

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE HIGHLAND HOUSE

HILLSBORO, OHIO
45133

February 18, 1972

Dear Member:

It's been a long time since we have been together. No meeting in December, and the bad weather causing us to not have much attendance at the January meeting, makes it a long time since we've been together, so I hope you will all plan to be here on Thursday, February 24th at 8:00 P. M. The meeting will be held at the Highland House Museum as usual, and there will be lots and lots of new things for you to see.

We are going to have the same program planned for January. Jim Hardin, a direct descendant of the Hatfield clan, will tell us the story of the Hatfield family and something about the famous feud with the McCoys.

Then we'll show you the many items we have gathered since our last meeting. The furniture from the County Home has been stripped of it's old finish, and ready to re-finish. Barbara Tucker has loaned us a beautiful piece of furniture which came from the Thompson home. We have had a lovely Empire davenport re-upholstered and a pie safe, which was in the Highland House for years, stripped of it's yellow paint. Of course, you have not seen the remodeling which has been done on the building.

Then the material from the Memorial room at the Presbyterian Church has been moved to the Highland House, and although the room is by no means complete, it is really very nice.

So, you see why I say, you just can't afford to miss the February meeting of the Highland County Historical Society.

So, make your plans to join us at 8:00 P. M. at the Highland House, Thursday, February 24th. We'll be expecting you.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
Joe Rockhold, President

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March 17, 1972

Dear Member:

The days go hurrying by, and it's time to notify you of the March meeting of the Highland County Historical Society. Since we meet on the fourth Thursday of the month, our March meeting will be on the 23rd. The time is 8:00 o'clock and the place is The Highland House - historical society museum.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wallis, very active member of the society, will be in charge of the program. Mr. and Mrs. wallis have taken many interesting slide pictures of Highland and neighboring counties, so they will have a program on interesting "Old" buildings, places, and historical sites in Adams County. Their slides are always the best, so I am sure you will enjoy this program concerning historical sites of Adams County.

We have received a number of new items since our last meeting. Mr. Robert Yucubian, our Curator will be on hand to tell us about the new collection.

I hope you have all seen the last picture and story concerning the piece of furniture loaned by Barbara Tucker. It was first written in the local paper, and I have already seen it in the Cincinnati Enquirer. I would like to suggest that if any of you see "Dike" Barnes or Harold Powell, you thank them for their support and wonderful stories. Also, the local Radio station has gone beyond the call of duty to help us publicize this museum. Both organizations deserve our heart felt thanks. I have written thank you letters to both.

My wife and I will be in charge of the refreshments for this meeting. So, we hope you will all plan to attend this most interesting meeting. March 23rd, at the Highland House, starting at 8:00 P. M.

We hope to have added many interesting pictures, stories, etc., to the "Mother Thompson" Crusade room. If you have not seen this room, which is filled with material from the "Memorial Room" at the Presbyterian Church, be sure to see it during this meeting.

Don't miss the historical slides presented by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wallis. It will be a great program.

Yours truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

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June 14, 1972

Dear Member:

Before you realize it, the fourth Thursday in the month of June is upon us. We will have our monthly meeting at the Highland House Museum starting at 8:00 o'clock on June 22nd. Please do not confuse the last Thursday in June as meeting night. We always meet on the fourth Thursday. There are five Thursdays in June.

This is a very important meeting, because we want to check on the progress of the Highland County Historical Society Antique Show which will be held on the first week end of August. Although we have had good attendance the past few meetings, we could still have more of you people coming and enjoying the programs. So, please set aside this date and attend, because there are many important things which we must discuss concerning the society.

As you know, we do not have a secretary, and we must have someone volunteer for this important position. There is not a lot of work connected with the job, but we must have the minutes recorded, and this person must keep the membership records, and send out membership cards when they are due. Without the membership monies we might as well close our doors. So, I hope somebody will realize that we can not function without a secretary, and will volunteer for the job.

We have received several new items which Robert Yacubian, our curator, will have on display.

The program will take you back to the 1890's in Highland County and Hillsboro. We will have slides of places and people who made up this community during those years. I am sure you will remember a number of the people you will see, but I doubt if you have ever seen pictures of them when they were young. In putting the program together I have found the material most interesting.

We will have a social hour after the meeting with refreshment. At this stage I do not know who will be the host and hostess.

Once again let me urge you to attend the June meeting of the Highland County Historical Society - 8:00 P. M. at the Highland House.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold

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July 19, 1972

Dear Member:

We would appreciate your reading this letter closely, because it is announcing the last meeting before the annual Highland County Historical Society's Antique show and sale. If at all possible, we would like to fill our meeting room to overflowing on this meeting night, Thursday, July 27, 1972 at 8:00 P. M.

This annual show and sale is our chief means of raising money for the society, and there are many things for us to talk about. There are plenty of ways that you members can contribute, and we'd like for you to be at this meeting in order that we can go over our last minute plans.

We will have a good program, which we'll announce later. The usual social hour will follow the meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shelton being our host and hostess.

We are late in sending you notices of dues, so if any of you would like to pay your dues during the meeting, Jean Wallis, our new secretary, will be on hand to take care of you. If you can't attend the meeting, we would appreciate your mailing us a check, and we will send your membership card.

The Museum has been open the last few Sundays, and we have been having quite a number of visitors. Also, the weather has not been very good, a few people have dropped by. This is an extra way for us to make money, and to let people know what a fine museum we have in Highland County.

I am writing a weekly column which is being published in the Hillsboro papers, Leesburg Citizen, Greenfield and Lynchburg papers. I hope to get as much Historical Society credit as I can, and through the column create an interest in Highland County history. I do not get paid for this extra work. I'm doing it to create more interest in what we are trying to do with the Highland County Historical Society.

Again, let me impress upon you the importance of this July meeting, and ask you to please attend. I'm sure you will enjoy the meeting, the program and the social hour.

Please talk up our sale and especially the meals that will be served. We make our money on the meals. They are good meals, and we hope that you will bring your families and eat with us during the sale days.

We'll see you at the Historical Society museum, the Highland House, at 8:00 p.m. July 27, 1972.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold

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September 20, 1972

Dear Member:

We certainly hope you will be able to attend the September meeting of the Highland County Historical Society at 8:00 P. M., September 28th. It will be held as usual at the Highland House Museum.

We have had the building closed for the passed few weeks, because of the remodeling which has been done. This alone should bring you to the meeting as there have been many changes which we hope you will like.

Three rooms upstairs have been remodeled and painted. The Library has been moved to a better location, and we have a room in which we will house all the documents. The old library room is now our display room for items in the cases. We will also house many of the clothing items in this newly decorated room.

The two rooms on the west side of the building have been completely changed as to content. One being made into a sitting room, the other into a dining room. All the clothes and figures have been moved up stairs where they will be better protected and shown to a better advantage.

We hope to have the down stairs hall painted by meeting time, and I am sure you will enjoy seeing what we have done to the old kitchen.

Mrs. Walter Hilliard, who has worked so hard this summer taking pictures of old homes in the county, will have the program. She will tell some interesting facts about her experiences this summer.

Our hostesses will be Mrs. Nellie Finley and Emilia Vergamini.

So, we'll see you September 28th at 8:00 P. M. Come and see the improvements.

Yours truly,

Joe Rockhold

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November 10, 1972

Dear Member:

The regular meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held a week earlier because of Thanksgiving. So, we will expect you to be present Thursday, November 16th at 8:00 P. M. at the Highland House.

We hope that those of you who did not attend the October meeting will make a special effort to be here for the November meeting. We have made some very interesting changes which we want you to see. We have also received a number of new items which will be on display.

The program will be of great interest, because Dr. and Mrs. Richard Bowman will have a display from their collection of Flow Blue china. Dick and June will tell us the history of Flow Blue China, and their experiences of collecting the many items which they have. This will be one of your most interesting programs.

Alice Haley with Julia and Teresa Griffith will be our hostesses for the evening. They will have refreshments appropriate for the season.

We have received a number of new items for the museum which will be shown by our Curator, Robert Yacubian.

This will be the last meeting of 1972 since we do not meet during the month of December. So, let's have a real big turn out for a fine program and enjoyable evening.

I would like to remind you that if your dues have not been paid, we will be most happy to receive them while you are attending the meeting.

So, remember that the November meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held Thursday, November 16th, 8:00 P. M. at the Highland House Museum. Make your plans to attend.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold

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December 7, 1972

Dear Members:

All of the Officers of the Highland County Historical Society join me in wishing you and your family the merriest of Christmas seasons and a happy and prosperous New Year.

This has indeed been a good year for our society. We have made great progress in remodeling and painting the interior of our building. We have acquired the Virginia Bell Telfair property and it's furnishings, and both apartments are rented. Miss Roberta Carlisle, in her will, left the Society \$500.00, and we have received other small donations for the memorial fund. We had a net profit of near \$2,000 on our Antique Show, and all the improvements made on the inside of the building have been paid for by profit from the sale of Elsie Ayres books. Thus none of the money taken in for the Antique Show of 1971 and 1972, or the membership money has been spent on the remodeling work.

Many people have been most generous in giving and loaning items to add to our supply. The Presbyterian Church has loaned us the material from the famous "Memorial Room" which has been at the Church since 1899. Since next year will be the 100 anniversary of the Crusade against whiskey, it's a great attraction for us to have in the museum. I am still looking for a picture of the Crusade women which some of you might have. Space doesn't permit me mentioning all the items we have received during the year, but they have been fine and most appreciated.

Now, we are planning on having a Christmas Open House on December 17, 1972 from 1:00 til 5:00 P. M. The Highland House will be decorated for an old fashioned Christmas. Many of the members are joining in this project, and we will guarantee you an outstanding afternoon if you will just attend. The plans call for the whole downstairs to be decorated and we will have as big a Christmas tree as we can get in the building, all decorated with as much old time decorations as we can find.

There will be guides in each room to assist you. Refreshments will be served with cookies, coffee, tea and punch. And, the beauty of it all is that it's free. So, make arrangements to bring your friends, people who are not members, and let them see what your society is doing for the betterment of this community.

Please help us to make this a huge success by inviting your friends and neighbors to join in this neighborly "get together" at the Highland House, December 17th, 1:00 to 5:00 p. m.

And, once again may I say, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Joe Rockhold