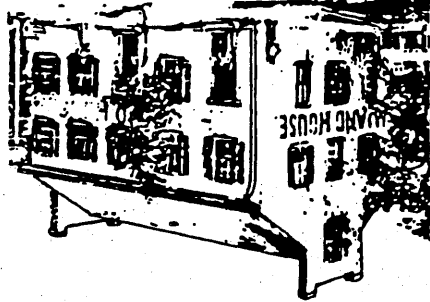


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JUNE 1999

LETTER FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT, LENORA GORDON

Dear Members,

The Highland County Historical Society 1998-99 year of existence is coming to a close. We have had an incredibly successful membership year and fund raising with our marvelous House Tour and Home Town Village (Colony Theater) sale.

In 1999-2000 you will have a new president and officers, and some new board members. Your board will be hard at work creating plans for our upcoming year.

If you have any suggestions for programs, fund raising, or any kind of event, just call us. Please offer your assistance for projects. The best organization is the one that is shared by all.

On behalf of the outgoing and incoming board of the Highland County Historical Society, I want to thank you for your support this year and wish you a safe and healthy summer.

THANK YOU ~ ~ ~ ~ THANK YOU ~ ~ ~ ~ THANK YOU

- TO - The board members for all your hard work.
- TO - Jean Wilkerson and her committee for their tireless efforts to increase our membership roster and keep our membership numbers and information correct.
- TO - Gretchen Huffman and her committee for their efforts to produce a successful house tour.
- TO - Rose Ryan for her meticulous records of our finances.
- TO - Jack Garman and Rita Neago for guiding our assets.
- TO - Kay York Longworth for keeping the minutes and dispensing them to all the proper places.
- TO - John and Cheryl Porter and Fran Cole for their wonderful work in keeping the membership informed with our newsletter.
- TO - Gretchen Huffman and Margaret Van Frank for the new gift shop arrangement and interesting items for sale.
- TO - Kathryn Matthews and Ann Rhude for the selection and the painting of the Hometown Village Colony Theater building.
- TO - Shirley Sansone and all our volunteers for hosting the Highland House Museum.
- TO - Willa Stanforth for chairing our Hall of Fame Committee.
- TO - Bernease Priest and Shirley Sansone for chairing the Nominating Committee.
- TO - Ralph Vanzant for chairing our Consignment Auction.
- TO - Bob Andrew for our programs
- TO - Loren Farwell for his knowledgeable assistance on the Building Maintenance Committee.
- TO - Jeff Hoskins for his legal advice and policy interpretation.
- and TO - Director Margaret Van Frank and her assistant, Jean Wallis for their work and devotion to the Highland House Museum - and TO - all our members for their support.

COME TO THE MUSEUM - IT'S LOOKING GOOD!

MEMORIALS ~ ~ ~ In Memory Of

SI GORDON by

Fred & Margery Barney
Ann Rhude
Bill & Bea Turner
Russ & Elizabeth Newman
Virginia Wagoner
Margaret Van Frank
Jean Head
Liberal Arts Club
Willa Stanforth
Bob & Pamela Nickell
Julius & Virginia Bare
Joyce McGee
Evelyn Tom
Howard & Betty Ellis
Lester & Jean Wallis
Rodney & Martha Kellis
Charles & Shirley Sansone
David & Kay Ayres
Phil & Katie Burwinkel
Bernease & Shawn Priest
Richard & Mildred Elberfeld

Mike & Della Budow
Dick & Karen Leonard
Robert & Susie Sharp
Bob & Ginny Schildman
Ralph & Nina Jones
Bill & Ann Siddons
Mary Heskett
Jean Spargur Perin
Robert & Dorothy Hodson
Jane Turner
Paul & Mae Jane Pence
Steve & Rita Neago
Kathleen Lucas
Jacob & Oleta Wagoner
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Ross
Charles & Freda Redkey
Bob & Nedra Andrew
Mary Carr
Winder Heller
Mary Wharton
John & Cheryl Porter
John & Katie Wilkin
Tom & Myrna Hudson

MIKE WHARTON by

Mary Wharton

SHIRLEY STEELE by

David & Kay Ayres
Margaret Van Frank
Steve & Rita Neago

SALLY SANDERS by

Steve & Rita Neago
Margaret Van Frank

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I'm pleased to report the Museum is being used as originally planned. In reading old minutes or our organization, they stated one of the main purposes of the building would be for community use. During the past weeks (as in the past), we have had functions such as a club meeting, Leadership Highland, a supper for volunteers, the Tour of Homes, and a 60th High School Class Reunion. We thank you for using our beautifully furnished historic building.

There have been persons who have been overly generous with donations, and we certainly appreciate their interest. Please members, keep in mind that we continue

to strive to have the funds to climate control the museum.

Hopefully, you have noticed the trim on the building is being painted. The garage has a new look in color and the Bell in front will receive a face-lift for the Festival of the Bells.

REMEMBER - We need your participation !! Come to our meetings, visit our gift shop, and above all **VOLUNTEER!**

I want to personally thank Charles Jackson and Joel Osborne for their time spent hauling and doing odd jobs (gratis) for the society, and Bill Pitstick gave of his time to install another phone line.

DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY

By

Harold Hottle
Barbara Lamb

The Women's Club

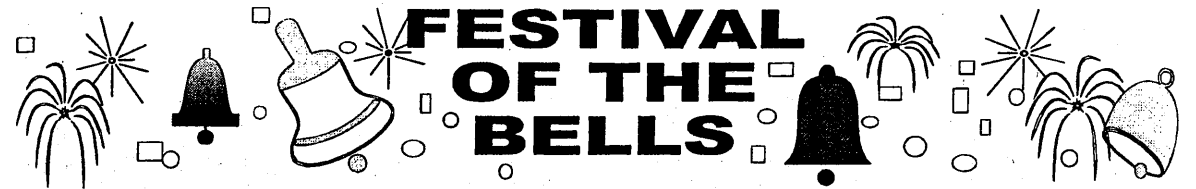
and Sherry Becker has again graciously donated a beautiful painting to the Highland County Historical Society. This latest is a marvelous presentation of McCoppin's Mill and it is currently on display at the Museum. Please come in to see it.



AUCTION

There will be another auction in the coming months (exact date not determined). Please be identifying items you wish to consign. We are looking for not only antiques, but also serviceable items that are in good condition. (PLEASE - NO FLEA MARKET MATERIAL.)

If you have or know of a good storage location for items collected for the auction, please let us know at your earliest convenience. You may contact either Jean or Margaret.



The Festival of the Bells is coming July 2, 3, 4. And again the Highland County Historical Society will be actively involved in the celebration. This year the Highland House Museum will display the C.S. Bell Memorabilia. Also, on Friday, July 2 and Saturday, July 3, Mr. Kirby Stanforth will again display his wonderful Chainsaw designs. Come to see the Master Carver do his magic with the chainsaw.

HISTORICAL COVERLETS STILL AVAILABLE

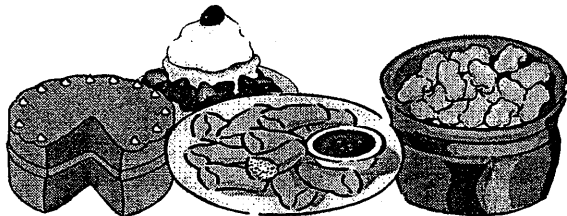
You can still purchase one of the lovely Highland County Historical Coverlets. They are available in Cranberry Red, Williamsburg Blue and Hunter Green. They are double woven cotton. These sell for \$45.00 each and are available at the Highland House Museum. Just ask for Margaret.

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The very important June Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 24. This is our annual election meeting. We will be electing new Trustees that evening. It all begins with a potluck dinner. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share.

Following the meal, we will be entertained by the Senior Citizens Choir. After the program, there will be a meeting of the Trustees.

If we have inclement weather, the entire meeting will be held in the Museum.



TOUR OF HILLSBORO HOMES REPORT

The Highland County Historical Society thanks the following people and businesses for their wonderful assistance in the Spring Tour of Hillsboro Homes.

A special thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the day so special.

BLOSSOMS 'N BUDS

DANIEL J. CLARK, D.D.S.

M. GLENN LUCAS, D.D.S.

SANDY COOPER-PENCE

CUNDIFF'S FLOWERS & GARDEN CTR.

GIBBS ASSOCIATES

HIGHLAND COUNTY PRINTERS

HIGHLAND FLOWERS & NURSERY

KROGERS

PONDEROSA STEAK HOUSE

WANDA LEWIS

NEWS READER

In addition to these, the Society wishes to sincerely thank the owners of the homes we all enjoyed touring so much.

MS. JOYCE FENDER

MRS. EUGENE HESKETT

MRS. ARTHUR HOLMES

MR. DAVID MORGAN

DR. & MRS. L.T. ODLAND

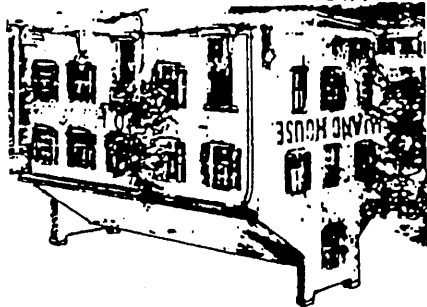
STEVE & SUSAN THOMPSON

MR. DAVID & DR. LESIA LANGSTON-
McKENNA

The society also thanks Margaret Van Frank and Jean Wallis for having the Museum looking so special every day.

The tour was not only a most enjoyable event, but it was quite profitable for the Highland County Historical Society. WE CLEARED \$2,491.00! How about that???

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GIFT SHOP NEWS

Shop Here ~ Save Money
All purchases help support the Museum!

Following the 1998 Christmas Theme, "LET IT SNOW", the Museum Gift Shop will be focused on SNOWMEN, in all varieties ~ from doorstops to tree ornaments, and more! Many other traditional items will add to the holiday theme such as: candleholders, gifts, toys, etc. As always, prices will be less than retail. The shop opens for the Holiday Parade Weekend, November 27, 28 and 29 and continues until December 20.

P.S. We also have many consignment items from area artisans, a unique assortment at reasonable prices.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT JEANNE WILKERSON Membership Chairperson

Current Membership Total ~ 248

Various Memberships Listed Below:

NEW LIFETIME

Judge Kevin Greer Fran Cole
Pat Hope M/M S.R. Gordon

CORPORATE HERITAGE
Krogers Turner Funeral Homes
WSRW Star Bank

SUSTAINING

William Cornelius Steve Neago
Robert Andrews Rita Neago
Nedra Andrews Elmer Wilkerson
John Carson Jeanne Wilkerson
Jean Carson M/M Carroll
Byron Wisecup McKinney
Nancy Wisecup[Mary Ann Berry
Don Nartker Marilyn Geese
Donna Nartker Bernease Priest
John Chaney Mary Wharton
Martha Chaney

Memorials

In Memory of
PAUL PORTER
RUTH D WILKIN
JEAN W. HARTZELL
by Si & Lenora Gordon
and

In Memory of
VINCENT MORAN
by Margaret VanFrank

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Mrs. Ted Perin Clarence Thurman
The Freedmans Jean Spargar Perin
Mr. George Hibben May Wharton
M/M Steve Neago Shaun Priest
John Evans Mary Ann Verry

We wish to express our gratitude to the Neagos who have again furthered our Restoration Drive.
Hopefully other members will consider following their example.

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From The Desk Of ~ ~ Lenora Gordon, President of Board of Trustees

Thank you for electing me for a second term as your president. I will do my best to make you and the community proud of your Highland County Historical Society. The Highland County Historical Society is steeped in a rich tradition of history and for years has amassed a sizeable collection of artifacts and information concerning Highland County. Please come visit us Fridays 1 - 3 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 4 p.m. or by appointment.

Have you ever wondered how you can impact the education and help the Highland County Historical Society to feed this information to the community? Volunteer

Over the past year some individuals have offered regular support to the HCHS through hours of volunteerism. Many people may be unaware of the time shared by people who are regulars helping out at the front desk, gift shop, office and grounds maintenance. They are helping support the structure that keeps us going day after day. Perhaps you are not able to help on a regular basis but would like to come by from time to time. We encourage you to keep in touch with us as there are always projects to help with. Your generosity will help us help our society to grow. Please call 937-393-3392 and we will return your call.

A REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

We do hope you had the opportunity to join us during the Festival of The Bells and witness the unusual display of flags created by Norman DeHass. Also there was an elaborate collection of bells to be viewed in the Meeting Room. The major portion belonging to Mrs. Gerald Lucas. We extend our sincere appreciation to Norm and Kathleen.

The Music Room has recently been greatly enhanced by the addition of a beautiful rug (our kudos to the Neagos). The "New Look" alone is worthy of a visit to the Museum.

The upgrading of our electrical system is almost complete and by coincidence, the most important phase was in place when recently we were unexpectedly visited by insurance inspectors

The Museum continues to be used by various organizations. One of whom held a meeting which included the exchange of ideas with a member of a similar organization from New Zealand We encourage all of you to consider having our beautifully furnished Museum as the gathering place for your next party or meeting.

We would also like to relay to you that in continuing our much needed building restoration we anticipate repairing and painting the exterior trim and windows of the Museum.

Remember, we can always use your help in any facet you choose. Please become involved!

A NEWS FLASH FROM JEAN WALLIS, Assistant Director

On Sunday, SEPTEMBER 6, A STORYTELLERS TEA will be held at the Highland House Museum from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. This is part of the Storytellers' Celebration '98 held annually in Hillsboro.

Storytellers performing and signing books at the Highland House Museum will be ~ JIM MAY from Woodstock, Illinois, an Emmy Award winning storyteller, teacher, and author of the critically acclaimed "Farm on Nippersink Creek" ~ LYN FORD of Reynoldsburg, Ohio who is considered as one of Ohio's best teachers in the art of storytelling and an authority on stories of the Underground Railroad.

The public is invited to come and share an afternoon with these very talented persons.

AUCTION NOTES



It is almost Autumn and that means that Winter and Spring are soon to follow. Our **SECOND ANNUAL AUCTION** is scheduled for next March and that will be here before we realize it. That means that each of us needs to be finding those great items for the sale. It is essential for the Highland County Historical Society that as many donations of items as possible be made for sale. It will of course also be a consignment sale, but we prosper most when we **DONATE!**

We had a wonderful first-time experience last April and we anticipate an even greater sale this next time. Again, please be searching for those items which you wish to contribute or consign.

REMAINING SCHEDULE OF 1998 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 6 ~ Storyteller's Tea and Book Signing
- 24 ~ Membership Meeting & Log Cabin Cookout

DECEMBER

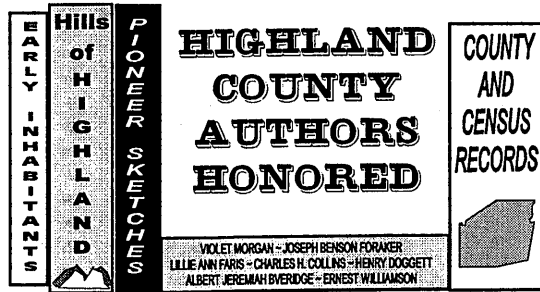
- 4 ~ Director's Open House
- 12 ~ Children's Tea Party



An important message was received by the Board Members at their August meeting. The information was in regard to the stability and well-being of the Highland County Historical Society.

The Board was informed that a recent audit found no discrepancies. The Audit Committee also commended Rosemary Ryan for the professional, detailed and orderly manner in which she kept the books.

Thanks so much to the Audit Committee and certainly to Rosemary Ryan.



The Highland House Museum located at 151 Main Street in Hillsboro has a display of books written by Highland County Authors. The county has been fortunate in having a number of persons whose talent makes them outstanding in the field of literature.

David and Jane McBride did a remarkable job when they published the early records of Highland County, including the cemeteries. Daniel Scott, an attorney and editor of the American Citizen, left invaluable data of the early settlement of Highland County. Genevieve Breakfield has compiled a number of books of county and census records. Adrian Roberts and Sharlee West have compiled a book on the "Early Inhabitants of Highland County, 1806 - 1821". Elsie Johnson Ayres, whose two volume set "Hills of Highland" and "Pioneer Sketches", gives an insight to many Highland County families.

The above authors have endeared themselves to numerous persons throughout the United States, who are researching the history of their ancestors.

Other authors with works on display include: Violet Morgan, Joseph Benson Foraker, Lillie Ann Faris, Charles H. Collins, Henry Doggett, Albert Jeremiah Beveridge, and Ernest Williamson.

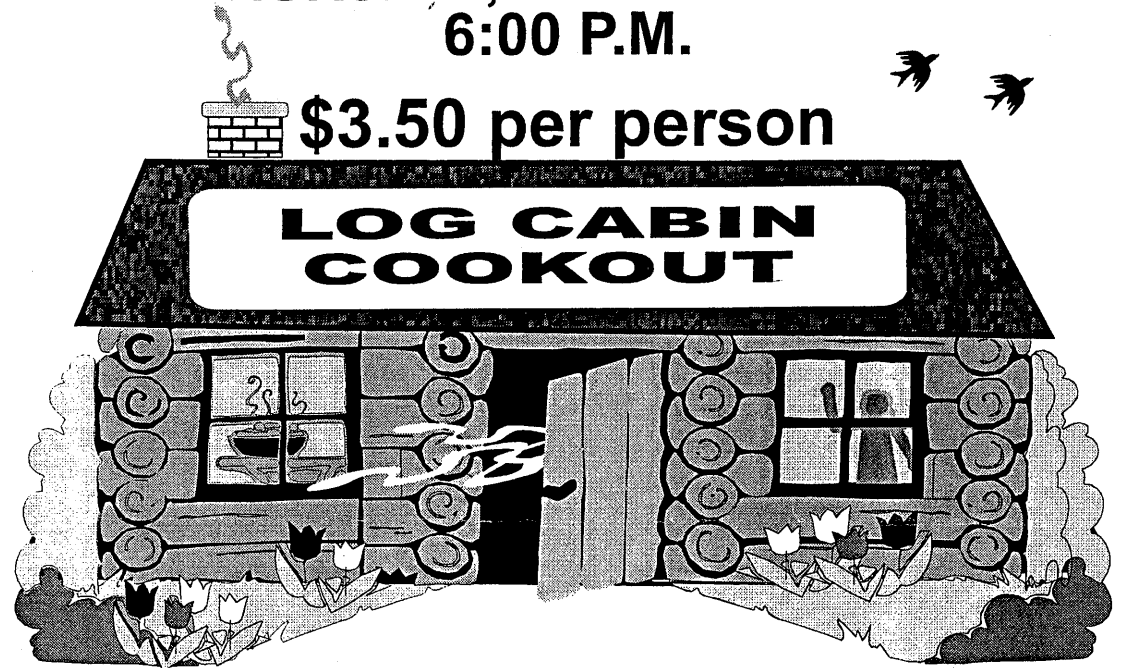
The above mentioned authors and books are only a partial number that are on display at the Museum.

MUSEUM HOURS ARE: Fridays 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. and Sundays 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Highland County Historical Society's ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
6:00 P.M.

\$3.50 per person



WE WILL BE SERVING FOOD COOKED OVER AN OPEN HEARTH BY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY. PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM RESTORATION FUND.

Following the meal, a program entitled "LOG HOUSE RESTORATION" will be presented.



REGISTRATION FORM

Reservations **MUST** be in by September 21.

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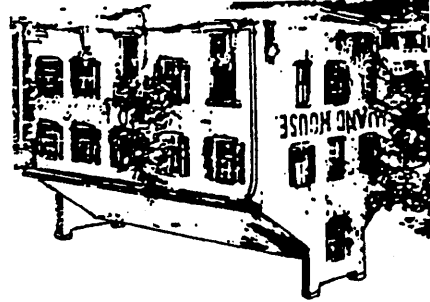
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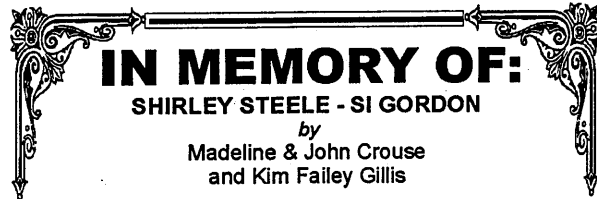
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and Kim Failey Gillis

CECILE GARMAN - DAVID CHANEY
JAN GARMANN LOOMAN

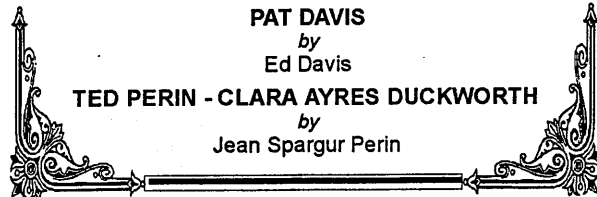
by
Margaret VanFrank

JOY F. WEST - GUY E. WILKIN
DAVID CHANEY - CECILE GARMAN
CLARA E. DUCKWORTH
HARRIET WILSON
JAN GARMAN LOOMAN

by
Lenora Gordon

PAT DAVIS
by
Ed Davis

TED PERIN - CLARA AYRES DUCKWORTH
by
Jean Spargur Perin



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

MARGE BARNEY
CLARENCE & MARILYN GEESE
LESTER & JEAN WALLIS
PAUL & DIERDRE GARRINGER
BETTY WILKIN

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MRS. POLLY BURNETT
MR. & MRS. JAMES MORGAN
MR. & MRS. RALPH SIPE

As of June 30, 1999, The Society had 75 Lifetime Members and 254 other memberships for a total of 329. Now, since our membership drive for this year has begun, we have 95 still not renewed. We anticipate that membership numbers will soon meet, if not exceed, last year's total.

~ ~ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ~ ~

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September
JUNE 1999



A message from
President, JEFF HOSKINS

It is with great pride and pleasure that I accept the honor of being elected as the President of the Society.

As you well know, I follow in the footsteps of our past president, Lenora Gordon who was required to 'pass the gavel' due to the term limits of our by-laws. Thankfully, Lenora has agreed to remain active with the Society and will continue to contribute her knowledge, skills, and energy. Her leadership, and dedication were major factors in the success of Highland County Historical Society during her tenure and we look forward to continued growth and success in the future.

Our Society is a proud and respected member of our community. My goal, as President, is to ensure that we never lose that respect and that we reach out to new members - both individuals, and corporations - and thereby, broaden our base and our involvement

in our community. We are of course, dedicated to historical preservation. That has always been our mainstay - but, perhaps we should consider not just the preservation of historical 'things' but the preservation of a way of life grounded on principles that we all hold dear. On the other hand, perhaps you feel that this would be an unwarranted extension of our involvement in community affairs. It is a fair debate, and one that I will not enter without your full input. So, my first official call to the members is a request for guidance on the issue. Please advise me of your thoughts and your ideas on how our Society can grow and prosper, and the direction that we should take to foster those goals.

In closing, I pledge to you that I will honor and uphold the high standards of our internal Constitution and our by-laws. Further, I will attempt to bring growth and depth to our membership base. Lastly, I hope to establish a dialogue between this office and the members.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED,
BUT IT IS YOUR INVOLVEMENT AND YOUR IDEAS,
THAT WILL BE INVALUABLE TO THE SOCIETY!

..... And, FROM THE DIRECTOR

The expressed appreciation of the Museum this summer has been gratifying. During the Festival of the Bells, we had an overwhelming amount of visitors - hopefully you were one of them. The flag display provided by Norman DeHaas attracted many to stop and, of course, Kirby Stanforth's chain saw carving was a great attraction.

All the volunteers certainly displayed true dedication during the extreme heat we have endured, and can vouch for the great need of Climat Control for the building (The purpose of our "Our Beat The Heat Fund")

The Drum and Bugle Corps from Casper, Wyoming, numbering over 100 individuals, visited the Museum and a local cemetery to learn more about Casper Collins.

Through the efforts of Paulett Donley and two anonymous donors, we have accumulated a set of the Festival Bells for the Museum, with the exception of #1 bell. Anyone having or knowing of an available #1 bell, please share the information with us.

We thank those who assist us with our activities and welcome new faces and ideas.

THE COUNTY'S ROLE IN THE CIVIL WAR

The Highland County Historical Society and the Southern Ohio Genealogical Society will have a joint meeting on Thursday evening, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Highland House Museum, 151 East Main Street, Hillsboro, Ohio.

The program entitled "Highland County in the Civil War" will be presented by Al Martellotti, a Civil War enthusiast and historian. Martellotti is a native of Cincinnati with Highland County roots. He was an Industrial Arts instructor at Hillsboro High School until his retirement.

His interest in history and especially the Civil War and the later Battle of the Little Big Horn goes back a number of years. He has participated in Civil War re-enactment groups and at times assumed the role of Sergeant Major Shira of Custer's 7th Cavalry complete with authentic uniform.

OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO:

BRYAN STAPLETON, Liberty Farms, for his generous discount on the cost of removing a tree behind the Museum.

KEITH BENGSTON, Fort Hill Site Manager, for the donation of postcards depicting the Fort Hill area.

HISTORICAL COVERLETS

You can still purchase one of the lovely Highland County Historical Coverlets

The coverlets are available in Cranberry Red, Blue and Hunter Green. They are double woven cotton, sell for \$45.00 each, and are available at the Highland House Museum. Just ask for Margaret.

VALUABLE INSTRUMENT OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

The Highland County Historical Society is fortunate in having in their collection a surveying compass made by Goldsmith Chandlee (1751-1821) in Winchester, Virginia. The compass was purchased in the year 1803 by Allen Trimble, who had been visiting relatives in Augusta County, Virginia.

Allen Trimble (1783-1870) was a native of Augusta County and migrated to Woodford County, Kentucky in 1784 with his parents and other members of the family. His purpose in purchasing the compass was with the intention of becoming a surveyor, but health reasons prevented him from continuing.

In 1805 the Trimble family moved to Highland County. In 1807, David Hays used the Chandlee Compass to lay out the town of Hillsboro. According to records found in the Highland County Recorder's Office, this instrument was also used by Hays in surveying lots in New Market.

Following the tragic death of David Hays, Allen Trimble became Clerk of Courts and Recorder of Highland County. Trimble became both the 8th and 10th Governor of Ohio.

The Goldsmith Chandlee Surveyor's Compasses are unusual not only for excellent workmanship and design, but also for the linear table engraved on the south end of the compass card.

JUST A  ABOUT.....

THE AUCTION

Scheduled for
MARCH 18, 2000
Senior Citizens Center

Please be identifying items you wish to consign. We are looking for not only antiques, but also serviceable items that are in good condition. (PLEASE - NO FLEA MARKET MATERIAL.)

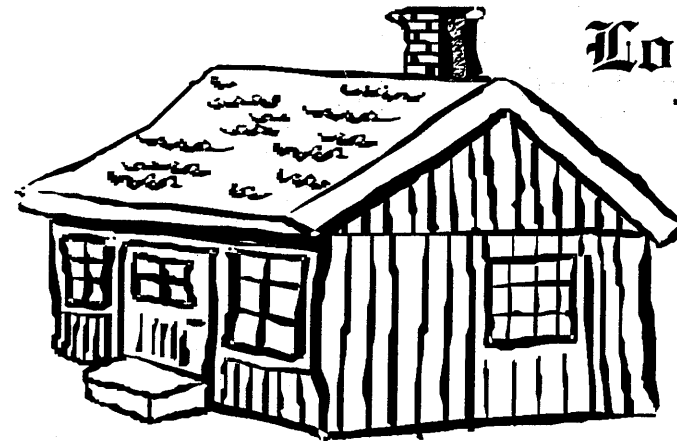
BEAT THE HEAT CAMPAIGN

Although our "BEAT THE HEAT CAMPAIGN" to solicit funds to provide climate control for the Museum began after the worst of the heat wave had passed, it is catching on like wildfire. Contributions at this writing have surpassed \$4,000.00 and more are coming in every day.

A "thermometer" will be placed in front of the Museum in the next week or so, and on it, names of donors of \$1,000.00 or more will be listed, along with the dollar total. So far, we have three \$1,000.00 donors! When the campaign is concluded, we will also have a reception to honor these donors.

Loren Farwell is looking into bids with several heating and air conditioning companies to determine the best way to accomplish our goal of providing climate control to protect our paintings, carpets, furnishings and important books and documents.

Without this improvement, these valuable and irreplaceable items are on the "Endangered Species List".



Log House Dinner

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:00 P.M.

BACKYARD OF THE
HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM

Food will be cooked over an open hearth
in the Society's LOG HOUSE.

The Program to follow
will be announced at a later date.

REGISTRATION FORM

Reservations MUST be in by Monday, October 18

\$3.50 per person

Name _____

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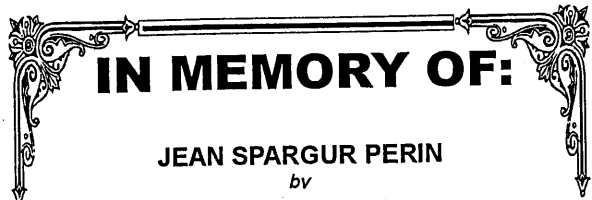
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OLIVER AND MARMO HARRIS

by

Mary E. Arnott

BETTY COLLINS

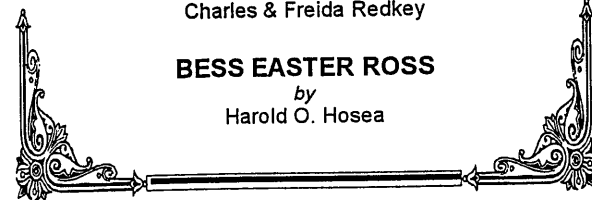
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Charles & Freida Redkey

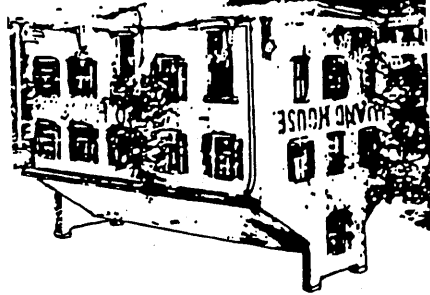
BESS EASTER ROSS

by

Harold O. Hosea



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BEAT THE HEAT CAMPAIGN

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Historical Society**

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Welcome New Members

- HENRY BURWINKEL
- DAVID COLLINS
- ROCKY COSS
- BLAIR DENNISON
- M/M DONALD FENNER
- JIM FETTRO
- GEORGE FOLTZ
- OSWALD JOHNSON
- M/M FREDERICK MOKRAY
- STEVE & ANN SCHAD
- DR. & MRS. PAUL TERRELL
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NOVEMBER 1999



A message from

President, JEFF HOSKINS

Our Society's current fund raiser, "BEAT THE HEAT" appears to be progressing wonderfully. Thanks so much to all of our volunteers and of course, to all of our contributors and, keep up the good work, we are almost home.

I have received very little feed back to the comments and questions I raised in our last

newsletter, so please, feel free to respond at will if you have any suggestions at all.

Also, I still feel we need to broaden our base and increase our membership. Please suggest our cause and our Society to a friend or colleague since every new member is a new supporter and contributor.

In closing, I extend to you my warmest holiday greetings and blessings and hope that this season finds you and your loved ones in good cheer and good health.

And, FROM THE DIRECTOR

We are rapidly approaching the very busy time of the year for our lovely Museum. Each time a visitor exclaims what an interesting museum we have, it make us realize that for the size, it is truly a gem. More and more local people are taking advantage of our facility and this year we have clubs offering to participate in Holiday Decorating that have not done so in the past.

Again, we encourage you to volunteer and experience what visitors find so interesting.

The DIRECTOR'S OPEN HOUSE will be a perfect opportunity for you to come and share camaraderie while viewing the rooms decorated by local talent.

We would like to extend our appreciation to those who attend our functions. It is truly rewarding that the various committees' efforts are enjoyed. Also we are deeply indebted to the donors of memorial gifts and to the "BEAT THE HEAT" fund.

Dates To Remember

NOVEMBER 27 Kirby Stanforth Chain Saw Artist	DECEMBER 11 Children's Tea Party	MARCH 18, 2000 Annual Auction Sr. Citizens Center
DECEMBER 3 Director's Open House	DECEMBER 14 Memorabilia Display of George Washington	

BEAT THE HEAT CAMPAIGN

The "BEAT THE HEAT" Fund Drive to provide climate control for the Museum is building. Several \$1,000.00 contributions have been publicly recognized, with their pictures in the newspaper and their names added to the "Thermometer" in front of the Museum. A few other \$1,000.00 contributors have declined any publicity. But, equally important, the smaller contributions are continuing to come in and have just about equaled the large contributions. "We get excited about the big donors, but the \$10 checks and the \$50 checks and the \$100 checks also add up", said Margaret VanFrank, Museum Director.

Gretchen Huffman, fund drive chair, added, "We still need YOUR contributions. We are still several thousand dollars short of our goal. Bids are being taken from area heating and air conditioning companies, and a decision is yet to be made, but we are hopeful that, first, we will reach our financial goal and that, secondly, a Highland County firm will bet the job."

Contributions may be sent to the "BEAT THE HEAT" Fund Drive, 151 E. Main St., Hillsboro, OH 45133.

VOLUNTEER HOURS 1999

Thanks to the wonderful volunteers, we are able to keep the Museum open each Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We also have many other special events during the year when the Museum is open.

December is always a fun filled time of the year to visit the Museum, when it is beautifully decorated. The Gift Shop is always open and is newly stocked for the Holiday Season.

We always need volunteers, so please call SHIRLEY SANSONE at 937-840-0705, or stop in and sign up.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

The Museum is in dire need of a different RUG for the front downstairs hall. Contact Margaret if you have one you will donate. We also lack the #1 FESTIVAL BELL. We are aware the #1 is in demand, but the Museum certainly should have one to preserve for future generations.

KIRBY STANFORTH will be plying his expertise as a Chain Saw Artist on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 10:00 A.M. UNTIL ? in the backyard of the Museum.

A display of memorabilia on GEORGE WASHINGTON will be available to view during the months of November and December. December 14, 1999 marks the 200th anniversary of Washington's death.

A FEW ITEMS WORTH REPEATING

HISTORICAL COVERLETS

You can still purchase one of the lovely Highland County Historical Coverlets. The coverlets are available in Cranberry Red, Blue and Hunter Green. They are double woven cotton, sell for \$45.00 each, and are available at the Highland House Museum. Just ask for Margaret.

JUST A ABOUT.....

THE AUCTION


Scheduled for
MARCH 18, 2000
 Senior Citizens Center

Please be identifying items you wish to consign. We are looking for not only antiques, but also serviceable items that are in good condition.

PLEASE ~ NO FLEA MARKET MATERIAL.

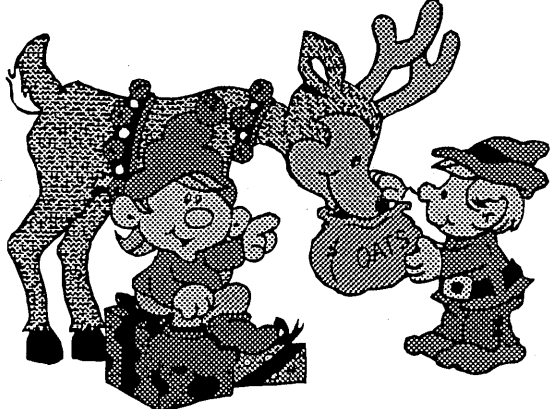
DIRECTOR'S OPEN HOUSE

You are cordially invited to begin
The Holidays with us
 at the *Highland House Museum*
 on *Friday, December 3, 1999*
 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.





CHILDREN'S VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY



DECEMBER 11

Two Seatings ~ 2:00 or 4:00 p.m.

Please fill out the coupon below, and remember to specify the time.

REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE for Reservations December 7 "First Come ~ First Served" \$5.00 per person

Seating Preferred: 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

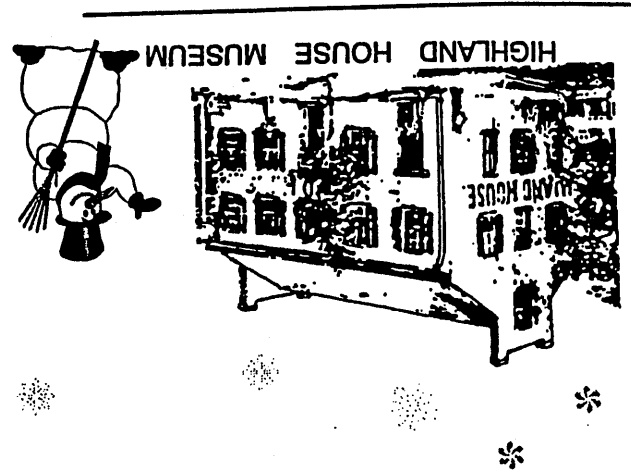
Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

No. Attending _____ x \$5.00 = Amount enclosed _____

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GIFT SHOP NEWS

By GRETCHEN HUFFMAN
Shop Here ~ Save Money
All purchases help support the Museum!

The Highland House Christmas Gift Shop will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons, beginning November 27 through December 20. This year's theme is "LET IT SNOW" and the gift shop will feature snowmen and other appropriate Christmas items. The committee made several trips to area gift marts to shop for unique, affordable Christmas decorations, novelties and gifts. Shop early for best selection.

For those of you who were disappointed in not being able to purchase one of the doll rockers last year, CHEER UP! This year, we will have several varnished rockers - AND - this year, they are musical! When the shop opens, you will find snowmen, teddy bears, dolls, and more - all waiting to be taken home.

NOTE: As much as we love shoppers in our gift shop, we also need volunteers to help us. If you are available on Fridays, Saturdays or Sunday afternoons, PLEASE let SHIRLY SANSONE or LENORA GORDON know. It's fun to be Santa's Helper.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JEANNE WILKERSON
Membership Chairperson



Various Memberships Listed Below:

NEW LIFETIME
JOHN GLAZE WILLIAM MUSSER
KRISTI GREER JOHN PORTER
LYNN MUSSER CHERYL PORTER

NEW SUSTAINING
Clarence Geese
JoAnn Hendrix
Dick & Deanna Flynn
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Moran
Judge & Mrs. Robert McMullen

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Director's Open House

DECEMBER 4, 1998
1:00 - 6:00 P.M.

PLAN TO ATTEND AND SHARE WITH US
THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER
GLORIOUS HOLIDAY SEASON!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Place your orders now! The 1998 Card will feature Willa Stanforth's painting of the Museum with a snow covered foreground.

AUCTION

REMEMBER - Save your items for the coming sale. Benefitting on our experience from last year, we will have a more juried selection and wider publicity.

schedule of Events

- NOV. 27
Open 1 - 5 pm
Merchant's Parade
- NOV. 28 -29 -30
Clubs decorating for Christmas
- DEC. 4
Director's Open House
- DEC. 5 & 6
Museum & Gift Shop Open
- DEC. 11 & 13
Museum & Gift Shop Open
- DEC. 12
Children's Tea Party
- DEC. 18 & 19
Museum & Gift Shop Open
- DEC. 20
Charlotte Pack
Phonograph & Storytelling Party
2:00 pm

!HELP!



ROUND GALLON CONTAINERS (bleach, vinegar, etc.) by one of the clubs decorating the museum. You can drop them off at the museum during the regular operating hours or leave them at Southern State Community College in care of GRETCHEN HUFFMAN.

Message From ~ ~ ~ ~ Lenora Gordon, President

Sincere thanks to Dorothy and Bob Hodson for their generous gift of 18 shares of Fifth Third Stock. We are very grateful for their loving and thoughtful contribution.

Bob Hodson, who was president of the society in 1968, and Dorothy, who was chairperson of the annual antique show, held for several years as a fund raiser, are ardent supporters of the Highland County Historical Society.

Through this gift, funding will be generated for innovative projects, seed money and special pilot programs of the historical society. This gift and others like it enable the society to operate its programs and expand its service in its mission to preserve Highland County history.

Bob and Dorothy believe in the future of the society and the importance of preserving the past for the future. Preserving history is important for our children and grandchildren. After you've given to your children and grandchildren - THINK OF US!

This coming holiday season is one that brings the promise of great excitement. We will have beautifully decorated rooms and a fabulous gift shop with items for holiday giving. We will appreciate your patronage, and, remember - WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Call the society at 937-393-3392 and leave your name, telephone number and message on the machine. We will return your call.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We continue to have a flow of visitors and have received generous donations from members. Recently the museum has been the center of much exterior activity - hopefully all of you have noticed how enhanced the appearance of the museum is with the trim being painted and a much needed new front gutter in place. We owe the Maines family many thanks for their efforts on the tin work.

Our Log House Cookout was well attended and Mr. Jonathan Young presented those present a most informative program on Log Houses.

We recently had a membership meeting and are pleased to inform you that Darryl Hottle and Marie and Tom Knott were unanimously voted to be inducted into our "Hall of Fame".

Many local clubs have responded to our request to decorate rooms, helping to make the Museum once again a wonderful place to visit.

We will have exciting events in November and December. Please check our Calendar of Events listed elsewhere in the newsletter . . . AND PLAN TO ATTEND! The CHILDREN'S TEA PARTY will be most unusual as DAN LLORDS has offered to entertain each seating; therefore, you may want to submit your reservations early. Also, CHARLOTTE PACK'S storytelling program will be a welcome addition to our holiday agenda.

Our Director's Open House on December 4 will kick off the Holiday Season at the Museum. The museum will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until Christmas.

The limited edition house will be available as of the 4th of December.

GREAT NEWS!!!! Current members will receive a 10% discount in the gift shop. Looking forward to seeing you at all events!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY

DECEMBER 12, 1998
2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

Each child attending
may bring a letter
to be sent to Santa.

Please complete this reservation form, and respond immediately, seatings are limited
Mail to: HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM
151 East Main Street, Hillsboro, OH 45133
or drop form in mail slot at the museum.
Payment must accompany reservations.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

SEATINGS: 2:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M.

No. of reservation(s) _____ x \$5.00 = Total enclosed \$ _____

