

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
THE HIGHLAND HOUSE
HILLSBORO, OHIO
45133

January 20, 1973

Dear Member:

It's time to call all you good members together again, because the fourth Thursday of the month is upon us. Which means the January meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held on Thursday, January 25th at the Highland House Museum at 8:00 P. M.

Our program will be the "Ohio log cabin" story with slides. It was written by Daniel R. Porter, Director of the Ohio Historical Society. The program deals not only with log cabins of Ohio, but interesting and important log cabin history from other areas of the United States. The log cabin is revered today with justifiable pride. No other American symbol demonstrates our pioneer heritage so vividly.

We will have our usual social hour with refreshments. Because of the great response from you ladies who made cookies for the Christmas open house, we will have cookies from that occasion which have been frozen and taken care of by our Secretary Jean Wallis.

The Christmas Open House was a much greater success than we ever hoped it would be. And, thanks of the whole society go out to the fine people who worked so hard to put this event across. It's the opinion of a great number of members that we should try this again next Christmas, and if it's successful to make it an annual affair. The Highland House looked beautiful, and the special displays of personal items owned by members made it an outstanding event. We are sorry you members who live away from Ohio could not attend. We had over 800 people go through the building in three hours.

We certainly hope that you will make a point of attending this January meeting, because there are things we would like to have your opinion on. So, we'll see you Thursday evening at the Highland House in Hillsboro at 8:00 P. M. I am sure you will enjoy the log cabin program and slides.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

THE HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Highland House
Hillsboro, Ohio
45133

February 10, 1973

Dear Member:

I am getting this letter out a little early this month in order to let you know about our planned program for February. The meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month, February 22 at 8:00 p. m. at the Highland House Museum.

We are calling the program "Bring and Tell". In other words, we would like for each of you to bring an item of historical interest which you have in your possession. I am sure we will have a wonderful program, and the people I have mentioned the idea too, think it will be lots of fun. So, look over your collection, and join us on February 22 for "Bring and Tell."

As you already know, we have made application to the Highland County Commissioners for the sum of \$1,800. to be used to pay a manager-receptionist and custodial service. At this writing, we have not heard if the money will be forth-coming, but we have our "fingers crossed". If this money is given to us, we will then be able to have the museum open during the week, and the person hired will take care of filing, marking, and the many other things which must be done so we can improve our museum.

I would also like for you to be thinking about any person of your acquaintance who has an interesting hobby, and does craft work. I am anxious to improve our programs, both at meeting time and during the days we have the building open to the public. The names you might give us would be investigated with this thought in mind.

We are in need of more items of Highland County History. You can play an important part in influencing people to give or loan us items. And, when you mention the museum to people, be sure to make it plain that they need not give us the items. They can be loaned, and we would be glad to return them on demand. We would like to have new materials so that some of the first things we have shown could be packed away, and new items shown. Then in a few months the old items can be put on display again. We must depend on local people mostly as our visitors, so if we can show them new things, they will come back many times.

Remember to "Bring and Tell" February 22, at 8:00 for the regular February meeting of the Historical Society. Mrs. Walter Fenner and Mrs. Marion Upp will be our hostesses. We'll have our usual social hour. So, lets have a big crowd.

Yours very truly

Joe Rockhold
Joe Rockhold, President

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

March 15, 1973

Dear Member:

It doesn't seem possible but it's meeting time again. Don't get confused on the meeting date this month. There are five Thursdays in March. We meet on the fourth Thursday, so we'll see you Thursday, March 22nd at 8:00 P. M. at the Highland House Museum.

We have an outstanding program planned for you. Lester Wallis and John Tom will present a program on photography. Lester has been collecting old time equipment, and will tell us about the early days of picture taking. John Tom will cover the modern day photography. I am sure this will be one of the finest programs we have ever had, and that John and Lester will have many interesting things to show us.

During the month of March the D.A.R.'s and the South Central Ohio Geneological Society have used the Museum for their meetings. Both groups seemed to have been most happy with the building, and have requested future dates. This is one of the things we wish would happen more. The more activity we can generate for the use of this building by County groups, the more we will be serving the community. So, if you belong to an organization that would like to have a special meeting here, please tell them about our facilities. We want people to understand that this building is not exclusively for society members, but is open to the whole county.

Mrs. Nellie Finley and Mrs. Emilie Vergamini will be our hostesses for this March meeting. They will have lots of goodies for us.

Mr. Robert Yacubian, our Curator will have a number of new items to show, and we want especially to call your attention to the new lights which we have recently installed. We have been very dissatisfied with the old lights because at night you couldn't see our displays. Now, we believe we have that problem pretty well licked. All lights are suspended from the ceiling, and we have added a few more lights in the halls so that our displays really show up nice.

We hope you will make your plans to attend this interesting meeting. And, remember the date, March 22nd, 8:00 P. M. at the Highland House Museum. See you then.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April 1973

Dear Member:

It's that time again. April 26, 1973 at 8:00 P. M. at the Highland House Museum. The time sure does fly by, but we'll be ready to greet you with another fine, entertaining program.

Mr. Fred Keeler has made arrangements with Supt. Harry Bennett for the loan of their Opaque Projector. This is, as you perhaps know, a machine which will enable us to show old pictures without going to the expense of making them into slides. I have spent the last month getting together many, many old pictures which we have in the museum, and now we can show them and talk about them. There are quite a few that we need help in identifying. Perhaps some of you will be able to name the people or place. That will be our feature of the evening.

Our Curator, Robert Yacubian will have a number of new items to show, and some very interesting documents which have come to us through the generosity of Miss Catherine Barrere, sister of Dawson Barrere who recently passed away.

The new roof has been completed, so we do not have the worry of rain ruining the museum, we had nursed the old roof until it was past being of any service. It cost us \$850.00, but it was a necessity which we just had to spend money for.

Mr. Keeler and I have been busy cleaning the primitive items which we have on display in the back hall. This has been a time consuming job, but I am sure you will see some progress when you attend the meeting.

We have had our first meeting concerning the Antique show which will be held at the Highland County Fair grounds on August 4th and 5th. We will inform you of our plans in detail during the meeting. We hope to make this the best Antique show of the series, and we hope to about double our profit.

During the month of April, we have had visitors from Chillicothe (20). The W.C.T.U. held their meeting here, and the Junior Womens Club held their meeting, and they were greatly pleased with our progress, and I believe would assist us if they were asked. A number of girl and boy scout groups have also attended, and we expect classes from the Washington Building to attend soon.

So, you see, the Museum is beginning to be used by Highland County people, and it makes you feel good to know that all your labors are beginning to bear fruit.

I sure hope you can all attend the April 26th meeting. Now, if any of you need transportation, please call me at the Museum, and we'll see that you get here.

Yours very truly

Joe Rockhold
President

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
THE HIGHLAND HOUSE
HILLSBORO, OHIO

May 18, 1973

Dear Member:

As you no doubt know, the May meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held on May 24th, at Sinking Spring. This is going to be a wonderful evening for us, as the good people of that area are planning to show us a fine time. We would like for you to be in Sinking Spring by 7:00, as we will meet our guides for the walking tour at that time. The meeting place is the Gymnasium. From there we will go to the Octagon School house, the Masonic Hall and Sinking Spring and the Methodist Church. This is the oldest Methodist Church still in use in the County.

After the tour we will come back to the Gymnasium for the Program. Our Secretary, Jean Wallis, has arranged this whole affair, and she will be in charge of the meeting. As her guest speakers she will have Henry Riley, who will tell us about the Easton Tannery, Mechlin House and Circle Mound. Dwight Crum's subject will be Organized Church of the Latter Day Saints. This is the only Mormon Church in the County. Mervin Parker, Township Trustee, will discuss the Cemeteries, and John McClure will tell about the industries that used to be located in the area. Our Host and Hostess for the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Belleston.

So, you see we have a full evening. Jean is asking local people to bring interesting, historical items for us to see.

If you want to attend the meeting and do not have transportation, please contact me or Mr. Keeler, and we will see that you get there. Please remember we want you at the Gymnasium at 7:00 so we can take the walking tour before dark. If you do not want to make the tour, than be at the Gymnasium at 8:00 for the meeting. We would like to make this one of our best meetings so please plan to attend, and if you like bring a friend.

See you at Sinking Spring, Thursday evening, May 24 at 7:00 for the walking tour.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE HIGHLAND HOUSE

Hillsboro, O.

September 20, 1973

Dear Member:

Seems like a long time since we have had a meeting of the society. However, it's time for the September meeting, so here is an invitation to all to attend. The meeting will be held at the Highland House museum, September 27th at 8:00 P. M.

Mrs. Walter (Fran) Hilliard has been taking pictures and gathering information concerning historical Highland County homes. Her pictures are excellent, and the historical facts most interesting. So, with this information available, we will present as the program, slide pictures and stories about some of the fine county homes.

I am sure, like me, you will find this a most interesting subject. Although I was born and raised in this county, there are many, many beautiful, interesting homes which I have neither seen nor heard about. If seeing these places pleases you as much as it has me, then we'll have a really outstanding program. In fact there are so many of these homes that we could have several programs of this type.

There will be some changes in the museum for you to see, and a number of items have been received which will be presented by Robert Yacubian, our curator.

We will have a report of the antique show of this year, and talk over plans for next year.

If you have not paid your dues, please let this be a reminder, and send your check while its fresh in your mind.

The weather should be cooler, so please make an effort to attend this meeting. If there are any of you who would like to attend, but do not have transporation, please call me at the Highland House, or at home, and we will find you a ride to the museum. 393-3392 or 393-1636.

Let's make this a most successful meeting, attendance wise. Refreshments will be served as usual, and we'll have a social hour with time to visit the museum to see the changes we have made.

Hope to see you September 27th, 8:00 P. M. at the Highland House.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
THE HIGHLAND HOUSE
Hillsboro, Ohio

October 19, 1973

Dear Member:

Its meeting time again for the Highland County Historical Society, Thursday, October 25th at 8:00 P. M. at the Highland House. Plans are under way for another exciting program which I am sure you will not want to miss.

Elsie Ayres will present the program. She will loan to the society the log book which was kept by James Boyd Herron during the trip of the Brig "Luna" during its trip in 1836 to Liberia with a boatload of emancipated slaves. Elsie will have many interesting facts to relate concerning James Boyd Herron, and will have family pictures and other items to show.

If you did not attend the last meeting, we would like to have you come and see the new "Old" time kitchen which we have started, and the military room which is beginning to take shape. We are in need of items which would have been found in a kitchen of the late 1800's. If any of you have such material available, and would like to have it shown in the museum, we would be most happy to receive it.

Our building has been in great demand this month. A group of 35 out of town members of the G. C. Murphy Company visited us one night. They were greatly impressed with the museum. The D.A.R. held their October meeting in the building. The W.C.T.U. celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Crusade movement have used the building on several occasions. Each week our society and its museum becomes more important to this community.

After our meeting we will have refreshments and social hour as usual. So, please make it a point to be here for the next meeting of your historical society. I am sure you will enjoy Elsie Ayres and her program concerning James Boyd Herron. You'll enjoy looking over the material which she will supply. You'll enjoy the refreshments and social hour. So, we'll be expecting you at the usual time of 8:00 o'clock.

This being cider time, we will have doughnuts and cider for everyone.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

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HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM
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July 20, 1973

Dear Member:

These are busy days for your Historical Society. Many are involved in the final arrangements for the annual antique show. This great money making show will be held at the Highland County fair grounds on Saturday and Sunday, August 4th and 5th. We hope when you are called on, that you will respond with whatever aid you are asked to contribute.

Although we are busy, we want to announce what the July meeting will be held at the Highland House Museum, Thursday, July 26th at 8:00 P. M. This is going to be an extraordinary meeting because of the program which we will present. Reverend Wayne Snider will be in charge of the program. Reverend Snider has been involved recently in a great deal of research into the early history of the Negro in Highland County. He will bring to us a pictorial history of the contribution made by these people through the past generations. This information is being compiled into a book which will soon be published by Reverend Snider.

We will have a few new items to show you, which have been recently received. Our Curator, Robert Yacubian, will present these. We will have a short business meeting at which time we will discuss the up coming antique show. Also, a report on the number of people who have visited the museum since it has been open during the afternoon.

We will have our usual social hour with refreshments, and it's my hope that we will have a full house for this most entertaining program.

Please remember, if you can't attend the meeting, don't forget about the antique show. We make a great deal of our money on the food we sell. Please, make your plans to bring your family to the fair grounds and eat at the 4-H building. Turkey, Ham, hot dogs, baked beans, home made noodles, home made pies and cakes, good coffee, etc. We'll expect your help by telling your friends and bringing your family to the show.

We'll see you Thursday, July 26th for the meeting.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

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November 9, 1973

Dear Member:

Since Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday, we are moving our November meeting up one week. So, November 15th is our meeting date. This will be the final meeting of the year as we do not meet in December. Thus, it would be nice to see as many members at this meeting as possible.

The starting time is as usual - 8:00 o'clock at the Highland House Museum.

Last year, about this time, we had a "Show and Tell" program, which was enjoyed by all. I was sick that evening, and had to miss the activities. So, this November meeting will be another "Show and Tell" program. We would like for each member to bring one or two articles of interest which they will show and tell about. I am sure there are many, many interesting things which will delight us.

I understand there were some problems at the last "show and tell", and I hope I have a system worked out where everybody will have a chance to show and tell about his or her special article. Please bring something with you. Several items if possible. Share with other members your family heirlooms, etc., and we will be assured of a fine program.

Of course, after the short business meeting and "Show and Tell", we will have our usual refreshments and social period.

Our Curator, Mr. Robert Yacubian will arrange a Thanksgiving table for us in the dining room. This will certainly be an added attraction, since Bob has some beautiful china and other materials, to make an outstanding table setting.

The Southwestern District County Commissioners and Engineers Association, representing 21 Counties held their annual meeting in Hillsboro on November 7th. Among the places visited was our house. A group of engineers and their wives spent several hours going through the building, and seemed to be delighted with what they saw. It makes you feel good to know that people from other areas enjoy seeing our collection. And, it makes you proud when they speak of what Highland County is doing through the historical society. It makes you feel that all the work you have done has not been in vain.

Please remember to bring some objects of interest to the meeting, so we can have plenty of material to "Show and Tell". See you November 15th at 8:00 P.M.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President