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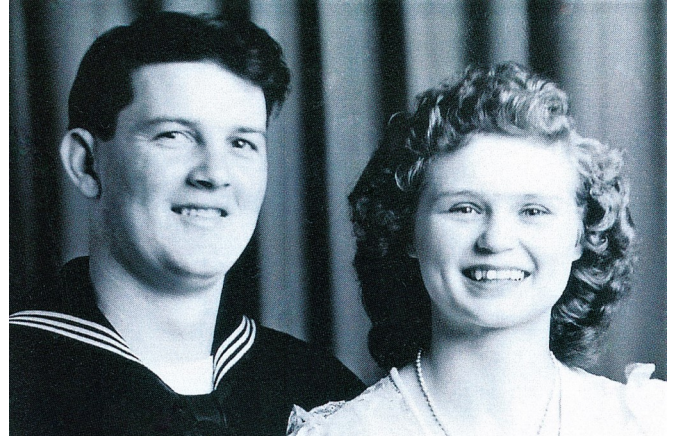
In the late 1800s, some of the finest buggies came from Charles R. Patterson's company right here in Highland County. Few will not recognize the importance of C. R. Patterson to Highland County

and, specifically, to Greenfield. According to Greenfield Historical Society, Charles Richard Patterson was born a free person of color, although other sources cite him as born into slavery. According to the generally accepted story, in 1861, just prior to the start of the Civil War, Patterson came from his native Virginia by way of the Allegheny Mountains, passing through the slave state of West Virginia, after which he crossed the Ohio River to the relatively safe free state of Ohio.

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Once safely in Ohio, he traded his services as a blacksmith and wagon repairman in exchange for room and board and by 1862 had arrived in Greenfield where he found plenty of work awaiting him. At that time Greenfield was (to page 5)

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Wedding Day—May 25, 1946

Bob was about to go off to serve his country. They decided to get married before he might be sent to who-knows-where! So they did and that's how we have Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hodson about to celebrate their 75th Wedding Anniversary. By the way, Bob was sent all the way to Cleveland to serve in the US Navy.

Bob is the lone surviving founder of HCHS and both he and Dorothy have served countless hours in service to the group. Many of those, in the mid-1960s, were spent with Dorothy on a ladder cleaning, removing old wallpaper and painting to name but a few! Would you like to send an anniversary card to the Hodsons? Here is the address:

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Highland House is open! Following the schedule of the past few years, the museum will be open every Friday and Saturday 1:00-4:00 pm. If you would like a group tour, please call 393-3392 and leave your name and number and I will return your call.

The Museum was closed for the winter but opened for the St. Patrick's Day Brunch in March and the Children's Tea and Appraisal Day in April. We opened on May 1, hosted the HUBA sponsored event, Chocolate Walk on May 7 and will hold a Yard Sale on May 29.

New windows will be installed on the east side of the building sometime in June, so watch social media for closing dates. Windows in the back and on the west side were replaced several years ago. Thirteen windows were purchased in December before a price increase and stored at the Scott House until they could be installed. Thanks to John Kellis for

launching a Window Project drive to raise funds for installation. We sincerely appreciate all the generous donors who contributed to this project. The need has been met with some monies left for the final stage of new windows for the front. We learned in the past 10 days that we are receiving a grant from the South Central Power Foundation to purchase windows for the front. Hopefully, the window project can be concluded this summer and fall. The windows will make a tremendous difference in the exterior of the building and make it more energy efficient. Thanks to John Kellis for writing the proposal and Lynn Neal for her support of the South Central Power Foundation Board.

The Pioneer Day Committee has met and is developing plans for the Scott House event on August 14. The board decided as the event is held outside and no large crowds of people are in one place at a time, that it would be safe to hold the event that focuses on life in the 1800s. Community booths and other attractions will relate the history of Highland County. This is a great family event, so don't miss it. Watch social media and the newspapers for more details.

September will be busy with the Log Cabin Cookout and the popular Ghost Walk. Jen-  
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## WHO AM I?



If you guessed **SUE HONEYCUTT** for last issue's mystery child, you were correct!

This issue,

Who is this ?

*(Answer next issue.)*



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tees. Requirements are a love of local history and a desire to serve. Members for both boards are nominated and voted upon at the annual meeting in October. If you have an interest in serving, or would like more information, just talk to Director Vicki Knauff or a board member.

## 2nd Annual Bazaar!

### SECOND ANNUAL BAZAAR & YARD SALE

Saturday May 29, 2021 from 8:00 am-3:00 pm

We are in need of good, clean, household items, furniture, home decor, outside items, antiques and collectibles. NO CLOTHES or SHOES please. These items will be offered at inside



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## HALL of FAME

HCHS will hold an induction ceremony for the 2020/2021 recipients of the Highland County Hall of Fame on Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 2:00 at the Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro, followed by a reception at Highland House. The event for 2020 had to be cancelled due to the pandemic so we are moving forward this year by inducting the 2020 recipients. They are: Ed Bousman (1918-2011), radio and television evangelist; Benton Raymond "BR" Duckworth (1890-1996), educator; Harriet Amelia (Hack) Fenner (1936-2019), Highland County Commissioner; and Wenona Marlin (1871-1945), journalist and suffragette. The public is cordially invited.

## GREENFIELD COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Roughly bounded by Jefferson, Washington and Mirabeau Streets, the Greenfield Commercial Historic District has been placed on the **National Register of Historic Places** for its local architectural significance and association with the history of commerce from 1854 to 1967. This time period covers the arrival of the railroad and the downtown's early growth into a self-sustaining commercial center. (Echoes Magazine, May & June, 2021)



**BOARD OF EXAMINERS TEACHER TEST**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL EXAMINERS.**

EXAMINATION QUESTIONS, OCT. 16, 1880.

**ARITHMETIC.**

- Three men, in 4 days of 8 hours each, build 80 rods. How many rods will 7 men build in 5 days of 6 hours each?  
Ans. 175 rods.
- If an acre produce 28 bu., 2 pk., 4 qt., how much will 5 acres, 1 rood, 24 sq. rd. produce? Ans. 154 bu., 2 pk., 2.4 qt.
- An \$1800 note, dated Feb. 3d, payable in 5 mos., and drawing 6 per cent. interest, is discounted in bank at 7 per cent., May 22. Find proceeds. Ans. \$1829.75.
- Constantinople is 28° 49' east; St. Paul, 93° 5' west; when it is 3 A. M. at Constantinople, what is the time at St. Paul?  
Ans. 7 hr., 4 min., 24 sec. P. M., the day before.
- John arranged his blocks in the form of a square, and found he had 10 remaining. He increased each side by two blocks and found he wanted 10 to complete the square. How many blocks had he?  
Ans. 26.
- I received a 6 per cent. dividend on my R. R. stock, and invested it in same stocks at 75 per cent. My stock was then increased to \$16,200. Find my dividend.  
Ans. \$900.
- A owes \$684, due Aug. 12; \$468, due Oct. 15. If he pay \$839 Aug. 1, when should he pay the balance?  
Ans. Dec. 15.
- How much wine at \$1.75 a gal., must be added to 60 gal., worth \$1.14 a gal., and 30 gal., worth \$1.26 a gal., so that the mixture may be worth \$1.57 a gallon?  
Ans. 195 gal.
- Find the present worth of a debt whose true discount for 4 yr. is \$200 more at 8 per cent. than at 6 per cent.  
Ans. \$5800 and \$5600.
- A pile of bricks in the form of a parallelepipedon, contains 829,440 bricks, each occupying 1-27 cu. ft. of space, and the length, breadth and height of the pile are as 5, 4 and 3. Find the shortest distance from either corner to the center of the opposite side.  
Ans. 396 ft.

*It's 1880 and you've decided to take the examination to be a teacher. We're giving you the questions, so you can study ahead of time. Now, get to work...the exam takes place on October 16! - Oh, and remember to show your work on the math problems...and NO CHEATING!*

**GRAMMAR.**

- What is case, and how many cases are there?
- Write a complex sentence; abridge its subordinate clause, and tell how you did it.
- Write three sentences; the first containing a participle used as a noun, the second an infinitive used as a predicate of an abridged proposition, and the third containing "that" used as a relative.
- Correct the following sentences, if they need it, and give the reason for each correction:  
(a) Who do you suppose it to be?  
(b) Were John and Abel's occupation the same?  
(c) The basket sets on the bench, and the work lays near it.
- Write the possessive case plural of the following: I, who, he, woman, child, ox, turkey, baby, leaf, toy.
- Give examples of the common, progressive, emphatic and passive form of the verb "excel."
- Analyze "He is out of employment."
- State three points of difference between the relative and personal pronoun.
- Write a criticism on the above questions of not less than ten lines.
- Diagram the analysis of the following sentence:  
"Say, Goddess, what ensued when Raphael, The affable Archangel, had forewarned Adam, by dire example, to beware Apostacy, by what befell in heaven."  
Parse the words in italics.

**GEOGRAPHY.**

- How would you teach a child the shape of the Earth?
- Why do we say that 15 degrees of longitude are equal to one hour of time?
- Give the area and political divisions of British America, and tell what parts of it are settled by whites.
- Through what countries of South America does the meridian of Washington pass?
- What is the relative size of France, compared with that of Texas?
- Where are Lyons, Lynn, Sheffield, and Birmingham, and for what is each noted?
- Bound Iowa, and give its area, population, chief rivers, and capital.
- Locate The Wash, Zuyder Zee, Ben Nevis and Nyanza, and tell what each is.
- Locate and name the most important ocean currents.
- What country produces the most wheat, the most cotton, the most sugar, the most rice, and the most coffee?

**ORTHOGRAPHY.**

Juiciness, Lacerate, Duteous, Easel, Exhilarate, Receptacle, Gregarious, Liturgy, Eachant, Chesapeake.

**DIRECTOR (continued)**

nifer Jenkins is coordinating the Home Tour which will be held in late August or September.

All the activities I have outlined require many volunteers working together to plan and carry out successful events. If you are interested in helping with any of the activities or would like to spend a few hours a month at the Highland House, please let me know.

**SOGS, Our Sister Organization**

The Historical Society's main focus is on the history of the county while the Southern Ohio Genealogical Society (SOGS) holds the records of families of Highland County. The

SOGS library is open on Fridays from 12:00-4:00 pm but an appointment is needed by texting 937-403-6200. Leave your name and number and the research librarian will return your call.

As the Historical Society does not have a research assistant, we have in our files only what is given to us. We need histories of homes, businesses, events, religious organizations, civic clubs, patriotic groups and villages. Carolyn Hastings has worked tirelessly in organizing files and Jim Rooney organizes old newspapers at the Scott House reading room. We are working now with a gentleman from Colorado who is writing a book on William O. Collins and another guy from Nebraska who is researching the Underground Railroad in Highland County, particularly White Oak Township.

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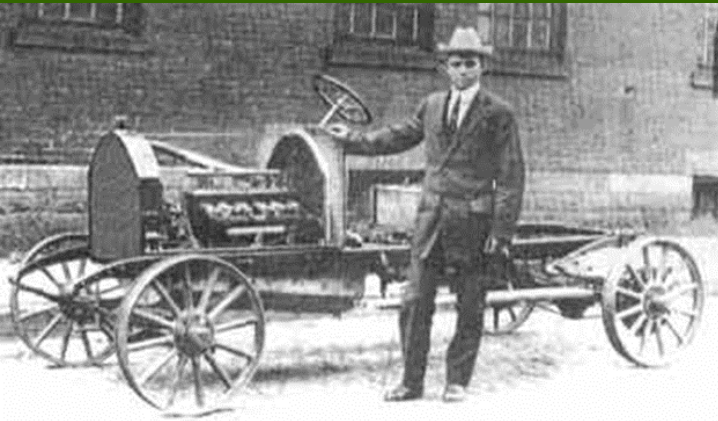
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## ONLY ONE! (continued)



a well-known way-station along the route typically followed by escaped southern slaves traveling to Columbus, Ohio, a popular end-point of the pre-Civil War Underground Railroad.

Patterson was subsequently hired as a blacksmith by Dines & Simpson, Greenfield's best-known wagon and coach builder, and was eventually promoted to the position of foreman of the firm's small manufactory.

Around 1865, Patterson married Josephine Utz (aka Outz), an attractive Mulatto woman of German descent, and in 1866 their blessed union bore a daughter named Mary. In 1871 a son, Frederick Douglas, joined the family closely followed by another daughter Dorothea (Dollie), in 1873; a second son, Samuel C. in 1875; and a third daughter, Kate in 1879.

The work achieved as a Black-owned carriage, automobile and bus manufacturer is known far beyond our county's borders. What is not readily known, however, is the importance C. R. placed on education, and how his son, Frederick, became an outstanding student and boundary breaker in his own right.

Before Greenfield schools were integrated, Fred-

erick had attempted to gain admission to the white school on 6 September 1886 and on every day following, only to be refused by then superintendent, William G. Moler. By 30 September, a case was filed on behalf of Fred, then 16 years of age. Among other things, the suit claimed that Fred was three-fourths white and only one-fourth Negro; that the Negro blood was scarcely visible; that the Board of Education provided elementary and grammar schools for the Negro students, separate from the white school, but only operated one high school. His promotion card said that he was "Promoted to the B Grade High School Grade" and should, therefore, be admitted to the one and only high school.

As courts normally do, suits, hearings and the like, took up months until by April, 1887, Judge Huggins ruled that the Board immediately admit Fred and that the defendants were to pay court costs. His ruling came barely a month after the Ohio Legislature repealed separate school rulings and allowed mixed schooling.

Frederick Douglas Patterson did become the first African-American to

graduate from the Greenfield school, following which, he attended Ohio State University and became the first African-American to be a member of the football team in 1891. In addition, he was elected as president of his Ohio State class.

He taught high school in Louisville, Kentucky for 4 ½ years, returning to Greenfield to run the Patterson Company following his father's death in 1910.

Fred was once asked why the company entered the car manufacturing business and replied:

*"In 1902, there was one car to 65,000 people and by 1909 there was one vehicle for every 800 people and with those kinds of figures ... I believe it's time for us to build a Patterson horseless carriage"*

They began making plans in 1914 and the first car was completed on 23 Sep 1915 and priced at \$850. (near \$22300 in

2021 dollars) Advertising often included the statement: *"You are cordially invited to visit our factory. Glad to have you, Glad to show you how good we make this Patterson-Greenfield Automobile. It will pay you to come and look around."*

The Patterson Company lacked the financial ability for large scale expansion and there is a wide estimate of the number of vehicles built from 30 to 150. These were primarily sold to local or regional customers. They continued use of the Patterson-Greenfield name on their (continued on back page)



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## DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW ... OOPS, THE HISTORY



horse. Portland cutter is a light sleigh with a single seat, square body and curved dash with the upward sweep of the runners. The sleigh appears to have been painted with blue milk paint, a water-based paint made most often from milk, lime, and natural pigment. The manufacturer of this sleigh is unknown.

It is fun to imagine the Campbell family using the sleigh so many years ago. Having it today gives us a glimpse into life in Hansborough and its rich history.

*Kati Burwinkel*

### GOV. TRIMBLE

As a lover of history, I can become addicted to working on Ancestry.com or researching local history. Many a time household chores have been put on hold because I can't break away from my laptop where I am finding historical treasures. Recently John Glaze, Myra Philips, and I wrapped up a soon-to-be published book on Black history of Highland County. The three of us thoroughly enjoyed researching this subject, often finding ourselves "off in the weeds" on a tangent we had just discovered.

One of our most interesting diversions was our efforts in finding out about the Hansborough Settlement in Liberty Township. This story was told in the Fall Issue of the historical society newsletter. There are a number of Highland County residents who are descendants of folks who lived in this settlement. We know the names of the families who lived there through census rec-

ords and family research. Many were successful farmers.

One such family was the Paul H. Campbell family. Born in 1825, Mr. Campbell lived on Wright Road and was part of the Hansborough Settlement. He and his wife, Mary, owned 130 acres in 1871. They had seven children, including son, Paul S., born in 1880. Eventually Hansborough all but disappeared as residents most likely moved closer to Hillsboro. The logs from the Clear Creek School were sold in 1928. Those log buildings left behind fell into disrepair.

Hillsboro teacher and principal, Wesley Roush, knew the Campbells. They visited at the homestead and after it fell into disrepair and Paul S. was going to move to Columbus, Wesley offered to purchase some items including a horse drawn sleigh.

Built around 1830, the sleigh was put in a barn where it sat for many years.

Eventually the sleigh ended up in the Roush barn on U.S. 50 at the home of Judy and the late Ken Roush. Judy remembers it as always having been there. Kept safe from weather and UV damage, the sleigh is in amazing condition.

In the early 1800's, the sleigh was the most common winter vehicle in areas with snow. According to the website, *Heroes, Heroines, & History*, sleighs were built to be sensible, practical, and made to haul families with kids or business goods. They were usually pulled by a single

Banners of 120 veterans have been hung in the historic district of Hillsboro. The banner project was started four years ago and has sold out every year. Ten veteran-related organizations are the sponsors. This year, the Historical Society honors Colonel Allen Trimble who served two different terms as governor. He was a veteran of the War of 1812 and the father of Eliza Jane "Mother" Trimble Thompson. His banner is located at the corner of East Main and South East at Highland House.

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## Jacob Lucas' Diary *(continued from last issue)*

W. H. Martin and myself were the only members of the 89th O.V.I. left in Smith's building, James Scott having made his escape a few days before I was taken to Castle Thunder to be punished for the little pastime I had indulged in with his Highness, the Adjutant. All the rest of our Regiment were left on Belle Isle when we were taken from there to the city, but they soon followed as I afterward learned, and were put in other buildings.

My friend Martin and myself on first coming to Smith's building had written home to our parents, who were neighbors, to send us something to eat if they did not want their boys to die of hunger, hence the source of the box of edibles. For some weeks before the incident I have just related happened, Scott, Martin and myself had been planning, watching and waiting an opportunity to make our escape, and with that object in view, I had traded with our guard, gave him my blue blouse for his gray jacket. Scott succeeded in getting a pair of gray pants, but neither of us were successful in adding anything more to our wardrobes in the way of grey. Finally I discovered a way by which a man might possibly escape without being detected, so I told Scott if he would let me have his gray pants, I could make my escape, for I had discovered a way by which I could do it, but he was just as anxious to get away as I was and proposed to cast lots with me for the suit if I would reveal to him the plan. If he

was successful, we cast lots and the suit fell to him, and he made good his escape out of Smith's building and finally reached Federal lines. I believe I have said before that we received rations once each day and when ready to issue them to us, a sergeant with half dozen guards would come in the building and take as many prisoners out to the cook-house to carry the rations into the prison building, and usually the guard would be accompanied by three or four Rebel soldiers, not on duty, unarmed and out of ranks, but would come in and pass out with the guard. Scott passed out as one of them and was not molested.

While the contents of our box lasted we got along pretty well, but it did not last always, and the intensity of our hunger after all was eaten, I cannot tell and then we were thinly clad; the glass all broken out of the windows and the nights were so cold that we were compelled to walk the floor back and forth to keep from freezing to death. Our experience so far was only a foretaste of what we were to suffer and endure in the long weeks and months in other and far worse places. On the morning of the 9th day of December, 1863, we were marched out of Smith's building and to the Richmond and Danville Railroad where we were formed in line along side of the track and after standing there in the cold for about an hour and a half, we were crowded into box cars, seventy men in each car, which necessitated our standing on our feet the entire day for we were

jammed in so close that we could scarcely breathe. The train arrived at Danville, Virginia, at about six o'clock P.M. where we were taken off of the train and again put into a building. The building used in Danville for the detention of Federal soldiers as Prisoners of War, was designated by numbers. The one into which my friend Martin and myself were placed was number five (5). It was quite a large brick building with three floors or three stories high, and like Smith's building in Richmond, had been used as a tobacco factory, and like Smith's building also in that there were no glass in the windows. After our squad went into the building Number Five, it contained in all five thousand Federal Prisoners of War. At one end of the building was a small wooden structure two stories high; the first or ground floor of which was filled with tobacco presses and appliances and had the door bolted and nailed fast. I, with seventeen others, including my friend Martin, succeeded in getting into the upper

room which was about eighteen or twenty feet square. We were pretty thick in there but it was far better than out in the main building where there were so many that would not try to keep themselves from filth and vermin. In our room cleanliness was made a requisite to a berth. About the time we got to Danville, or soon after, the small-pox broke out among the prisoners and hundreds fell a prey to the terrible disease. At one time I think at least one-half of all the prisoners confined in prison Number 5, were subjects of small-pox and the rest of the prison's buildings fared no better—very many of the cases proved fatal. We suffered here as at Richmond, with cold, there *(continued next page)*



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### 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.”

### ONLY ONE! (conclusion)

buses and commercial vehicles until 1921.

Frederick passed on January 18, 1932. His obituary as mentioned in the OSU Alumni magazine (Vol 23, No 6): “Fred D. Patterson, w’93, head of the Greenfield Ohio Bus Body Company, and one of the most widely known leaders of the colored race in southern Ohio died at his home in Greenfield, January 18. He was 61 years of age.”

As with any interesting story, there is, of course, much more to be learned. Greenfield Historical Society has one of Patterson’s Mail Delivery bug-

gies on display. In the Highland House Museum Shop, you can purchase a copy of The C. R. Patterson and Sons Company by Christopher Nelson. There are numerous videos available online regarding the company and the cars. If you “Google” the name or go to YouTube and enter the name, you will find plenty to watch. Just beware that there was another Patterson Car, but notice there is only one “t” in the name. Most of all, enjoy learning about the Patterson-Greenfield Car!

(Thanks to Greenfield Historical Society!)



### Lucas’ Diary (continued from pg 7)

being no glass in the windows there was nothing to prevent the cold and chilling winds from howling through the place and many long and weary nights have I spent in walking the floor back and forth to keep from freezing. My friend Martin soon became so weak from diarrhea brought on by the quality of the rations that were given us, that he was unable to attend roll call. When he was carried to the so-called hospital, contrary to his wishes and my remonstrance, but all that we could say or do, amounted to nothing for they seemed to take pleasure in separating comrades that showed a disposition to remain together. When we would beg them to take a man to the hospital they would not do it, but if we would intercede for one to be left with us they would take him in spite of all our en-

treaties. I pled with them to allow me to accompany my friend to the hospital, that I might nurse him as best I could, for I felt that I owed my life to him, as he had been so kind and considerate and tenderly nursed me back to life when I had been brought so near to death back at Old Castle Thunder in Richmond, but I was positively and emphatically denied this consolation.

When we received the box of edibles while we were yet at Richmond, we acknowledge receipt of it by requesting another one to be sent to us, and about two weeks after my friend was taken to the hospital, the second box arrived, addressed to Martin and myself, and in order to get it, I had to get a comrade to assume the name “Martin”. I will tell why.

(continued next issue!)