

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
THE HIGHLAND HOUSE
HILLSBORO, OHIO
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Change of January Meeting Date: The Highland County Historical Society will meet Thursday, January 29, at 8 p. m. at the Highland House - - Please note this change from our regular fourth Thursday meeting date.

Ernie Williamson, Society Trustee and antique car buff, will present a slide program on antique automobiles, with members of the Highland County Antique Auto Club as our guests. You are invited to bring to this meeting any interesting pictures of old cars, for our bulletin board, or artifacts you may wish displayed as part of the program.

Please also remember it is your privilege to bring along any friend who might be interesting in joining our Historical Society. You and your friends are assured of a very interesting program and we hope the weather will permit an excellent turn-out.

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CHAIRS ARE NEEDED for our meeting room in The Highland House. If you would like to pledge the purchase of a chair - - or chairs - - your purchase may be an outright gift to the Society, or in memory of a loved one. The donor's name will be placed on each chair. About 50 chairs are needed. The exact price of the chairs has not been announced by Bob Yacubian, Museum Curator, but each chair is expected to cost between \$8.00 and \$10.00.

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AT LAST our Highland House Museum meets the requirements of the State Building Code for a public building in Ohio. Mr. Hodson, president of the Society, reports: Your Society has successfully completed all remodeling required by the building inspectors - - a special fire-resistant wall has been built around the gas furnace - - "Exit" signs, safety hand-rails, front step lighting, and fire extinguishers provided according to law - - Special hardware is now on all exit doors, making doors openable from within without the use of a key.

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President Hodson also suggests we are in need of ideas for ways to expand our membership. During our last membership drive, headed by Membership Chairman Joe Rockhold, several new members were added to our roster. But 30 members have preferred to drop their membership. Important as it is to gain new members it is even more important to retain our old friends of the Society. Every member is very important to us and we urge each of you who have allowed your membership to lapse to send in your dues. Dues are \$100. for life membership, \$5.00 for a family, \$3.00 for single memberships.

Highland County NEEDS an Historical Society - - And the Society Needs
YOUR MEMBERSHIP to make our Organization possible.

February 19, 1970

Dear Member:

The monthly meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held at the Highland House in Hillsboro, Thursday, February 26, at 8:00 p.m.

We are most happy to announce that we have been fortunate in bringing to the historical society one of the foremost authorities on Abraham Lincoln in the country. His name is Lloyd Ostendorf of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Ostendorf will have an exceptional program of slides which he calls, "The Magnetism of Lincoln." He is the author of two books, Mr. Lincoln Came to Dayton and A Picture Story of Abraham Lincoln. Being a free lance artist, illustrator, author and portrait painter, Mr. Ostendorf has illustrated over a score of books, school texts, readers, histories, biographies and educational periodicals with Lincoln likenesses.

We are sure that this visit with Lloyd Ostendorf will be one of the finest meetings ever held at the historical museum. We urge all members to attend.

You'll be interested to know that the society has received 36 new chairs of the 50 that were ordered. They have been unpacked and placed in the meeting room. Most of you who signed to buy chairs have paid, and we would appreciate a check from those of you who have not sent your money. We are very proud of the way our members have come forward with dollars to help solve this problem, and we are sure you will enjoy the new chairs. They are really quite comfortable.

We will have refreshments after the program and the usual period of visiting the different rooms.

During the month, several organizations have been taken through the museum, and all have seemed to enjoy themselves. This is one of the reasons for our existence, so pass the word that such trips can be planned by contacting Mr. Keeler or Mr. Rockhold.

Mr. Robert Yacubian, curator, addressed the Rotary Club of Hillsboro, showing some of our prized pieces from the museum. Joe Rockhold addressed the Altruistic Club of Leesburg. Both of the engagements were on February 18.

We find a great interest in the society and museum with people anxious for the "Grand" opening.

Remember, don't miss the Lincoln talk featuring Lloyd Ostendorf of Dayton, Ohio. We are sure you'll enjoy this fine program.

See you Thursday at the Highland County Historical museum at 8:00 p.m.

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Hillsboro, Ohio

March 13, 1970

Dear Member:

Since the fourth Thursday falls on a Holy Day (Maundy Thursday), we will hold the March meeting of the Highland County Historical Society on Thursday, March 19, at 8:00 P.M., at the Highland House Museum in Hillsboro.

An interesting program is being planned. Among other things, we will have the true story about the fountain that used to be on the Court House lawn in Hillsboro; also picture of the fountain if they are available. Perhaps some of you might have a picture. If so, feel free to bring it to the meeting. The program will also consist of a group of little known but interesting stories about Highland County, with pictures. For instance, do you know how the Shivers family originately got their name? This and many other interesting things will be discussed. And, if any of you have a family story you would like to tell, feel free to do so. We are sure there are many such interesting family facts available, and it will add greatly to our meetings to have involvement by our members.

There will be a report on the coming "GRAND OPENING". Committees will be appointed, and final plans for this great event will be made.

We are also happy to report to you that we have passed our goal of 50 chairs for the auditorium. You members have come through in great style, and we want to congratulate you on the way you put this important enterprise across.

Please remember the meeting will be held THURSDAY, MARCH 19, because of the holy day falling on our regular meeting night.

We hope you can all attend because we feel this is going to be one of our most interesting programs, and you'll want to participate in the plans for the GRAND OPENING.

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Hillsboro, Ohio

April 18, 1970

Dear Member:

The regular monthly meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held on THURSDAY, April 23, at 8:00 P.M., at the Highland House Museum in Hillsboro.

Mr. Robert McGee, Area Manager of the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. in this district and located here in Hillsboro, will present a program on Rocks, Minerals and Artifacts. He has been building up a collection for some time and has been kind enough to consent to come and tell us about it.

We have several more interesting additions to our collection, including a large map showing the Indian Trails of Ohio contributed by Charles Boatman; some bank books of B. W. Muntz given by G. H. Broomhall; and a History of Highland County loaned by Donald Michaels.

We hope you will make a special effort to attend as this will be the last meeting before our Grand Opening, now set for Saturday and Sunday, MAY 9 and 10. We will need to formulate final plans and will need all the help we can get.

We again wish to extend our sincere thanks for your generous response to our Chair project. We have the fifty chairs now in use and have enough in the fund to secure 12 more in the near future. We are indeed grateful.

We look forward to seeing you APRIL 23!

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Hillsboro, Ohio

May 22, 1970

Dear Member:

It is again time to remind you of the regular monthly meeting of the Highland County Historical Society which will be Thursday, May 28th, 8:00 P.M., at the Highland House Museum.

The program will be on the life of Caspar Collins. Some of the pictures which he drew in the army in the West are being made into slides, and will be shown. You will not want to miss this most interesting feature.

We are most happy over the success of our Grand Opening and tour of historic homes on May 9-10, when more than 500 people were in attendance. We are most appreciative of the cooperation and help of our members not only in providing the cookies for refreshments for the two days, monetary help for supplies, but also assisting and supporting in other ways. We also were gratified at the contributions of flowers from Garden Club members, Jean's Flowers, the Fayette County Historical Society, and assistance of the Welcome Wagon Club in furnishing guides. And of course we are most grateful to the hosts for the tour homes - Mr. Robert Yacubian and Dr. James Bodenhamer, Mrs. Ed B. Ayres, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bowman, and Mr. & Mrs. Earl Babington.

The Museum will now be open every Sunday afternoon during the summer from 2:00 to 5:00, and we need volunteers to serve. We need four people each Sunday. We would appreciate hearing from you if you can help.

For some time, we have wanted to give recognition to the donors to our chair fund. We have been most grateful for the generous response to our need for folding chairs, and wish to express our deep appreciation to the following donors:

Mr. & Mrs. Fred R. Keeler	M. G. Jodry	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rockhold
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hodson	Mr. Samuel Hibben	Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Evans
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REMEMBER! CASPAR COLLINS NIGHT! THURSDAY, MAY 28th!

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE HIGHLAND HOUSE

Hillsboro, Ohio

Dear Member:

It's that time again. The fourth Thursday in the month of June is almost here, June 28th and that means Historical Society meeting time. We are looking forward to this meeting with a great deal of pleasure. First, because of the fine program we have lined up, and second, because we will have the pleasure of meeting with the Brown County Historical Society. They will attend this meeting enmass.

Because of the increase in numbers attending, we have arranged with the Presbyterian Church to hold the meeting in the basement. Then after the meeting we will come across the street to the museum for the social hour.

About the program. We have arranged with the Scioto Society of Chillicothe to tell us about their great enterprize. Sugar Loaf Mountain Amphitheatre will be the scene all summer of a great presentation of the life of the famous Indian Chief, Tecumseh. With the cast of almost one hundred people, this outstanding show, written by Allan W. Eckert, four-time Pulitzer prize nominee, will be seen June 30th to September 2nd. The presentation will cause Tecumseh to live again. to walk among the very hills and forests he once roamed nearly two centuries ago.

Doug Grimes, Promotion Department of the Scioto Society, will be our guest. He will give us a word picture of this Sugar Leaf Mountain Amphitheatre, along with slides and other visual material. He will have a complete presentation covering the story of Tecumseh, the technical and physical facilities, the personnel, Parking and picnicking.

This part of Ohio, abounding as it does in history has long since needed such a enterprize. And finally it has arrived. I am sure many or all of you members will want to see these well produced shows during the summer at Sugar Loaf Mountain, a few miles from Chillicothe amid the hills and forests of the scenic Scioto Valley.

Our plans are moving forward for the annual Antique show and sale. Contracts have been sent to the dealers, and are being returned to Charles Harsha. We are not using the building on the hill this year, but will house our dealers in the Merchants building as usual, and the Arts and Crafts building. The area around the Implement dealers stage will contain antique farm equipment and antique cars for you to see and enjoy.

It's time again to pay your dues, so we would appreciate you mailing them to Jean Wallis or bring them with you to this meeting.

Let's give our Brown County friends a big welcome by having a large attendance, and come and hear the story of the Sugar Loaf Amphitheatre and the play, "Tecumseh," Thursday, 8:00 P. M. June 28th.

Yours very truly,
Joe Rockhold
President

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Hillsboro, Ohio

June 17, 1970

Dear Member:

We are sure you want to be reminded of the regular meeting of the Highland County Historical Society on Thursday evening, June 25, at 8:00 P.M., at the Highland House.

This is an important meeting, as we will have an election of five persons to serve on the Board of Trustees to replace those whose three year terms expire in 1970. We are sure you will want to lend your support.

Since so many folks enjoyed participating in one of our programs several months ago, when the history of the Spargur family was read and stories told about the Shivers family and others, we are extending an invitation to members to bring stories and pictures of interesting or humorous incidents in Highland County.

We also call your attention to the display which the Historical Society has placed at the north end of the Court House lawn, as well as in G. C. Murphy's Store, as part of the Old Fashioned Days celebration, which you will no doubt want to see.

The Highland House Museum will continue to be open every Sunday, from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M., throughout the summer, providing we have enough volunteers. We need two couples - or four people - to serve each Sunday. If you have not volunteered as yet, won't you please get in touch with one of the officers and offer your services? Thank you!

Don't forget the Antique Show at the Fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday, August 1 and 2. We will have some "flyers" to pass out at the meeting so that you can send them to your friends.

You may be interested also that the Fall Festival of Leaves at Bainbridge will be held on October 18, so mark your calendar.

WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 25th!

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Hillsboro, Ohio

September 18, 1970

Dear Members:

The first fall meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held Thursday evening, September 24, at 8:00 P.M., at the Highland House Museum, with our new President, Mr. Joe Rockhold, presiding.

There will be quite a few new items on display, including some very interesting things from Mr. Duvall Saum's collections which will be exhibited on the dining room table.

Mrs. Walter Hilliard will give us more details on the progress of her project. As you know, she is compiling pictures and historical data on all the old homes in Hillsboro and Highland County to be gathered into a book for the Museum's archives. This is quite a task and her efforts are sincerely appreciated.

We have some extensive plans to talk over for the Fall, and the programs which are to follow.

Refreshments will be furnished by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rockhold.

We hope to see you THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th.

THE HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL
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Mrs. Otilia Trump, Secretary

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Hillsboro, Ohio

October 17, 1970

Dear Member:

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 22, at 8:00 P.M., is the time for the regular monthly meeting of the Highland County Historical Society at the Highland House Museum.

You will be interested to know that some interior work has been completed since our last meeting. Peg boards have been put in the back hall so that many of the primitive tools may be better displayed. Book shelves have been built in the Library along with wall display cases so that our interesting papers and documents can be shown. You will want to see these new additions.

A display of interest will be shown on the big table in the dining room. The bulletin board will have a new group of old pictures. Mr. Robert Yacubian will have a report on new things which have arrived in the Museum since our last meeting.

The Program will feature the life and adventures of Robert McKimie, alias "Little Reddy", the daredevil desperado who was born in Rainsboro, and went west as a young man to become chief of a murderous gang of Treasure Coach robbers; also accounts of his robberies in Highland, Ross and Pike Counties. The story will have many interesting slide pictures with it.

For those of you who missed our meeting last month, several new items were on display, including a beautiful Secretary Desk, willed us by Mrs. Trainor of Wilmington, granddaughter of Allen H. and Sarah H. Johnson of near Bridges. We also received several new showcases from the Ohio Historical Society, as well as a large portrait of Judge Henry Thompson, husband of Eliza Jane Thompson, one of the founders of the WCTU.

Mrs. Walter Hilliard showed her collection of pictures and stories of some of the old homes of Hillsboro which she is compiling as a contribution to the Society. She is now asking for help from members in locating houses in Hillsboro and the rural areas of Highland County, with information on their history, and pictures of the original house, if possible, and as it is today. If you know of a house which can be added to this collection, please get in touch with us.

We look forward to seeing you THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22!

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Joe Rockhold, President

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Hillsboro, Ohio

November 14, 1970

Dear Members and Friends:

The Highland County Historical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, NOVEMBER 19, at 8:00 P.M. at the Highland House Museum. Since the fourth Thursday falls on Thanksgiving Day, it was necessary to schedule this meeting one week early.

There will be no meeting in December, so we are hoping as many of you as possible will attend this November meeting. We have been having excellent attendance, and we appreciate your wholehearted support.

Our Program this month will be on BELL'S OPERA HOUSE, and we feel certain you will not want to miss this most interesting program.

At our last meeting, the Curator Mr. Yacubian reported on the gifts of a blanket which was made in the Barrett Woolen Mills; a book of Court records; a Diary of John Ballentine of 1877; a Roster of Ohio Soldiers; and various new pictures, all of which are greatly appreciated. The excellent presentation of the Robert McKimie Story, with slides, by Sandy Harsha, was a great pleasure.

Refreshments for our November meeting will be served by Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Evans.

We look forward to seeing you THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 19.

The Highland County Historical
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