



Moses Carothers

(1792-1843)

In 1818, Hillsboro was just 10 years old and went by the name Hillsborough when a young man in his 20s, Moses Carothers, published the first newspaper in Highland County. He set up his office in a building on Short Street and the first publication of the *Hillsborough Gazette and Highland Advertiser* came off the press on the afternoon of June 18, 1818. Carothers served as the newspaper's founder, owner, editor, compositor and pressman for about a decade and would become known as the Pioneer of Hillsborough Journalism. During his time in Highland County, Carothers was a colonel of the 1st Regiment of Highland County Infantry, helped found Highland County Lodge No. 38 of Free and Accepted Masons in 1817, and later served as a Senator in the Ohio General Assembly from 1829-32.



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