

Museum Muses

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A Word from Acting President

By Mike Rector

October is here already! What happened to summer? I am sorry I missed the cookout. I had a surprise visit from my grandson. I trust those in attendance enjoyed themselves.

The historical society is gearing up for the busy season and if you stop by soon, you can see the addition of a handicap ramp to the back entrance. Margaret has worked very hard contacting contractors and consulting with board members on completing this project. When you see her please thank her for her perseverance.

I hope to have more free time to spend at the historical society this fall. Take care and Happy Halloween.



Mike Rector
 Acting President



Welcome to our newest members!

Aaron Ballian

Bob Lambert

Darrell Larkin

M/M Orville Newman

Linda Bowman



MUSEUM INFORMATION

In the Music Room of Highland House Museum facing East Main Street sits a Stoddard piano made in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1856. It was purchased by Dr. Charles Leighton, a physician in Sinking Spring. Dr. Leighton was an accomplished musician who mastered the piano as well as the violin.

Dr. Charles O. Leighton was born June 9, 1823 in the small New England town of Eliot, Maine. Eliot is located in the extreme southern part of the state near the New Hampshire border. He was one of five children, along with brother William and sisters Marian, Catherine and Sarah.

His desire to become a doctor prompted him to leave his native Maine and enroll in Pennsylvania Medical College located in Philadelphia, where he received his degree to practice medicine and surgery on March 8, 1848.

What prompted him to settle in the village of Sinking Spring is unknown. Whatever his reason, he was the leading practitioner in the community of Sinking Spring for 55 years.

For several years after he arrived in the village he resided in the old log hotel operated by Elizabeth and Benjamin Grace. In 1872 he purchased the two story brick house erected in 1825 by William and Anna (Morrison) Williams in the northern end of the village. This house is no longer standing. At the time of his death, he not only owned the two story brick house but also 60 acres of land in Highland County and 200 acres in Pike County.

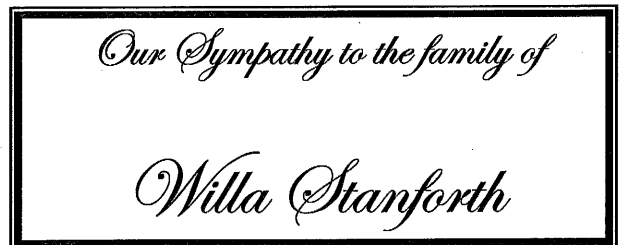
His practice made him a wealthy man. He was active in the affairs of the village and served on the town council. Dr. Leighton lived in peace and harmony with his music and his books as he possessed a large library and enjoyed reading. Dr. Leighton never

married. One historian stated that the "worthy doctor probably takes his diploma as a certificate of marriage to his profession, and thinks that any subsequent marriage would be a species of bigamy."

Dr. Leighton died on Sunday, December 14, 1902 at the age of 79 years. He was laid to rest in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Sinking Spring. At the time of his death, his nephew, John Hill, son of his sister Marian Hill, was the governor of Maine.

Following the death of Dr. Leighton, the piano was sold at auction to Martha (McClure) Argo and after her death and at auction, was sold to Gordon and Eva (McCoppin) McClure. At their deaths, the piano descended to their daughter Martha Louis (McClure) Williamson and was given to Highland House Museum by her and her husband, Red.

Jean Wallis, Historian



Membership

Be sure you check out the list of new members! We are growing, and we want to continue to grow. Do you have a friend who is interested in local history who might want to join? Bring him or her to a meeting. We'll either scare them away or they'll want to join!

And have you renewed your membership? If not, please send in your check today!

Single \$10.00
Family \$15.00
Sustaining \$25.00

Thanks!
Frieda Redkey

Notes from the DIRECTOR'S DESK

By Margaret Van Frank

When the leaves started to fall we knew what was just around the corner. First, the Log House Cookout was a great success ably handled by volunteers. We again have Ron Gilliland in our midst and he was a tremendous help. However, the weather did not cooperate so the "cookout" was held indoors. Our thanks to Anne Rhude, Pauline Cameron, Frieda Redkey, Jean Wallis, Jeanne Wilkerson, Caroyl Reid and Jan Houston for contributing to the repast. Next, after many months of research, a handicap ramp and qualified builder for installation have been selected. We have been told it will be in place for the holidays.

Now, on to Christmas! We are delighted that eight (8) Highland County Women's Clubs will be decorating rooms in Highland House Museum this year. The Casper Collins house was chosen to be this year's "Home Town" building and should be available when the Museum re-opens on **November 13th from 1-5 P.M.** As previously announced, our gift shop will include local juried consignments. The committee is chaired by Sharon Huffman with Arlene Huffman and Jeanne Wilkerson assisting. They continue to welcome more consignments. Anyone interested in participating please call Sharon (937-466-2535) or the Museum (937-393-3392).

Last but certainly not least-the Society will again host the **Christmas Children's Tea Party** in December. Particulars will be announced later when the entertainment is definite.

We do hope all of our readers will join us on November 13 and also will select their Christmas presents to all on their lists.

Margaret

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PROGRAMME

MUSIC.....Introduction to Lucretia Borgia..... Orchestra

MADAME JARLEY'S OPENING ADDRESS.

THE HISTORICAL CHAMBER.

1. The Chinese Giant <i>Chang</i>	7. The Contraband <i>Colored</i>
2. The Two-headed Girl <i>White</i>	8. Pochahontas <i>Mary Hammon</i>
3. The Siamese Twins <i>White</i>	9. Washington <i>Mary Hammon</i>
4. The Boy on the Burning Dock <i>White</i>	10. Byron and Childe Harold <i>White</i>
5. The Welsh Dwarf <i>White</i>	11. Damon and Pythias <i>White</i>
6. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spratt <i>White</i>	12. Wandering Jew <i>White</i>
	13. Mrs. Squeers and the Boys <i>White</i>

MUSIC.....Pot Pouri, from Il Trovatore..... Orchestra

The Chamber of Beauty.

1. The Mermaid <i>White</i>	7. Cornelia and her Jewels <i>White</i>
2. Signorina Squallina <i>White</i>	8. Maud Muller <i>White</i>
3. Little Bo Peep <i>White</i>	9. Ophelia <i>White</i>
4. Red Ridinghood <i>White</i>	10. Marguerite <i>White</i>
5. Fair One with Golden Locks <i>White</i>	11. Isabella <i>White</i>
6. Byron and Maid of Athens <i>White</i>	12. Lear and Cordelia <i>White</i>

MUSIC.....Selections from Robert le Diable..... Orchestra

The Chamber of Horrors.

1. Unfortunate Maid of Honor <i>White</i>	7. Babes in the Wood <i>White</i>
2. The Maniac <i>White</i>	8. Old Lady Died Dancing <i>White</i>
3. Othello and Desdemona <i>White</i>	9. The Cannibal <i>White</i>
4. The Giggler <i>White</i>	10. Lady Macbeth <i>White</i>
5. Blue Beard <i>White</i>	11. Mrs. Winslow <i>White</i>
6. Maiden Pursued by Savages <i>White</i>	12. Little Boy Blue <i>White</i>

MUSIC....."Brightest Eyes" selection from Lucia..... Orchestra

The Antique Chamber.

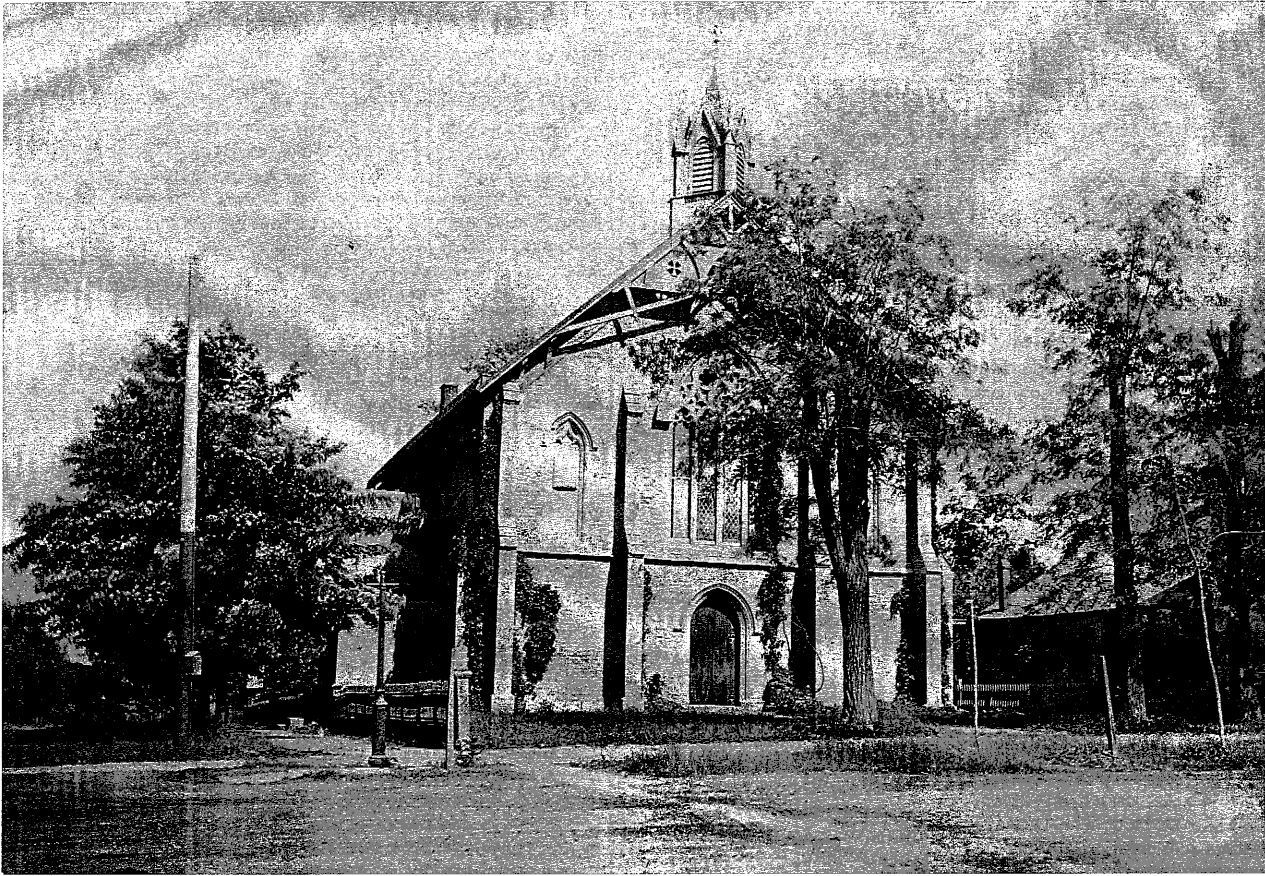
1. Jupiter <i>White</i>	5. Bacchus <i>White</i>
2. Juno <i>White</i>	6. Mars <i>White</i>
3. Apollo <i>White</i>	7. Hebe <i>White</i>
4. Minerva <i>White</i>	8. Cupid <i>White</i>

DOORS OPEN AT 6 1-2 O'CLOCK..... COMMENCE AT 7 1-2.

Admission, 50 Cts. Children, 25 Cts.

Tickets for sale at the Drug and Book Stores.

Interesting item found in Highland House Library—
one of our most valuable and undiscovered resources!



This interesting old photo of St. Mary's Episcopal Church was taken in 1900. There are many differences between this building and the area in 1900 and today.
Photo courtesy of Jean Wallis.

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