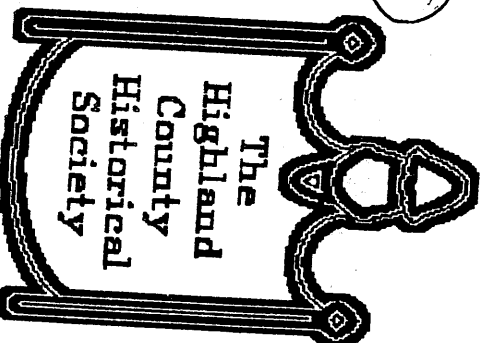


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FEBRUARY, 1993

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We thought we would depart from our usual custom of publishing our newsletter only during the months when our membership meetings are held. During the winter, when we are all shut inside more than we would like, a bit of interesting news is always welcome. With this in mind, we set about to put together an issue to fill you in on the museum and society happenings since November.

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It was wonderful to see so many of your cheerful faces at the Holiday Open House in December. Many of our guests did a little shopping in our Boutique, taking advantage of the fine handcrafted items offered. The "Our Town" miniature house project brought a number of people in to pick up their chosen numbered Parker House miniature. This project, items from our Boutique and door admissions totaled \$1384.99. The Board of Trustees felt the open house was successful and will be continued although Anne Rhude will not serve as chairperson for next year's event. We thank Anne for her work on the Open House events, her enthusiasm, energy and organization skills. Special thanks are also due to Kathryn Mathews, Sondra and Norman Leibreich, Louise Hapner and Jeanne Wilkerson. Susie and Amy Sharp, and Hart and Linda Haynes moved the sleigh (which is no small task!) and we thank them.

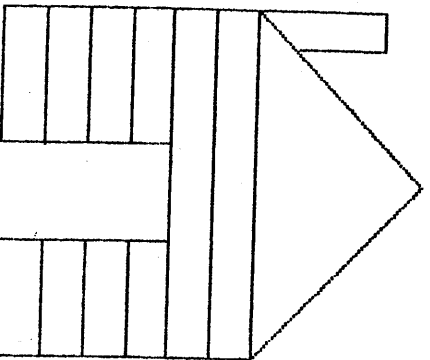
Donations have been received from Mrs. Walter Shannon. Photographs and memorabilia collected during Mr. Shannon's career in our local schools were graciously accepted by Mr. Charles Harsha. A contribution was also received from Mrs. Mary Lou Kincaid in memory of Lt. Stuart M. Kincaid and in honor of Major Stuart B. Kincaid. Also received was a lovely dress and shoes worn by a Mrs. Scott (although we are not sure which Mrs. Scott, we are trying to track that information down and will report it in another issue) and a salt and pepper set for the Hoosier cabinet. These items were given by Mrs. Louis (Barbara) Lamb. These contributions are most gratefully received and we thank our friends for thinking of the Highland County Historical Society.

THANKS\*THANKS\*THANKS\*THANKS\*

Ken and Catherine Meade have been working together to produce our newsletter and we especially appreciated the holiday edition. Each of you who served as host/hostess or offered any help throughout the holiday season deserve a pat on the back for your assistance in making our annual holiday event a success. Mr. S. Walt (Willia) Stanforth photographed the decorated exterior of the museum for use in publicity for next year and also sent publicity to Antique Weekly prior to the 1993 Open House. Thank you, Willa.

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The Festival of the Bells is rapidly approaching and the Society will be involved again this year. Our Log House should be ready with the completion of the chimney and fireplace. Much of our plans for the Festival will center around the rustic house. Mrs. Norman (Sondra) Leibreich is chairing the Ways and Means Committee which will be handling the plans for the Festival weekend.



Mr. Hart Haynes has begun work on the military room. He will be assessing our needs for repair, display and acquisition in an effort to refurbish this popular portion of the Highland House Museum. An upcoming issue will have a list of items that we hope to acquire that would be helpful in telling our local military history.



**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS**  
PRESIDENT - Sara Lukens  
VICE-PRES - John Glaze  
SECRETARY - Jean Wilkerson  
TREASURER - Charles Harsha

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEES**

Hart is also working on a timeline display to give visitors, at a glance, an idea of how our county has developed from the first settlers to present day industries. This should provide a new area of interest to school children and those of us who have visited frequently through the years.



Hart Haynes and Mrs. Robert (Margaret) VanFrank are working on programs for the coming year's membership meetings. We will announce our March Program in the regular March newsletter.

The Highland County Historical Society is looking forward to an exciting year of history. We have so much to do to make our museum even better and livelier, but what fun we have had during the last 28 years!

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There is often interesting activity at the Museum of which the Members are unaware. One of these activities involves groups of people who are taken on tours through the Museum. The Trustees thought you might like to know about these tours.

On November 25, Charles Harsha and Jean Wallis conducted a tour for more than 30 Girl Scouts and their leader, Brenda Hawker.

Membership - Jean Wilkerson, Pat Pierce  
Finance - Charles Harsham John Glaze, Mike Yochum, Jack Hope  
Publicity - John Glaze  
Certification - Jack Hope  
Curator Search - Louise Hapner, Susie Sharp, Deana Flinn  
Housing and Maintenance - Jack Hope, Jack Garman  
Archives - Eleanor Doty, Lynn Musser, Jean Wallis, Jo Mercer  
Newsletter - Catherine Meade  
Program - Hart Haynes, Margaret VanFrank  
User Friendly - Pam Nickell, Catherine Meade, Margaret VanFrank  
Hall of Fame - Elouise Postle, Leland Pennington  
Herb Garden - Paula and Don Wright  
Military Room - Hart Haynes, Jack Hope

These are the people who are working for you in your Society. If you would like to help, call any of the members on the committee who will welcome you as a member. Also, you now know who to contact if you have a suggestion that would help improve your Historical Society.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

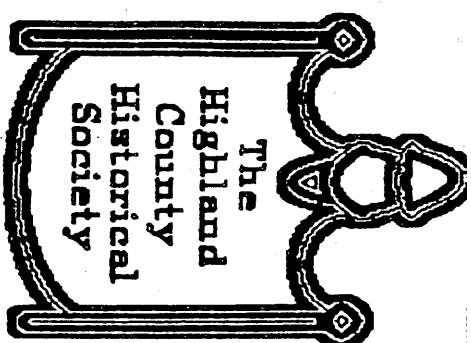
March 12 - Newsletter Deadline  
March 25 - Historical Society Meeting  
April 5 - Trustees Meeting

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MARCH, 1993



### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As I compose this portion of the newsletter snow and wind are howling in my southeastern corner of Highland County. It's hard to believe one should be planting their potatoes and sweet peas in a matter of days. Being that it is March we may be able to!

March kicks off our membership meeting year. Please join us on Thursday, March 25 at the Highland House Museum at 8:00 pm when **Hart Haynes** will present our program on the military room and the marvelous items he has found within our own museum to be displayed. We will also be discussing a new exhibit. More about the program later in the newsletter. **Mrs. Hart (Linda)** Haynes will be our hostess for the meeting.

### MARCH MEETING

At the March 25th meeting, **Hart Haynes** will bring everyone up to date on the renovation of the Military Room, including some of the interesting things that have been found. **Hart** will also pass along some information on **Casper Collins**. Time permitting, the meeting will be opened up for a discussion about ideas for new displays. Be sure to come to the meeting - Spring is on its way and we need your input for freshness and newness of ideas for your Historical Society.

### YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS . . . . .

**Anne Rhude** has suggested that a child's table and chairs are needed in the toy room. Also, an open bookcase would be useful. If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact **Anne** at 393-1255.



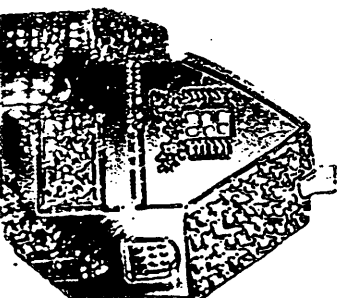
### PEOPLE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Congratulations to the Greenfield citizens group, who, through their determined effort and brilliant planning, have persuaded the Rite-Aid Corporation to save the major portion of the **Century House** on Jefferson Street. The building was purchased along with others beside it and destined to be razed to provide space for the building of a pharmacy and parking lot. The local group presented a detailed plan showing the standing Century House and pharmacy/parking lot as a feasible option. The plan and accepted! This just proves that providing a positive option is the winning method in historical preservation.

### WAYS AND MEANS

The Ways and Means Committee, chaired by **Mrs. Norman (Sondra) Leibreich**, has been meeting recently with several Historical Society members in attendance. The group will offer items that they have designed and handmade for sale throughout the year in the Boutique.

The committee is also planning a series of events that may include a vintage fashion show and luncheon, a children's art display, a tea party and an open hearth cooking demonstration. These various activities are offered to make our museum and society more user friendly, as well as to raise funds for the benefit of our group. Don't you want to be a part of these activities, either as a helper, or as a participant? Watch this newsletter for more information, or contact **Sondra**.



Thrilling Events - in Greenfield

The Greenfield Historical Society will be having an especially interesting membership meeting on Monday, April 19 at 7:30 pm at Traveler's Rest. Chris Duckworth, Editor of Timeline Magazine, will be their featured speaker. Along with his esteemed editorial duties, Chris is also the grandson of former Superintendent of Greenfield City Schools, B. R. Duckworth. The family also has ties with Hillsboro through the Ayers family. Please let Sara Lukens know if you need a ride or would prefer not to drive at night.

MILITARY ROOM RENOVATION UPDATE

Most everything has been removed from the room which now sports a new paint job. The ceiling has been painted white and the walls have been done in camouflage tan (now, don't you really have to come to the museum to see what color camouflage tan is?). Once the repair work on the windows is complete, the trim will be painted a dark brown. We have also ordered star and eagle stencils for a border on the walls. When all the repairs and painting have been completed, we will begin working on our new displays.

A sneak thief on Monday evening at 7 o'clock, stole a lot of under clothing from the line at residence of Samuel Minor, belonging to his family, amounting to some \$12. Footprints made in the soft ground indicate that the party wore No. 5 1/2 shoes, which will lead to tracing of the individual, no doubt, A basket of linen, in basket, was stolen from the residence of Dr. Beggess, on Tuesday evening, which had been left on the porch, for the washer woman who was to call for them. The family have an idea who took them, and unless returned immediately will be arrested.

And - in Xenia

The City Council of Xenia has instructed the City Solicitor to prepare an ordinance making it unlawful for persons wearing crinoline to appear on the streets of Xenia in groups of two or more unless they walk in single file.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 5 - Trustees Meeting
- April 10 - Newsletter deadline
- April 29 - Historical Society Membership Meeting

# Spring



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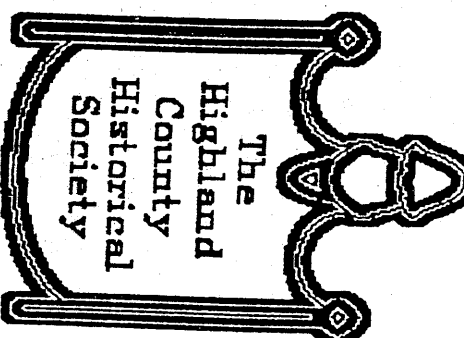
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APRIL, 1993

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I hope you are all firmly entrenched in your Spring activities. A trip through the herb and side gardens at the Highland House Museum has shown strong promise of lovely foliage and flowers to be expected soon. Surprises popped up here and there also. It must have been fairies at work! At least good fairies whose initials could be P.W. or J. (Keep guessing, I'll never tell!)

If you have been by the museum you've noticed that our chimney on the log house is finally finished. The fireplace inside the house is beautiful. Wayne Dance has done a superb job. Our Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Sandra Leibrecht will be cooking over the open hearth during the Festival of the Bells, serving beans and cornbread with lemonade. This should start off another active life for the house with great fun!

Speaking of the Festival of the Bells, the Military Room will be finished and open for your inspection for this event. Hart Haynes has found a number of treasures that we all look forward to viewing in his new displays. We also hope to have a hat display. You'll be hearing more about this festive weekend at membership meetings and in future newsletters.

In the immediate future, all of you who enjoy growing herbs or want to know more about this wonderful gardening experience will want to join Paula Wright of Pondlick Farm on Saturday morning May 8 at 10:00AM at the Highland House Museum. Paula will be joined by Susan Gingerich of Lavender Hill. They will be lecturing and answering questions that you may have concerning growing and using herbs. A plant sale will also be held so that you may use your new found information in planting your own herb garden. Bring a sack lunch and drinks will be provided. Paula is the kind soul who planned, planted and continues to care for our herb garden so that we may all enjoy it!

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Ohio Historic Preservation Conference

May 20-22, 1993

Omni Netherland Plaza Hotel  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Who owns the past? In one sense the past belongs to all of us. In another it belongs to no one. In reality, the past is owned largely by individuals and groups who wield a great deal of power over what remains as tangible reminders of our heritage. The historic preservation movement is born of an outlook that we all have an important responsibility to respect the accomplishments of our predecessors through thoughtful planning and intelligent decisions.

Many interesting learning sessions available, plus tours of Historic Cincinnati. For further information write or call

Places and Spaces  
Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
Ohio Historical Center  
1982 Veima Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43211-2497  
614/297-2470

Several of us recently traveled to Cincinnati to Union Terminal to be present at the 1992 Regional Meeting of the Association of Historical Societies and Museums at the Cincinnati Historical Society, Museum Center. We heard from a host of professionals in the fields of preservation, marketing and conservation. We also enjoyed a behind the scenes tour of the Museum and a delicious box lunch. It was informative, fun and evidently more than some of us could resist! One of our party was inspecting an item too closely and set off the alarm system! Please consider going to this annual affair with us next year. We'll let you know in advance through the newsletter and hope you'll join us. And, of course, we promise to be better behaved.

Our Highland County Historical Society Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, April 5 was busy as usual. We discussed many of the topics I've mentioned already. Lengthy discussion ensued concerning the Bodenhamer Estate that has been bequeathed to the Highland County Senior Citizens. A special meeting was called on Friday, April 9, 7:00 PM at the museum to discuss this topic further. A committee was established to explore possibilities to share with the Senior Citizens group in an open forum. It should be noted that the Highland County Historical Society has been contacted by representatives of the Highland County Senior Citizens regarding items from the Bodenhamer Estate which their board wishes to share with us. These items have as yet not been agreed upon, but we certainly look forward to increasing the understanding of local history held within our museum with the acquisition of items from this estate. Much has been said publicly and privately concerning Dr. Bodenhamer's estate and the senior citizen group. Many members of the historical society are also members of the senior citizens group. To accurately reflect the feelings of our membership I encourage you to contact me (Sara Lukens) at 1-588-3412 or P.O. Box 122, Sinking Spring, Ohio 45172 and share your opinion.

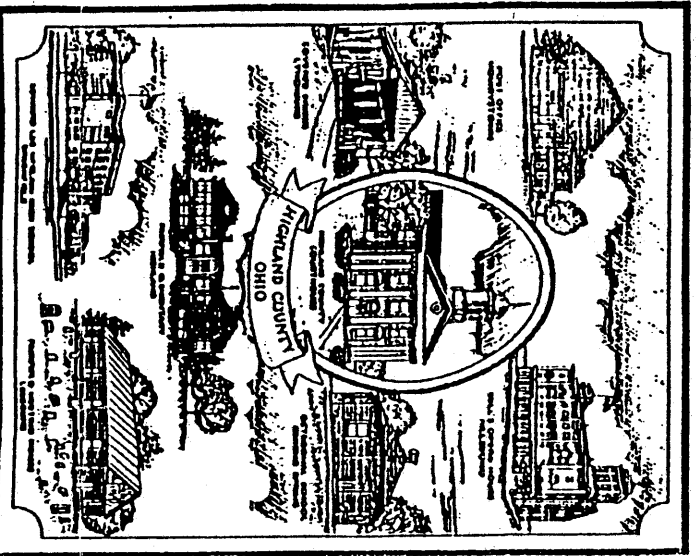
Please plan to attend our April Membership Meeting.

### MUSEUM DIRECTOR SEARCH

The Museum Board of Trustees has established a position of "Museum Director" beginning with the FY July 1, 1993. This is expected to be a part time position, for approximately 15-20 hours weekly. The new Director will be expected to keep regular hours at the Museum, and available for guided tours, to receive and catalog gifts and loans of items, to arrange suitable displays at the Museum, and other places, and to generally represent the Historical Society to the public when necessary.

If any present member of the Historical Society would be interested in applying for this position, or in having more complete information about what is expected, please write to the Highland County Historical Society Museum at 151 East Main Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

This position is being offered first to Society members, and will be announced to the general public on June 1 if it is still unfilled.



Have you seen the beautiful woven coverlet depicting historic buildings of Highland County? Are you looking for a gift for your children? Or would you like to have a warm remembrance of Highland County Heritage? Then, this coverlet is for you. The coverlet is a project of Leadership Highland, Class III, and the proceeds will go for the support of the Future Activities Center Team (FACT) site. Depicted on the coverlet are: Mowrystown Post Office, Octagonal School at Sinking Spring, Lynchburg Covered Bridge, Bell's Opera House, Fairfield Elementary School, Edward Lee McClain High School, Fairfield Meeting House and in the center of the coverlet, the Highland County Courthouse.

This reversible coverlet can be seen at various sites in each Highland County Community and may be ordered from:

Deborah Harsha  
127 West Walnut Street  
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

They are selling for \$45.00 each and are available in Williamsburg Blue, Cranberry or Hunter Green, all on cream.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 29 - Membership Meeting  
May 8 - Herb Workshop  
May 10 - Newsletter Deadline  
May 20-22- Ohio Historic Preservation Conference

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In February, 1807, David Hays was elected to establish a permanent seat of justice in the county of Highland. The site chosen was on the trace from New Market to Clear Creek. It was known, to most of the citizens of the territory, to be very suitable for the County town. The site was the highest point in the territory, and a great number of springs of pure, cold water gushed from many places in its surface. These qualities, together with the pure air on the elevation, did promise healthfulness.

Hays entered into negotiations with the owner of the land and found that it could be purchased on favorable terms, and that a good title could be obtained.

On the 28th of August of that year, he made a plat and survey of the town and on the 7th of September following, he received a deed for 200 acres of land from Benjamin Ellicott for a consideration of \$100.00. This land is that on which David Hays laid off the town called Hillsboro.

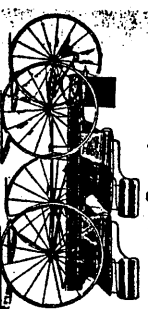
The sale of lots was at public auction and took place about October 1, 1907. On the day of the sale, a large number of people were present, and these gathered on Beech Street for the great event. All the land appropriated was a dense forest of virgin growth. Constable John Davidson of New Market was the auctioneer. Quite a number of lots were sold at prices ranging from \$20 to \$50 on up to \$150.

Christian Bloom and wife, of New Market, supplied the crowd on the day of the auction sale with spirits and gingerbread. In the course of the sale, Christian's spirits arouse the happy spirits of the people, until, it is feared, the spirits of Christian bore the most unpleasant fruit.

The money in the early days of the county was almost entirely Spanish silver coin, frequently cut into halves, quarters, and so forth for convenience. And in those days a bank bill was a very rare article, indeed.

Quoted from FIRST THINGS IN HILLSBORO by J. Lester Seal. Found in the Highland County Historical Society Archives.

Our \$30.50 Three-Spring  
Handy Wagon.



## APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next meeting of the Historical Society is on Thursday, April 29 (the last Thursday of the month) at 8:00 PM. At this time Historical Society Member, Adaline Hartman is going to give a history of fairs and Exhibitions from 1876. She has an interesting collection of stories and memorabilia from these early events to share with us.

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MAY, 1993

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Such excitement at the Museum! Last month's program with Mrs. Adaline Hartman was very well received. Many of us who have enjoyed other offerings Mrs. Hartman has shared with us were so glad to see her with us for the evening!

The 8th of May was another busy day at the Highland House. As a group gathered at the Herb Workshop for an informative talk from Paula Wright, another group was busily thinking the log house and Hart Haynes was upstairs painting in the military room. It was encouraging to see so many people active and productive in our Museum.

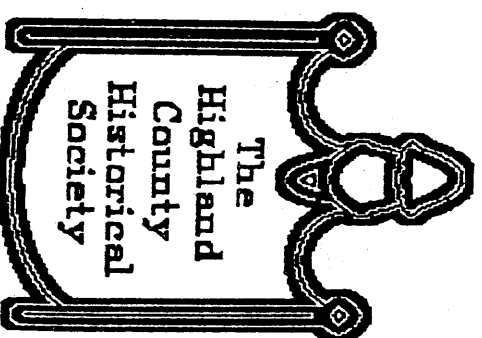
Hart Haynes as committed to having the Museum open over the Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday through Monday from 1:00 to 4:00. This will be a GRAND OPENING FOR THE MILITARY ROOM that we have all been eagerly awaiting. Please contact Hart (303-9020) if you can spare a few hours to greet the public on any of these days.

Our program on May 27th for our monthly membership meeting is going to be "TALKING HEADS". No, this is not the popular rock group. I think you'll be really thrilled when you see what we have planned! Please join us at 8:00 pm.



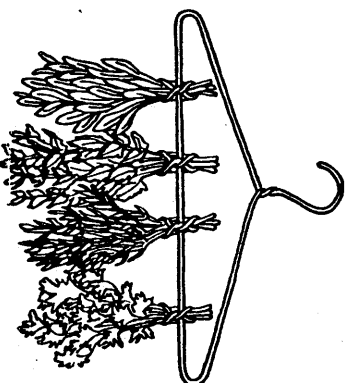
DATES TO REMEMBER

May 27 - Membership Meeting, 8:00 PM  
May 29, 30, 31 - Open House at Museum  
1:00-4:00 PM  
June 1 - Deadline for Members to  
apply for Curator position  
June 7 - Trustees meeting



CURATOR SEARCH

The search for a Curator is still going on and we have one last call for any member of the Highland County Historical Society who is interested in the Curator position to be sure to let the Committee know. To let the Committee know of your interest in the position all you have to do is write to The Search Committee, c/o of The Highland House, 151 East Main Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133. This letter must be in to the Search Committee by June 1, 1993.



HERB WORKSHOP

Those who attended the Herb Workshop were treated to a fragrant, learning experience. Paula Wright brought many potted plants, and Susan Gingerich also contributed plants for the participants to learn about. There was a good attendance and Paula answered questions about herbs. Following the Workshop the members took the potted plants out on the front sidewalk and sold them. This turned out, not only to be an educational experience, but a profitable one as well. Thanks to Paula and Susan for their expertise and contributions.

MORE - FIRST THINGS IN HILLSBORO

Early Business

Jacob Baker and Isaac VanFelt were early shoe makers.

The first tailors were Lang, Hodson and Buntain

William Scott was the first tinner in 1820. A son, Daniel Scott also followed the tinner trade for several years, later becoming an editor and lawyer. Joseph Kibler was another very early tinner.

Lewis Ambrose built a brick yard in 1857 in the western part of the town.

John Timberlake established the first buggy factory in about 1840, on East Main Street. His work was rather coarse and heavy, but very substantial. Later, Timberlake studied law and practiced his new profession. J. F. Bell established a machine shop in the alley between Main and Beech streets in 1853.

In 1814, Allen Trimble and John M. Nelson bought a cotton carding and spinning machine in North Carolina and brought it to Hillsboro. Thus, the first "factory" was established. It was erected on the north side of Beech Street, east of High, and was driven by horse power. The horses were attached to levers turning a large horizontal wheel, twenty feet in diameter. The price of yarn was 40 cents a pound. Raw cotton was brought from Maysville, Kentucky.

About 1820 Henry Davis established a primitive nail factory. This was in a log house on High Street, opposite the Court House. He secured rolled iron, in different sizes in diameter, from Pittsburgh. These, after being cut by heavy shears, one by one, were headed in a clamp, by a heavy sledge hammer. By this means Davis educated his four sons at Kenyon College and they all became highly reputable men in the fields of law, medicine and theology.



HOW TRUE

Anybody who can read cannot clean an attic in one day!!!!



ONE LAST REMINDER - IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE POSITION OF CURATOR - WRITE TO:

Curator Search  
Highland House  
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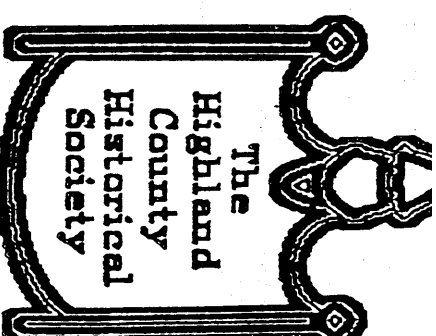
MR / MRS RICHARD LUKENS

P O BOX 122  
SINKING SPRING OHIO 45172



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JUNE, 1993



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is finally here! The herb garden, peonies and roses at the Highland House are quite lovely. As was the fresh bouquet of flowers that graced the dining room refreshment table at our membership meeting on May 27th. Pat Pierce and Jack Hope provided delicious fare for our enjoyment following a program on the life of hats. Hart Haynes, Sandra Leibreich and Eric Salyers wrote and performed the entertaining view of life from a hats prospective. We really have talent in our ranks!

June is traditionally our annual meeting and potluck picnic. Last year our bylaws were amended to limit the trustees terms. We noticed that Charles Harsha has been a faithful and tireless worker on our board and has served as an officer for 28 years. This does not mean, however, that he will not be active in the society! The Board of Trustees of the Highland County Historical Society wants to take this opportunity to thank Charles for what he has accomplished for our society by celebrating him on June 24 at 6:30 PM on the grounds surrounding the log house (if raining, we will go inside the museum). Please bring a covered dish or dessert and table service. We will provide the drinks. Bring lawn chairs, too. We will spend the evening visiting and talking about the history of our society and most importantly . . . . .

**CHARLES:** We are trying to keep this a secret so don't tell him (his copy of the Newsletter does not have this paragraph). We want to surprise him. We will also be passing a blank book for all to share a thought or experience or feeling with Charles. Just a small memento of his evening. Come and join us for this most special event and special recognition of one of our founders.

The following names have been presented by the Nominating Committee to fill a three year term of office.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Fran Cole  
Jack Garman  
Lenora Gordon  
Sandra Leibreich  
Glenn Lucas

The Board of Trustees wishes to thank those who are finishing their term of office on the Board this year. They have given so generously of their time and efforts for the past three years. They are:

Eleanor Doty  
Charles Harsha  
Jack Hope  
Susie Sharp  
Jeanne Wilkerson

Many, Many Thanks!!!!

### DECORATIVE ARTISTS QUILT

Be sure to see this quilt painted by the Rocky Fork Decorative Artists. It is queen size, has 42 squares, and features 22 historic buildings in Highland County. At the present time it is on display at Lites, and during the Festival you will be able to see it at the Decorative Artists Booth. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or a book of tickets for \$5.00. It's lovely and would be a treasure to own!

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### IT'S MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL TIME AGAIN

Membership expires June 30, 1993

Tear here and send to Highland County Historical Society  
151 E. Main Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

Yes, I would like to renew my membership  
\$100.00 Lifetime \_\_\_\_\_, \$8.00 Family \_\_\_\_\_, \$5.00 Single \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in a program about \_\_\_\_\_  
I have the following suggestions \_\_\_\_\_  
I would like to volunteer to help with \_\_\_\_\_  
Please make check payable to Highland County Historical Society

If you have any questions, call Jeanne Wilkerson, 513-393-1492.

## FESTIVAL OF THE BELLS

The 4th of July weekend and the Festival of the Bells will be here before we know it. This year, the Highland County Historical Society's Highland House Museum on East Main Street will be alive with activity. The Grand Opening of the Log House behind the Museum, will take place at 10 AM on Friday, July 2, 1993. With a brief ribbon cutting ceremony. Following the ceremony, the Museum will open featuring the newly renovated Military Room and a display of flags and hats from as far back as the American Revolution. Betsy Ross will also be at the Museum to greet visitors and Uncle Sam will be walking along uptown streets to help celebrate the 4th. In and around the Log House, you will see various displays and activities including the Ritter's Conestoga Wagon and demonstrations with Flintlock Rifles. Tables will be set up with assorted cookbooks and crafts which will be for sale. You can also purchase chances on Hat Boxes for \$1.00. The air will be filled with the music of John Phillip Sousa as you feast on cornbread, beans and lemonade which will be the cheapest meal in town for only \$1.00. All activities will begin at 10 AM on Friday and Saturday and run until 7 PM. On Sunday, the hours will be from 12 noon until 7 PM. Please stop by and join us as we show our patriotism and celebrate the 4th of July and the Festival of Bells.

### ABOUT THE MUSEUM

If you were at the last meeting, you probably happily missed the aroma of wildew and the patina of dust and cobwebs in the meeting room. For this clean room we have Susie Jackson to thank. She really scrubbed to get it so clean.

From time to time there is a need for additional funds. This year, the Board of Trustees has determined a real need for a top to bottom cleaning in the rest of the Museum. This can be costly. If you would like to donate toward the cleaning of the Museum you could send your donation to The Highland House, 151 E Main Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133, designating your donation for Museum Cleaning.

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of our members. If you look closely, not only are the names of all the communities of Highland County to be found, but also the first names of the creator and his wife.

#### CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN HIGHLAND COUNTY

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#### SINKING SPRINGS

BURD  
FAIRFAX  
LYNCHBURG  
LEESBURG  
DANVILLE  
BELFAST  
HILLSBORO

#### GREENPICK

MARSHALL  
NEW MARKET  
RAINSBORO  
SAMANTHA  
PRICETOWN  
FAIRVIEW  
BERRYVILLE  
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### DONATION

The Board of Trustees would like to thank the Senior Citizens Organization for the donation of a New Market whiskey jug which is from the Bodenhamer Estate.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

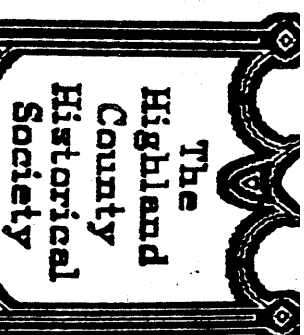
June 24 - 6:30 PM Annual meeting  
and picnic - at the  
Museum  
July 2,3,4 - Festival of the Bells  
July 15 - Newsletter Deadline

There will be a Trustees Meeting, prior to the June membership meeting at 6:00 PM. It is imperative that all trustees attend. There are several matters that must be taken care of that require a quorum. If you cannot attend please contact Sara Lukens at 1-588-3412.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

ANNUAL PICNIC MEETING REPORT

Highland County Historical Society members have been very busy this summer! The Festival of the Bells was a most successful event for us. We had well over 600 visitors through the Highland House Museum. **Hart Haynes, Sondra Leibreich** and **Anne Rhude** organized this weekend beautifully for the society and even though the temperature was oppressive it did not seem to deter our guests. Beans, cornbread and lemonade for \$1.00 was the best deal for a meal in town. The committee was so pleased with the turnout that they are planning to repeat this again next year.

Following is a list of those dedicated souls who staffed the Museum, cooked beans and cornbread or provided lemonade. This weekend would never have happened if it weren't for our friends and members. You are the Society!

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Virginia Bare       | Ford Matthews     |
| Linda Bowman        | Catherine Meade   |
| Beulah Caplinger    | Jo Mercer         |
| Jean Christian      | Lynn Musser       |
| Kathy Daniels       | Pam Nickell       |
| Virginia Dick       | Dorothy Odland    |
| Eleanor Doty        | Pat Pierce        |
| Lois Drake          | Elouise Postle    |
| Gary Drake          | Eileen Quellen    |
| Mary Ann Dyehouse   | Dale Rayburn      |
| Deanna Flinn        | Susie Sharp       |
| Louise Hapner       | Willa Stanforth   |
| Charles Harsha      | Evelyn Tom        |
| Inez Harsha         | John Tom          |
| Linda Haynes        | Margaret VanFrank |
| Mary Hiestand       | Betty Vecchioni   |
| Jeanine Holt        | Jean Wallis       |
| Suzy Haynes Jackson | Lester Wallis     |
| Jones               | Jeanne Wilkerson  |
| Margaret Ludwick    | Harriet Wilson    |
| Bill Lukens         |                   |
| Martha Ellen Lukens |                   |

DONATIONS

We have received several nice donations to the Museum lately. **Kim Fairley Weismeyer** sent several copies of the Hills of Highland and prints of the Mother Thompson House. **Shirley Steele** gave a pair of lovely vases with beautiful silver work that had come originally from **Lilly Hill**. **Joy Cochran Gabriel** donated a collection of photographs. **Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Steadman** presented a gift of newspapers from Hillsboro dating back to the early 1800's. **Earl Robison** sent a beautiful handmade baby's christening gown. Thanks to each of you for your generosity!

Our annual picnic potluck was its usual success. We were able to surprise **Charles Harsha** and honor him for his 28 years of service to date. **Charles** was presented with a plaque to commemorate his tireless work with our society. Memories throughout the years were shared by members and **Charles** and several rounds of applause were offered to recognize and thank **Charles** and **Inez** for all they have accomplished.

TRUSTEES MEETING

Our Organizational Board of Trustees meeting on July 5 helped our new trustees become acquainted with our work. **Jack Garman, Lenora Gordon** and **Sondra Leibreich** were in attendance as New Board Members. Business before the board was the election of officers. Our Nominating committee (**Louise Hapner, Pat Pierce** and **Elouise Postle**) presented a slate of officers which were unanimously elected and are as follows:

President - **Sara Lukens**  
Vice-President - **John Glaze**  
Treasurer - **Dick Flinn**  
Secretary - **Kathryn Matthews**

We have a very fine board of responsible and trusted individuals who are eager to carry out the will of the membership and the purpose of our society. I think you will find it a pleasure to work with each of these trustees.

PETER RABBIT TEA PARTY

The next special event to be held at the Highland House Museum will be a Peter Rabbit Tea Party to honor Peter's 100th birthday. This much beloved children's story was written 100 years ago this year by **Beatrix Potter**. The tea party will begin at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 14. A variety of teas will be served including chamomile, of course. Dainty sandwiches and other treats will be served as well. Ticket price is \$1.50 per child. Tickets can be purchased at the Highland House Museum on Sunday afternoons, 1:00 - 4:00 PM or by calling **Sara Lukens** at 1-588-3412 or **Sondra Leibreich** at 393-9615. Children are encouraged to bring their favorite **Beatrix Potter** toys, books, or other items relating to the theme. Many surprises are in store for these who attend!

DID YOU REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES?

The Board of Trustees has completed its search for a Museum Director, with the employment of Hart Haynes in that position, effective July 1, 1993. Hart has been a volunteer for the Historical Society for quite some time, and is now able to commit more of his time and abilities to the Museum on a regular basis as Director.

Hart's background includes a degree in Business Administration and employment by General Motors as a supervisor for Quality Assurance. He also spent 12 years as a volunteer fireman, and is a trained paramedic. His interest in history has led him into the role of historical re-enactments of American Military History, along with having a Federal Firearms License, and being a gunsmith who makes his own weapons.

Hart will be working with the Board to set up a current record keeping system, bringing up to date our acquisition records, and beginning an inventory of Museum contents, as well as working on programming ideas and displays.

The Museum will now be able to have more hours open to the public, with the Director present. Posted open hours will now be 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Friday. We will continue to keep on Sunday afternoon hours of 1:00 to 4:00 PM, staffed by volunteers.

If there are special needs for other hours for tours, etc., please call the Museum at 393-3392 to make arrangements.

**FROM THE DIRECTOR**

Probably one of the most heard comments at the Festival of the Bells weekend, was from people saying that they had been by the Museum many times but it was never open. With this in mind, we would like to have the Museum open on Saturdays, if we can find people willing to come in and work at the front desk from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. If you would be interested in helping to extend our hours, so more people can come through, please give Hart Haynes a call at 393-3392

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As you have probably heard, our "Festival of the Bells" weekend was a tremendous success. We had 546 names on our Guest Book, but since many signed as families, plus some got by, we estimate that we actually had between 600 - 700 people go through the Museum. We also took in over \$600.00, about half of which was donations at the door.

We could not have had such success without the help of a LOT of people. Those who sent in beans and cornbread, those who manned the kitchen, the front desk and the sidewalk sales, you helped make the Highland House come alive. A special thanks to Lester Wallis aka "Uncle Sam" for running all over town, helping to bring people to the Museum.

You will also be pleased to know that planning for next year has already begun. Next year will be the 150th anniversary of the Highland House and we plan to have the "Festival of the Bells" weekend even bigger and better.

**JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Our Membership meeting on Thursday, July 29 at 8:00 PM will be hosted by Lenora Gordon and Martha Lukens. Our program for the evening will be the film that was made a few years ago for docents. It features a tour through the Museum by Virginia Bare. If you are planning to volunteer at the Museum any time soon, please see this film. It will be a valuable help to you.

**ATTENTION - OFFICERS, PAST AND PRESENT**

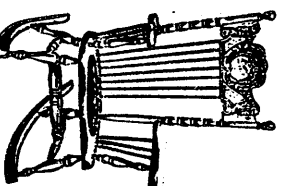
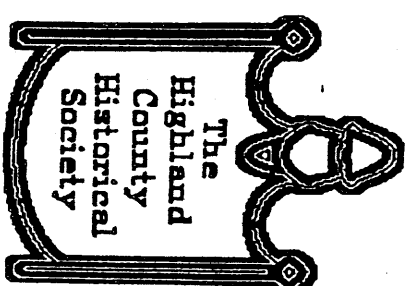
As our officers and trustees have changed we would ask that all keys to the Museum that are in your possession please be returned as that we may re-allocate them to those who need access to the Museum. Please bring them to Hart Haynes on Sunday, August 1, between 1:00-4:00 PM.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- July 29 - Membership Meeting - 8:00PM
- August 1 - Turn in keys at Museum
- August 12 - Newsletter Deadline
- August 14 - Peter Rabbit Tea Party
- August 26 - August Membership Meeting

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Highland County Historical Society has enjoyed a prosperous summer this year. We've been very busy with a number of activities and programs as well as planning events for the future.

The Peter Rabbit Tea Party, to celebrate Beatrice Potters much beloved character's 100th birthday was an event of August 14. As we go to print we are expecting many youngsters who admire the cottontail to join us for tea and treats. A children's art exhibit will be featured at the Museum throughout the month of August. Avery Applegate's 6th grade students art work will be featured. The theme she suggested to the students was "historical events, places and items".

Coming events to round out our year will be a Blues Night at the museum featuring blues musicians and a 1920's theme, the Annual Christmas Open House and a house tour. Look for dates and publicity for these programs in your newsletter and local radio and newspaper.

July's monthly membership meeting was conducted by our new Secretary, Kathryn Matthews in the absence of the President. Shown for the groups enjoyment and information was a video tape made a few years ago by Jeanine Bagnshaw Holt and Virginia Bare which takes you room by room throughout the Highland House Museum and identifies items within each room. Martha Lukens and Lenora Gordon were the hostesses for the evening.

Please attend our August membership meeting on the 26th. Our program is yet to be decided. We will begin at 8:00 PM. (Ed. note - Look for Late Bulletin notice in this newsletter for updates on meeting)

When you are visiting the Museum please notice that our identification cards have changed. Hart Haynes has been working with Fran Cole and she has done a lovely job with this project. Thanks!!!

Also this past month at the museum a bridal shower was held for the daughter of Pamela Nickell. It is nice to see the Museum used for such a happy occasion. Please keep the Highland House in mind when planning your events for clubs, groups, and social events.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

We are pleased to have received the following Life Memberships:

Mrs. Carolyn Ferguson  
Dr. Glenn Lucas  
Mrs. Harriet Wilson

Thank you for your interest and dedication to our Society and Museum.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Everything is proceeding smoothly toward our being able to apply for DAHSM Certification by the November 1st deadline. Certification will open many doors to us, such as grants and loans from other museums. It will also tell everyone that the Highland House Museum meets or exceeds professionally accepted standards in our operations.

We would still like to be able to open the Museum on Saturdays from 1 PM to 4 PM. In order to accomplish this we need volunteers to come in during these hours. If you would be interested, please contact me at the Museum or at home (393-9020).

Through August 8, 1993 we have had a total of over 760 people come through the Museum, since we opened on May 28th. We have also been keeping track of where our visitors are coming from. So far, we've had guests from 16 states. This is one of the reasons we need to try and have the Museum open on Saturdays, since we are getting a lot of people on vacation passing through the area.

If you go up to the Military Room you will notice that we have new labels on our displays. Fran Cole did a superb job on the labels and has volunteered to make all of our labels. This will greatly improve the appearance of our displays. Again, we thank Fran!!!!

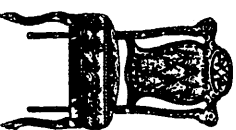
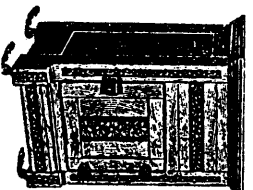
## LATE BULLETIN

### August Meeting

Just as this Newsletter was going to press a flash bulletin was received about the August meeting on August 26th. You will be interested to know that The Clinton County Historical Society will be bringing a traveling suitcase (or trunk) to share with us at our meeting. Aren't you curious to know what might be in this display? I bet it will be new (old) and interesting. Be sure to come for the unveiling of this program.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

August 26 - Membership meeting  
September 10 - Newsletter Deadline  
September 23 - Membership meeting

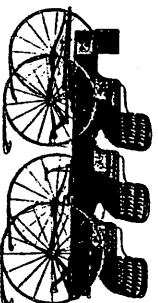


The Women's Relief Corps will serve ice cream, lemon ice and cake in the Court House yard, at the next band concert. Parties in carriages will be waited on and served with refreshments if desired, during the concert. (Could this have been the first curb service?) They bespeak a generous patronage from the public.

Ed Purdy and Miss Clara Elliott have our blandest smile and heartiest hand shake - not the shop-worn congratulation, but the double-twisted, forty horse power grip that makes one dance for joy. We know the bride is a jolly hearted, bright-eyed, glorious good girl. We can tell it by the quality of the wedding cake. No sour, gum or melancholy hand could mould such a delicious specimen as that which set the HERALD crew to "yum-yuming" from the Colonel down to the voracious devil. Miss Elliot became Mrs. Purdy, Thursday, and the brilliant reception was the event of the season in New Market township, Saturday evening.

Jack DeBruin, Joe Day and Harry Day, who had been at Barratts Mills, Rocky Fork and other noted resorts, make a forced march of thirteen miles Friday to get home. They carried a box of fish, a tent and all its accessories, cooking utensils, fishing paraphernalia, &c. As the caravan came into town it looked like the wreck of a gypsy camp, and the dogs themselves hoarse. Jack a stubby whisker stood out like quills on the fretful porcupine, and the other boys could easily have sold their cheeks for scrubbing brushes. But they caught fish. That's more than some others can look you in the eye and say. (Now that's poetic journalism)

A merry wagon load of girls was that which left here Saturday morning for the Spargur reunion. The crowd, as our kodak reveals it, consisted of Misses Birdie McConaughay, Bertha Clark, Bessie Utman, Bessie Groves, Florence Wolfe, May McMullen, Nettie Demill, Cora Kelly, Bessie Holden, Lilly Ayres and Ella Custer, chaperoned by Misses Carrie McMullen and Mattie Ayres. Ed Hawk held the lines, as proud as Caesar.



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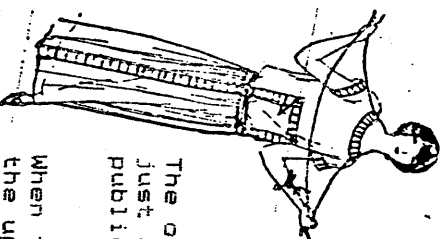
#### New Speed Laws

A resume of the new speed laws was published in a recent issue of the GAZETTE, but for a reminder it might be well to pin in your hat that the rates of speed are designated as follows:

15 miles an hour within business or closely built up sections of municipalities; not more than 25 miles an hour in other portions of municipalities, and not to exceed 35 miles in territory outside of a municipality. Present law limits speed in municipalities outside the business sections to 20 miles an hour and in rural districts to 30. (Ah! for the quieter, slower paced days)

#### MOVIE AD

Gorgeous Pageant  
5,000 People  
4,000 Costumes



The other day a reformer says: "I'd just as soon see a girl dress in public as powder her face."

When the people refuses to be uplifted the uplifters start another drive for funds to continue the work.

A law to regulate how far apart people should dance won't affect the married ones, some of whom are already dancing miles apart.

Warning: Medical paper says round shoulders come from kissing too many short girls.

#### NAME YOUR NEWSLETTER

Look at the top of your newsletter. Okay, so it has the pertinent information like who sent it, where it's located and the date. Those are the necessities and will continue to be there. However, we would like to have a NAME that depicts character and purpose, or whatever. If you can think of a catchy, clever or interesting name for your newsletter, please send it to Catherine Meade, c/o The Highland House. There will be a prize for the winning name! Thanks for your help!

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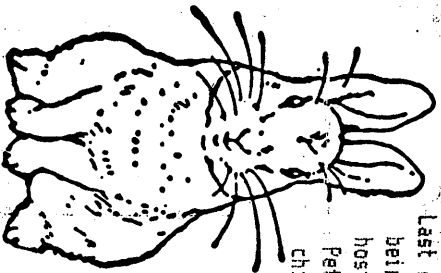
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SEPTEMBER 1993

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Last month as our newsletter was being prepared for mailing, we were hosting 65 boys and girls at the Peter Rabbit Tea Party. Each child was seated at a table with a beautiful place setting of china, silver and linen. It was lovely to see so many well-mannered, beautifully behaved children. Tea was served, as well as the usual tea party delicacies. The tables were decorated with Peter and Benjamin Bunny's favorite vegetable treats.

Kathryn Matthews, our Society's secretary, brought her extensive collection of Beatrix Potter memorabilia to share and ideas were on display throughout the museum for the children's enjoyment.

Mary Beth Heskett also brought her collection of Beatrix Potter figurines. Mary Beth worked all morning before the party preparing nosegays of herbs that Peter particularly favored, for each place setting.



We were also the grateful recipients of a number of Beatrix Potter's books from Southern State Community College. Each child was able to take home a favorite book.

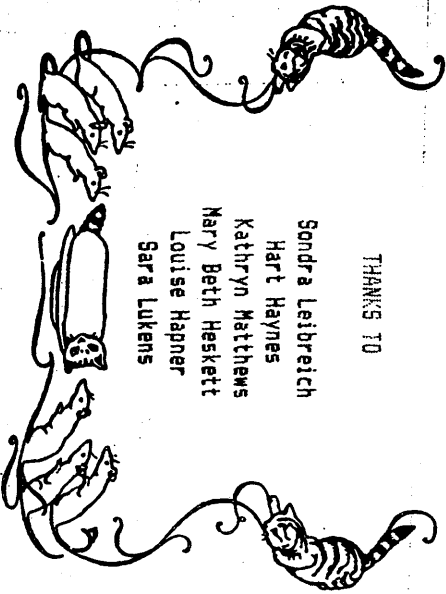
Sandra Leibreich furnished all the food for our afternoon. Tiny sandwiches, cookies and a selection of teas were quickly consumed!

Many parents suggested that we do this again during the year.



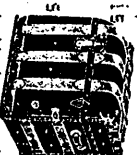
THANKS TO

Sandra Leibreich  
Hart Haynes  
Kathryn Matthews  
Mary Beth Heskett  
Louise Hapner  
Sara Lukens



for assisting in the preparations for a wonderful afternoon.

Our August membership meeting of the Highland County Historical Society was hosted by Leslie Ramsey and Margaret Ludwick. Our program for the evening was provided by Rhonda Curtis of the Clinton County Historical Society. Rhonda does a trunk show that is portable and can be taken to schools, clubs and organizations. She brought a number of interesting items in the trunk that provoked much discussion in our group as she asked us to identify some of the items. She pointed out to us how a trunk show could be put together and used as an educational tool for our society.



The September membership meeting will be on the 30th at the Highland House Museum at 8:00 PM. Our program will be "Evolution of the Camera" by John Tom. This should be an interesting program given by a professional and photographic enthusiast. Our hostesses for the evening will be Inez Harsha and Eleanor Doty.

Louise Hapner has been working on setting up a more accessible gift shop for the entrance hall. We hope to have a few new items for our shop for the holidays and welcome any suggestions for additions.

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are a primary source of funds for our society. We depend on our members to pay their dues promptly to ensure that they continued to receive their newsletter and that we can continue to provide worthwhile programs and events. Our Historical Society can preserve history and make it available to our community only if we each contribute to its upkeep and financial well being. At this time we have received membership dues from only approximately 60 members. Please take a moment now and send in your dues, if you have not already done so, to the

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#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. James M. Daso  
Mrs. Rosalind Engle

FROM THE DIRECTOR

The month of August was another busy one at the Highland House. During the month we had a total of 112 visitors which brings our total for the year to 852. The highlight of the month was the Peter Rabbit Tea Party. We were caught off guard by the response and had to scramble to get tables set up for everyone. I wish you all could have seen our President, Sara Lukens, in her portrayal of Beatrice Potter. She really got into the part and was overheard still speaking with a British accent several days after the party. What a haul! Everyone involved with the party is to be congratulated for another sugar event. Everyone loved it and said they hoped we would have more events like it.

From time to time we will be using the newsletter to publish a "Highland House Wish List". The purpose of the list will be to let everyone know of items we need for the museum. Hopefully, someone may have one of these items they no longer need that they might like to donate to the museum. The first item for the list is an electric typewriter.

A recent change in my work schedule will require a change in the hours I will have the museum open. An announcement of the new hours will be made at the September membership meeting.

As this is being written, Friday, September 10, 1993, the museum is pleased to have the Friday Club present for their monthly meeting. This meeting featured Mrs. Norman Gingrich as Miss Emily Dickinson, in "Impressions of the Poet". We are pleased to have them here.

A special thank you to Kathryn Matthews who not only helped with the Tea Party but spent that morning weeding our herb garden. Also, thanks to Jones who weeded the herb garden at a later date.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

The lovely perennials on the West side of the Highland House Museum have been cleared as a Memorial Garden. The most recent planting of perennials was made in memory of

Mr. Bill Reid, father of Susie Sharp

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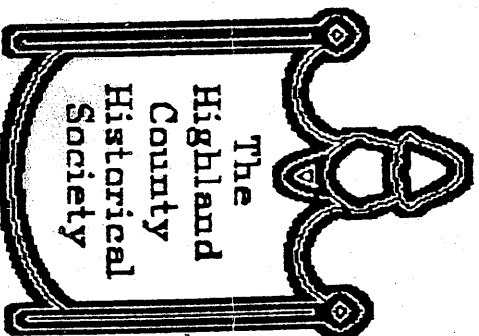
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums (OAHSM) will be holding their annual meeting in Columbus on November 4 and 5, 1993. The theme is "Building for a Choiceful Future".

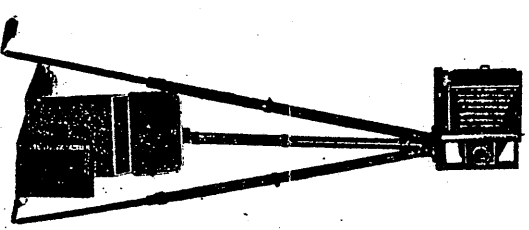
Specific topics include

- "Researching and Interpreting Local History"
  - "Complying with the Americans With Disabilities Act"
  - "Developing a Collection Management System"
  - "History in the Schools: A Thing of the Past?"
  - "Creating Inexpensive but Effective Exhibits"
  - "Everyear His Own Historian"
  - Tour: Renovated Natural History Hall, Ohio Historical Society
- If you are interested in attending, you may get more information and titles of other topics from Hart Haynes at the Museum. Cost for one day is \$20.00, for two days, \$30.00, a little less if you are an OAHSM member.



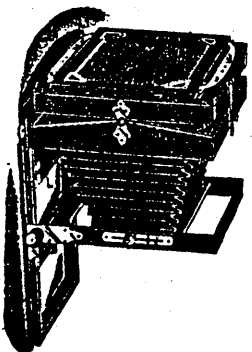
SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

John Tom, well-known Hillsboro photographer will be presenting his program "Evolution of the Camera" on Thursday, September 30, 1993 at the membership meeting. At the present time John has 85 cameras in his collection and he will bring 15 of these cameras which will demonstrate each change in the development of the camera from 1885 to the present day. Not only will this very knowledgeable presenter explain how and why these changes took place, he will also help you with your photography questions, such as "Why do I cut off heads in the pictures I take" both during and after the program. You can't afford to miss this program combining both the past and the present.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 30 - Membership Meeting, 9:00pm
- October 4 - Trustees Meeting, 7:00pm
- October 13 - Newsletter Deadline
- October 28 - Membership Meeting
- November 4-5 - OAHSM Annual Meeting, Ohio Historical Center, Columbus



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# MUSEUM MUSES

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### History in the Making

Autumn is here and so beautiful. I am sure you are all enjoying it as much as I. As early as it is we are making plans now for our Holiday Open House in December. We have several events scheduled for all ages that we think will add to your joy during the holidays. Our November newsletter will have all the details.

Wish list includes the need of an electric range for our kitchen. If anyone would like to donate one please call the Museum at 393-3392. We now have the typewriter that had formerly been on the wish list. Thank you.

Memorial has been received in the memory of Mr. Bill Reid, father of Mrs. Robert T. Sharp, from Virginia Bare. Thank you.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

### East and Main

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### History in the Making

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Wish list includes the need of an electric range for our kitchen. If anyone would like to donate one please call the Museum at 393-3392. We now have the typewriter that had formerly been on the wish list. Thank you.

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Hart Haynes was the "Man from over the Mountain" and did an excellent job of depicting some of the life of early man in Highland County. Hart also told about some of his own present day experiences in Reenactment at Fort Niagara.

Louise Hapner and Catherine Meade served hot or cold cider and pumpkin or apple cake to the members. Refreshments were served in the old kitchen of the Museum which lent itself well to the atmosphere of the evening. Thanks to Hart, Louise and Catherine for a delightful evening.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

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The past month has again been a very busy one at the Highland House. We've now gone over the 1000 visitor mark, with the holidays still ahead of us. With all of our plans for the holidays we can look forward to a record number of visitors this year.

Since the last newsletter, we've received a 3 compartment stainless steel sink from Jack Chaney and as soon as we can pick it up Dr. Lesia Langston has an electric range for us. We can't thank Jack and Dr. Langston enough. We've sure found that putting our needs in the newsletter helps us find what we need and what someone else has that they will donate. Don't be surprised to see other items on our wish list in future newsletters.

The 5th and 6th of November I was in Columbus for the annual meeting of the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museum. I attended some very interesting seminars and met some super people. There's a lot going on at the state level and plans are in the works for the Ohio Bicentennial in 2003. Everything looks good for the certification of our museum after the first of the year.

We're looking forward to the holidays and it will be a very busy time at the Highland House. Please stop by and visit and I'm sure we will be able to find something for you to do if you are so inclined.

Hart Haynes,  
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## DICKENS CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM

The Highland County Historical Society will present A Dickens Christmas on the first three Saturdays in December from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Costumed interpreters will be in various rooms engaged in activities appropriate to the Season.

Our Holiday Victorian Gift table is overflowing with Battenburg aprons, Santa cards, stickers, masks and Christmas gift bags - a whole array of new items.

Festive refreshments will be served to one and all. Come join us!

The Museum will also be open for their regular hours during the Christmas Season.

## SANTA'S TEA PARTY

A Tea Party with Santa and Friends will be given by the Historical Society on Sunday, December 12, 1993.

There will be two seatings -- 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Make your reservations early. Seatings will be limited.

For reservations, call Kathryn Matthews at 393-2999 Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Cost per ticket is \$3.00.

Please have your child write a letter to Santa and have them bring it to the party. Make sure the child's name and address is on the letter.

## MINIATURE VILLAGE



Those of you who have been collecting the miniature village houses will be happy to know that you may pick up your house. The Scott House, during the December weekend open hours at the Museum. This is the third house in the series which includes The Highland House and The Parker House.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

## BACKWARD GLANCE

While reading Hart's report on the use of the Museum by Hillsboro organizations, I am reminded of the lovely surroundings it provided for my daughter, Valissa Nickell's bridal shower last summer, August 31st.

1898 CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS at BOWLES & CO

Her Matron of Honor (and sister), Christa Moore and Bridesmaid (and friend), Jennifer Amicone hosted the occasion with family and friends attending from Springfield and Cincinnati.

5 cents will buy:  
a picture book with colored pictures  
linen A B C book  
china limb doll  
Christmas card  
box of letter paper

The Museum was gleaming. Director Hart Haynes went out of his way to help set up and remove decorations. The shower was held in the meeting room with refreshments served in the dining room.

We put the "OPEN" sign out and drop-in guests not only toured the museum, but joined us for petit fours and punch.

Thanks to the Trustees for continuing the Museum and to Hart Haynes for his assistance.

Pamela Nickell

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## MUSEUM HOURS

Even though the Annual Membership meetings will not be held until later notice, please know that the Museum continues to be open on the weekends in November. Special events and hours will be held on December weekends as noted elsewhere in this newsletter. The Museum will be closed for the month of January for repairs. Watch your newsletter for reopening and special events to come.

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dozen thin blown tumblers  
good reading lamp  
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collar and cuff box  
suspender box  
perfumery bottles

Sweets to the Sweet

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Home made candies, made by the Guild's fair maids. Chocolate bonbons, cream dates, stuffed dates, stuffed figs, taffy, popcorn balls. Plenty of nice things for the children's pennies. All the little folks are cordially invited. If you do not eat candy, buy a box for Xmas sake, and give to some one who does. One Stuart Dyspepsia Tablet with each box. For Xmas comes but once a year. By order of the Guild.

A Rush of Marriages

Cupid is getting in some lovely work these days, but whether the approach of Christmas, or the fact that the new law goes into effect on January first, is the cause, is not known. Under the new law applicants for licenses must undergo a rigid examination regarding their ancestors, &c.

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