894, the circus came through Brighton and the Museum has an image of an elephant along Division (now Main) and the rest of the company in the parade as well.



Brighton historian Albin Wagner, in his book "Images of America: Brighton", shows this image and notes: "This circus company may have been the one from the Chicago World's Fair that visited Brighton in 1894. The circus parade complete with elephants is seen on Division North Main) Street looking north.

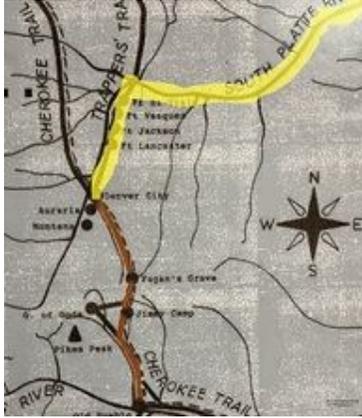


The buildings on the right housed the Leffingwell Mercantile Company" [which rebuilt in 1916 as the building seen today at Main and Bridge]. Wagner continues by stating, "The trees on the northwest corner on the left surrounded the home of Dewey W. Strong [where 5 N Main is located now]. Note the dirt streets and the open irrigation ditch along the left side of the street. Water was brought from the Brighton Lateral of the Fulton Ditch one block east to water the lawns of houses along Division Street."



American circuses saw an extraordinary rise in popularity near the turn of the century and during the Gilded Age. Acts like Barnum and Bailey's became household names, and many Americans would travel far to see different acts.

Did You Know?



What is now US Highway 85 was once known by various other names: the Trapper's Trail, Mississippi Saint's trail, South Platte trail, Cherokee trail, and Overland trail. The native footpath eventually gave way to stagecoaches and railroads.

Over this road, mountain men, fur traders, Mormon pioneers, gold prospectors, military expeditions, and waves of settlers passed looking for opportunity and resources.

Beginning in 1859, nearly 100,000 people walked, rode, and hiked from Missouri through Nebraska Territory and down the trail. They were simply following those who came before them.

Shining Star of the Quarter



In a world filled with news of conflicts and challenges, there exists a shining beacon of hope – volunteers!

This quarter we would like to highlight the contributions of Mary Tuleja. Mary is a retired teacher, with 32 years of service, from the “The Prairie State” of Illinois. She spent many years teaching at the Irene King and the Robert C. Hill schools within the city of Chicago. Mary started volunteering with the Brighton City Museum in February 2023.

Since coming to the museum, Mary has been busy with various research and cataloging projects. Some of these include: assisting with the research of the Black Cemetery, the cataloging of our past city directories, and organizing materials for future presentations. In addition to assisting in the stacks, Mary is always willing to serve as docent for patron visiting the museum.

Congratulations Mary! Your dedication and outstanding contributions have truly set a shining example for all of us.

BCM's Latest Exhibit



Our new exhibit, titled “Historic City Hall: A Life of a Building” was designed and created by two local Brighton High School students, Alana and Elle. The exhibit was part of the City of Brighton’s “Growing Grads Internship Program.” The goal of this program is to teach valuable skills to young students entering the workforce.

With the advice and assistance of the museum staff, Alana and Elle learned how to scan, digitize, index, and archive the original blueprints for their project and for future museum use. While investigating the design and history of the building, they were able to experience the challenges which historians face while researching complex subjects.

This exhibit, which measures 3’x16’, is located on the outside wall of the museum and can be viewed during normal business hours.

Mark Your Calendars!

October 13, 2023 -

Friday Lecture: Brighton's Industries: A look at Brighton's Industry & The Architecture They Created Location: Brighton Chamber of Commerce (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm) - Presented by: Rich Knapfel

October 21, 2023 -

Halloween Open House – 4 pm – 8 pm. Candy, Crafts & Food. Get your photo taken in our ghostly city hall.

October 28, 2023 -

Downtown Brighton Harvest Festival - Cider pressing and tasting, Cross-cut saw demo. Location: Brighton City Museum – North Lawn

November 3, 2023 -

Friday Lecture: Frontier Foods - Location: Brighton Chamber of Commerce (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm)
Presented by: Mike Moore

November 25, 2023 -

Retail Saturday Event - Nature skills and crafts.

December 8, 2023 -

Friday Lecture: Holiday History - Location: Brighton Chamber of Commerce (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm) -
Presented by: Robin Kring

December 9, 2023 -

Annual Parade of Lights Open House – Pre-parade Carolers, Cocoa, Cookies & Crafts – (3:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

Tasteful Traditions!

Applesauce Cake

1 cup sugar

1 egg

¼ cup butter

1½ cup applesauce

1 cup raisins

1 tsp. soda in 2 cups flour

1 tsp. Cocoa

1 tsp. Cinnamon

¼ tsp. Nutmeg

Wash raisins in a little salt water, then drain. Cream sugar, egg, and butter together. Add other ingredients and mix. Bake in a well-greased and floured loaf pan. Bake at 350° for approximately one and one-half hours.

Recipe by: Mrs. HARRIETT BURBRIDGE
Contributed by granddaughter - MILDRED E. SIMMONS (MRS. LYNN)

Book: Pioneer Potluck©1963 Applesauce Cake