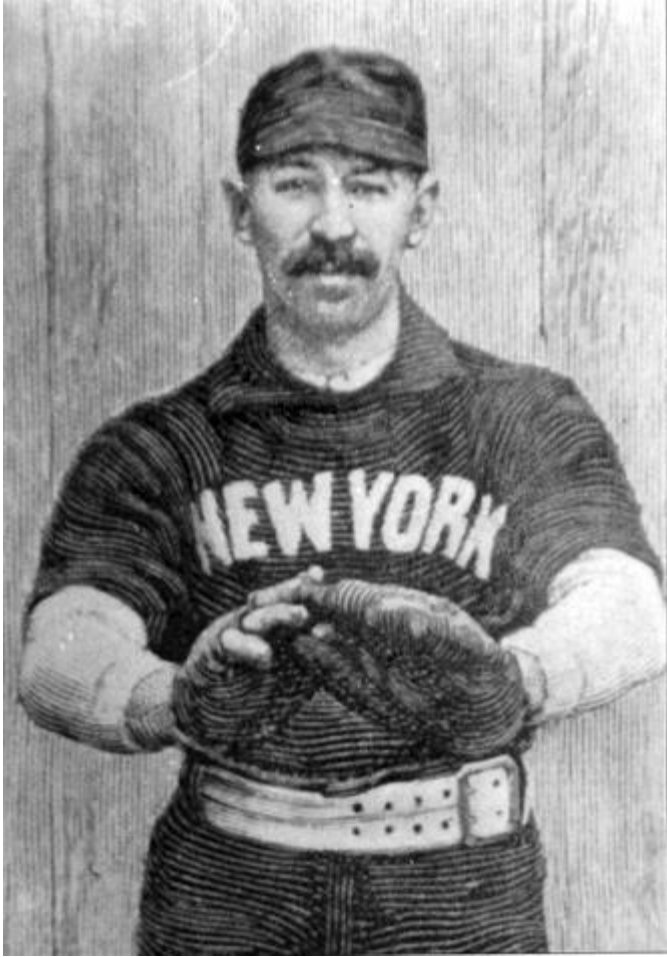


## Historical Society celebrates 50th year of Highland House Museum



### **William "Buck" Ewing 1859-1906**

Buck Ewing used his Highland County roots to become baseball's first great catcher, the greatest catcher of his time, and a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame (1939).

William "Buck" Ewing was born Oct. 17, 1859 in Hoagland, five miles west of Hillsboro, Highland County.

He played baseball with the Mohawk Browns (1878) and the Cincinnati Buckeyes as an amateur and wound up his career as a first baseman and manager of the 1899 Cincinnati Reds and the 1900 New York Giants.

He was manager of the Cincinnati Reds from 1895-99.

Connie Mack, the Hall of Fame manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, said of Ewing, "He was the greatest catcher of all time."

Ewing's brother, John, was also a major league player. He was a pitcher from 1888-91.

Ewing will always be remembered in Highland County because he went out into the world and made a great name for himself and for the place of his birth. Ewing died Oct.

20, 1906, three days after his 47th birthday, following a three-year battle with Bright's disease.