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MAGAZINES OF HIGHLAND COUNTY

John Glaze



Co, which was eventually located in the Waddell Building on Court Street. Advertisements were a nice mix of local and out of town, with an inordinate amount of ads from St. Louis.

The cover of Vol. 1, No. 2 was a photo of Joseph Nelson Miller, 5 year old. "Clubdom" in this issue listed news from Ladies Clubs, namely, "The Grey-stone", founded in the



Revelations—A Magazine for the People, if one can, by sleuthing abilities, discover the date within the covers, it seems to be 1905. The inside masthead shows the Volume and Number and the month of publication, but no year. I believe, after a bit of above mentioned sleuthing, that the year

is 1905. As you can see above, their first issue featured 15 month old, Margaret Anne Geyler, daughter of M/M Phil Geyler of West Walnut St. Her parents were not informed that the photo was being used, something that would certainly bring a lawsuit today. *Revelations*, contrary to the name, had nothing

to do with biblical studies. It was a nice collection of locally written stories and articles, mixed with reports of local "Clubdom", stories about prominent citizens as well as reports on deaths of prominent Hillsboro citizens. Often, an article about the latest fashions was included. The magazine was printed by Revelation Publishing

1880s—the earliest of Hillsboro clubs for women! The second oldest was "The Friday Club" and then "Twentieth Century Club". Greenfield had the "Reading Club" and "Coterie".

In Hillsboro, there were many card clubs: "Monday", "Wednesday", "Mid-Week", "Bridge Whist", "Pedro", "Seniors", "Juniors" and (continued on page 7)

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Newsletter Editor: John Glaze
Historian: Jean Wallis

Shop Training – April 25 and 26. 5:30pm –Call museum to reserve your spot!

Quilters Needed

I have found nearly 30 beautiful hand made quilts at the Highland House. I need people who know quilt patterns, fabrics, etc. to help me identify the special features of each quilt so I can enter the correct information in the collections catalog. If you can help, please call me at the Museum, 393-3392. Vicki

Route 50 Coast-to-Coast Yard Sale

The Historical Society will be participating in the Route 50 Yard Sale on May 18 and 19. If you have new or gently used items you can donate, please call me at the Museum. We can not take clothing or boxes of books. Watch for more details in the papers and on our website.

DIGITIZATION—Preserving Materials that Degrade

Items like photographs, newspapers, etc., are of a nature that they degrade over time. Newsprint paper is made with a low grade of paper and an acid based process. If you have ever viewed very old newspapers, you will see that they are often in better condition than newspapers printed in recent times. These papers will quickly yellow and turn brittle, eventually just disintegrating.

Photographs, when exposed to light, will degrade and fade.

For these reasons, we want to preserve and protect the images of photographs and information contained in special newspapers by digitizing them. This involves scanning the media to create a digital image at high resolution and saved to a large file format which preserves the fine details of the image. From this image, additional images can be created using file formats which are not as large. In addition, images can be edited or enhanced.

Our final goal is to make our collection accessible on

the internet. As the images are digitized, data can be added to allow the images to be searchable.

Last year, we tried to get a grant to assist us in securing the equipment and other help. This year, in reading grants available, we discovered many do not cover the cost of equipment. Therefore, we have begun looking for a high quality, large format scanner.

We have found the Epson 12000XL scanner which fits our needs. It even has options for scanning transparent- (continued on page 6)

Will we ever need a bucket brigade again?

Bucket brigades were used to put out fires in the 18th century because there were no fire trucks or firemen. Buckets sat at the door to be grabbed on the way out of the house to help a neighbor put out a fire.

Recently two young men defied the snow and cold to help with the bucket brigade in the Highland House. What energetic gifts they were to the five adults who worked to empty the document room to allow it to be cleaned and organized. Not only did they learn how a bucket brigade can lighten the load and speed the process, they learned what ledgers from the 1800s looked like. They learned why no work was carried home; (the books were far too heavy!) and what math was necessary to keep the books of a business before there any machines to do the calculations.

We may never need to know what a bucket brigade is or use it again, but when you hear history repeats itself, the kids have the tools to make it work. By the way, those two boys were Ethan and Aiden Kirk. Thanks so much for sharing your time. You are a delight to have around!

We work with kids to teach them the history of their home turf during different time periods. We had fun and we provided a service to the historical society all in about 1½ hours. We are looking for more children interested in the history of Highland County to join us as we plan more events.

If you have interested children (or parents) please contact the Highland House, leave a message with your phone number and you will be contacted for our next event.

Diane Jolitz
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FAREWELL FROM PAST PRESIDENT

A new year for the Society is beginning! Everyone has set new goals and new challenges to meet. How many new friends will we meet? What events will we hold? How can we make the best better? Our membership has grown and diversified. Highland Countians have so much talent and yet are modest to share it. How many people do you know who would benefit from our Society? How many people have said to you this past year, "I have always wanted to stop in and visit the Museum."? After visiting the museum for the first time have they said, "This place is awesome!"? This place does not just happen! It takes hard work from many members to raise money, to donate their time, to donate their



skills, to donate items of historical value, and encourage others to do the same. This organization has dedicated people that thrive to make it one of the best. You know who you are! You are making history!

I have enjoyed being your President and cheerleader for the past two years. Many of you I have known as long as I can remember, others are children and grandchildren of these historians! I have met many new friends through the Society and I want to thank all of you for the kind words and encouragement. I plan to work with others to promote activities for the youth of Highland County and to bake cookies whenever I am asked to do so!

Respectfully,

Mary Jo Copeland



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LIBRARY NEWS

The library had become that "holding place." When one didn't know where to put something, it was placed on one of the many piles or into one of the many boxes. No longer! Jean Wallis and I have worked many weeks to put like books together. Then, thanks to John Glaze and Vicki, our director, the books



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LIBRARY NEWS (CONTINUED)

in the library have never been better organized; the bookcases have never been in better repair. At the same time, the books have been entered into the Past Perfect program which will eventually locate any item within our collection.

Jean and I have recently been organizing pictures in the files. At some point they too will be entered into Past Perfect. Listening to Jean share so many stories has been wonderful. I have been repaid for every minute I have volunteered.

But I am a dreamer. And I dream big! Hoping at some point someone somewhere will help my dreams come true. Some of our board members have been working to put together information that one day may fit a grant to provide a scanning system with which we could digitalize our photos to preserve them for years to come. Once digitalized, these pictures could be searched at an independent station available to the public for research without damage to the originals. (Think what this means to those of us wanting to see

what our ancestors looked like.)

Even better, Highland County residents could bring their oldest pictures in, scan them for community sharing, and take the originals back home to keep them in their families. The Highland House photo library would grow, more history would be documented, and eventually these photos could be viewed on line.

I find the newest possibilities so exciting, I can hardly wait until we have this ability at the Highland House. Just don't know how many years before we have the equipment necessary to provide these services to our residents and former residents living throughout the US. The equipment is costly, but it will be a wonderful addition!

Just a reminder: Be certain you write names on the back of your photos before it's too late. We have many unidentified photos.

Carolyn Hastings

2018 Black History Month to Honor Larry Cole & Dr. Robert Taylor

Larry Cole has been a staple in this community for longer than many can remember. He worked at Bells Foundry, Wilmington Casting Company and the City of Hillsboro Water Department. Larry served at the Highland County Fair for over 10 years, is a Commissioner for Parks and Recreation and is an active member of Hillsboro Lions Club and has served as president.

Larry Cole, a man of integrity, has long advocated, supported and been a fan of

all local sports, encouraging young people to achieve their dreams, but not to neglect striving in their education.

Also being honored is Dr. Robert L. Taylor, for his work and accomplishments in the community and the field of education. Dr. Taylor is a former resident of Hillsboro, attended Hillsboro schools before the family's relocation to Yellow Springs. Dr. Taylor went on to graduate from Central State University with a Bachelor of

Science in Education. His masters in Secondary School Administration was earned at Michigan State University and his doctorate in Education Administration and Supervision was from The University of Michigan. Awards have been received from professional affiliations. In addition, he serves his community in many ways.

The Black History Month program will be held Saturday, February 17, at the Highland County District Library in Hillsboro. The program

begins at 1:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to join us. Refreshments will be served.

Each February the Highland County District Library and the African American Awareness Research Council present a Black History Month program to honor the lifetime achievements of a Highland County individual or to highlight an aspect of this local community's history.

Information provided by Jennifer West.

CHILDREN'S SPRING TEA PARTY

The Highland County Historical Society will sponsor an Elegant Spring Tea Party for boys and girls ages 6-10 on Sunday, April 22nd at 2:00 at the museum.

Children will experience the history and protocols of a High Tea. There will be entertainment and favors for each child. The cost is \$7.50 for each child which is payable to Highland House Museum when making your reservation. Reservation forms will be available on the Highland House Museum website. Reservation deadline is Monday, April 16th. Space is limited. Call Vicki Knauff at the museum with questions and to register, 937 393 3392.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

HCHS will once again be hosting our annual St. Patrick's Day Brunch on Sunday, 18 March from 11:30am to 1:00pm. The meal will include ham, sausage gravy and biscuits, scrambled eggs, hash brown casserole, homemade applesauce, pastries and drinks.

Reservations are a must and may be made by calling 937-393-3392 no later than Monday, 12 March. If you get our answering machine, leave your name and number

of reservations.

Donations will be accepted with proceeds to be used for yearly expenses of Highland and Scott Houses.

The community is cordially invited to support the society while enjoying a great meal and hospitality! Bring your friends!



DODSON TOWNSHIP MINUTES-1880

Taken from the minutes of Dodson Township 1880:

Teachers listed in Dodson Township 1881 (50 Years after Lynchburg was incorporated):

W.A. Abernathy
C.E. Duvall
E.F. Ellis
W.K. Keeler
W.P. Marsh
A. J. Orebaugh
G.J. Scrutchfield
Thomas W. Shaffer
Carrie Smith
Jessie White

Doctors serving the community:

Robert Fulton
Granger
Gray
Isaac Holmes
L.L.Houston
J.B. Kleckner
W.M. Lewis
R. Marsh
W.J. Srofe
D.L.Walker

3 Brooms were purchased for \$.75.

Doctors charged from \$1.71 to \$13.50.

Rent of office space was \$6.

10 Bushel of coal. \$1.40
School furniture. \$.32
Coal bucket. \$.60
Child's coffin. \$6.75
Coffin for unknown pauper. \$11.25
Feeding tramps. \$.60
Keeping 2 tramps overnight. \$1.25
One night's lodging and board. \$.50
9 days of nursing. \$7.75
Cleaning the school house \$3

The cemeteries were maintained by the nearest neighbor/land owner at a small wage.

The roads were maintained and supervised by someone living on each road. Expenses incurred were paid by the township.

Carolyn Hastings

SAVE THE DATE

17 April—6:00pm

HCHS will be recognizing all of our gracious volunteers who assist us throughout the year by hosting a dinner in your honor! Please join us by making your reservation by 10 April. 393-3392. (more info coming)

LIBRARY NEWS-II

As mentioned elsewhere by Carolyn Hastings, we have been working very hard on getting the library in order. So far, we have only tackled the books, but they are slowly getting done. Each book must be categorized, which is hard without reading the complete book. Our main categories are Local Authors, Biographies, Media, Periodicals, City and Phone Directories, Yearbooks, Music, Genealogy, Military History, Civil War, Highland County, Ohio, United States, Miscellaneous, Bibles and Scrapbooks. After a category is

assigned, then spine label info is assigned, the book photographed and entered into Past Perfect. I would estimate that 75 to 80% of the books in the library have never been accessioned. This causes additional work, of course. We are now "reading the shelves" which means that we are proofreading each book, verifying it has spine label info plus a photograph. Any errors are corrected, all done before the spine labels are printed. Then, we will need volunteers to attach the labels.



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Need more info? Email mel.haines@sbcglobal.net or call 937-581-4619. This event is sponsored by the Highland County Genealogical Society. You can get a registration form by visiting our website:

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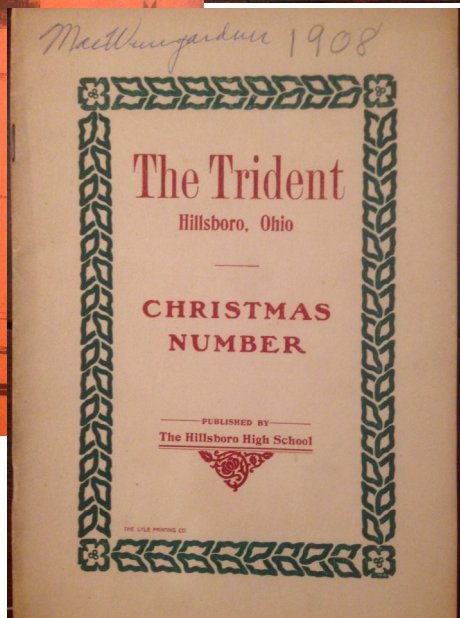
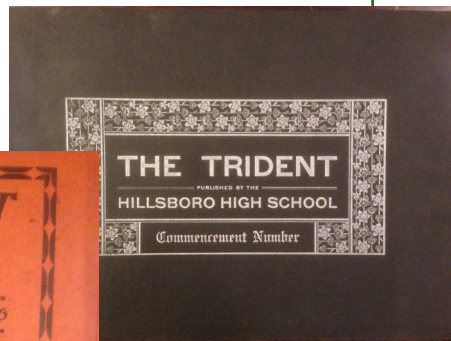
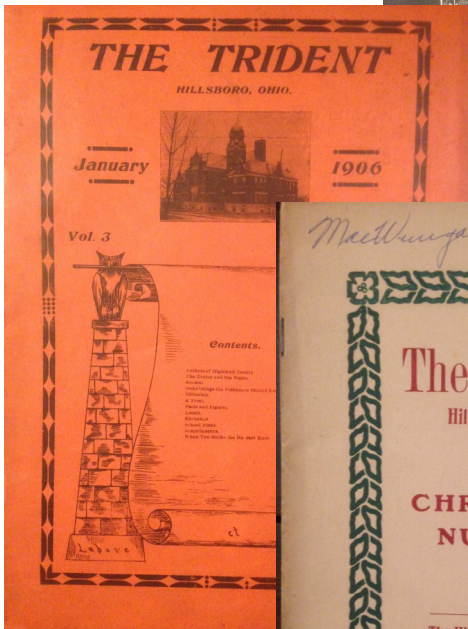
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THE TRIDENT

Our Library has a nice collection of high school yearbooks from schools inside the county and a few instances of schools “over the border.” One of these, from Hillsboro High School, is THE TRIDENT—yes, long before THE TOMAHAWK was being thought of, there was THE TRIDENT. In those days, the publications of the student body were more of a periodical nature and published several times within the school year.

Here are three very different examples of THE TRIDENT. You’ll notice two of them, rather than listing the month and year, or volume and number, just list that it is the CHRISTMAS NUMBER or the COMMENCEMENT NUMBER. I have found this in other magazines of this time.



HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

Highland County has always taken pride in the women and men who have served our country. The organizations: Highland County Historical Society, Hillsboro Uptown Renaissance Project, and Support Our Troops of Highland County would like to continue that tradition.

They have put together a project in the uptown area with veterans. Banners will be printed with a picture and appropriate service information for veterans living or deceased. The application deadline to be included in the first printing is Friday, April 13th.



“Banner Project” to replace the banners honoring our military veterans front and back with the veteran’s information. They may be purchased for \$10.00. The banners will be on display for Memorial Day so the application deadline to be included in the first printing is Friday, April 13th.

Applications are available at the following locations:

Highland County Veteran Service Office, 135 N. High Street (937-393-8686)

Highland County Historical Society, 151 E. Main Street (937-393-3392)

Online at www.hchistoricalociety.weebly.com

For more information contact: Steph Roland – 937-403-5817
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DIGITIZATION *(continued from page 2)*

photos (slides). We have estimated many thousands of photographs are in our collection. The sooner we can get started, the sooner we will have our collection available for viewing. For that reason, we decided that we cannot wait until we can win a grant; in fact, we have noticed that the number of institutions writing applications for the same grant has multiplied and thus the odds of our winning have dwindled.

In addition, we have thought of having a public scanning project where we could scan photos for the public in exchange for use of the images. We have heard of these projects but need to look into them further.

The lowest price found for the Epson scanner is \$3429.00. At this point, it is hard to fit that into the HCHS budget. If you would be interested in participating in this project in the form of a special donation, please let us know. We would appreciate it!



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the "First Flinch" as well as the "Second Flinch" club.

Number 3 issue featured a photo of the Old Crusade Church and inside was a report on the recent organization of the Business Mens Association. The issue also featured a Sketch of Mother Thompson.

Issue number 4 had a photograph of the New Baptist Church—this was the first Christmas celebrated in the new building.

Also in this issue was coverage of Christmas. It was reported that stores were open part of Christmas Day and enjoyed phenomenal business. Friday before Christmas, pupils in the schools presented interesting exercises. Most churches were open on Christmas Day (Monday) for special services.

It was reported that the Children's Home had a beautiful tree, laden with gifts for the children in the home. The article ended with, "The Christmas spirit of love and

good will prevailed all over our little city."

At some point, this sleuth believes in early 1906, *Revelations* merged into and became *The Highland Magazine* apparently to reflect more its content of being primarily a magazine about local people and events.

It is interesting to look at the advertisements included in the magazine. A few names of businesses have survived to this era (defined by your editor's lifetime). Merchants National Bank, Farmers & Traders National Bank, D M Evans Furniture & Undertakers are three of those. Many of the ads did not list a phone number but simply said, "Both 'Phones", I suppose this indicated that there were at that time, two telephone companies serving Hillsboro.

One issue lists all of the folks who visited Hillsboro in the preceding month, as well as the weddings. An article *(continued on page 8)*



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HIGHLAND COUNTY HALL OF FAME

The Highland County Historical Society is accepting applications for the 2018 induction into the Hall of Fame. The Highland County Hall of Fame recognizes citizens or natives of Highland County who have made invaluable contributions to the County or to the world beyond. By recognizing these individuals, the Hall of Fame will stimulate an interest in and an appreciation for the value of the history of this county and its citizens. Any member of the Highland County Historical Society may nominate an individual for the Hall of Fame. The criteria and guidelines for nominations can be found in the application. Applications may be obtained from the HCHS website, www.hchistoricalociety.weebly.com, or from local libraries. Completed applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope and mailed or delivered to Highland House no later than 5 p.m. March 31, 2018. The address is 151 E. Main Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133. Those admitted to the Hall of Fame will be announced and celebrated at a reception at Highland House on Sunday, May 27, 2018.


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named, "Across the Footlights" listed the entertainment presented at Bell's Opera House during the 1905-06 season. Many said that "Our New Minister" was the best ever seen in Hillsboro. Also in this season, "A Romance of Coon Hollow", "The Holy City", "The Last Rose of Summer", featuring W. B. Patton and the perennial favorite, "Gus Sun Minstrels".

Not all was wonderful at the Opera House, however. This was printed in one of the issues under the title, TO BE DEPLORED

"Hillsboro is proud and justly so, of her opera house, built and dedicated to the amusement and instruction of her citizens by the late C. S. Bell. The building is a comfortable one, convenient and commodious, well heated, lighted and ventilated, and as handsome and ornate as could be desired. It is, however, degraded and being disgraced by the attendance, noise, rudeness and filth (of habit and speech) of the "Gallery Gods." It is shameful! It is impossible for those who desire to hear, if seated in the balcony, to get any good of the performance. During the most pathetic or delicate passages of lecture or song, is the time for mimicry, guffahs (sic), cat calls, shrill whistles, etc.; then the tramping out and in, the munching of peanuts, and throwing the hulls, etc., is annoying in the extreme."

Now, we are looking for more information about these magazines—who owned the company, etc. I have checked internet sources, including Library of Congress and found nothing. Then, checked the higher source, Jean Wallis, and she too is stumped! Can you help?

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