

# MUSEUM MUSES

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## GEOLOGY AND WHY NOT HIGHLAND COUNTY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH! - MARCH 15

As a fresh recipient of my undergraduate degree from Morehead State University, I have always had a fascination of the local geology from Highland County. From purchasing gravel from local quarries over the years and the building stones that make up the foundations of most of the communities to hearing stories from the locals about out of state companies drilling wells with hopes of finding liquid gold, to finding various mineral samples and keys to the past like many fossils. Geology is intertwined with everyday life from the textiles and materials we use to the energy that powers our way of life.

The Ohio Geological Survey was first formally organized in 1837 with William Mather being appointed as Principle

Geologist by the state legislature. After various discussions and over a year of planning, the first state survey was begun with only 11 of the 88 counties. The first report to include Highland County wouldn't come until decades later during the second geological survey established in 1869.

Most, if not all, of the field work was done on foot and by first hand interpretation, since modern advances such as satellite technology and lidar (*LIDAR, which stands for Light Detection and Ranging, is a remote sensing method which uses light in the form of a pulsed laser to measure ranges, or variable distances, to the Earth*) wasn't invented yet. Even for the time, the information collected was established as the building blocks for our understanding of geology throughout our

state as we see it today. Much of the data collected can be found at the State Geological Survey located at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Building C in Columbus, Ohio.

To give a taste of what was concluded for the 1869 report of progress submitted to the legislature by then geologist J.S. Newberry, the surficial rock unit classifications given from oldest to youngest rocks are the Cincinnati Group, Clinton Limestone, the Niagara Series, the Helderberg Limestone, Huron Shale, and the Waverly Sandstone. Of course, if you Google the geologic units of Highland County it will show a more extensive list with more information in detail. If you're here looking for geology puns, I'll dig some up for the next newsletter.

*John T. Willis*

## Merry Mercantile Wrapup

Our HCHS Christmas shop, **The Merry Mercantile**, had another great season in 2019.

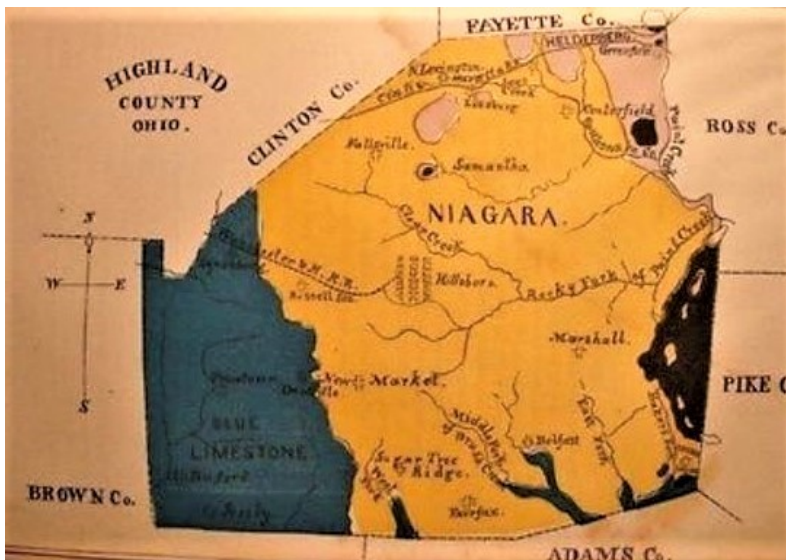
The Mercantile sported a new look this year. We changed the lay out of the shop, added new signs, and put up holiday decorations to create a more festive mood. There were 18 vendors participating in the Mercantile, as well as the consigners who have items in the regular museum shop year round.

During this holiday season the vendors donated 30% of their earnings to the Historical Society which totaled over \$2,100.00.

In 2020 the Christmas open house will be on Saturday November 7. We hope to get as many of our Historical Society members to shop **The Merry Mercantile** as possible. All members receive a 10% discount on every purchase. We carry a wide range of items from clothing items and jewelry, to candy and decorative items. We specialize in artworks created by Highland County artisans.

If you have shopped with us, THANK YOU! If you have not, please give us a try! You can tackle your Christmas list, shop from local artists AND donate to the Historical Society all at the same time. The regular gift shop is open during the Museum hours and The Merry Mercantile is open every week end in November and December.

*Liz Odland*



From 1871 Geological Survey of Ohio Highland County-Report of Progress in 1870 by J.S. Newberry (Chief Geologist) Published in 1871 by Nevins & Myers, State Printers

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# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Welcome New Members!**

Carol Lukander  
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**Our sincere thanks to these who made monetary donations:**

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**Thanks to Sue Honeycutt who donated a hand-made quilted patriotic wall hanging for the Veterans Appreciation Night.**

**HCHS extends their CONGRATULATIONS to these members:**

**Anne Throckmorton** was inducted into the National Honor Society at Hillsboro High School.

**Earl & Vicky Smith** recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Jennifer West** on her retirement from the Highland County Public Library.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Waw-wil-a-way Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) on the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the group. Mrs. Ida Ferrell Mathews was the first Regent and Jane Humphries Stowers is the current Regent. A luncheon on March 7 will commemorate the event.**

**Condolences** to Pat Young upon the passing of her husband, Al. Also, sympathies to Joyce Holt on the death of her husband, Ralph. Ralph was a community leader who will be greatly missed. Avery Applegate's brother, Doug, recently passed away. He was a retired firefighter, Vietnam veteran and lived in Tennessee.

**Midge Rose** made a contribution to HCHS in memory of her friend, **Pamela Nickell**. **Jan Vosper** donated in memory of her friend, **Elinor Cornelius**.

**Elizabeth Moran** made a donation in honor of **Eloise**

**Moran.**

**Visitors to Historical Society events in 2019 came from:**

- Amelia
- Azerbaijan
- Bainbridge
- Chillicothe
- Cincinnati
- Columbus
- Columbus, IN
- Covington, KY
- Dayton
- Flemingsburg, KY
- Franklin, IN
- Ft. Thomas, KY
- Greenfield
- Hillsboro
- Indianapolis, IN
- Iowa
- Leesburg
- Lynchburg
- Mason
- Milford
- Mission Viejo, CA
- New Vienna
- Orient
- Peebles
- Sardinia
- Shelby
- Sidney
- Springboro
- Urbana
- Waynesville
- West Chester
- Wilmington

**Thanks to these dedicated members who renewed their memberships since last quarter:**  
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## WHO AM I?



If you guessed **LARRY & LANA DUKES** for last issue's mystery children, you were correct!

This issue,  
 Who is this sweet little girl?  
 (Answer next issue.)

HCHS is a member of:  
 Hillsboro Uptown Business Association (HUBA)  
 Highland County Chamber of Commerce  
 Ohio History Connection  
 American Association of State & Local History (AASLH)  
 American Alliance of Museums (AMA)

## HALL OF FAME NEWS

On Sunday, August 16 at 2:00 p.m., we will recognize the 2020 inductees into the Highland County Historical Society Hall of Fame. The recognition will occur at the Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro across from Highland House. Following the ceremony we will proceed over to Highland House for a reception. If you would like to nominate someone to the Hall of Fame, applications and criteria

are available on our website ([www.hchistoricalociety.weebly.com](http://www.hchistoricalociety.weebly.com)). Completed applications must be received no later than 4 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2020. Applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope and mailed or delivered to Highland House, 151 E. Main Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133.

*Nancy Wisecup,*

Chair Hall of Fame Committee  
[njwisecup@gmail.com](mailto:njwisecup@gmail.com)

## SHAMROCK ALERT!

### Are You Irish??

Everybody is Irish on St. Patrick's Day! The Historical Society's annual St. Patrick's Day Brunch will be held Sunday, March 15, 2020 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Highland House Museum at 151 East Main St. in Hillsboro.

The meal is always home cooked and this year's featured menu is baked ham, biscuits and gravy, cheesy potatoes, savory egg bake, applesauce, pastries and drinks. Donations are appreciated and proceeds help to preserve and promote the history of Highland County.

Reservations are required by March 10 and can be made by calling the Highland House at 937-393-3392 or Jean Fawley at 937-763-2657. Please leave your name and number in your group.



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*Thank You All!*

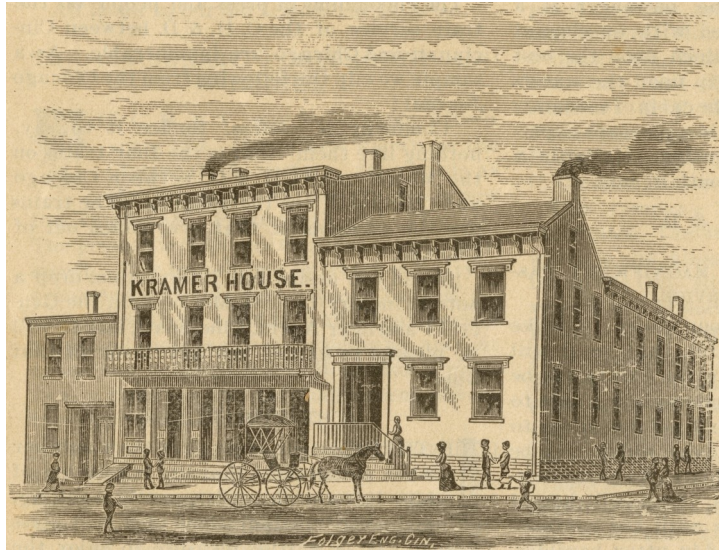


## THE POPULAR KRAMER HOUSE

Hotels are important aids or barriers to the progress of a city, accordingly as they are esteemed good or bad by the guests who partake of their hospitality.

So began an article about The Kramer House in the booklet produced by the News-Herald in 1893, *Historical and Descriptive Review of Highland County, Ohio*. It continues, Hillsboro is very fortunate in the possession of excellent hotels, among which the Kramer House stands pre-eminent. It is the favorite home for traveling men, and they are the unquestioned judges of superior merit among hostelrys. The table fare is sumptuous—unsurpassed in quality and quantity. Every variety of delicacies is found in season on the Kramer House table. Nothing is too good for its guests. While this is true of the culinary department, it is also noticeable that the extensive house is kept scrupulously neat and clean in every department. The Kramer is easy of access, conveniently located near the business center of the city. Phillip Kramer, the proprietor, is one of the oldest and most

respected residents of the city, a man well fitted by his friendly disposition and executive ability for success in the hotel business. In 1865, he



began the old Woodrow House. In 1869 he bought the house he now occupies, and after remodeling and refurbishing it, opened the Kramer House to the public in 1870. The popularity of this hotel has been phenomenal.

The house has thirty-six handsomely furnished bed rooms, besides office, spacious parlors, dining rooms sitting rooms, &c. The elegant bar and billiard hall are under

charge of that prince of good fellows, M. P. Kramer, better known as “Mat.” The bar is one of the best stocked and best conducted in this part of

the country, and with the charm of Mat’s presence is a very popular resort for the better class of our citizens. The Kramer House livery stables are among the largest, best kept, and most completely equipped in the county.

In the office will be found two of the most efficient and accommodating gentlemen ever known to the public. Wellington Stratton, familiarly known as “Bud,” is deservedly popular. He is exactly the right man in the right place. Never was a man more faithful and conscientious. George Kramer, the son of the proprietor, is a model hotel man, a universal favorite among all who know him, accurate as an accountant and the soul of honor and hospitality. He is ever attentive to the wants of patrons. With such a team as

“Bud” Stratton and George Kramer for clerks, if any patron lacks even the slightest essential to comfort, it is his own fault.

It would not be fair to speak of this excellent house without according special mention to Mrs. Kramer, the kind, watchful and indefatigable landlady, whose constant attention to details causes and maintains the high standard of comfort and cleanliness for which the Kramer House is famous. Mrs. Kramer is a good, motherly woman, and delights in the pleasure of her guests. This predominant disposition has been a great element in the success of the Kramer House. All honor to the pleasant and justly esteemed hostess!

Mr. Kramer, the proprietor, is known throughout Highland County as one of the most enterprising and substantial citizens. He holds extensive properties outside the hotel, among which might be mentioned a large farm. But he allows to other business interests to interfere with his devotion to the welfare of the patrons of the Kramer House. No trouble or expense is begrudged for them. Everything at the Kramer House is tip-top, and thus the fame of this first class house with its genial host and hostess creates a good impression of our city. It is with true pleasure that we commend to the public the splendid Kramer House and its popular attaches. The whole establishment, from *(continued next page)*

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## LIBRARY NEWS

Jim Rooney and I have been working in the Scott House Reading Room with all the past newspaper editions we have in our holdings. What fun learning what the past held for Highland County! It won't be long before we can open the room for use by anyone interested in reading.

Jim's biggest find, in my opinion, was the Centennial Edition of Hillsborough Gazette-1907. It included a



complete listing of county officials up to that time.

That listing is now filed in the library, also with Vicki for entry into Past Perfect and the original can be found in the reading room if anyone is interested.

Thanks Jim, for all you do. You are invaluable to the organization.

*Carolyn Hastings*

## KRAMER HOUSE (continued)

basement to skylight, is A 1. Those who have tried it will fully sustain this strong assertion.

### GEORGE KRAMER

George, as Mr. Kramer is known to all of our people, justly deserves prominent mention in this review of "Our Young Men." He deserves it not alone from the fact that he is popular and

well known in both commercial and social circles, but because he is ever courteous and manly in his demeanor toward all with whom he is brought in contact and is ever found on the side of right.

Mr. Kramer was born in this city on August 25, 1868. He attended school during his boyhood days, and since that period has assisted his father in the management of the hostelry which bears his name.

Mr. Kramer belongs to the order of Knights of Pythias and is a prominent figure in Hillsboro's musical circles. Besides being a musician of considerable note, playing several instruments, he is the possessor of a rich tenor voice. Mr. Kramer is a close observer, a logical reasoner, and he has the happy faculty of being a splendid entertainer.



## OFFICIALS OF HIGHLAND COUNTY 1805-1907

### STATE SENATORS

Geo. W. Barrere 1808-1809;  
1812-1815  
Samuel Evans 1810-1811;1816  
Allen Trimble 1817-1825  
John Jones 1826,1827,1828  
Moses Carothers 1829-1832  
Joseph J. McDowell 1833-1835  
Joseph Kirby 1835-1836  
Thomas Patterson 1839-1840  
John M. Barrere 1843-1844;  
1854-1855  
Jonas R. Emrie 1847-1848  
Ruel Beeson 1849-1850  
Samuel E. Hibben 1851-1852  
Jacob Hyer 1866-1867  
W. O. Collins 1860-1861  
Silas Irion 1866  
Henry L. Dickey 1867-1869  
Henry H. Shepherd 1874-1875  
Jacob J. Pugsley 1886-1888  
J. M. Hughey 1894-1896  
T. M. Watts 1902-1903

### PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS

Abraham J. Williams 1808-1809  
Jas. Daniels 1810  
Jno. W. Campbell 1811  
Levin L. Belt 1812-1813  
Samuel Daniels 1814  
Wade Loufborough 1815  
Richard Collins 1816-1819  
G.R. Fitzgerald 1821-1830  
John W. Price 1831-1832  
William Scott 1833-1836  
W.O. Collins 1837-1839  
Daniel Scott 1844-1848  
John Torrie 1849-1852  
R.B. Stevenson 1853-1854  
J.H. Rothrock 1855-1856  
C.A. Sheafe 1857-1858  
John M. Dorman 1859-1860  
W.H. Irwin 1861-1866  
E.M. DeBruin 1868-1873  
Jas. M. Dumenil 1874-1879  
John T. Hire 1880-1885  
J.B. Worley 1885-1890  
Geo. L. Garrett 1891-1896  
Irvin McD. Smith 1897-1899  
Oliver N. Sams 1900-1905  
Irvin McD. Smith 1906 and  
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St. Patrick's Day  
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## HERE'S A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT

### AN INSTITUTION SCINTILATING WITH GLINTS OF LIGHT FROM SPARKLING GEMS AND BURNISHED GOLD

In more than one sense is the trite old saying true that "time is money." Not only is time valuable to all human kind in its abstract sense, but it would require an incalculable aggregate to express the amount of money invested in enterprises incident to the notation of the passing hours. Time was when "sun-rise," "noon" and "candle-lighting" designated time with sufficient accuracy. But, in these days, man wants to know the time to a second, and, very often, to the fraction of a second. This demand has given rise to the construction of time pieces which are wonderful in the delicacy and precision of their mechanism. The march of inventive genius from the sun-dial and the hour-glass to the modern chronometer, whose exact record does not vary a second from the beginning to the end of the year, would be a story of absorbing interest. But, we cannot attempt to enter upon it. Interesting illustrations of

the beauty, accuracy and utility of modern time pieces may be seen at the magnificent new store of Frank Emmerling, on High Street.

Concerning this establishment and its proprietor, we want to say a word or two which will be unqualifiedly endorsed by all acquainted with them. Mr. Emmerling has recently erected and moved into the most handsome and elegantly furnished building occupied by any jewelry establishment in Southern Ohio, outside of Cincinnati. In his new quarters he has added largely to his immense array of watches, clocks jewelry &c., with a view to still better meeting the demands of an ever-increasing trade. It's like a trip through fairy land, to gaze on the beautiful and endless bewilderment of dazzling diamonds, shining gold and silver and precious stones in Emmerling's palatial store. There may be those who look on these things as vanities. But, the Creator who carpeted the earth and sprinkled it with flowers, who dimpled its laughing waters, painted the stars in its mir-

rored lakes, festooned its forests, jeweled its velvet sod with dew drops, and with the glowing rainbow arched the veil of its bridal falls—that Creator certainly wished his creatures to be attractive. In the furtherance of this purpose no one can more honestly and effectually aid you than Frank Emmerling with his immense assortment of lovely watches, charms, jewelry, &c. If you should prefer to adorn your house, then it is to him you may safely go for a splendid clock—anything from the massive bronze to the cute little tinker, "just too sweet." Or, if your desire runs toward silverware, gold headed canes, pens, ornaments, optical goods, novelties or anything for self or friend, you may call on Emmerling with perfect confidence. If he should not have some special design you wish, he will certainly get it for you. No merchant will go farther or do more to confer a favor on his patrons than Frank Emmerling.

There are good reasons why he is a popular favorite. In the first place, he is a thorough master of his profession, having served thirteen years under the best watch-makers of Germany, a country which has undoubtedly produced, in this line, the best workmen of the world. With his native talent thus so extraor-



FRANK EMMERLING.

dinarily developed, he is an expert in every branch of his business—a remarkably fine workman, and an unsurpassed judge of qualities. With all this, he is conscientious, and will carry only first class goods, such as he can safely endorse with the strongest guarantee. He has not achieved such gratifying success by charging high prices, but has rather put his profits down as low as consistent with the sale of good goods, and by reasonable prices has secured the tremendous patronage he now enjoys.

The repair department of his business is kept constantly busy. There is nothing in home watches, or in the intricate foreign makes upon which Mr. Emmerling cannot give perfect satisfaction. There are very few jewelers of whom this can be said, as you probably know, if you happen to possess a watch of  
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# United States® Census 2020



Norwood-Hillsboro 1906-1920  
Constructed by the Cincinnati & Columbus Traction Co., 1905-1907; Abandoned east of Owensville, 1919; Abandoned completely, 1920

This was a standard-gauge interurban, 53 miles long, between Norwood, at the edge of Cincinnati, and Hillsboro. It was chartered in 1901 and opened on April 22, 1906. It was promoted locally and early in its history was known as "The Swing Line," after its principal promoter. The company's ambition to build east to Chillicothe or Columbus were never realized. It paralleled no railroad, although the Baltimore & Ohio had a branch into Hillsboro. The company was

never profitable enough to pay a dividend. The property was so badly damaged in the flood of 1913 (which injured all the lines in the area) that the company applied for voluntary receivership, from which it never emerged. In common with most interurbans, it had a very bad year in 1918, when it lost \$21,036. The receiver concluded the property was hopeless and in 1919 applied for abandonment.

*(From: Hilton, George W. and John F. Due, The Electric Interurban Railways in America. Stanford University Press, 1960)*

The U. S. Constitution requires that every 10 years a count of the population is conducted. The first count of the population was taken in 1790 during President George Washington's administration and has been conducted every 10 years since then.

The U. S. Census Bureau is the federal government agency that collects statistical data. Federal law protects the information given to census takers.

Every community across the country relies on an accurate census. The apportionment of the U.S. House of Representatives is determined by the population of the state. Congressional dis-

trict lines are redrawn after the census data is sent to each state. Ohio is one of 10 states that will lose a congressional seat and seven states will gain at least one seat.

Another importance of an accurate census is communities depend on statistics to receive federal funds for schools, highways and emergency services. Each person represents \$2,000. if not counted and that's only one year. In a 10-year span \$20,000. is lost in a community when one person is not counted. Each year the federal government distributes more than \$675 billion to state and communities based on the information collected from the census.

You can be counted by calling the Census Bureau (they won't call you), completing a form online or a census taker can visit with you in your home. You should receive a card in the mail in early March outlining your options and how the system works. Visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) to learn more about the census.

Source: The 2020 Census at a Glance.

## Emmerling (continued)

foreign manufacture.

Of Mr. Emmerling and his jewelry palace no citizen of Hillsboro need be ashamed. The highest good we can possibly wish them is the prosperity they deserve.

*(From a booklet produced by the News-Herald in 1893, Historical and Descriptive Review of Highland County, Ohio.)*





# CIVIL WAR TOKENS—TARA BEERY

# NEWS

During the War Between the States, physical money was in alarmingly short supply. To give their customers something to spend, some merchants released their own coins, complete with their business name and a catchy image. These coins are called Civil War Tokens or Civil War Store Cards. From 1862 until early 1864, an estimated 25,000,000 of these

In Highland County, there were five businesses that released tokens: Black & Kibler, Chaney & Harris, Herron & Amen, O. J. Eckly, and George March. All these businesses were located in Hillsboro. These tokens are fun and interesting collector's items, but the histories of these companies are just as important as the physical coins. The men behind these businesses put everything they had into their enterprises. Some succeeded, some failed, but they all contributed to the rich history of Highland County.

When the Highland House Museum opens this Spring, a booklet will be offered for sale in the museum shop that gives an overview of the economic turmoil of the Civil War era, how the tokens came to be, and a history of the five Hillsboro stores that released their own tokens.

Among the owners of these stores is Frank Kibler, who was only 16 years old when he and his 24 year old brother-in-law took over his deceased father's hardware shop. This business went through many owners and name changes, but it lasted for 152 years before ending its run in the late 1980s as "Fairley Hardware". Another is Benjamin Chaney, who almost triggered a riot early one Sunday morning in 1862 when he led the citizens of Leesburg, Highland, and Greenfield to think a Confederate attack on Highland County was imminent. His call-to-arms resulted in hundreds of armed men charging south into Hillsboro, ready to vigor-



ously defend the county. Chaney's partner, Benjamin Harris, struggled through bankruptcy in his older age but was praised at his death for how he stoically faced his financial challenges. These and other hard working men are more than just names on a coin. They are entrepreneurs worthy of being remembered by the citizens of the county they helped build.

## Route 50 Yard Sale

The Historical Society will be participating in the Route 50 (Coast-to-Coast) Yard Sale May 15 and 16 from 10 am to 4 pm. Clothing, games and boxes of books can not be accepted but household items, décor and small pieces of furniture are welcome. Items can be brought to the Highland House May 4-9 from noon to 5 pm. Anything that does not sell will be donated to charity. All proceeds benefit the Historical Society.

## Honoring Those Who Served

The Historical Society is partnering again this year with Support Our Troops and Hillsboro Uptown Renaissance Project to honor local veterans by sponsoring the "Banner Project". Banners are printed on front and back with photo and information regarding their service. The large banner is \$50 and the smaller yard banner is \$25. Banners are returned to the buyer when taken down. The banners are on display from Memorial Day weekend through Veterans (continued on last page)



coins were in circulation, used mostly as one cent pieces in place of the missing "real" money, until Congress intervened to outlaw the practice. The tokens were so popular that when the federal government redesigned the one cent piece in 1864, the new official penny was made almost identical in size and composition to the Store Cards.

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## 2019 EVENTS & ATTENDANCE

<b>January</b> – Lincoln School Project (LSP) (2 events)	277
<b>February</b> – New Hope Baptist Church, Edward Jones luncheon, Gist Presentation	363
<b>March</b> – Brunch, Gist Settlement, Greenfield presentation	224
<b>April</b> – Ohio Stories, Children’s Tea, LSP (3), Shop Training	167
<b>May</b> – Opening, Rt. 50 Yard Sale, LSP, Hodson Banner ded.	289
<b>June</b> – Home Tour Luncheon, Home Tour, SOGS Dinner	441
<b>July</b> – East Main Walking Tour	61
<b>August</b> – HOF Ceremony, Ghost Walk, Pioneer Day, LSP, Heartland present, Moses Trimble Civil War Memorial Dedication, Extension Serv. display	800
<b>September</b> – Log Cabin Cookout, Laurels presentation	139
<b>October</b> – Annual Meeting, YMCA Fall Festival	266
<b>November</b> – Veterans Appreciation, Bake Sale, Open House, Book Signing, Holiday Parties (1)	315
<b>December</b> – Holiday Parties (4), Bake Sale, Bell Ringing	174

**TOTAL 3546 (Attendance Goal was 3000!)**

## MORE 2019 REPORTS

**Memberships as of 31 Dec 2019—306**

**Total Volunteer Hours—3025 hours**

**Total Attendance at museum and special events—3546**

**Total Entries into Past Perfect Museum Software as of 31 Dec 2019—4028**

### Projects Completed

- Updated Historic Homes binder
- New Indian Artifacts display
- Expanded C. S. Bell display
- Established Scott House Reading Room
- Total electrical renovation at Highland House
- Scott House brochure developed
- Story of the Bells brochure updated
- Assisted Graduate Student on project
- Enjoyed the help of two student interns

### Projects In Progress

- Carriage House cleaning
- Cataloging Highland Guide Post articles
- Cataloging SOGS newsletters
- New displays
- Develop binder of names of Revolutionary War Soldiers
- Develop binder of one room schools
- Expansion of collections at Scott House Reading Room
- Scanning photos and documents in Highland House Library
- Expansion of collection of books and other materials in Highland House Library

## DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?

My uncle, James Henry “Hank” Winegardner, worked at the Bowle’s Book Store (now Rome Jewelers) on N. High Street. They carried office supplies, books of all sorts, and the ever popular Back to School items on the yearly list teachers swore we absolutely needed to be a great student! I think they also carried gift items, wedding & special orders, and a fascinating array of other goodies. Uncle Henry taught me how to properly wrap gifts, as that was another service provided to customers. The best part of shopping there was the fact the store had a rather musty smell from all the paper products & office goods offered! Plus the best selection of greeting cards in town. Good memories for a kid of about 6 years old who tagged along with Mom to buy those pencils, erasers, lined yellow tablets & everything else I needed for school! Fond memories of a wonderful time in my life growing up. And I still love shopping stationary stores!

*Leslie Ramsey*

## Thank You & Welcome

*Thank you to those have served the board and are now leaving it: John Levo, and Deb Koehl. We appreciate all of your time and energies given to make the Society better!*

*We now welcome new board members, Sue Boatman and Leslie Ramsey, as well as new Vice President of HCHS, Carolyn Michael!*



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### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Check the date found on your mailing label. This is your membership renewal date. If it falls within the period of this newsletter, your renewal statement is enclosed. Please make any corrections or additions on the form and return it with your payment. Please consider increasing your membership to the next level.

### Our Mission Statement

“To encourage community involvement in the preservation, education and promotion of Highland County history and genealogy for the benefit of all people for present and future generations.”

## News *(continued)*

Day. Applications may be downloaded from [www.hchistoricalociety.weebly.com](http://www.hchistoricalociety.weebly.com) or call the Highland House at 393-3392 to request one. Don't miss recognizing your veteran this year as spots are being filled quickly.

Two hundred veterans have been honored since the Banner Project begun in 2018 and along with the Historical Society nine veterans' organizations are sponsors.

In 2018 the Historical Society honored Raymond Stout, killed in World War I and in 2019 Bob Hodson who served in the U. S. Navy. This year we will recognize Joseph Benson Foraker who served in the Civil War and later became Governor of Ohio and a U. S. Senator.

### HIGHLAND HOUSE OPENS MAY 1

Highland House Museum will open for the season on Friday, May 1. We will be open every Friday and Saturday afternoons from 1-4pm. Either Carolyn Hastings or Jim Rooney will be available on Friday afternoons to assist with research. Group tours or special accommodations can be arranged other times but they must be scheduled. Call the Museum for an appointment.

The Museum will participate in the HUBA sponsored Wine & Chocolate Walk on Friday May 1 from 5-8pm. Stop by and sample a special chocolate treat.

## Jeweler and Watchmaker



Jacob Sayler's store on South High (east side). Sayler was a local jeweler and watchmaker serving Hillsboro for over 50 years. He was the father of artist, Emma Sayler Detwiler.