

SETTLEMENT IN BRIGHTON



1890

Why do you live where you live? Why not across town, or even across the street? There are certain things about your town that suit the needs of you and your family. Brighton's early residents found many things to help them survive and prosper.

Ship's Log: 1890

Travelling on land was difficult before roads were built. Brighton was built in an area that had access to water for boat travel. It officially became a township in 1851, with a population of 500 people.

Through the 1850s, the number of people living in the Brighton area quickly grew. A harbour at Gosport was used to export goods such as pickled fish, oxen, boards, and firewood. Brighton also had a newspaper, farms, mills, and stores.

In 1856 a rail line was built in the town, and people began to use the train as another way of travelling. By 1890, the passenger train was making up to four stops a day.

Each family of settlers, such as the Proctor family, had its own role in helping to build the town. John E. Proctor owned a flour mill, five saw mills, and a wharf. His brother, Josiah Herman, was a doctor.

Colour The Landscape

The Town of Brighton has high rolling hills to the north and low marshes to the south. Where you chose to live could depend on your job.



Colour this map to see the differences in the land around Brighton. There were jobs and families in each of these areas.

Colouring Guide

1: Yellow

This is the path that the railway tracks follow. In 1890, most supplies were moved by train.

2: Green

Low-lying spots like this are close to open water.

3: Purple

This is where most of the roads and homes were built.

4: Brown

These rolling, rocky hills have many small rivers running through them.

5: Red

The flat spots in this zone have richer soil than most of the other areas around Brighton.

Colour the water blue.



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Raising cows



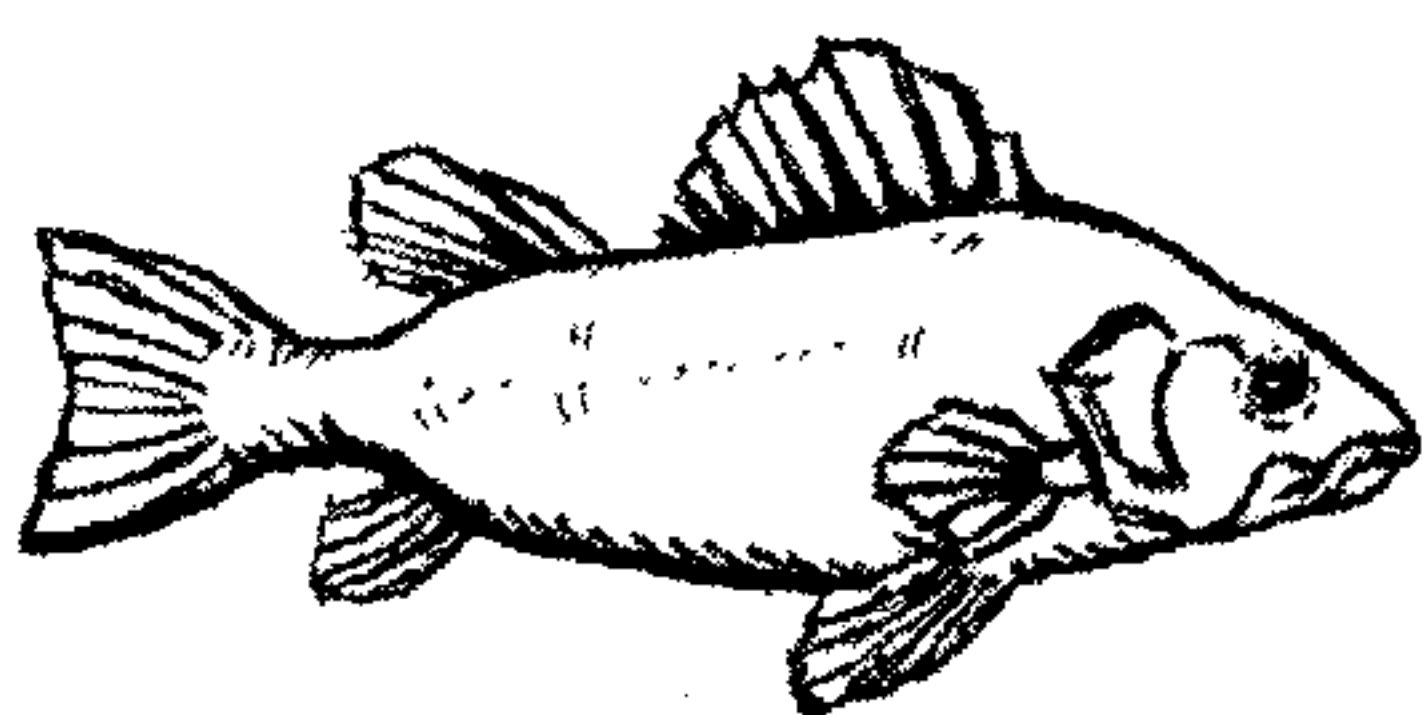
To raise cows you need water and open land. It can be a little on the rocky side as long as there is grass to eat.

Growing Apples



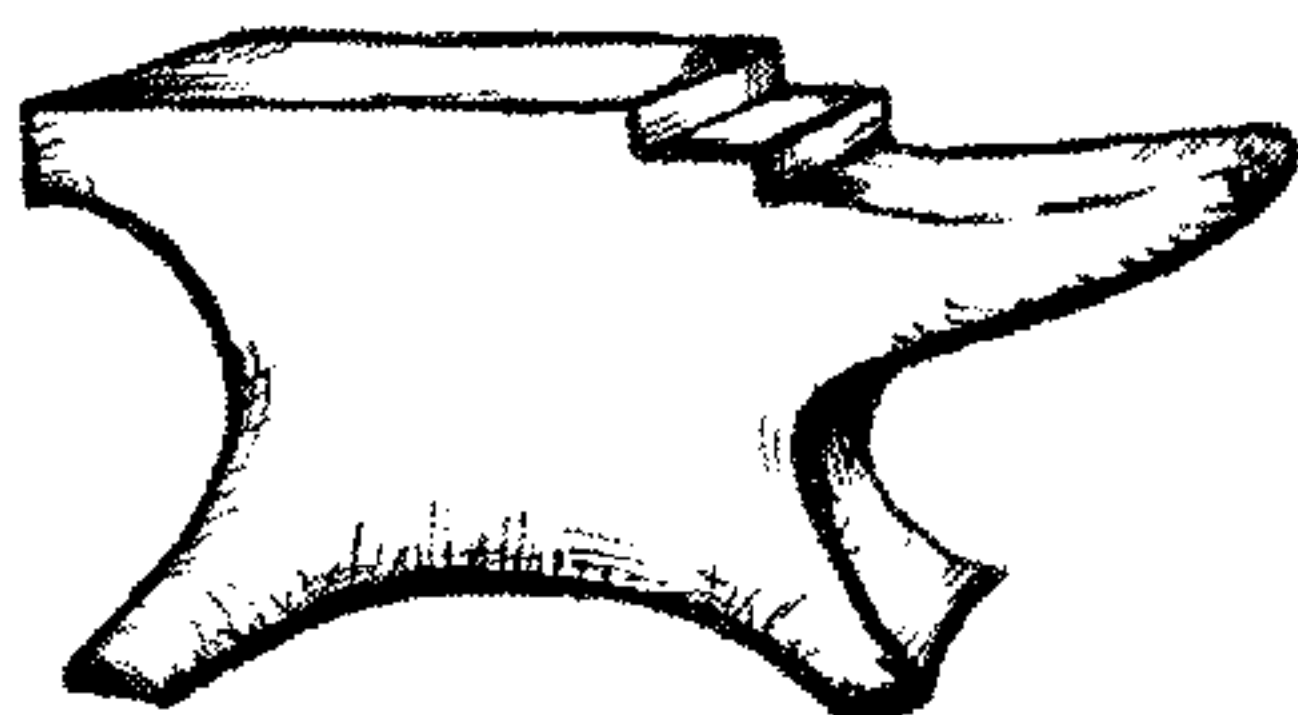
Brighton is known for its wonderful apples. Good soil and level land help apples grow.

Catching Fish



You need access to water, a place to make your nets, and a place to launch your boat in order to catch fish.

Blacksmith Shop



A blacksmith makes things out of iron. This is heavy work. You want to be close to train tracks for this job.

General Store



Every town needs a general store. Stores are found close to where people live. You can buy many things here.

Life in Early Brighton

There were many ways to make a successful living in the Town of Brighton in 1890.

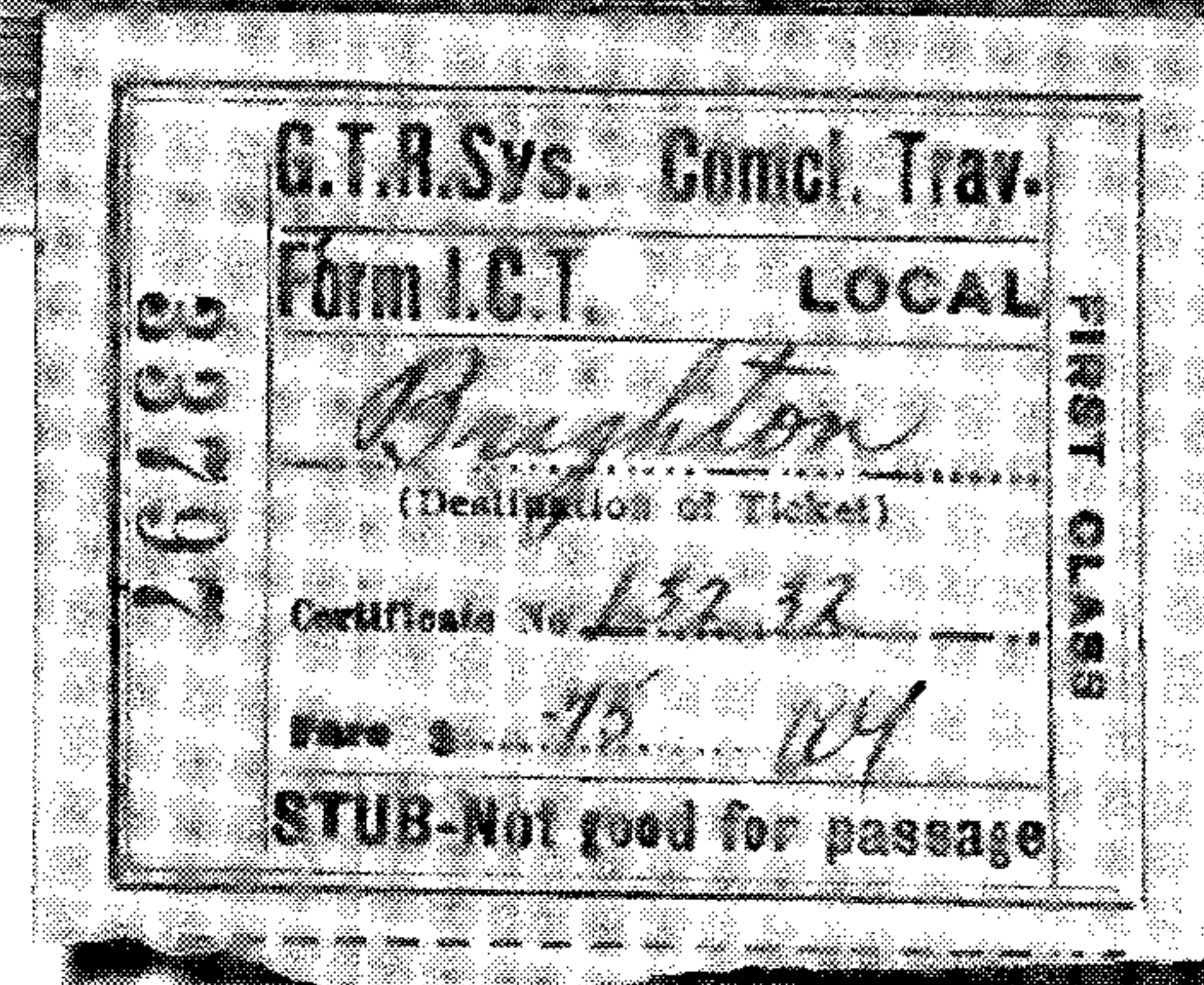
Activity



Look at the map that you have just coloured. Now, match the areas of Brighton with the best place to do each of these jobs.

Write the number of the area beside the job. I've filled in the first one for you. Cows can live on hillsides with grass and rivers nearby. I wrote the number "4" in the box. Now you finish the rest.

Descendants from many of Brighton's early families are still living in the area.



This first class train ticket only cost 75 cents.

Did You Know?

By 1890, trains were making up to four stops a day in Brighton.



Photo of the Proctor Family taken in the early 1900s

Activity



Visit Proctor House. Ask the staff to direct you to the belvedere. Take a photograph or draw a picture of the view.

Visit It Today

More of the Town of Brighton's rich history can be found at the Proctor House Museum and Memory Junction Museum.

