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## FEBRUARY, 1931

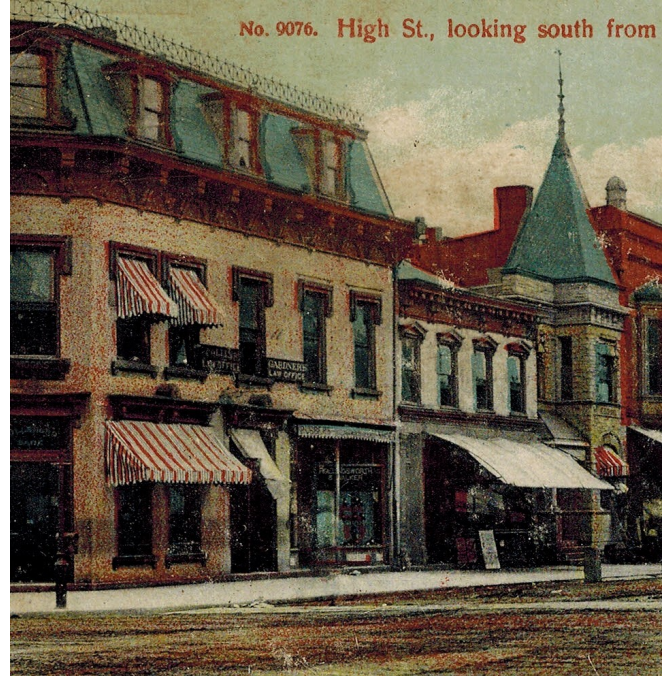
John Glaze

A customer had just deposited a sizeable amount of money. Charles C. Murphy, Assistant Cashier at Hillsboro Bank and Savings Co. in Hillsboro, was in his late 20s and well thought of by family, friends and fellow workers.

Murphy glanced furtively around the bank and, satisfied that no eyes were watching, slipped a few bills into his pocket. Just as he looked up, he saw one of the other men looking his direction. Trying to look as nonchalant as possible, he turned his attention back to his work.

After leaving work for the day, he contacted C. S. Kelley of Washington Court House and placed yet another bet on the horses.

This was Murphy's downfall—his gambling addiction. It had started with a simple \$100 bet on a race horse which brought him a prize of \$1200—easy money in Charles' eyes. Three years later, he was regularly making bets using the bank's money which he would take \$50 to \$100 at a time. Knowing when examinations were going to be made, Murphy would remove sheets from the ledger to help hide shortages.



Hillsboro Bank & Savings Company is the corner door farthest left.

Then came February 10, 1931 and a routine bank examination which revealed a discrepancy of \$1365.00 in Murphy's accounts. The examiners, F. L. Brumley, Federal Examiner and H. L. Lakewood, State Examiner, called upon the teller to explain. He was not able to offer a satisfactory explanation, but under continued questioning late into the night, admitted the embezzlement and signed a confession. (see left)

Over this period of three years, the amount grew to a total of \$31,500. The loss to the bank and its depositors was reduced by a bond the bank held on Murphy in the amount of \$10,000. Murphy had a savings account at the bank in the amount

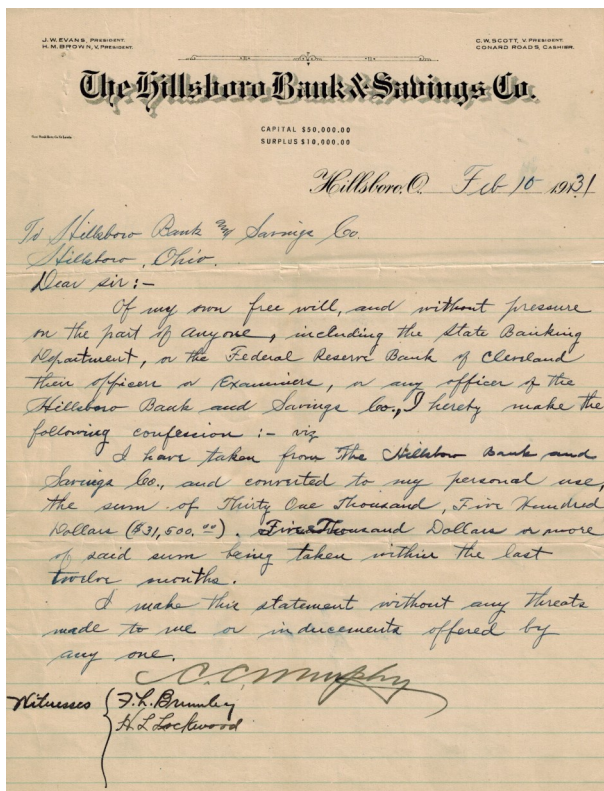
of \$800. This reduced the loss to \$20,700.

The event wasn't immediately reported to the public. In light of the recent events surrounding the stock market crash with the ensuing "runs" on the banks, it was thought prudent to request assistance from Cincinnati banks and secure funds to cover the loss and prevent a possible run.

An envelope landed on the desk of bank president J. W. Evans. It had no return address; the postmark was Feb 18, 1931. Opening the letter, Evans, before reading the letter, turned it over and found no signature other than, "An old patron of Your Bank." Quickly, he turned it back to the front side and began reading.

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ST. PATTY'S DAY BRUNCH IS COMING!



## 2017 TRUSTEES

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## 2017 EVENTS

Mar 19—St. Patrick's Day Brunch  
May 6—Museum opens for season  
May 28—Hall of Fame Induction  
Jun—Brown v. Board of Educ Exhibit  
Jun 11—Home Tour  
Jul 6-8—Festival of Bells  
Aug 12—Amazing Race  
Aug 24—Ghost Walk  
Sep 16—Log Cabin Cookout  
Oct 3—Annual Meeting  
Nov 3—Spirits of Christmas Pre-Sale  
Nov 12—Children's Christmas Tea  
Nov 24—Black Friday Shopping  
Dec 23—Museum closes for season  
Dec 31—New Year's Eve at the Bell

MORE EVENTS TO COME!

## DENNY'S BRIEFS



I am humbled to serve as board chair this year and look forward to the many upcoming events and projects in the works. I want to start out by thanking Jim Rooney for his service as board chair for 2016. The Society has been very fortunate to have dedicated people serving on the board, and in the case of Jim, as chair last year. I began serving on the board in 2015, when Pamela Nickell was chair. I am constantly amazed at the spirit and dedication of not only the board, but of the membership of this organization. We are fortunate to have Vicki Knauff serving as our director, and many volunteers who willingly jump in and tackle projects, greet at the door, or serve at a special event.

2016 wrapped up 51 years as a Society and 50 years in

our current home at the Highland House. In our fast paced lives, taking a moment to stop, examine and preserve our history takes dedication and purpose. We are fortunate to have the means and opportunity as a Society to do so. The Society has a number of great events coming up in 2017, which will present opportunities to serve and educate. There are the regular events like the annual Saint Patty's Day Brunch, the tour of homes, the Ghost Walk, the bean dinner, and our Christmas gift shop. Also, some very exciting events like the Lincoln School Project and the Brown vs. Board of Education Traveling Exhibit will grace our doors this year. We also have a new youth program in the works, as well as an Eagle Scout project with the cabin out back.

As we enter this year, I encourage everyone to get involved. For those who are already involved, I want to issue a heartfelt thank you.

The Society would not exist if it were not for all of the volunteers dedicating their time and ideas each year. Participation can take on many forms, whether it is planning, sending materials out in the mail, referring new members, being physically present, donating money to support the Society, or in ways limited only by your imagination. I hope to see 2017 be yet another great year in the life of our Historical Society. The way to make that happen is to join together and make it our goal to continue the work that began over 50 years ago. Again, thank you to each member for any contribution however great or small. You each make a difference and that difference affects our community in many ways.

*"The benefits of education and of useful knowledge, generally diffused through a community, are essential to the preservation of a free government."*

~Sam Houston

*Denny Kirk*

Watch out for the leprechaun! You will have to when you show up for the St. Patrick's Day Brunch on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at Highland House Museum. The Brunch will start at 11:30am with serving until 1:30pm. A delicious menu is planned for all to enjoy.

Reservations can be made by calling 937-393-3392 no later than Monday, March 13. Please leave your name, phone number and number of reservations. A reservation form is also included with this mailing for your convenience. As in former years, donations will be accepted with proceeds to support the work of Highland House and Scott House.

Please join us with your family and friends and support the society. The Museum Shop will be open for shoppers, museum rooms will be refreshed to tour and we will be featuring our Military Room, which underwent major renovation in 2016.

*"May luck be your companion, may friends stand by your side, may history remind us all of Ireland's faith and pride."*



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## THE STORY OF A SIGN John Levo

It wasn't even February yet and Kathy and I had a case of cabin fever. Knowing our blueberry bushes would soon demand our daily attention preparing for the upcoming growing season, we decided to get out of town for a day.

We decided to head to Centerville, Indiana, the onetime Waynesville of Indiana antiquing.

Entering a small downtown shop that once was an original hotel on the National Road, I immediately noticed a sign suspended above a stairway: "J. C. Bohl -MD, Office". While Kathy took photos of the sign I told the store owner my hunch that it was from Hillsboro.

Back in Hillsboro I emailed the photo and my thoughts to some 20 individuals. Leslie Ramsey was the first to respond just minutes after the e-mail was transmitted. She was followed quickly by Dick Zink, who stated that Dr. Bohl was his doctor and the sign hung outside the building next to the door. He also said the

sign was painted by Bruce Trout.

Replies kept coming in and by the next day it was pretty well verified the sign had begun its journey hanging on the East Main Street office of Dr. Bohl. Nancy Wisecup even provided the name of the office nurse who might be asked to verify the sign further!

Bob Hodson indicated Bohl was from near Gath. Rocky Coss stated Mrs. Bohl was an antique collector. Although the son passed in 2012, a grandson, Dr. John Bohl, operates the Colonial Animal Clinic on West Main Street.

Many mentioned the occupants of the office and home after Dr. Bohl. The owner of the antique store has been back in touch with me. She stated that should someone feel the sign belongs back in Hillsboro, she will work with them to make it happen. If someone has an interest, I will be happy to share her contact information. I love it when things come together!



## FINANCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

As part of the our Capital Campaign, we applied for state funding for repairs and upgrades to Scott House. That request was positively received by our State Representative, Rep. Cliff Rosenberger and newly elected Senator pro tempore, Sen. Bob Petersen. We thank those legislators and their staffs for the assistance. The authorized request is \$110,000.

There are rules and oversight required and we will sign an agreement with the OFCC as that review is completed.

Planned projects: replace the four furnaces and air conditioners, repair, replace and protect the outside trim, upgrade kitchenette, reconstruct the outbuilding, improve the drainage of downspouts and surface water, reconstruct a portion of the foundation and one porch pillar, improve third floor, repair and improve the front fence and gate and replace office lighting.

The new HVAC system will be high efficiency which will

save money. Drainage and dehumidification will improve basement space.

The Capital Campaign has produced \$135,000 in pledges as of the end of 2016. Another \$21,000 is scheduled to be received in 2017. Together with the \$110,000 from the Ohio Capital Improvement Fund, a total of \$266,000 of improvements have been completed or are in the planning stages.

Over the past two years, the Capital Campaign has accomplished at Highland House Museum: rebuilding of the back wall of the Museum, redesign of back entrance, installation of the handicapped ramp entrance, installation of new sidewalks in the back, landscaping, remodeling of three rooms on the second floor, installation of seven new windows, wall repairs and painting of several rooms, replacement of basement stairs, improvement to utility services, and redesign of the Military Room.

*Thank You!*

## 2017 HOME TOUR

HOME TOUR TIME... Sunday, June 11th 12:00-5:00!

The committee has convened and the plans have started for Home Tour 2017! We are in the process of getting the houses lined up and everything organized for the big day. Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 11th from 12:00-5:00. We are still in need of volunteers to work at the houses. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please call the museum at 937 393-3392 and leave your intent along with your contact information on the answering machine. Someone will get back with you soon. Don't worry about missing the tour; volunteers get a preview the day before the event! This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we look forward to a wonderful turn out! Watch for more details in the next newsletter, in the local papers, on our web site, and on our Facebook page!

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS in 2016-Vicki Knauff

## President's Word

2016 has been an amazing, productive and extremely busy year. Even I, as close as I am to the subject, was gobsmacked by our accomplishments and wanted to share them with you.

### EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day Brunch  
 HUBA Artisan Fair  
 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony  
 Hosted Peter Leake Ayres Family Reunion  
 Barns of Highland County Art Exhibit  
 Parker Hastings Concerts  
 Ghost Walk  
 Magic Show  
 Doorley Dinner  
 Log Cabin Cookout  
 Children's Christmas Tea Party  
 Charlotte Pack Book Signing  
 Spirits of Christmas Pre-Sale  
 New Year's Eve at the Bell  
 Monthly Board Meetings  
 Annual Membership Meeting

### DISPLAYS

Farm Toys  
 Quilts  
 Recent Acquisitions  
 Hall of Fame Inductees  
 Steve Faris Collection of Magic related items

### COLLECTIONS (New and Additions)

Dr. Marion T. Meyers  
 Jerry Pruitt Collection  
 Union School plaque

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Underground Railroad Presentations (3)  
 Century Farms Presentations (3) and News

### Articles

World Plowing Contest Presentation  
 News Articles on Hall of Fame  
 Jean Wallis News Articles  
 Highland County Fair News Articles  
 Stock Yards News Articles

### MAJOR CHANGES TO MUSEUM

Kitchen/Office and Rest Room renovation  
 Meeting Room and Music Room Painting & Upgrades  
 Military Room Major Renovation & Upgrade  
 Medical & School Rooms Renovations  
 A/C Unit Repair  
 Addition of Carriage House to holdings

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Underground Railroad  
 Agriculture in Highland County  
 Lincoln School Project  
 Colony Theater

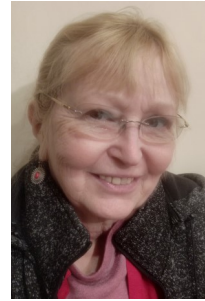
### PARTNERSHIPS

Chamber of Commerce  
 Visitors' Bureau  
 HUBA  
 Highland County Senior Citizens  
 Greenfield Historical Society  
 Lynchburg Historical Society  
 Veterans' Services  
 SOGS  
 Brush & Palette Art Guild

### VISITORS DURING 2016: 2,015

ITEMS CATALOGUED: 1,651

Look for more accomplishments in 2017.



I am amazed at all the accomplishments that this Historical Society has achieved this past year. It is entirely from the energy and hard

work of the dedicated members. Those of you that have been meaning to get involved, now is the time! All the ongoing projects and new events planned need your help! This is your chance to gather with old friends and make new ones. Whatever you are good at or just moral support, stop in and there is always work to do. John and Vicki are still cataloging items and need help. Maybe you like to file or clean or work with kids? Speaking of kids, we need your children or grand-children who want to learn about our local history to contact Vicki at 393-3392. There will be more information on a Jr. Society and planned activities for this summer coming out this spring. As your President and President of the Brush and Palette Art Guild, I am looking forward to coordinating some activities this year to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of the Guild along with its history and promoting Highland County with local artists' paintings of historical buildings, bridges, landscapes, etc. to be shown at the museum and the art show in June at Southern State College. If you have a photo of particular interest, please let Vicki know. I am hoping all of you will bring a friend or relative to the museum to enjoy the exhibits and get to remember or learn of days gone by! Remember, we are the ones making history now and having fun while doing it!

*Mary Jo Copeland*

**COURTESY OF  
 DOUG & SUSIE  
 WAGONER**

## February, 1931 (continued from page 1)

The Hillsboro Bank and Saving (sic) Co. Hillsboro, Ohio.

My Dear Sir:-

It was like a Thunderbolt from a clear sky when I heard about Charles stealing that large sum of money from the bank.

For I have known him all his life and thot (sic) him to be a model boy.

But, I was just as much surprised when I heard you were not going to file any charge against him.

I feel like if he was my own boy he deserves to be punished for such a crime. That is the reason why crime is on the increase the way it is.

There are other young men in the Banks of Hillsboro that might think they could do the same thing and get by with it.

I always had the greatest respect for Charles and the family but we can not let an act like this go unnoticed.

I feel like hundreds of others do that I would not care to trust my savings in an institution that looked so lightly on such a crime as this was.

Yours respectfully,

An old patron of your Bank.

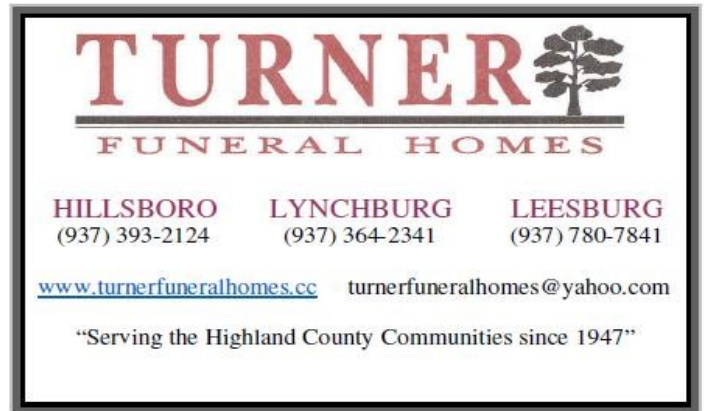
Evans leaned back in his chair and sighed a long deep sigh. Looking back over the events of the past few weeks, he could, with 20/20 hindsight, recount times when he'd noticed Charles Murphy glance over his shoulder; it all made sense now. He just hoped that the feeling of this anonymous writer would not be shared by other bank members and lead to widespread withdrawal of funds. After all, the bank was the youngest of the banks in town and such an event, which made the front page of the Cincinnati Enquirer, could provide the press which doesn't exactly build confidence with the public.

Also on 18 Feb, the Cincinnati Enquirer reported: MURPHY ORDERED HELD For Federal Grand Jury After Plea Of Not Guilty Is Made. Charles C. Murphy, 26 years old, former Assistant Cashier of the Hillsboro Bank & Trust Co., Hillsboro, Ohio, yesterday pleaded not guilty to a charge of having misapplied \$31,500 of the bank's funds when arraigned here before Au-



**Jenny M. Hilterbran**

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gust A. Slemon, United States Commissioner, on a Federal warrant. Relatives supplied bond of \$7,500 and Murphy was released.

Then on Saturday, April 11, it was reported:

Charles Cropper Murphy, former assistant cashier of the Hillsboro Bank & Savings Co., Hillsboro, Ohio, is indicted on six counts charging violation of the banking act in connection with alleged embezzlement of moneys of the bank and the making of false entries. The embezzlements are charged in the first four counts of the indictment in the respective sums of approximately \$31,500, \$1,000, \$1,000 and \$500. In the fifth count, Murphy is charged with the making of a false entry on or about July 5, 1930, in which it was made to appear that individual depositors of the bank had withdrawn \$14,978.97, whereas, their withdrawals on that day were but \$13,978.97, the difference being one of the \$1,000 items he is charged with having embezzled in the first four counts. The sixth offense charged that on February 9, 1930, he made a false entry in the account of Frank and Margaret Tombleson, depositors, purporting to show they withdrew \$259.31, from the account on that day. They withdrew no funds on that date, it is averred. Murphy was "exposed" to the bank by national bank examiners on February 10, the day after the alleged false entry charged the last count of the indictment. At that time he is said to have made a full confession and to have stated he had been "playing the races." He was taken into custody on a Federal warrant Issued at By Cincinnati, February 19, following the receipt of the official report of the bank examiners.

Murphy signed a promissory note for \$19,666.47 on 06 April 1931 at 7% interest, undoubtedly the result of the case against him held in Federal Court.

Murphy passed in 1987 and is buried in Hillsboro Cemetery.



Thanks to Bob Hodson for documents regarding this event donated recently. Facts are true—specific thoughts and actions created by editor.

## THE MAKING OF THE LINCOLN SCHOOL PROJECT

Kati Burwinkel

For over a year now, the Lincoln School Project Committee has been working towards our exhibit. I don't think that any of us imagined one year ago how much work would be involved and that it would take this long! None of us has ever taken on a project such as this and it has been "baptism by fire"! We have learned so much over the past year and continue learn as we make our final plans for the exhibit.

In the beginning, the committee knew that they wanted to bring this story to the museum. After meeting with Eleanor Cumberland, Joyce Kitrell, Carolyn Goins, Virginia Harewood, and Teresa Williams, it was clear that the voices of the people who lived the story would be powerful. We wanted to make a film. None of us have ever done such a thing. Where to begin... The committee started looking at grants. Ohio Humanities was one of the first ones we contacted. They told us our story was "perfect" so we wrote a Planning Grant asking for \$2,000. The grant was very complex. Many questions were answered about the story, how we planned to tell it, who our audience would be, how we planned to evaluate our effectiveness and more. There were Letters of Support required, a Humanities Scholar had to be chosen, a thorough budget determined. Many hours we were involved. Luckily we were funded on the Planning Grant and used it to get our plan going. We found a wonderful documentary filmmaker located in Cincin-

nati—Andrea Torrice, who jumped on board immediately. We began planning our next grant that would give us the money we needed. Grants are not "free money". Most require matching funds. Ohio Humanities requires you match each dollar they give you with your own dollar or donated money or time. There are formulas where certain parts of the grant cannot be more than a certain percent of other parts. The second grant we submitted was as thick as a small book! We sent samples of our archives, in depth budgets in regard to the film, samples of brochures we wanted to make, how we would advertise, and the list goes on! The grant was submitted and returned for corrections and recommendations. It was then re-submitted. The Ohio Humanities has a large Board that evaluates each grant application and makes a decision whether or not to fund and how much. We ended up their highest funded project and were told it was the most compelling story they had seen in 30 years. Wow! South Central Power followed with a generous grant we could use to meet our required matching funds for Ohio Humanities. We knew we were on to something!

The Committee began collecting memorabilia for the exhibit. We used a home vid-

eo camera to interview people who had attended Lincoln or Webster back in the 1950s. The film's focus was determined to be what this event was like from a child's perspective. People started giving us photographs and documents that they had had in their homes all these years. The level of trust was humbling. We were told that they wanted the Historical Society to be the place where all of this information was kept for generations to come. Archiving would become a very important part of this project. The Lincoln Committee has had to become familiar with the laws involved in using pictures. A clear title of a picture has to be established and a release form signed allowing us to use it. We had many pictures from newspapers, like the Cleveland Call and Post, and magazines, such as Jet and Time. We found pictures on EBay. Permission had to be granted before they could be used. This was not always

easy or free. There are picture clearinghouses out there such as Corbus, Getty Images, and the Associated Press who have fabulous pictures but one photograph can cost as much as \$400.00! A number of pictures have been given to us but depending on where they came from, may or may not be used. We also received VHS videos that had to go to professional film person to be converted to DVD or put in a form to be used in our film. Again, this was not money we had counted on but was important for archiving purposes. Twenty or thirty years from now, a college student may want to write a thesis on the integration story in Hillsboro and they will be able to view the actual oral history of the people involved! Oral history has become very popular with departments dedicated to it at Ohio State and Ohio University.

We have met many interesting people over the past year and worked with folks very devoted to civil rights. Former Hillsboro resident Susan Banyas, author of The Hillsboro Story, has been one *continued on page 7*




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## FROM MY CORNER OF THE COUNTY

You can learn a lot from letters. These were written during the Civil War and were found stuffed behind the walls in a home on Sycamore Street here in Lynchburg. These letters were given to us by Mark Irwin of Richmond, Indiana in memory of his father and three brothers.

This letter was written by a Miss Mollie Murphy to Mr. John Liggett on Jan 1, 1865. I quote (there is little to no punctuation used).

*"Did you have any fun Christmas. I never had any good time at all there was a widow lady died on Friday before and as buried that day. She was a widow lady with four sons in the army and two small ones at home. They telegraphed for one that was at*

*Springfield but he never received the telegram but had heard his mother was sick and started home. And when he arrived at home he went to the house not knowing his his mother was dead or even dangerously ill and she was already buried and the house shut up*

*I think I never saw a sadder burial although she had neither kith nor kin except her two little boys to follow her to the grave it cast a gloom over our Christmas merriment and I don't think I ever spent a sadder Christmas although I did my best to appear lively and cheerful for Hardin Westlake spent the day with us.*

*Carolyn Hastings*

## MAKING OF LINCON SCHOOL PROJECT

(continued from page 6) of our scholars. Dr. Fritz Casey-Leininger, Chair of the Public History Department at The University of Cincinnati is another scholar. He invited our committee to participate in a panel at UC on civil rights. We went to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and filmed a meeting between retired Federal Appeals Judge and civil right activist, Nathaniel Jones and some members of our committee, including 100 year old "Marching Mother" Mrs. Elsie Young. Dr. John Bryant, on the Board of Directors of the Freedom Center has come to Hillsboro to show his support. Cheryl Brown

Henderson, Brown Foundation President, (as in Brown vs. Board of Education) is interested in the project and we will host their travelling exhibit during the month of June.

The Lincoln School Project will open at the Highland House museum June 2017. When it does, we hope that you will come and see the results of our work. We think you will find it very interesting. The story is as relevant now as it was in the 1950s. It is a story about perseverance, peaceful civil disobedience, and the healing of a community. We could not be prouder to be a part of it!

## WELCOME NEW OFFICERS



**BOB BROWN**

Bob is a graduate of Hillsboro High School and University of Cincinnati where he

majored in theater. He enjoys genealogy, antique shows and auctions, history and theater. Bob has volunteered to work at various events as well as in our Museum Shop.



**NANCY WISECUP**

Nancy is a graduate of Ohio University and worked

with Job & Family Services until her retirement. She loves history, traveling and spending time with her husband and grandchildren. She served as past Vice-President of HCHS.

**JOHN LEVO**

John was raised in the New Vienna area. He attended college in Cincinnati and re-



tired from banking after 40+ years. He and wife, Kathy, raise blueberries. John has been involved in numerous civic organizations and owns one of the century farms of Ohio.



**SUE BOATMAN, HCHS VP**

Sue is a graduate of Hillsboro High School and has lived here her entire life. Sue works for Hillsboro City Schools and has managed Richard Shaffer Park for over 25 years. She enjoys spending time with her family and at the ball park and is looking forward to the birth of her third grandchild.

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### HISTORIAN EMERITUS

Jean Wallis was named HISTORIAN EMERITUS of HCHS at the December 15 Board Meeting, her last as board member. She has been associated with HCHS for more than 40 years, having served in capacities of secretary, vice-president, president and assistant director.

"It is widely known in the county that Jean Wallis is an historian," said Director, Vicki Knauff. "Jean thinks that her reputation really got started with the many historical articles she has written."

"That, and the fact that she is old enough to remember most of the history," joked society member, John Glaze.

Peals of laughter ensued from Jean, who replied, "Now, I did not go to school with Mother Thompson!"

This means that, although Jean must take a period of time from being a board member, (due to term limitations which were instituted with the By-Laws changes enacted when HCHS reorganized a few years ago), she will remain quite active in the society.

One of her specific loves is working in the library. That area has been under reorganization preceding cataloging. She and Carolyn Hastings have been busily working on this project.

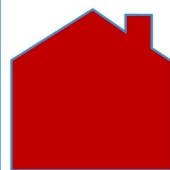


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