

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
THE HIGHLAND HOUSE
HILLSBORO, OHIO
45133

April 1974

Dear Member:

We are back in business again. The Highland House is operating with heat, light, telephone, etc. Nothing seems to be harmed by the winters closing.

We will have the first meeting of 1974 on April 25th at 8:00 P. M., at the Highland House museum. We are planning a program of motion picture film concerning Williamsburg, Virginia. It will be in color and should be very interesting. We thought, since we have had so much local history that it would be a nice change to see a film of national history.

We will have a short business meeting. There are things the membership should be informed about in order to get the opinions of a lot of people. There are ideas which we hope will increase our traffic through the museum during the summer.

Our Curator, Mr. Robert Yacubian will have several new items to show you, and we hope to have an interesting display of material on the dining room table for you to see.

Dr. James Bodenhamer, trustee, and Mr. Robert Yacubian, curator will be our hosts for the evening, during the social hour.

So, we hope you will make a special effort to be in attendance for the first meeting of 1974. The Highland House Museum, April 25th at 8:00 P. M.

Since turning the heat on, we have had two people from out of town who have spent a number of hours in our library. One from Cincinnati, the other from Evanston, Illinois. Also the Friday Club from Lynchburg had their meeting and tour through the building. Our thanks to Lester Wallis for acting as host on this occasion.

Looking forward to seeing you all again, I am

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

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May 15, 1974

Dear Member:

Time flies, and another meeting of the Highland County Historical Society is upon us. Yes, Thursday, May 23 will be meeting night. This month, having 5 Thursdays, makes our meeting date fall a little early in the month.

We want to make sure you know the exact date, because we wouldn't want you to miss the fine program we have scheduled for you. Mr. Robert McGee, has arranged to have a special film to show us. It was produced by the Ohio Bell Telephone Company along with the Smithsonian Institute. It's called, "Simple Gifts", and is a story of Ohio Culture. The Smithsonian Institute, recognizing the outstanding cultural history of Ohio, chose to work with the Ohio Bell in order to produce this great story of the Folk life in Ohio.

It covers many aspects of the Ohio culture. Wood carving, glass blowing, gun making, and many other subjects of great cultural and historical interest. Indeed, this will be one of the finest programs we have ever presented, and we do urge each and every one of you to attend. Again the date, MAY 23, at the Highland House Museum at 8:00 o'clock.

Miss Alice Haley will be hostess for the evening, with refreshments for the social hour.

We are in the midst of getting out the contracts to the Antique dealers for the annual Antique show. We have been lucky to be able to get the Grange Building at the fair ground for our second building. Rosalie Morgan has been very gracious in allowing us to use the building which is leased by the Senior Citizens. We are most grateful.

Beginning the first of June, we will be opening the Museum on week-ends and several days during the week. We are always in need of members who will act as guides, especially on Sundays.

Remember the meeting night is Thursday, May 23, at 8:00 o'clock in the museum. Please try to attend. Bob McGee will have a fine film to show us.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
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June 19, 1974

Dear Member:

The regular monthly meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held at the Highland House Museum June 27 at 8:00 P. M.

Mr. Robert McGee will be in charge of the program which will feature the GREAT motion picture "The Wonderful World of Ohio", produced by the Ohio Bell Telephone Company. Mr. McGee delighted us last month with another film produced by the Ohio Bell, and we understand this one is even better.

The film features the great singing star Ed Ames, which captures the whole panarama of Ohio, past and present, bustle and serenity, from Lake Erie to the Ohio River. The film is remarkable for its technical excellence. The sound track is of the highest quality. Making the movie made Ed Ames wish he could moved his family here. Seeing it will make you glad and proud you're already here, a part of "The Wonderful world of Ohio".

The annual dues are rolling in, and if you have not paid yours as yet, Jean Wallis would appreciate your check. This is the money which we operate on during the year, and we are pleased with the returns so far for this year.

We have had the museum building open for the past few Sundays, and I appreciate the help of Lillian Robinson, Marguerite Grapevine and Nellie Finley for their kind help. We would appreciate the help of others. It's really an interesting experience to guide people through the building. Most of them really enjoy it.

Plans are moving forward for the annual antique show. Contracts from dealers are being returned for space. We hope this will be a bigger and better show.

Jean Wallis and her Junior Service Club of Hillsboro will be special guests, and they will furnish the refreshments for the social hour.

So, make your plans to attend this June meeting, and enjoy Bob McGee and his great movie, "The Wonderful World of Ohio." See you on the 27th at the Highland House.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

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July 18, 1974

Dear Member:

The July meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held at the Highland House Museum, July 25th. This is a most important meeting because of two things. First, we must have as many of the board of directors on hand as possible, because it will be election night. Second, this will be the last meeting before our annual Antique show, and there are many things we must talk over. Please try to attend.

Since this has been such a busy month getting ready for the show, we have planned to have another "SHOW AND TELL" program. Please bring an item or two from your own collection which you can show and tell. This has always been one of our most interesting programs, and I hope this July meeting will prove even better. We have several outstanding things which have come into the museum since last month which we will also show.

Nellie Finley and Mary Roush will be hostesses for this month's meeting. So, you know how good the refreshments will be during the social hour.

We appreciate the work of Jean and Lester Wallis and Mary Roush for their help on Sundays. Also Nellie Finley, Marguerite Grapevine, Vera Whisler, Fred Keeler, Bob Yacubian and Doctor Bodenhamer. We have taken a fine number of people through the museum so far this month. We had a group of 18 who came from Adams County to visit. They were greatly impressed with what we have achieved so far with the museum.

I also want to compliment Howard Vosper for his work as Chairman of the building committee. I understand we will be putting a new roof on the Virginia Bell property in a few weeks.

Please remember the date of the July meeting. July 25th at 8:00 o'clock at the Highland House Museum. Election of officers, and "SHOW AND TELL" will be the program.

We'll see you Thursday, July 25th.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

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September 20, 1974

Dear Member;

We want to especially call your attention to the September meeting of the Highland County Historical Society. We will meet at the usual time and place. 8:00 O'clock at the Highland House Museum.

We have an outstanding program, featuring Tom Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilson. Tom Wilson is a history buff, and has prepared a program called Lord Dunmore's War - 1774. This was a war between the Indians and Virginians which was incited by Dunmore. It's truly a fascinating story of the historical past of our great country, and will be beautifully presented by our guest. I am sure you will not want to miss it.

We will also have a report on the success of our antique show, and will talk over plans for next year's show, and other activities for the rest of this year.

We have had lots of guests go through the museum this summer, and we are indebted to many people for their help. Marguerite Grapevine, Mary Roush, Nellie Finley, Lillian Robinson, Vera Cline, Vera Whisler, Jean and Lester Wallis, Bob Yacubian, Dr. James Bodenhamer, and many others who have volunteered, who were not used. It makes me feel very happy to know our members are interested and proud to show the world what we have in our Highland County Historical collection.

The new roof has been completed on the Virginia Thompson home, and we have both apartments rented. In a few weeks I will call a meeting of the building committee to talk over other repairs and improvements on the property.

The District 7 members of the Ohio Association of Historical Societies will be holding their meeting here at the Highland House on October 16th. We are honored to be selected as the meeting place, and plans for this meeting will be discussed next Thursday.

So, you can see why I said at the beginning that we wanted to especially call your attention to this meeting, Thursday, September 26th at 8:00. Our Curator, Bob Yacubian and Dr. Bodenhamer will act as hosts for the social hour.

Please mark this meeting on your calendar, and attend and hear this fine program presented by Tom Wilson.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

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October 18, 1974

Dear Member:

This letter is to remind you of the October meeting of the Highland County Historical Society on October 24th at 8:00 P. M., at the Highland House Museum.

Our Secretary, Jean Wallis will present the program which she calls "Time, Frozen on glass". The program will consist of slides made from glass negatives which were taken by Finley Black more than one hundred years ago, and by Allen Seymour more than fifty years ago. There will be slide pictures of interest from about seven counties. Jean always does a good job on her presentation, so I am sure this will be an outstanding program which you will not want to miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Vosper will be our host and hostess for the evening, and we will of course have our usual social hour.

At the last meeting I told you about talking to a gentleman concerning the surveying instrument which was used in laying out the town of New Market. Well, we have this instrument in our possession, given to the society by John A. Burgess who lives in the Bridges neighborhood. Mr. Burgess is a very interesting man whose ancestors were early settlers in Highland and Ross Counties. He has other items which he will eventually present to our museum.

We have been most busy organizing the special meeting which will be held at the museum on October 19th. We are not sure at this writing how many people we will have. I will give you a report during the October meeting.

I have just received a letter from Curtis Wilson regarding Mrs. Ruth Lacy's estate. She has most generously left the Historical Society \$1,000.00 to be used as the trustees see fit, along with three handsome portraits of members of her family. I hope the trustees will see fit to add this gift to the memorial fund.

Once again this reminder - Meeting at 8:00 P. M. at the Highland House Museum, October 24, 1974. We sure hope you can all attend.

Yours very truly,
Joe Rockhold
President

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November 14, 1974

Dear Member:

The November meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held a week earlier than in other months. Our usual meeting night would be on Thanksgiving Day, thus the necessity of moving it up to November 21.

This will also be the last meeting of the year, since we do not plan a meeting in December, because everyone is busy with Christmas.

With the Bi-Centennial less than two years away, there is a great deal of talk about putting old homes and buildings on the National Register of historical places in the United States. Well, we have many such homes and buildings in Highland County, so we are doing a slide program on many of them. Telling the history and other interesting facts about them, Jean Wallis, our secretary, will conduct the program. We have some very beautiful slides of these places, and we are sure it will make a fine program.

Mrs. Helen Van Meter of Chillicothe, a great worker for the South Central Ohio Preservation Society, Inc., will be in Hillsboro and Highland County in the next few days doing a lot of preliminary work toward getting these historical spots listed on the National Register.

Committees in Highland County are meeting and making plans for their part in the Bi-Centennial celebration. Greenfield is planning on restoring the old D. T. I. Railroad station. Lynchburg, the covered bridge, restoring a cemetery and building a play ground. Mayor Hill of Hillsboro has a committee working on local plans. So, there is some activity going on concerning the celebration of our two hundredth birthday.

Our plans are to close the Historical museum after December 8th. This will save us quite a lot of money. We will meet at the Presbyterian Church for the January, February and March meetings.

Alice and Kathlyne Haley will be our hostesses for the evening. So, we hope you will make a special effort to attend this interesting November meeting. November 21st - 8:00 P. M. at the Highland House Museum.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President