

Highland House News

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What's New:

Many items belonging to Barbara Tucker Lamb donated by Jane Tucker.

Richard D. Flinn's collection of genealogy records donated by Deanna Flinn.

Black velvet cape—donated by Maryann Witt Mitchell

Milton Caniff & Steve Canyon book donated by Jean Wallis.

McBride's records from the Recorder's Office donated by Jean Wallis.



Annual Log Cabin Cookout

October 26, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend....we're voting on amending the by-laws.

Make your reservations today by returning the registration form to Margaret Van-Frank!

Donations gratefully accepted

A Message from President

Jean Wallis:

After a busy summer we look forward to the fall season and the holiday's ahead. We have had some very good programs this year.

In September three persons were inducted into the Hall of Fame. They were Willa Stanforth, Charles Harsha and myself.

The October meeting is our annual Log Cabin dinner. Judge Richard L. Davis retired, will be presenting the program. It is entitled "Hats". You won't want to miss this presentation...it's full of laughs!

We will also be voting on the new amendments to the by-laws of the Highland County Historical Society.

This meeting is very important to all of us so please plan to attend.

Remember to visit our gift shop during the holiday season.

Membership

Membership fees will be due January 1, 2007. Due to a change in the bylaws a six month extension is being given to all members.

Paid membership stands at 262.



New Members:

Please welcome Alice D. Teeters, Melvin Staley, and Betty Tinney as new members of the Highland County Historical Society.



We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of Kathleen Lucas, Lisa Kisling, George Roush, N.T. Thompson, and Wm. Hamilton.

Highland House Museum



Gift Shop

Open November 10 at 1 p.m. and every weekend thru December 21.

Hours: Friday 1-5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday—1-4 p.m.

Entire museum features holiday décor, courtesy of area clubs. A meeting room is also available for parties by calling 393-3392. Shop with us!!!

Director's Report:

The "new" library has been quite a challenge but is very close to being able to be presented to the membership and general public. Hopefully we will be able to showcase it during the Log House Cookout in October. (Please remember to send in your reservation form attached to this newsletter).

Deanna Flinn has given a very generous donation to the library. It is Dick Flinn's Genealogy Records collection. This addition will help build our research section. Many, many thanks for your thoughtfulness, Dee!

Christmas plans and preparations have begun and we have a group working on this year's house which is part of the Home Town Village. It is Martin Buck's house (the one directly across the street from the museum). Have you called to reserve your numbered house or to put your name on the list for one of these. It's a must for your collection! Remember....there are only a limited number of 100 of these house being made. This project aids in continuous restoration of the Museum.....so please help us by doing your part!

The holidays are quickly approaching—Our Open House will be Friday, November 10th from 1-5 p.m. You will have an opportunity to view the antique library table and bookshelves that once graced the old library over the fire department in the late 1800's.

Hope to see you at the both the cookout and the open house!

Margaret VanFrank

The Old Temperance House Take III: Trimming the Fat

By Catie Schafer

The Governor's House has finally received the emergency surgery it has desperately longed for. By this, I am referring to the removal of the one-bedroom rear apartment. The moment those awful deteriorating back walls were removed was a very happy one for my husband and I. The old original shape of the home is re-emerging from its long slumber in the realm of apartment rental-land. This summer has proven itself to be a very eventful season for the old homestead. It has received air-conditioning, a new kitchen, and a section of the south side of the home has been completed. Parts of the home could even be called 'habitable'. Our plan is still to wait until after this next holiday season before we move our family over to the home, but seeing parts of the home restored makes us all very anxious to take the house over and to give it life again.

I found at an antique warehouse mall an old, large framed picture of Frances E. Willard and purchased it. I plan to place it in the entryway next to a picture of Mother Thompson. I feel it would be righteous and eloquent for the two temperance friends and colleagues to be reunited in this home where they spent so much time planning anti-drinking conventions and praying for their shared cause. Ms. Willard was considered the leader of the temperance movement with Mother Thompson leading the movement in the Ohio regions. Under a statue of Willard donated by the state of Illinois and standing in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall, an inscription reads,

"She knew the power of banded ill,
But felt that love was stronger still,
And organized for doing good,
The world's united womanhood."

Mother Thompson was quoted as saying that their friendship was a, "golden chain of love and sympathy which never had a broken link." (Gordon, The Beautiful Life of Francis E. Willard) Therefore, it seems a deserved show of respect to place their two portraits side-by-side in the home they both loved and in celebration of a friendship between two very strong and unwavering women.

In 1887 both Thompson and Willard attended a dedication ceremony for the new Women's Temperance Union House in Manistee, Michigan. The ceremony opened with one hundred students from the Free Kindergarten and Temperance School of Michigan singing a dedication song written by Mrs. SMI Henry. The song does a great job of summarizing the feelings of the women in the audience as is as follows:

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Continued:

By Catie Schafer

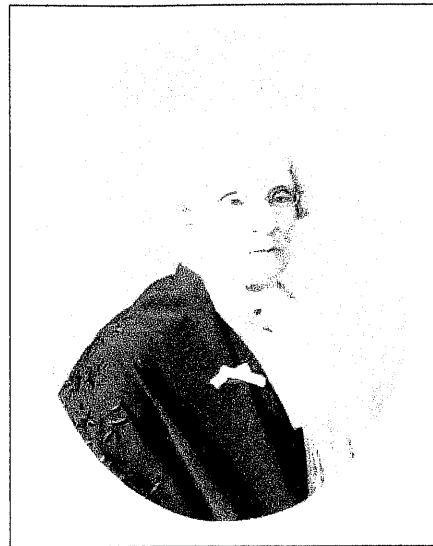
Brick and stone and timber fair,
Rise, temple, rise;
Upward through the sunny air
Rise, temple, rise

Walls so grand and doors so wide,
Rise, temple, rise
We are coming side by side,
Rise, temple, rise

Little eyes have watched you grow,
Rise, temple, rise
You were built for us you know,
Rise, temple, rise

You were built for temperance, too,
Rise, temple, rise
All things good and pure and true,
Rise, temple, rise

It also seems like the perfect theme song for our next year restoration work on the Governor's Home. We hired two young carpenter apprentices to assist my husband Marshall this summer in doing a lot of the dirty, thankless demolition work. They tried with great enthusiasm and expectation all summer to find the old Rembrandt painting I mentioned I the previous newsletter as belonging to the Thompson family. They had high hopes of finding it hidden in a wall or under the south porch they tore apart. Unfortunately, it seems that the Thompson family took all of their treasures with them except for a few fallen antique medicine bottles which were uncovered in the crawlspace. I guess our treasures can only be found in preserving the memories and the four walls of this "grand temple", as we toil to watch it once again, "rise, temple, rise."



Photos of Frances Willard and Eliza Jane Thompson

The eddy of temperance crusades began in Hillsboro, Ohio, December 23, 1873. Mrs. Eliza Jane Thompson, by common consent of her sisters in the united churches of the village, was chosen to lead the first band on its first visit to a saloon. She was a gentle mannered lady of sixty years, who was prominent in charitable work.

Reservation Form must be returned by October 23, 2006

Log Cabin Cookout
October 26, 2006, 6:00 p.m.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ -

Number Attending: _____

Mail to:

Highland House Museum
151 East Main Street
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133 or drop in the mail slot at the
museum.

Donations gratefully accepted.

We will be serving food cooked over an open hearth by members of the Society. Proceeds benefit the Highland House Museum Restoration Fund.



Highland County Trivia

This broadside announces a baseball game between the Hillsboro and Cincinnati teams, circa 1900. The game of baseball began in New York City in the 1840's and 1850's. During the Civil War, Union soldiers introduced the game to other soldiers from remote regions of the country. When the war ended, baseball clubs spread across the United States. The National League of Professional Baseball formed in 1876 to formalize professional baseball, but amateur baseball remained popular. By the end of the nineteenth century, many small towns in Ohio had formed their own baseball teams. The original poster is 8" x 13". It is housed at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus, Ohio.

The Christmas Holidays are rapidly approaching. Our elves have been busy stocking the gift shop at the museum with many wonderful items. Plan to stop by soon.....you're sure to find that perfect gift for your special someone.

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