

HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
THE HIGHLAND HOUSE  
Hillsboro, Ohio  
45133

April 21, 1977

Dear Member:

Well, we hope the long winter has passed, and once again we can meet together at the Highland House Museum to enjoy a program and social evening. It's been a long hard winter, but we are ready to go again for the summer, and are planning some special events as we go through the season. We saved a great deal of money by closing the museum, and I do not see that anything has been damaged.

I believe the program we have arranged for you will be outstanding. It's from the Smithsonian Institute, and contains 80 slides. It's the "Battle of the Little Big Horn." There has been a great deal of publicity concerning this battle in the past few years, so I am sure this slide presentation will be most entertaining. This great battle was fought on June 25, 1876. There, troops of the Seventh Cavalry met Sioux and Cheyenne warriors in an action that ended with Colonel George Armstrong Custer and his immediate command dead on the field. The slides include photographs of Indians and military participants and weapons, the battle field, and artwork illustrating the battle itself.

We have sent out the contracts for this years Antique Show, and have had several of them returned. We hope to make this years show bigger and better than ever.

Nellie Finley will be our hostess for the evening. As usual she will have delicious cookies and punch.

So let's make this first meeting of the season a big one. I know you won't want to miss our Smithsonian presentation of the "Battle of the Little Big Horn".

Our Curator, Virginia Bare, and some of the ladies have new ideas as to how we can "purk" up the museum for the summer. We are looking forward to working with Virginia.

Please make your plans to attend the April meeting the 28th at the museum at 8 P. M.

Yours very truly,

*Joe Rockhold*  
President

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May 20, 1977

Dear Member:

This news letter is to remind you that we will have the May meeting of the Highland County Historical Society on Thursday, May 26th, 8:00 P. M. is the time, and of course, the place is the Highland House Museum.

We do hope you will make a special effort to attend this meeting, because we have a wonderful program arranged for you. Eloise Postle will be in charge of the program, and you know what a wonderful job she always does. Her subject will be "Old Taverns of Highland County". This will be an outstanding "look" into the early history of our area. So, please, make a point to join us for this fine historical program with Eloise Postle.

Of course, we will have our usual social hour after the meeting and program. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fenner will be our host and hostess.

Now that the weather has warmed up, we will be making plans to have the museum open on Sundays. We would appreciate help from any of you members. Also, our Curator, Virginia Bare, along with others, has some plans to change the looks of the inside of the museum, in order that we can attract people who have already visited us. We also hope that we can have some special attractions arranged for a few Sundays in order to interest people to stop in to see. We are working on plans.

So, again let me invite you to attend this May meeting. You'll enjoy Eloise Postle and her program "Old Taverns of Highland County", our social hour, and seeing any new items which we might have received.

May 26th at 8:00 P. M. at the Highland House Museum. See you then.

Yours very truly,

*Joe Rockhold*  
President



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June 22, 1977

Dear Member:

This letter is to serve two purposes. First, to call your attention to a special program which our historical society, along with the Ohio Historical Society is sponsoring. This program will be held at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 26th at 2:30 P. M.

Laszlo G. Koe-Krompecher, a well known Architect, will be in charge of the program. He will show slides of outstanding houses of both Hillsboro and Highland County. These buildings will be viewed as representing not only a material and economic worth, but also representing certain humane values. This is your opportunity to learn more about the outstanding homes of our area, and to learn of their architectural value from a real authority.

Mr. Koe-Krompecher will be assisted during the panel discussion by Panel Moderator, Dr. David Stewart, and Dr. Samuel Crowl, both of Ohio University.

It isn't often that you have such informative men available for such a program, so it is our hope that as many of you members as possible will attend, Sunday, June 26th, 2:30 P. M. at the Presbyterian Church.

Now, the second reason for the letter is to inform you that our regular June meeting will be held at the Museum on Thursday, June 30th. The regular meeting time is 8:00. We have an outstanding program for you featuring Steve Kelley, Vice President of the Adams County Historical Society, and authority on historical sites of our famous neighbor to the south. Steve, who is also a member of our society, will have slides of historical sites and of the many beautiful scenic views of Adams County. We hope you will all make an effort to attend the meeting, and enjoy Steve Kelley.

We have made some interesting furniture changes in the building which we hope you will enjoy.

Be sure to attend both meetings. Sunday at the Presbyterian Church, and our regular meeting on June 30th at 8:00. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fenner will be our host and hostess for the social hour.

Yours very truly,

*Joe Rockhold*  
President

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July 20, 1977

Dear Member:

The regular July meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held at the Highland House Museum on July 28th at 8:00 P.M.

Our program will be a special collection of color slides from the Smithsonian Institute. The department of anthropology presents a complete account of the Wounded Knee tragedy in an outstanding series of slides. In this set of 65 slides, 19th C. photographs from the National Anthropological Archives depict the Sioux Reservation, Ghost Dances, U. S. Army and Indian participants, and the battle field as well as artifacts from the scene. This should be a most interesting historical program.

Nelle Finley will be the hostess for the evening. We will of course, have our social hour after the meeting and program.

This is a most important meeting, because it come just a few days before our Antique show at the fair grounds. We hope you members will be able to help during August 6th and 7th, because this antique show is the most important thing we do all year. The Money derived from this effort is used to pay our expenses during the year. We have the dealer space almost filled, and arrangements made for the food to be served in the 4-H building.

We hope that each and every member, regardless of where you live, can contribute money this year. We are not going to ask for pies, cakes, etc. But, we do hope that you can see your way toward sending a check to the food fund. Send your checks to Charles Harsha, Harsha Monument Company, West Walnut Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133.

I hope as many of you as possible will make plans to attend our July meeting, and that you will plan on coming to the Antique Show at the Fair grounds on August 6th and 7th. Please come and eat with us. We will have a fine menu of turkey, chicken and noodles, baked beans, potato salad, hot dogs, steaks, and all the good things that go to make a fine meal. Please put those dates on your calendar, and help us make this the biggest and best antique show we have ever had.

Thanks for your help in the past, and please help us again this year.

Yours very truly,

*Joe Rockhold*  
President



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September 20, 1977

Dear Member:

The September meeting of The Highland County Historical Society will be held on September 29th at 8:00 o'clock at the Highland House Museum. We want to call your special attention to this meeting, because of its importance to the Society and most everybody in the area.

David Brook, Preservation Officer for the South Central Ohio Preservation Society, will be our special guest. He will talk about an historical district in Hillsboro. This will include the Court House, the business district, and part of the residential district. Homes on West Main, West Walnut, Collins Avenue. The district will be four blocks on North High, 1 block South High, 2 blocks East Walnut, 2½ blocks East Main. Dr. Sanders house, the Samuel Scott house, Scarborough House, and others on West Walnut. David Pence and Vernon Fairley, Jr. house on West South, as well as others.

Everyone with a house in the district or house that has an historic, architectural style or any older house should be at this meeting. The National Register will be explained and what qualifications are required. David Brook will show slides concerning National register work.

So, you can see that, not only will we have an interesting program, but one that is most important to our area. Please spread the word about the meeting, and ask a friend. We would like to have a good crowd. We do not expect all to be members. The public is invited.

We will have our usual social session with refreshments after the meeting. So please mark down the date of September 29th, 8:00 o'clock at the Highland House Museum.

Hoping to see you on the 29th, I am

Yours very truly,

*Joe Rockhold*  
President

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October 19, 1977

Dear Member:

This letter is to call your attention to the October meeting of the Highland County Historical Society, which will be held at the Museum on October 27th at 8:00 P. M.

I hope you will all make an effort to attend, because we are going to have a fine program featuring Al Martellotti, Industrial Arts Supervisor at the Hillsboro High School. Mr. Martellotti's hobby is history, especially the history of the western part of the U. S. and the problems between the Indians and whites. He is a member of the Little Big Horn Association, and has made an extensive study of Caspar Collins, who was born and raised in Hillsboro. His topic will be "Cavalry Life in the West from 1865 to 1876". Al will have a number of artifacts to show during his talk. This is going to be a real outstanding historical program, and one which ties in with Hillsboro and Highland County because of Casper Collins and his father, Colonel William Collins.

You will be glad to know that the many pieces of furniture which were loaned to the Society by Mrs. Elmer Brown, are now ours. Mrs. Brown passed away recently, and she willed the Society all the furniture and silverware. We are most grateful to her for these splendid gifts.

We have received several new items since our last meeting, which will be shown by our Curator Virginia Bare. Also we will have our social hour with refreshments as usual. And, I think it's time for the President to act as host, so I plan on having some good apple cider to drink.

Please let me encourage you to attend this meeting, because our program will be outstanding, and you'll enjoy meeting Al Martellotti, from the Hillsboro High School. It's wonderful for him to take his valuable time to prepare and present these historical facts.

Hoping to see you at 8:00 at the Highland House Museum, October 27th.

Yours very truly,

*Joe Rockhold*  
President



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November 11, 1977

Dear Member:

Our regular meeting night falls on Thanksgiving night, so we are scheduling the November meeting a week early. So, the November meeting of the Highland County Historical Society will be held at the Museum on November 17th at 8:00 P. M.

I have obtained a fine program from the Library which I am sure you will all enjoy. It's a color film produced by the Wild Life Division of Ohio, and it is well done and well narrated. I am sure you will all enjoy learning more about our great state of Ohio, and seeing the many beautiful and interesting spots which are included in the film.

Virginia Bare, Curator, and your President will be in charge of the refreshments for the evening.

This, of course, will be the last meeting of the year, so we hope you will all make a special effort to attend.

I think we have made great progress during the year, and have received as gifts and on loan many fine historical pieces. We have also helped many people from all over the country in obtaining information concerning their ancestors who lived at one time in Highland County. You really wouldn't believe the number of letters that come to us concerning these problems.

Please remember that the November meeting of the Historical Society will be a week early because of Thanksgiving, and make a point to attend and see this beautiful film of Ohio called "Sweet Ohio".

See you at 8:00 P. M. on November 17th, I am

Yours very truly,

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December 12, 1977

Dear Member:

I would like for this letter to serve two purposes. First, to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Second, I would like to inform you that the Highland County Historical Society is going to have a Christmas Open House this year at the Museum, on Sunday December 18th from 1:00 to 5:00 P. M.

Many of our members are going to bring in for display their varied collections of invaluable material. Just listen to this list of outstanding things. Things which are privately owned, and are irreplaceable.

Westward Ho China - these are original, and date back to the early 1800's. Two different collections of Indian Artifacts. All from Highland and Adams County. A collection of rare Rose Medallion China, made in China in the late 1700's. A table setting of beautiful Minton ware. Early tools, many which you have never seen in your life. A display of Blue Milk Glass, a collection of old dolls, a display of delightful and beautiful Cloisonne, from Europe, many interesting old pictures, which have never been shown before, Chinese costumes, and shawls, dating back to the 1700's. A collection of old time kitchen items, and the Caspar Collins room will have a display of early Indian war materials.

So, you can see what a show this will be. And, the building will be decorated with Christmas material to make it the most beautiful building in Highland County. So be sure to visit YOUR museum, and enjoy the refreshments, companionship, and lovely Christmas decorations along with the outstanding items which will be shown. We will try to make this as near an "Old Fashioned" Christmas as we possibly can.

The people in charge are working very hard to make this an outstanding affair. It's open to the public with NO charge, but donations will be accepted.

So, we'll see you on December 18th at the Christmas Open House at the Highland House Museum from 1:00 to 5:00 P. M. Bring your friends, and a Merry Christmas to you all.

Yours very truly,

*Joe Rockhold*  
President