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151 E. MAIN STREET  
HILLSBORO, OHIO 45133

Greetings! and salutations! It is time you are hearing from your Historical Society. We haven't met since last October when Leland Pennington put on his scary magic and Halloween show. It was a real good show as well as a fun time. Thank you, Leland, for a fine program.

Here are some of the individual things we do that are important but many times don't get in the news:

Several letters have been received from folks across the country seeking information about their ancestors. These requests are answered by our curator, Virginia Bare, and our secretary, Jean Wallis, or by someone they refer in the Geneology Society.

Once or twice a month we get a request for Fran. Hilliards book about the geneology of the Blackburn family. One curious note about this is we have yet to receive a request from someone living in Ohio. Many requests come from the West coast states. Virginia takes care of this.

We have published a new brochure to advertise the Museum. The committee is Jean & Lester Wallis, Deana Flynn, Leland Pennington and yours truly. We have had 1200 delivered on an order of 5000. Of the 1200 we distributed over 1000 at the Appalachian Fling held at Eastgate Mall this last weekend.

Speaking of the Mall this same committee set up a booth at the Fling. We took several items for a display. Let me state we are much better known around that area of Cincinnati than before. We hope to have many visitors this summer as a result. In addition to the committee we had help from Kevin & Beth Palmer, Richard Flynn, Dr. & Mrs. L.T. Odland, Pat Pierce, Jack Hope, Paula Chambers, Joyce Patton and Jean Christian. A BIG thanks to all of you. It was fun and a great success.

You will hear more about the Fling in the next bulletin and our first meeting in March. All items used have been returned to the Highland House. A different arrangement will result in our display when everything is back in place.

This is an official notice of a meeting of the Board of Directors to be held at the Harsha residence, 128 Beekin Drive at 8:00 P.M. On March 13th, 1986. The agenda will a financial report of the Society, some repairs needed on the building, and plan for the summer activities.

Have you noticed the two new trees planted along East Street? They were given to us by Kim and Vernon Fairley. Stu Kincaid made arrangements to have them planted. We thank everyone who helped.

Since the Highland House is in the National Register of Historical Buildings should we purchase one of the plaques and place it on the front of the building like the one on Bell's Opera House? Several have been purchased for other buildings in Hillsboro. This will be on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting.

We received a letter from the Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society of Agassiz, British Columbia, Canada inquiring about a school bell they have from the C. S. Bell Co. of Hillsboro, Ohio. For the details read about it in the Highland County Magazine, Winter Edition 1986.

Does anyone have information on the history of Reecher's Stone Quarry? We have some early pictures sent to us by Rose George from Louisiana but there are no dates. When was it in operation? When was it closed? There was formerly a spur line from the N & W RR depot back to the quarry. That went out long ago too. Can anyone help with some quarry history?

A lot of trouble results because so many people don't take advantage of their opportunities to keep still.

Gossip: Saying nothing in a way that leaves nothing unsaid.

Keep smiling. People will wonder what you have been up to.

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Our first regular meeting of 1986 will be held at the Highland House on March 27, 1986 beginning at 8:00 P. M. As announced in the last MUSES the program will be presented by the Appalachian Fling Committee on the results of their work. Their booth is set up in the assembly room for you to see and they to explain just what happened. Our new brochures have arrived. You can see them too. The Committee in charge was Lester & Jean Wallis, Deanna Flinn and Leland Pennington. It will be a good program. Don't miss it.

The Board of Directors met on March 13th. The new brochures were accepted as satisfactory. The new trees were accepted with thanks to Kim Fairley. There was considerable discussion about repairs on the Highland House. It was decided to wait until after the House Doctor from the Ohio Historical Society checked things out and recommended what should be done. That is to be on March 21, 1986. Further decisions will be made after that. Take a look at the outside trim of the building to see what is our problem.

The Board purchased a bronze plaque to be placed on the front of the Highland House stating it has been entered on the Register of Historic Places. Several other buildings in Hillsboro will have the same designation. You will be able to see what they are at our meeting on the 28th.

The latest edition of the Highland County Magazine came off the press a couple of weeks ago. You can pick your up at several stores in town or at the Highland House next Thursday. How did those who have read it get along with the trivia pursuit for Highland Hounty?

One summer project is cooperating with the Festival of Bells on the weekend of July Fourth. This was a good project last year. Lets make it work again. You will hear more from it later.

Have you noticed the new sign in front of the Highland House? Letters on it were made large so passing in a car people could read it. We have several people to thank. Sandy Harsha and his helper, Dewey Holsinger, set it up on the pole. Clyde Maines and sons covered the sign with tin for weather protection. Grim sign company of Greenfield painted the letters. We thank them very much. It is a good sign and we have not received a bill for any work done on it.

Harley and Roger Maines also keep our gutters and downspouts clean from leaves and other debris. This is one of several things our members do for the Society. Thanks Harley and Roger.

The six months financial report discussed at the Board of Directors meeting is dated December 31, 1985. Income for the six months was \$4,426.51. Expenses were \$1,442.28. We have no long term debts. Our total assets are \$107,040.20. This is an increase of \$5,597.31 from the yearly statement of June 30, 1985.

Your Society is working with the Chamber of Commerce in putting out a brochure for the Festival of Bells. Jean Wallis and Charles Harsha from the Society and John Levo and Jim Hardin from the Chamber are the committee. It is in responce to many questions last year at the Festival "Why the Bells?" It will include a brief history of the Festival, a history of the C. S. Bell Co. and pictures to compliment the text.

A good reputation may be proof merely that you do not have inquisitive neighbors.

In prosperity our friends know us.  
In adversity we know our friends.

Taking things as they come and being able to live with them is another form of success.

See you Thursday evening March 27th at the Highland House for our first meeting of the year.

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151 EAST MAIN STREET

HILLSBORO, OHIO 45133

JUNE 23, 1986

Our next meeting will be held on June 26, 1986 at 8:00 P. M. at the Highland House. Two important events are coming up at this meeting, both having to do with the business of the Society. So it will be a business meeting followed immediately by a meeting of the Board of Directors.

This will be our last meeting before the Festival of Bells. So last minute details suggestions, ideas, assignments and announcements will be discussed. One announcement is the opening time for the Highland House during the Festival: Friday July 4th from 12 noon to 8:00 P.M. The ladies of the Hillsboro Woman's Club will be dressed in period costumes and serve as hostesses.

Saturday July 5, Opening house 12 noon to 7:00 P. M. Members of the Historical Society will be on duty as host and hostess. Sunday July 6 we will be open from 12 noon until 6:00 P.M. Our members will serve as guides again.

The Jotem Down Store will have the same hours but will have their own personel on duty in addition to Museum Hostesses noted above.

The second item on the adgenda is the election of five directors for a three year term. Those directors whose term is up this year are Jean Wallis, William Pitcher, Al Martelotti, Dr. James Bodenhamer and Sandy Harsha. As of press time we have not checked with them but if they wish they are eligible for re-election. Other members of the Board include: Virginia Bare, Susie Sharp, Ernest Williamson, Betty Saum, Wesley Roush, Leland Pennington, Bill Lukens, Kim Fairley, Jack Hope and Charles Harsha. The Board of Directors meet following the regular meeting to elect officers for next year.

The Jotem Down General Store Committee is asking members for donations of home made cookies, home made rolls, home made bread such as yeast, pumpkin, nut and zucchini. These items are to be sold in the store during the Festival of the Bells. The items should be wrapped in saran wrap or wax paper and delivered to The Highland House on Thursday Afternoon, July 3rd, between the hojrs of one and four P.M. We as a committee have worked hard to make this venture a success. It is fitting that you as members help support the store and the Society.

The Committee

For those who pay their dues by the year June 30, 1986 is dues paying time. It can be mailed to Jean Eallis, Secy. P.O. Box 357 Hillsboro, Ohio 45133. Dues are \$5.00 for single membership, \$8.00 for a family membership.

We have been working on an inventory of the contents of the Highland House. The valuations of some pieces of furniture is outstanding.

I ran into this little gem and thought you might like it.

WHICH BONE AM I?

There are four main bones in every organization:

- (1) The WISHBONES: Wishing somebody would do something about the problem.
- (2) The JAWBONES: Doing all the talking and little else.
- (3) The KNUCKLEBONES: Those who knock everything.
- (4) The BACKBONES: Those who carry the brunt of the load and do most of the work.

See you all Thursday the 26th. Tom and Ann Rhude will host the evening.

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Our next meeting of the Historical Society will be held July 31, 1986 at the Highland House at 8:00 P. M. Syeve Kelley, a member of the Society from Seaman will have the program. He recently visited the Williamsburg, Virginia area, took pictures and notes about it. He will tell us about some of the early history of our country. Vern and Sara Swisshelm will be our host and hostess for the evening.

A call came in this week from Sandy Fackler of Washington, C. H. She is a member of the Fayette County Historical & Genealogical Society who recently was the leader in publishing an up to date history of Fayette County and Pickaway Co. She will be with us at our meeting to explore possibilities of a Highland County History. She will have samples of the books for us to see.

Ohio Historical Society has announced their 1986 Photography Contest "PICTURE OHIO". Cosponsored with Eastman Kodak Co. There are two categories of pictures: 1. People and History in Ohio and 2. Ohio Naturally. They may be either prints or slides in each category. Entry forms and other related information are available at our meeting on the 31st. Nov. 28, 1986 is final deadline for entries.

Our August meeting is being planned to be at Dr. Jim. Bodenhamer's home. Since it has been arranged that the Society will own the Lilley Home and the Log Cabin, the program will be planned around a historical background. More later in the next bulletin about it.

Our July Fourth "Festival of the Bells" is now history. From our point of view it was a great success. There were 642 paid admissions over the three days. Children under 12 years of age were admitted free.

A hugh THANK YOU goes to Jean and Lester Wallis for their "Jot-Em-Down" General Store. She had many "Thanks" in her column in the July 17th Press Gazette, Highland Guide Posts. There were so many willing hands we thank all of you. We add our Thank you to all of you. It was a great adventure.

The Festival Committee met a couple of nights later and decided to keep the General Store open for the balance of the summer on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. We need volunteers to help keep the store. The store now means the Museum as well as the General Store. The work is mostly visiting with people and answering their questions. Call Virginia Bare, our Curator at 365-1223 or Jean Wallis, our Secretary at 393-2388 in the evenings/

The Hillsboro Festival of Bells Committee met this week to determine the future of the Festival. There had been mixed reviews about it mostly negative. Representatives from several concerned organizations gave the committee a very optimistic outlook. It was decided to continue the Festival, expand the committee and clear up the troubled spots. Committee members were easy to appoint but a chairman is yet to be selected. Another meeting is planned to solve this problem.

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The Historical Society meets again on August 28, 1986 at Dr. Bodenhamer's residence. In order to take advantage of daylight we will call the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Our program will be about the house and property where we meet. Kim Fairley will update us on the history of the home Dr. Bodenhamer will give us some words of wisdom about his home (one of his favorite subjects). A question and answer session will then be in order.

Since present arrangements state this will eventually belong to the Society, our program is to acquaint you with what we will have and how best we can manage it. Suggestions are welcome. Questions are expected. This is expanding our horizons. We want to keep you informed and hope your suggestions will be constructive.

We will be meeting on the lawn so please bring a lawn chair with you unless you wish to sit on the grass. Susie Sharp will be our hostess for the evening.

To those who still owe their dues they are now due. To those who have paid we thank you.

The community Festival of Bells Committee is now complete. James Ferrell has accepted the general chairman's job with John Levo as Treasurer. Deanna Flinn has accepted the appointment to represent the Historical Society on the Committee. We hope there will be better communication for everyone this year.

We need volunteers for duty on Saturday and Sunday afternoon at the Highland House. Anyone willing call Virginia Bare at 365-1223 or Jean Wallis at 393-2388.

We had a fine program at our last meeting. Steve Kelley from Seaman told us about his visit to Williamsburg, Virginia and the Tidewater area. With his great slides his interesting stories made a good combination. Thanks, Steve.

Sandy Fackler from Washington, C. H. gave a presentation about making a history of Highland County. She had completed one for Fayette County and is working on a Pickaway County History at present. Her Fayette Co. history was a very attractive edition. Here are some thoughts to ponder before making a decision:

1. She will provide pre-sale brochures at no charge to us, whatever we need.
2. We have a choice of two covers, either linen or grained kivar.
3. Each family may submit one family history and one picture. Any words over 500 will be charged @ 10¢ per word and any picture over one will be charged \$12.50 each
4. Family histories are not generally checked for accuracy. They can be if desired. The author's name will appear at the end of the history with addresses available on request.
5. The pre-publication price will be between \$35.00 and \$37.00.
6. From the time of starting the project until mailing is 18 months sometimes a little less.
7. Most books average 250 pages. The average sales is 1000 copies.
8. There can be an historical section and a genealogy section.

To quote Mr. Shakespeare - To do or not to do. This is the question. We will look for answers at our August meeting.

Our Secretary, Jean Wallis, has been to another Auction Sale. She took Lester along to carry that #3 Bell she bought for the Society made by the C. S. Bell Co. She bought some other things for the Jot-Em-Down Store.

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The next meeting of The Highland County Historical Society will be September 25, 1986 at 8:00 P.M. at the Highland House. During the business meeting our yearly financial results will be discussed. They are highlighted elsewhere in this letter.

In case you hadn't noticed the bell dome on the Court House has been refurbished. While workmen were up there Lester Wallis and his trusty camera ascended those heights to take pictures of Hillsboro. Lester says it is an entirely different perspective. He will share it with us.

Kim Fairley will be our hostess for the evening.

On Monday Sept. 29th we will be started some repair work in the Highland House to prepare for winter, weather permitting.

During this summer the Highland House has been open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Quite a number of people have visited us and left some kind thoughts about our Museum. The question is shall we continue the Country Store after this year? Or should we return that room to a meeting room as it was before?

Many have paid their annual dues that were due July 1st. Some are still due and we trust they will paid promptly

Thank you for volunteering for duty on Saturday and Sunday. It has been worth while. In addition we have had several groups visit the Museum. We had two fourth grade classes of students from Washington School this week. A group of ladies from the AAUW will visit on Sat. Sept. 20th.

Our last meeting was held on the lawn at Dr. Bodenhamer's home "Lilley Hill". Although it was a chilly evening 35 showed up to hear about future plans for Lilley Hill. Kim Fairley gave an historical background. Dr. Bodenhamer's comments followed. He opened his home to anyone who wished to visit. Most everyone went inside. It was warmer there than out on the lawn. Thank you Doctor, for being a gracious host.

Here are the highlights of last years finances:

Total income	\$ 9,927.04
Transfer of funds to checking	1,068.97
Total	<u>\$10,996.01</u>

Expenses	\$ 4,856.40
To investments	<u>5,208.43</u>
Total	10,064.83
Net	<u><u>931.18</u></u>

The assets of the Association including the building but not the contents is \$117,980.91. We have no long term debts. There will be more details at the meeting next Thursday.

Leland Pennington made it to the Ohio Historical Society annual meeting on Friday Sept. 13th to receive his award for first prize for the Highland County Magazine in the category of County or Region History Publications with budgets under \$50,000. Ellen Roush accompanied him to Columbus. He has promised to share it with us Thursday.

The Southwest Tourism group will be visiting the Highland House in October 2nd. This is a state of Ohio effort to sponsor tourism throughout Ohio. We understand they are promoting Hillsboro on this particular outing to find out what we have to offer for tourists. Deana Blackwood is the local contact for this group.

We have had no positive response for the history of Highland County as presented by Sandy Fackler at our last meeting and in the last issue of MUSES. We therefore assume it is not for us to pursue.

See you Thursday evening Sept. 25, 1986 at the Highland House at 8:00 P.M.

MUSEUM MUSES  
FROM  
THE HIGHLAND HOUSE  
151 E. MAIN STREET  
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133  
October 23, 1986

Our last meeting of 1986 will be held at the Highland House on October 30, 1986. The Press Gazette reported our meeting for this evening. NOT so! It will be on the 30th at 8:00 P.M. Leland Pennington and Ellen Roush attended the rededication of the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor on July 4th. Leland is an avid picture taker. They will show us some of the results for our program of the evening. Walter & Willa Stanforth will be hosts for the evening.

We wish to thank Lester Wallis for his pictures at our September meeting showing Hillsboro from the Court House bell tower. Hillsboro looks different from up above when comparing it to street level scenes. Thank you, Lester for this perspective.

A Board of Directors meeting is called for 7:00 on October 30th just prior to our regular meeting. In making some necessary repairs on the Highland House your officers need some guidance on alternative ideas.

At our business meeting there will be a discussion on the merits of our Country Store. Shall it be continued next year? Be thinking about it so we can have the benefit of your input before a vote is taken.

We have received a letter from Her Honor, The Mayor of Hillsboro, Betty Bishop we want to share with you. :  
"To all Civic Clubs, Organizations & Churches Hello:  
Next year we will be celebrating the Bicentennial of the U. S. Constitution. This event is being planned as one of the most celebrated events of recent years and organizations nationwide are joining to make this event a great success."  
The D.A.R. ladies have agreed to chair the event. They want and need your ideas for the celebration and how best to accomplish the goals.

We have also received a letter from the Ohio National Guard, Adjutant General's Department, Public Affairs office:

Dear Historical Colleague:

We request your assistance in helping the Ohio National Guard recognize its 200-year heritage. You, the historical society to which you belong, or the museum which you support, have all been identified as historical interests who could help us locate stories and photographs in our research and publication effort to produce the 200th Anniversary Commemorative History publication. This is the first time that this institution (15 years older than the State of Ohio) has attempted to research and collect the significant accomplishments, changes and deeds of citizen-soldiers who have joined together over 200 years in service to nation and state. We solicit articles and photographs, or leads to the same, from all potential sources.

Visitors on Saturday and Sunday at the Highland House have been in greater number than last year. Sunday Oct. 26, 1986 is the last time it will be open until next March. In case you haven't heard why we close it during the winter, it is the high cost of heat. We will keep you posted on anything of importance to the Society through this bulletin between now and March.

On November 1st and 2nd we will be represented at the Aritsan Craft Show at the Leesburg School Gym. We are also down to be at the Appalachian Fling. This is usually held the last weekend in February at Eastgate Mall in western Clermont County. It is too early to hear from this event yet.

Troubles come through the things we let slip through our lips rather than those we let slip through our fingers.

There is only one way to handle a woman. The trouble is nobody knows what it is.

It is great to have your feet on the ground-but keep them moving.