

# Museum Muses

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## A Note from Your President

By Ron Gilliland

2010 has started off great and it's only going to get better. Mark June 27<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. We will be having the Tour of Homes. There are eleven exciting places to visit.

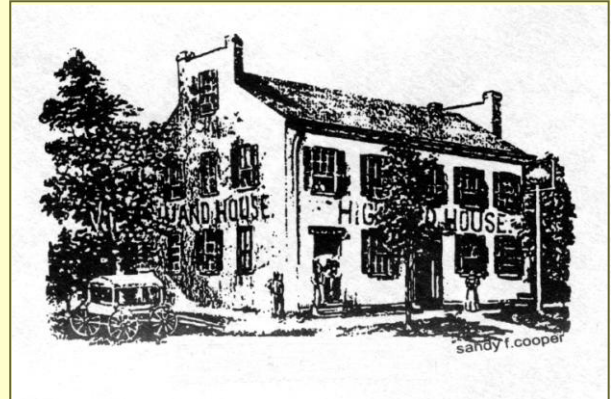
On August 7<sup>th</sup> we will be having an Antique Consignment Sale on the HCHS grounds.

On September 8<sup>th</sup> we will be having a re-enactment of the Mother Thompson Crusade and we're inviting the public to join us to march down the streets of Hillsboro in period costumes for this event. We will be stopping along the way where the old saloons were located at that time in history. We hope you will join us, it should be a fun time for all.

Sincerely,

*Ron Gilliland*

HCHS President



who was then the Berlin correspondent for the London Daily News. He was a native of Bennington, Vermont. The couple was married in Hillsborough at the old homestead in 1875. They lived in Europe for four years before returning to America where Herbert was a professor of politics at Cornell University.

Eliza Jane Trimble Thompson (1816–1905) was born in Hillsborough. She was married to James Henry Thompson in 1837 and bore eight children. Among her accomplishments: she inaugurated the Women's Christian Temperance Union on December 23, 1873; celebrated her golden wedding anniversary September 21, 1887; was visited by five hundred delegates of the National Women's Temperance Union in session in Cincinnati; was a Member of the Advisory Council of the World's Congress of Representative Women World's Columbian Exposition; was the first woman to attend a National Temperance Convention; was an intimate friend and advisor of Frances E Willard and Lady Henry Somerset.

Sarah (Sallie) Allen McCue (1805–1885) was born near Fishersville, Augusta County, Virginia, the youngest child of three sons and five daughters born to Rev. John and Elizabeth Allen McCue. She

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## WCTU CRUSADES

By Jean Wallis

On the walls of the Crusade Room in Highland House Museum hang three large oil paintings of individuals who were instrumental in laying the foundation of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in 1873–1874. The paintings are of Eliza Jane Thompson, Sarah (Sallie) McDowell and the pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Dr. William J Mc Surely. The paintings were the work of artist Mary McArthur Thompson Tuttle, daughter of Eliza Jane.

Mary Tuttle (1849–1917) was born in Hillsborough, the daughter of James Henry Thompson, a lawyer born in Kentucky, and Eliza Jane, only daughter of Governor Allen Trimble and his second wife, Rachel Woodrow. Mary, while studying art in Europe, met Herbert Tuttle,

was married to Joseph McDowell, a lawyer born in Burke County, North Carolina. In 1826 the family removed to Highland County. She was the mother of nine children and celebrated her golden wedding anniversary in 1872. On Christmas Eve, 1873, Sallie was elected vice-president of the 73 women who marched from the Presbyterian Church on that cold December day singing "Give to the Winds Thy Fears." Sallie served as vice-president until her death thirteen years later.

The Rev. Dr. William Jasper McSurely (1834-1929) was born near the tiny hamlet of Unity in Oliver Township in Adams County, the son of Hugh and Mary Ann Clark McSurely. His schooling consisted of the typical one room school of its day (1850-1852), he attended the North Liberty Academy at Cherry Fork and in 1852 enrolled at Miami University, graduating in 1856. Immediately following he enrolled at the United Presbyterian Seminary as a student of theology, where he received his degree in 1858 and was ordained in 1859. He served at the First Presbyterian Church in Hillsborough (1869-1900). Dr. McSurely served the church during the Crusade and afterward. His portrait by Mary McArthur Thompson Tuttle was dedicated in 1913.

*Our Sympathy to the families of:*

*Dr. Glenn Lucas*

*Robert (Bob) Hern*

*Margaret Ludwick*

*William (Bill) Cornelius*

*Mary Katherine Shepler*

*Welcome to our newest members!*

*M/M Roger Adkins*

*Bruce and Laura Bagshaw*

*Mary Fetro*

*Dan Holsinger*

*Bob Lambert / Highland Co.*

*Restoration Service*

*Arthur Wenzel*

*Wilkin & Wilkin Ins.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**July 1st – 5pm Bell Ringing to open the Festival of the Bells**

All Highland County residents are invited to ring any bell they have on Thursday July 1st at 5pm to signal the start of the Festival of the Bells. Large bells or small bells ring them loud and long to help get the Festival off to a great start! Look for more details as we get closer to the date.

**August 7th – 9am to 3pm Antique & Collectible Sale sponsored by Highland County Historical Society**

Please reserve a space for our Antique and Collectible Sale to benefit Highland House Museum. No Museum items will be sold but we welcome you to bring your items to sell. A small table charge and small percentage of all sales will go to the museum. Look for more details soon or stop by the museum for more information about availability and location.

**September 18th – Noon Temperance Crusade March Recreation**

We are re-enacting the Temperance Crusade March of 1873-1874 through downtown Hillsboro at noon with stops at the historic locations of saloons, drugstores and hotels that were asked to stop serving liquor. The march will end at the courthouse lawn with a ceremonial "burning" of the whiskey barrels. Join us as we march the same path of these pioneering women who tried to bring civility and moderation to Hillsboro. Church groups, civic organizations, youth groups and historic re-enactors are welcome to march with us. More details will be available after July 1st at the museum or Hillsboro Book and Bible on N High Street.

# Notes from the DIRECTOR'S DESK

By Margaret Van Frank

Hopefully everyone is aware of or has noticed the repair and repainting ongoing at the Highland House Museum. But what you can't see (unless given a tour including the basement) is the necessary restoration of this 'ole building. To name a few projects: support beams in the basement must be raised, the fireplaces in the dining room and the parlor will receive a renewed appearance and several windows upstairs must be completely replaced. We are now open on Fridays 1-5 and on Sundays 1-4, so stop and view the work in progress. Of course, donations toward the restoration are gratefully accepted.

Our current Board of Trustees is very busy. The Tour of Homes is well organized by Tom Watkins, a re-enactment of the Temperance Crusade under the guidance of Bob Lambert and Rob Snaveley is planned for September and, of course, we will be open during the Festival of Bells and will welcome the chain saw carver and his entourage. It is planned that the cabin be open at that time and hopefully repainting of the windows and doors will be completed.

The amount of calls and visits that we have had from local and out of state persons has been heart warming. It is interesting that their primary concern is "Do Hillsboro and Highland County people realize what they have here?" We here at the Museum are very much aware of the history we have--are you? Let's listen and take heed before it is too late. Remember we must **PRESERVE OUR HISTORY, BUILDINGS AND ARTIFACTS--once they are gone they're gone forever!**

*Margaret*

## *Here Comes the Bride!*

June is the traditional wedding month and to honor that, here is a little quiz to test your knowledge concerning everything nuptial.

1. The first fashion illustrations highlighting white bridal costumes appeared in the a. 1820's b. 1850's c. 1890's d. 1910's.
2. Traditionally, a woman was expected to have hand-made thirteen quilts by the time a. her engagement was announced b. she was married c. she celebrated her first wedding anniversary d. her first child was born.
3. The sewing implement that was a proper yet romantic gift for a suitor to give a young woman in the 1800's was a a. pin cushion b. pair of scissors c. thimble d. sterling-silver safety pin.
4. This President and First Lady were the first to celebrate their silver (25<sup>th</sup>) wedding anniversary while residing in the White House. a. Abraham and Mary Lincoln b. Ulysses and Julia Grant c. Woodrow and Ellen Wilson d. Rutherford and Lucy Hayes
5. In the United States, the first documented use of the bridal veil was at a wedding in which presidential family, in what year?  
a. Washington, 1799 b. Adams, 1786 c. Jefferson, 1800 d. Madison, 1812.

Answers on back page.  
Adapted from Americana Magazine

## 2010 TOUR OF HOMES & HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

On Sunday June 27, the Highland County Historical Society will sponsor an event that has a 25 year tradition. We will be hosting our semi-annual tour of homes and historical buildings. The tour will run from 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM with an admission charge of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets will be on sale at the Highland House beginning on June 13th and continuing through Sunday the 27th. This year we will be featuring 10 locations as well as the Highland House. Some of our selections include: The Beecher House; Bill Bear's farm near Pricetown; The Armory; and St. Mary's Catholic Church. This year's tour highlights a great mix of old and new, business and residential, along with some very attractive and unique restorations. Come and enjoy an early summer afternoon with us as you relive some of the history of Highland County.

Tom Watkins



*Here Comes the Bride! Answers*  
(take the quiz on page 3 first!)

1. A. Although white wedding dresses became popular by mid-century, through the 1800's brides often wore their "best" dresses. *Godey's Lady's Book* suggested in 1886 that blue and brown were *au courant* colors that year.
2. B. A young woman customarily made twelve quilt tops to be filled and finished after her engagement was announced. At that point, work also began on her bridal quilt, although in some areas it was thought it was bad luck for the bride-to-be to help. Upon completion, she could sign it, perhaps in cross-stitch with strands of her hair. The bride's family strove to help finish all thirteen by her wedding day.
3. C. In addition to unmistakably adoring inscriptions like "Forget Me Not" and "Always Faithful," gold and silver thimbles of old bore such motifs as cherubs, lovebirds and hearts.
4. D. On December 30, 1877, the Reverend Dr. McCabe repeated the pastoral blessing he had given in marrying the Hayeses on December 30, 1852; Lucy Hayes again wore her satin wedding dress. The next evening, one hundred guests celebrated with them in the White House.
5. A. Nellie Custis, George Washington's step-daughter, wed Lawrence Lewis in 1799. Until the mid-1800's, veils were decorative; by the 1870's, they symbolized modesty.

*This object is located in Highland House. In what room would you find this?*

