

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE HIGHLAND HOUSE

HILLSBORO, O.

45133

January 17, 1975

Dear Member:

Since this is the first communication of the new year, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a really good year, with happiness and good health for you all.

The January meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held on January 23rd at the Presbyterian Church. As you know, we have closed the museum building for the winter, thus saving quite a bit of money. The meeting will be held in the basement, starting at the usual time of 8:00 o'clock.

We are going to have an outstanding program. Mrs. Walter (Willa) Stanforth will be in charge of the program. She will share excerpts from her recently published book, "Each Blade of Grass" a warm and personal look at rural life in southern Highland County in the '20's. She will also present a few sketches from a companion piece about the village of New Market. This is a nostalgic commentary on it's people, with emphasis on the role of the General stores in the community at that time. We are indeed fortunate in having the opportunity of hearing first hand from Willa who is quite familiar with the history of that area. We hope you will make a special effort to attend.

Nellie Finley will be hostess for that day, and will serve the usual "goodies" for the social hour.

With the coming of the Bi-Centennial in 1976, there are projects in which our society can participate. We will be discussing some of them during this January meeting.

So, please make sure you attend, because this is going to be an outstanding program featuring Willa Stanforth.

We'll see you at the Presbyterian Church, January 23rd, at 8:00 for the January meeting of the Highland County Historical Society.

Yours Very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

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February 19, 1975

Dear Member:

This letter is to remind you of the February meeting of the Highland County Historical Society. Again, the fine people at the Presbyterian Church have offered their facilities for our meeting. So, February 27th at 8:00 o'clock will be meeting time.

Elsie Ayres, recently ran across a number of newspapers which were published in Hillsboro in 1876. So, our program will be made up of items taken from these newspapers. So, we are calling the program, "The way it was in 1876." I am sure you will enjoy the hundred year old items, advertisements, etc., which we will bring to you. The papers are in fragile condition, so they cannot be on display so they can be handled.

Several weeks ago, Mrs. Helen Van Meter, from SCOPS, visited Hillsboro with official people from Columbus in regard to putting many buildings, etc., on the National Register. I spent the day driving these people around town so they could take pictures, and gather information concerning our historical places. Since the people who came from Columbus are in an official capacity, we are in hope that it won't be long before Hillsboro will be on the National Register. I want to thank the many people who helped us on that day.

We will have our usual social hour, after our meeting and program. My wife, Helen and I will be the host and hostess for the evening.

Judge Darrell Hottle has invited us to have the March meeting at the Courthouse. I have accepted the invitation, and we are planning a program on the Court House with Judge Hottle and others taking part.

We certainly hope you'll be able to attend our meeting at the Presbyterian Church this coming Thursday night, February 27th, at 8:00 P. M. The program subject "The way it was in Hillsboro in 1876".

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

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March 21, 1975

Dear Member:

The regular meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held Wednesday, March 26, 1975 in the Court Room of the County Court House. Judge Darrell Hottle has the program - a history and tour of the Court House. Note the meeting has been changed to WEDNESDAY evening. Many churches have a Maunday Thursday evening service on our regular meeting time.

We will return to the Highland House for our meeting in April. Utilities will be turned on for use of the building for the rest of the summer.

Our president, Joe, was under the surgeon's knife on Tuesday morning, March 18th, at Highland District Hospital. As this is written the reports are that he is doing well but he will be under the weather for a while. Send him a get well card. I'm sure he will appreciate it.

See you in the court room Wednesday evening.

Cordially,

Sandy Harsha
President in charge of Vice

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April 18, 1975

Dear Members:

The April meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held on the 24th at the Highland House Museum starting at 8:00 P. M. It will be good to again hold our meeting at the museum.

At this time I would like to thank the kind people at the Presbyterian Church and Judge Darrell Hottle for the use of the Church and the Court House during the winter months. We had some fine meetings which were well attended.

The program this month is going to be on the unusual side. Fred Keeler, former President of the society, will be our speaker. Fred is one of the foremost authorities on underground water in this part of the country, and he is going to do a program on the underground water supply. Where it comes from, how it gets there, and how it effects our everyday lives. This is indeed a most interesting subject, and is an opportunity to learn more about how, and where the water supply comes from and how it obtains quality. Parts of Highland County have more springs than most areas. I have heard Fred speak on this subject, and I can highly recommend it, and Fred's knowledge of the underground water supply.

Since the museum has been closed all winter we have not received many items, but there will be a few which Mr. Robert Yacubian, our Curator will tell us about.

I hope to have a report from some of the groups that are working on the Bi-Centennial project. There seems to be a great deal of activity, and plans are going forward for a big day on the 4th of July this year. The society is assisting the other groups with their plans where possible.

Of course we will have our regular social hour with refreshments. Our hosts will be announced at a later date.

So, make your plan to attend the April meeting at the Highland House Museum April 24th at 8:00 o'clock. See you then.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold

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May 14, 1975

Dear Member:

May is another month with five Thursdays, so, be sure and remember that the Historical Society meets on the fourth Thursday. So, be sure to attend the meeting Thursday, May 22nd.

We are going to have one of our most interesting programs. Dr. Gerald M. Lucas will be our special guest. Dr. Lucas, has for many years, been collecting iron objects. He has one of the most extensive collections in the country, and he will bring many of these items for us to see. Iron pieces that are really collectors items. We would like to have a full house of members for this interesting program. I'm sure you won't want to miss it.

We will have a short business meeting. Mr. Robert Yacubian, our curator, will show items which have been received at the museum since our last meeting.

Mrs. Anna Custer Upp and Mrs. James Hamm will be our hostesses for the evening, with refreshments and soft drinks.

So, let me urge you to be sure to attend our May meeting. And, remember the date, Thursday, May 22nd at the Highland House Museum. Dr. Gerald M. Lucas, our special guest will do the program on old Iron objects.

The summer season will soon be upon us, and we will be opening the museum for visitors. We are always in need of help on week-ends, so we would appreciate your volunteering to help us out. It is really a very enjoyable way to spend a few hours. We need guides and cashiers.

We'll be looking forward to seeing you Thursday evening, May 22nd, at the Highland House Museum at 8:00 o'clock for the regular May meeting of the Highland County Historical Society.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

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June 20, 1975

Dear Member:

The June meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held Thursday, June 26th at the Highland House Museum at 8 P. M.

Since we are closing in on our Bi-Centennial year, and since there will be a great celebration on July the fourth this year, we have arranged a program concerning people and happenings during the Revolutionary War. The local Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be in charge of the program with Jean Wallis, our Secretary, acting as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Local ladies taking part in the program will be Martha Saylor, Present Regent, Marie Knott, who will tell about John Ford, Nikola Deck will tell about George Gall, Jean Wallis about Captain and Mrs. Francis Luck, and Ellouise Postle will talk about research.

This is going to be one of our finest programs, and certainly these ladies will have a great deal of interesting history to tell us about. Everybody seems to be getting into the swing of the Bi-Centennial, and it looks like this year and next year are going to be years of great celebration..

Nellie Finley and Mary Roush will be our hostesses for the meeting, and will have refreshments during our social hour.

The weather vane from off the Courthouse is being repaired by Clyde Maines, and we hope it will soon be back in place on top of the Courthouse. The local Bar Association and the Historical Society are paying to have the vane repaired.

We certainly hope you will make a special effort to attend this historical society meeting on June 26th. It's a good chance to learn more about the Revolutionary soldiers who lived in our area and whose descendants sill live in Highland County.

Hope to see you June 26th at the Highland House at 8:00 P. M.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold

President

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July 18, 1975

Dear Member:

Once again, we have five Thursdays in the month, so we would like to remind you that the July meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held at the Highland House museum on July 24th at 8:00 P. M.

We hope you will plan to be with us on the fourth Thursday because we have a really fine program lined up. We have obtained from the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D. C. some very great slides. These are color slides of the gowns worn by our presidents wives. There are more than forty of them, and there is a narrative story with each slide. We believe this will be one of the best programs we will have this year.

We are moving ahead with the plans for this years annual Antique Show and Sale. It will be held at the Highland County Fair grounds on August 2nd and 3rd. We hope you will be able to assist in some way with this most important enterprize.

We will need gifts of food, your time, and your moral support. We hope to make this years show a very prosperous one. So, make your plans to eat with us during the two days of this most worth while antique show. The money we make on the show goes to help defray expenses during the year.

Our Curator, Robert Yacubian and Doctor James Bodenhamer will act as hosts for the program on July 24th. So, please make a date to attend this most entertaining meeting. Enjoy the program and the social hour with our two genial hosts.

We have for sale a very fine print of a picture of the Highland County Court House. Mrs. Leah Rhude had the prints made, and from each \$5.00 sale, the society gets \$2.50. I hope some of you will want to purchase one of these fine prints. They are beautifully framed.

Remember the meeting this July will be on Thursday, July 24th at 8:00 P. M. Hope to see you then.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

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September 18, 1975

Dear Member:

The regular September meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held on Thursday, September 25, at 8:00 P. M. at the Highland House Museum. This is the first meeting since July, so I hope a lot of you will see your way clear to attend.

It was announced, for the July meeting, that we would show slides of the dresses worn by the Presidents wives or those acting as First Lady. Well, we did not receive the slides in time for the program. However, they are here, and I am sure it will be one of our better programs. They run from Mrs. Washington to Mrs. Nixon. They are in color, and there is interesting commentary.

We have had a rather busy summer, with guests going through the museum. The 4th of July was a big day with several hundred going through the building. We have not received many gifts or loans this summer. However, we will have a few items for our Curator, Robert Yacubian to show you.

We will, of course, have our usual social hour after the meeting with refreshments for everybody.

I have been busy writing a short history of places of interest in Highland County. This material will be used by the Automobile Club in their promotion of Southern Ohio as an area to visit because of its beauty, and historical background.

Let me again urge you to attend this September meeting, because of the fine program we have planned for you. Two interesting diaries concerning the Dick Family of Marshall are here, and we will read some interesting things from these books. One is the true story of the capture of the mother and father of Mary Ann Dick-Lucas, whose picture, taken at the age of one hundred hangs on the wall of our meeting room. They were captured by the Indians and held captive for some time. Then an account of the experiences of Quinton Dick and his group as they searched for John Hunt Morgan, the Confederate who raided this area.

The date is September 25th. The place- the Highland House Museum. The time is 8:00 P. M. See you then.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

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October 17, 1975

Dear Member:

It's time again for the monthly meeting of the Highland County Historical Society. As you know, we meet on the fourth Thursday in each month. Well, - the 23rd of October is the fourth Thursday, and is meeting night. We will hope that you will all attend at 8:00 o'clock at the Highland House Museum.

Jean and Lester Wallis, along with myself have been out in the country the past few days taking slide pictures of the beautiful fall colors, and the historical sites in Highland County. We will have these slides available for our program, which we are calling, "Pictorial and Historical Highland County". We certainly hope you will be able to see these nice slides.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald West have loaned to the society for the museum a beautiful old fashioned Parlor Organ, which still plays. It will certainly make a wonderful addition to our museum living room. Many thanks to these fine people.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Vosper will be our host and hostess for the evening, and will be in charge of the social hour.

Mr. Robert Yacubian, our curator will have some interesting items to tell us about during the meeting.

So, please make your plans now to attend the October meeting of the Highland County Historical Society at the Highland House Museum, 8:00 P. M. on Thursday October 23rd. We'll be seeing you then.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President

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November 14, 1975

Dear Member:

Because of the fact that the fourth Thursday in November falls on Thanksgiving Day, the regular November meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held a week early on November the 20th. Eight o'clock is the time, and the Highland House Museum is the place.

I do hope you will all attend as you will want to see the beautiful pictures which we inherited from Mrs. Ruth Lacy. Two of them measuring 5 feet 6 inches by 5 feet 4 inches. These pictures of Mrs. Lacy's Great Grandfather and great-grandmother were painted in 1821. The other is an original Detwiler, of Mrs. Lacy's father, Henry Dawson. We also have some very interesting small items which Katherine Barrere has given the Society from Mrs. Lacy's estate.

We are planning an interesting program of slides and narration called, "Why did they name it?" This will be an entertaining history of the brand names which have become an important part in our every day lives, with slides of old time ads to illustrate. You'll see early ads about Jello, Baker's chocolate, a Wells Fargo wagon hauling Dr. Pepper syrup, the original Log Cabin Syrup container, the first cardboard Life Saver package, and many, many more outstanding ads of early products.

The origins of the names are as diverse as the products they "describe". They were the results, in some cases, of a great romance (love requited and unrequited): of luck (good and bad), and sometimes, of a completely unleashed imagination.

"Why did they name it", brings to life legends which should not be forgotten. In our day, when we associate these grand names with huge laboratories and the assembly line, this flash back program will amuse you, and we hope give you a pleasant evening.

Remember now, we are meeting a week early because of Thanksgiving Day. We hope you will attend this interesting meeting. We will have our refreshments and social hour after the meeting and program. November 20th is the date, 8 o'clock is the time, and the Highland House museum is the place. See you on the 20th.

Yours very truly,

Joe Rockhold
President