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## TRACKING DOWN MOSES TRIMBLE

John Glaze

This story starts with the birth of David Franklin Trimble, in Scotland, in 1717. He emigrated to the colonies and married Mary Elizabeth Houston (1720-1769) in Augusta, Virginia in 1746, at the age of 29. This union produces three children: James (1747-1815), Thomas (1748-1763) and Nancy (1749-1862).

While Mary dies at the age of 49, David lives until he is 82 years old dying in Montgomery, Kentucky.

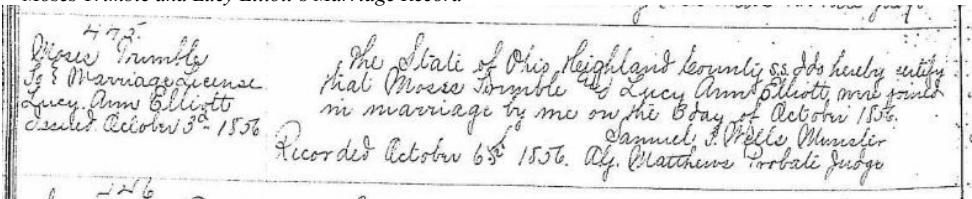
Next, we follow James. He and wife, Jane Clark, have twelve children together. Among the family is found Thomas Trimble, born in 1787 in Woodford, Kentucky. His actual parentage is not proven. The reality of slave ownership was that the owner sometimes fathered a child with one of his owned females. From his union with Nancy Williams are born four children. A second union produced more children. Tom was an emancipated slave of Captain Trimble. Captain Trimble had come to Highland County and had purchased land, planning to move his family here. During the time he was back in Kentucky to make plans, he fell ill and died. His widow fol-

lowed through with his dream and moved the family to Ohio.

Of interest to us is the birth of their youngest child, Moses Trimble, on June 5, 1836 in Highland

County. Moses married Lucy Ann Elliott on October 3, 1856 and together they had twelve children. Those children were Harry (1874-1930), Edward (1872-1914), George (1869-bef 1920), Gracie (abt 1880-?), Ludlow (1878-?), Rena (1876-?), Joshua (1860-1910), Rosanna (1858-?), Minnie (1855-1915), William (1868-1947), Lizzie (abt 1865-?) and Henry (1864-?). Moses died September 18, 1913, at the age of 77.

Moses Trimble and Lucy Elliott's Marriage Record



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Moses Trimble was Betty Rickman Tinney's great grandfather. Through Betty's kindness, many wonderful

items are in our museum collection. Among these we find the revolver which was used by Moses Trimble in the Civil War.

We know from Wayne L. Snider's book, *All In The*

*Same Spaceship*, that Moses served in Company H, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, United States Colored Heavy Artillery, enlisting 25 Feb 1865, at 28 years of age. He was 5' 8" tall and mustered out 27 Feb 1866.

Some facts about the pay of a Negro combat soldier was first established at \$7.00 per month, with a \$3.00 pay for clothing. (A white soldier of private rank received \$13.00 per month with \$3.00 for clothing.) The War Department had promised equal pay, but the Congress delayed action until an act of 15 Jun 1864, with retroactive provisions. In addition,

bounties from \$100 to \$300 were provided by an act passed on 04 Jul 1864.

If you have not read *All In The Same Spaceship*, you should. It is well researched and provides information which had previously been

hard to find.

From the Williams Bros. *History of Ross and Highland Counties*, we read that Allen Trimble built a blacksmith shop in 1808 at the site where St. Mary's Episcopal Church now stands. Mr. (continued on page 7)



U.S. Art'y. U.S.C.T.  
 Moses Trimble  
 Co. H, 3 Reg't U.S. Col'd H. Art'y.  
 Appears on  
 Company Descriptive Book  
 of the organization named above.  
 DESCRIPTION.  
 Age 28 years; height 5 feet 8 inches.  
 Complexion Black.  
 Eyes Blue; hair Black.  
 Where born Highland Co. O.  
 Occupation Farmer  
 ENLISTMENT.  
 When 25 Feb 1865  
 Where Wheelbarrow, O.  
 By whom A. Wright; term 1 yr.  
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their names on the last  
membership renewal list.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteer hours for January, February, March and April totaled an amazing

NEWS from Vicki

660 hours.

Congratulations to William Albert, 2018 graduate of Hillsboro High School. Will earned his Eagle Scout Award by working on the cabin and laying a rock sidewalk at the Highland House Museum. Will has joined the U. S. Army and will leave for basic training in July. Good luck Will in the journey of life.

Museum Needs

A variety of tools and equipment are needed to complete daily tasks and work on major projects. One of the things needed is an 8 ft. aluminum ladder to reach the 12 ft. ceilings. A black and white desktop copier is needed for the library. Donations would be greatly appreciated!



The Historical Society is participating in the Route 50 Yard Sale on May 18 and 19. If you have new or gently used items you would like to donate, please call the Museum at 393-3392 for times when deliveries can be made. No clothing, please. Go to our website at [hchistoricalssociety.weebly.com](http://hchistoricalssociety.weebly.com) for items for sale. Volunteers are needed to help with the yard sale.

*Vicki Knauff*

DINING ROOM TABLE DONATION



The Highland County Historical Society is pleased to present our latest furniture acquisition...a magnificent 19th century American mahogany Empire style table for the Highland House dining room. This piece was donated by a member who recognized the need for something more durable and certainly more elegant in the Museum. We accepted the donation and appreciate their generosity! Be sure to stop by soon and let us know what you think of our new look!

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## Coming Attractions

Gone are the days of stepping up to the ticket booth at Chakeres Colony Theater in uptown Hillsboro with a quarter to get you into the Saturday matinee. Gone are the days of the soda pop dispenser that dropped a cup into place where you could see the streams of syrup and fizzy water mingle into a sweet and bubbly treat. And gone are the days of admiring the magnificent bas-reliefs lining the walls, illuminated only by the warm glow of hidden lights. The building may be gone, but Highland County Historical Society representatives Avery Applegate, Jim Rooney, John Kellis, Tim Koehl, and Max Petzold were given full reign by City Council to save artifacts from the decaying building prior to its demolition. The team spent the summer of 2016 prying loose and removing the most memorable items, and the Society is now proudly presenting the results of their labors to the public. The grand opening of the Colony Theater Exhibit will be held at the Society's Highland House Museum, 151 East Main Street, Hillsboro, Ohio, on Friday, June 1 from 5:00-8:00 PM. Admission is free, and your ticket stub will be entered for a chance to win a fabulous door prize! The drawing will take place at the end of the event, and you do not have to be present to win. There will be a concession stand with popcorn, candy, soda pop, beer, and wine (plus more

tickets!) for you to enjoy while taking in a movie that will be showing in the Music Room. Then, head upstairs for the grand display!!! One of the bas-reliefs has been lovingly restored and reassembled in the second floor hallway. Can you guess which one? Which was YOUR favorite? There is also a display case and wall full of other great items from the theater. If you have or know of any old photos from the glory days of the Colony, please let the museum know by calling 937-393-3392. We are always on the lookout for things to add to the collection! And, items can be scanned for display if you would like to retain the originals. Our hope is that this permanent display will bring back memories, spark interesting conversations, and delight all museum visitors!

The Society would like to thank all who made this display and grand opening event possible, including Avery Applegate, Jim Rooney, John Kellis, Tim Koehl, Max Petzold, Justin Harsha, Rusty Hill, Steve Holland, Vicki Knauff, Lesia Langston-McKenna DMD, Big Ernie's Pizza, plus all of the other donors and volunteers who have put forth time, effort, and money to make this event and display a wonderful addition to our Highland House Museum. Without your help, this never would have happened.

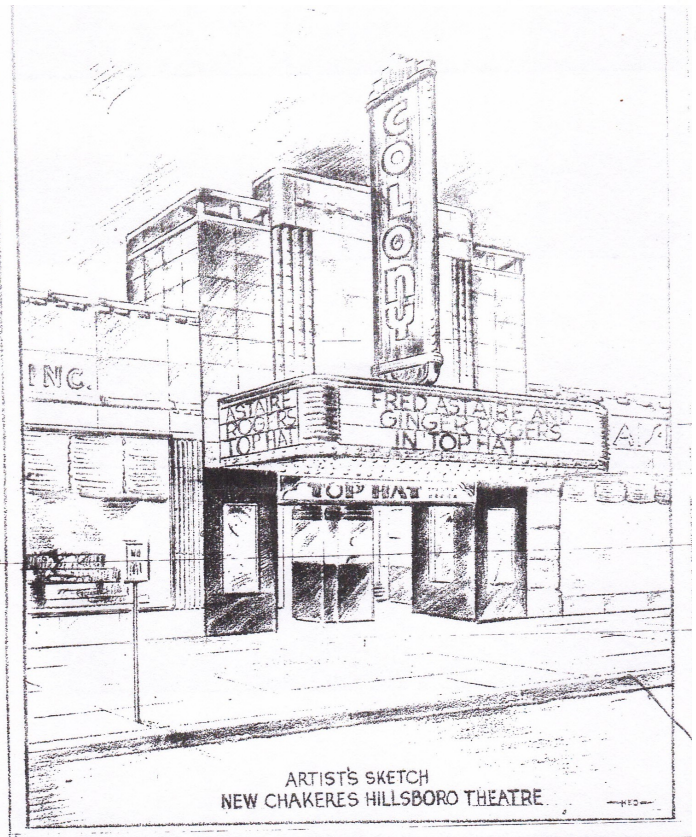
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On Sunday, May 27 we will enshrine this year's Hall of Fame recipients. This year's inductees include: Edwin B. Ayres (enterprise), Moses Carothers (enterprise), Judge Richard L. Davis (leadership), Helen B. Hoover (arts & entertainment) and Wesley T. Roush (leadership) with special recognition of the Lincoln Mothers.

Edwin B. Ayres (1891-1964) was a local pharmacist, civic leader and outstanding athlete who owned and operated Ayres Drug Store in Hillsboro. Begun in 1808 the drugstore on E. Main Street has been recognized as the oldest continuous drugstore in the State of Ohio. For over 60 years Mr. Ayres was associated with the drugstore, first as a young employee in 1904 and eventually as its licensed pharmacist and owner.

Moses Carothers (1792-1843) founded the first newspaper in Highland County 200 years ago in 1818. The *Hillsborough Gazette*, the first newspaper printed in Southern Ohio outside of Cincinnati and Chillicothe, was the forerunner of the current *Times-Gazette*.

Judge Richard L. Davis, a civic leader in Highland County, practiced general law, was a prosecuting attorney then served as Highland County Common Pleas Court Judge, Juvenile & Probate Divisions, for 30 years. He was a member of the Ohio State University basketball team that won the Big Ten Championship in 1944. He is currently retired and living with his wife, Kathryn in Hillsboro.

Helen Blackburn Hoover (1910-1984) was an author and metallurgist. Graduating

from McClain High School in 1927 she went on to earn a degree in chemistry at Ohio University. In 1936 she earned a degree in metallurgy from the University of Chicago. Known as a wilderness writer, she authored seven books, including three children's books.

Wesley T. Roush (1910-2006) was an educator and school administrator in Highland County.

Mr. Roush spent more than four decades in education, starting in a one-room school in the early 1930s and later as a beloved principal at Washington Elementary School in Hillsboro. Known as a positive influence on the many students he came in contact with and for his dedication to his profession, he leaves a lasting legacy.

Beginning in 1954, the Lincoln Mothers fought for school integration in Hillsbo-

ro. The mothers, along with their children, marched everyday for two years, to end segregation. Their successful lawsuit against the school board was the first northern test case of Brown vs. Board of Education which declared school segregation illegal. Because of their dedication and sacrifices their efforts not only ended segregation in Hillsboro but helped to end segregation in other northern cities.

This year's recipients will be inducted at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 27 at the First Presbyterian Church, across the street from Highland House. Following the ceremony there will be a reception at Highland House. Please join us in recognizing these very worthy recipients.

*Nancy Wisecup*

## PICNIC!!!

HCHS will be having its 1st Annual Membership Picnic on Saturday, June 23 at 6:00 pm. If you are a member, please join us for a nice picnic meal and fellowship. We appreciate each and every member and the support you show the HCHS.

Please RSVP before June 18. Thanks and see you then!



## LIBRARY PROGRESS

What's been going on during the long winter? Once we closed in December, many projects began. Among these was concentrated work on our library. With the cooperation of Carolyn Hastings, Jean Wallis, Vicki Knauff and John Glaze, books were reorganized into subject matter, such as, Media, Periodicals, Books by Local Authors, Biographies, Music, City and Phone Directories, School Yearbooks and similar school publications, Genealogy, Military (WW1, WW2, etc.) and sepa-

rate classification of Civil War, Highland County History, County Histories other than Highland, Ohio Histories, US Histories, Books about Antiques and Collectibles, Scrap Books, Family Bibles and Miscellaneous.

As each book was entered into Past Perfect, we also assigned a spine label designation to keep books in their proper locations.

As you can imagine, many books could fit into multiple categories, so a judgment call had to be made occasionally on the best place for

the book.

Jean and Carolyn have been tackling the file cabinets to get them organized before Past Perfect work can begin on those.

Carolyn has committed to be in the library on each Thursday to work on the project, but also to assist any persons desiring to use the library for research.

Feel free to stop in and offer assistance! There are always things to be done in Highland House Library.

## Maintaining Traditions with a Growth Mindset

The year 2018 has been good thus far for Highland County Historical Society, and the summer is looking even better. The Board of Trustees and our director have been involved with a number of projects over the winter. These include plaster repairs in the Casper Collins Room, a new roof on the cabin, and a new entertainment display area on the second floor. The Trustees continue to strive to be good stewards of the Society's properties and museum pieces. One of the goals of the Trustees has been to maintain some of our important traditions and events, while looking to grow and innovate.

Our many activities, programs, and events serve to promote the history of Highland County in varied ways that will make for an interesting and successful year. We had a packed house at our annual St. Patty's Day Brunch in March. A few weeks later we were able to showcase William Scott House renovations with a ceremony and open

house. We have added a youth program. Several teens have begun volunteering in our organization and we are looking forward to their service and ideas as we move into the future. The museum is now open with new summer hours this season. We are looking forward to a full calendar of exciting events. Watch our calendar on our website <https://hchistoricalociety.weebly.com/events.html>, for further details. Please do not hesitate to get involved and volunteer, recruit members, and provide any other talent in which you have been gifted to the Society.

There is an old saying that there is strength in numbers. A strong membership roster means a strong organization. Through you and your membership we are able to continue maintaining the traditions, growing our organization and increasing preservation of the legacy of Highland County. If you are a



member of the Highland County Historical Society, we are grateful for your support of our programs, publications, museum gift shop, and other activities. Please consider upgrading your current membership or gifting a membership to someone you know. Your support is what keeps the Highland County Historical Society Strong. I

am proud of the efforts of our membership as we continue to maintain our facilities and offer innovative and interesting exhibits and program.

*"Strength and growth come only through continuous effort and struggle."*

*Napoleon Hill (1883-1970)*

*Denny Kirk*

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## OPEN HOUSE WAS A CELEBRATION OF THE PAST AND A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

The Historical Society opened the Scott House Mansion to the public on April 19<sup>th</sup> for everyone to enjoy the building and to study a little history. Though it was a coolish day, some fifty people joined HCHS for the program and lawn ceremony. The VFW raised the flag officially on the new flag pole on the front lawn and Vernon Garrison spoke about everyone who helped make the donation and installation of the flag pole possible.



The day was meant to focus on the work completed on the majestic mansion, but also to highlight the two-year effort to upgrade Highland House Museum as well. The Capital

ed, volunteered, and worked on the project. "Anyone touring the Scott House or looking at the new construction in the back of Highland House would have to deem the project a success," added Kellis. Senator Bob Peterson joined the group and not only lauded the efforts, but toured Scott House from roof to basement.



Campaign brought in some \$162,500 toward the effort. The Board also was able to secure State bond dollars for the Scott House in the amount of \$110,000. Some might say that \$272,500 is not a huge sum of money in today's world, but every penny was put to good use and the differences at the Museum and Scott House are substantial and they set us on a path that did not seem very likely in 2014.

John Kellis, campaign chair, thanked everyone who donat-

ed, "Thank you for preserving our History," said Peterson. "Hillsboro's history is Ohio's history. This is a magnificent building sitting on this beautiful hill, and it's great to see it preserved."

While touring the building and discussing the project, Senator Peterson added that these are the easy projects to support. When you see groups like HCHS raising funds and rolling up their sleeves, it is easy to suggest that we at the State can help with the last elements of the project. The Senator offered his support for future pro-

jects with the Society and we told him that we would be in touch.

The State agency that oversees the construction projects was also in attendance and impressed with the project. The OFCC was very helpful during the project and worked hard to make sure dollars to pay contractors were reimbursed to HCHS quickly so bills could be paid in a timely manner.

Yes, the day was cool but more than 100 people came through to tour the house, with most making their way from the wine cellar in the basement to the "widow's walk" on the roof to enjoy the views. On the third floor,

as people waited for their turn to go out onto the roof, they were able to see the protected walls where the Scott family noted the heights of the children by year, name, and age. The children found that particularly interesting. One little boy noted how short the child was. Well he was only 28 months old and it was in 1848. Definitely history well preserved by the citizens who originally restored the building in 1992 when one option being discussed was to tear the building down. They made sure to install frames and Plexiglas to protect the markings on the wall on the third floor of the mansion.

The old mansion on the hill, built in 1844 among a grove of oak trees has had its time in the sun and its glory years. That same building has also seen many a down year and even challenges to its survival. It is the hope of the Highland County Historical Society that the mansion will see a useful and beautiful future on the hill overlooking Hillsboro.

*John Kellis*



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## MOSES TRIMBLE *(continued from page 1)*

Trimble often assisted. Tom Trimble, one of Capt. James manumitted slaves and the first black man who settled permanently in HC, worked in the shop as an apprentice. For a time he was returned to Kentucky for more apprenticeship and returned not only adept in blacksmithing, but also the violin.

Many people have mixed feelings about the United States Colored Troops and many simply don't understand why there had to be separate armed forces groups.

Regardless of acceptance of this concept or not, the history of the USCT is interesting and contains stories of heroism and bravery; a sense of fighting for the country where many found themselves living much against their wills.

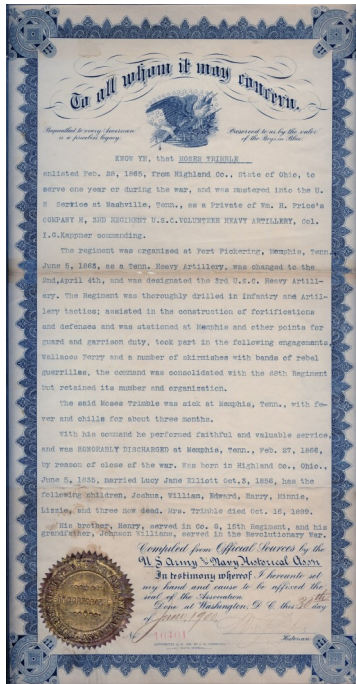
The 3rd Regiment, United States Colored Heavy Artillery, with whom Moses served, was organized from the 1st Tennessee Heavy Artillery (African Descent). Designated 2nd United States Colored Heavy Artillery March 11, 1864, and 3rd Heavy Artillery April 26, 1864.

Service: Served as garrison

at Fort Pickering, and in Defences of Memphis TN and in District of West Tennessee till April 1866. Mustered out April 30, 1866.

The greatest disappointment was not being able to locate a photograph of Moses Trimble. I feel I have gotten to know him and his family. Special thanks to my dear friend, Betty Tinney, for her valuable help in introducing me to Moses. I wish I could have met him in person.

Moses Trimble Discharge



## WORLD WAR 1 DISPLAY COMING

This year marks one of the years of the 100th anniversary of World War 1. A display of World War 1 memorabilia, flags, posters and photos will be available for visitors to view starting Memorial Day. The display will focus on the role of Highland County in the war and the soldiers who served their country. Raymond Stout was the first Highland County soldier killed in WW1. He died September 28, 1918 in the Battle of the Meuse-Argonne in France. He is buried in the Hillsboro Cemetery. If you have artifacts from the Great War that you would like to donate or loan, please call Highland House at 393-3392.

## HCHS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Highland County Historical Society (HCHS) took time to open Scott House to the public this past month. Though the open house was a celebration of Scott House, the event highlighted all the work done to the Museum and the Mansion. HCHS wants to thank all the contractors who helped make Highland House Museum and Scott House Mansion projects a reality. HCHS made every effort to keep all work local and was pleased that it was able to do so. Contractors included: Brad Tira, Wayne Dance, Precision Painting and Restoration, Naylor Heating and Air, D&P Electric Services, and Evan West.

We all tend to take changes for granted, but if we could turn things back a cou-

ple years and see the all the changes in total, it would be very visible just how much has been accomplished by HCHS projects. It's almost hard to put into perspective how many things have changed in a relatively short period of time.

Here is a list of items rebuilt, renovated, or changed during this campaign. 1.) The back wall of the museum was taken down and completely rebuilt, 2.) The hand-capped ramp was rebuilt and hardscaped, 3.) New landscaping and sidewalks were installed in the back yard of Highland House Museum, 4.) The Union School Stone was mortared into the back wall of the museum, 5.) All new double pane, insulated windows were installed *(continued on page 8)*

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## Capital Campaign *(continued)*

on the south and west walls of the museum, 6.) The three back rooms on the second floor were remade during the wall rebuild as well as the back half of the Museum Shop, 7.) A new cedar shake roof was put on the log cabin, 8.) The music room, meeting Room, up and downstairs hallways, and Casper Collins room walls were repaired and painted, 9.) Picture rails were installed in most of the rooms (no more nails), 10.) The Military Room was completely redesigned focusing on our local veterans 11.) The new Social Justice Room is complete focusing on the Lincoln School and the Marching Mothers, Mother Thompson and the Women's Christian Temperance Movement, and the local history associated with the Underground Railroad. The Society also rebuilt the basement stairs, remodeled the kitchen/office, and updated the bathroom fixtures in the museum.

Scott House renovations included: 1.) complete repair, replacement, and painting of all of the outside trim on house, 2.) New heating and air units, 3.) New roof on mansion and out building, 4.) All new office lighting, 5.) Newly renovated kitchenette to support meetings and events, 6.) Renovated third floor for future uses, and 7.) Renovated Cupola on roof. One last item will be the repair, sealing and lining of the parking areas at the Scott House and *(continued on page 8)* the Museum.

The museum will be open for the season on May 5, and one area in progress is a redesign of the second floor hallway which will focus on local entertainment featuring elements rescued from the recently razed Chakeres Colony Theater in Hillsboro including one of the restored murals everyone remembers from the side walls of the theater. Other elements will include displays on local entertainers such as: 1.) Milton Caniff (Steve Canyon and Terry and the Pirates cartoonist), 2.) Joe Rockhold (Uncle Orrie), 3.) Al and Wanda Lewis (Uncle Al and Wendy), 4.) Magicians Steve Faris and Howard Smith, and 5.) Johnny Paycheck.

*John Kellis*

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