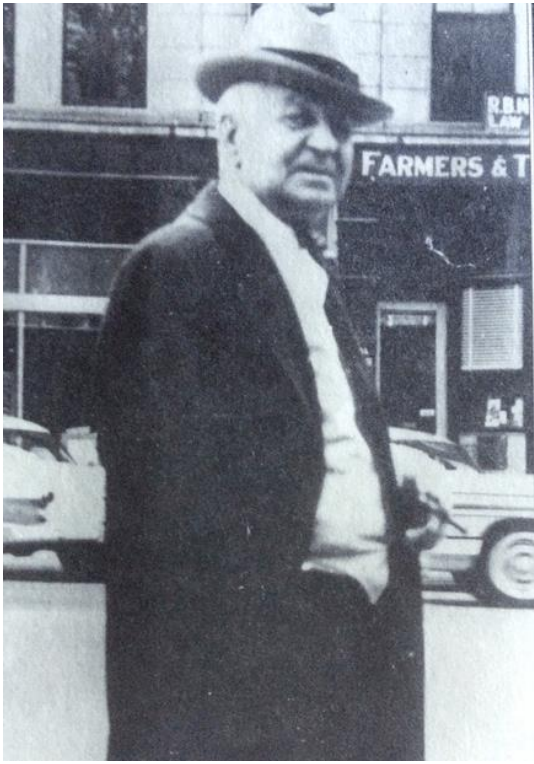


## Historical Society celebrates 50th year of Highland House Museum



### **Burch R. Riber 1886-1960**

Burch Riber was one of Hillsboro's most active civic leaders and philanthropists through the early 20th century. He was president of Farmers and Traders National Bank and a member of the Hillsboro Board of Education.

Riber was born in 1886 in Brown County. In 1910, he opened his own wholesale business. During Prohibition, he served two terms as mayor of Hillsboro and was an original founder of the Hillsboro Businessmen's Association. He also served on the Highland County Library Board and the Highland County Welfare Board. For 18 years, he was treasurer of the local Hospital Board.

Mr. Riber was a member of the Hillsboro Elks Lodge. As a member of the First Methodist Church, he served on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Methodist Conference and the Methodist Home for the Aged in Cincinnati.

Burch Riber and his wife, Martha Richards Riber, had four daughters and one son.

During his life, Mr. Riber gave away much of his wealth to local causes and the community's poor. He provided college educations to many deserving students.