

MUSEUM MUSES

LOG CABIN COOKOUT IS COMING!



Welcome to modern museum management! Our museum collection has been managed by various means throughout the last fifty years. We have accession books which have most items in varying degrees of completeness. Sometimes with a donor listed, sometimes not. Some of the handwriting is hard to decipher (an understatement). Occasionally item numbers of the series are missing.

As a second source of information, we have some accession sheets filed by the room of Highland House in which they were originally

placed. Again, handwriting is sometimes hard to read.

We also have a spreadsheet which was created about 10 years ago, but we have found that it only contains about 1/3 of our holdings.

Connecting these pieces of information with the actual item has proved to be a challenge. An item description may say, "pair of Bristol vases". Trying to connect this with the actual item has been difficult. Item markings are sometimes hard to read and in other instances are not present.

Through the kind generosity of Bob and Dorothy Hodson, we have acquired **Past Perfect Museum Software** to help us get not only our collection organized, but in addition, this program maintains full member-

ship records, donations, contacts, volunteer hours and more. We have our membership list loaded already and have begun working on doing a full inventory and inputting the information into the system. All new memberships are being entered

information for each item within that room. The item is then photographed from different angles, measured and all facts we know about the item are entered into the program. Therefore, a description in the accession book of "pair of painted vases" will become several



directly into Past Perfect.

Our process is to attempt to work one room at a time. We try to find the accession sheet or other

sentences listing the size, the color of the vases, colors used if painted, what images appear on the items and any physical damage. If manufacturer/maker marks are found, those are listed. Provenance of the item, if known is also entered.

Then each item is assigned a new consistent museum item number. The "home" for the item is decided and listed in the program. If items are moved, permanently or temporarily, that information is entered. The program should be so that any items needed for a special display can be searched and located in a manner of minutes.

We have the capability of creating collections, and entering that collection information in each item's file so *continued on page 2*

A NICKELL'S WORTH

The year round Christmas giving and receiving atmosphere continues for the Highland County Historical Society. Not a day, not a single day, goes by that something is not being received or given.

On May 13, the removal and rebuilding of the back 2/3 of the wall at the Highland House began. We were all excited for the repair but had a few qualms about procedure.

How could this even be done? Brad Tira and Wayne Dance knew how! They and their crews did a professional, thorough, beautiful job of the awesome task at hand. On June 25th, the last worker and piece of equipment left with the

wall and interior work completed to perfection. However, state specifications and unexpected costs for the back exit and ramp has us still closed, except by appointment, until they can be properly built. Brad and Wayne are standing by until drawings, permits, weather, their schedules, and available dollars all come together to make the job possible. We purchased their expertise and labor but they gifted us with attention to historic accuracy, their good will, and completion of details and issues not in the contract. It will be a great pleasure to write the final report when the back exit/ramp *(continued on page 2)*



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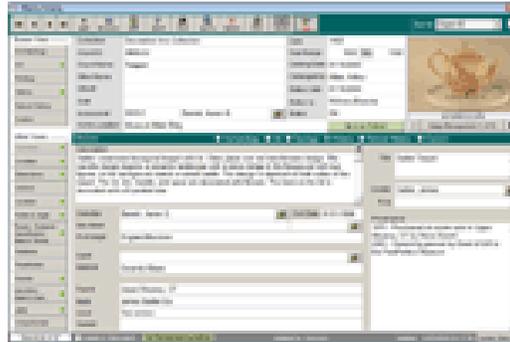
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PAST PERFECT *(continued from page 1)*

that all items connected with a person, group or event can be easily located. Examples of collections we have identified: Uncle Orrie Collection,



Detwiler Collection, Elizabeth Beaver Freshwater Collection, Milton Caniff Collection, etc.

As items are entered, we reference a Lexicon which is based on the latest standard, *Nomenclature 3.0 for Museum Cataloging*, and thou-

sands of up-to-date terms in a hierarchical grouping of like items. This lends a consistency to the items entered.

Donors of items are connected from the membership and/or contacts screen (not all donors are members) and information on donations given, whether monetary or a physical item are cross-referenced and show both in the object catalog as well as within the membership/contact record. This makes for an entirely integrated system.

Campaigns of varied kinds can be managed in the soft-

ware. Reports can be put together according to some pre-established samples, but in addition, specialized reports can be structured to fit the needs of HCHS.

Once all items have been entered, we will be able to run identifying labels for each item in the collection. This label can contain a photo of the item, as well as a unique barcode for that item. When it is time to check inventory, a bar code reader can be used to record the presence of each item. Speaking of inventory, this can be done in several ways. We can create a sampling list of a percentage of the collection and send a volunteer out to locate each of the items. We can do an inventory of a complete room, or we can do an inventory of the complete collection.

The software handles temporary acquisitions, loans as well as assisting with research.

With our purchase, we also acquired training CDs to help us with the learning curve involved in acclimating to the new software. I have often said that the "learning curve" was more of a fifty mile, downhill journey along mountain roads of hairpin curves, sheer drop-offs and no guard rails.

During the inventory entry process, we have decided to close off the room in which we are working, but with a method that allows visitors to view the room and, at the same time, see the process of this project. There is a bit of a mess involved in the work!

If you are interested in assisting with this work, please contact Vicki.
 Editor

NICKELL'S WORTH *(continued from page 1)*

and landscaping are completed. Hopefully, before August's end.

We are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Highland County Historical Society all year long; however, on May 20th, we marked the actual anniversary with a reception at Highland House. The Honorable Rocky Coss made the keynote address responded to by Bob Hodson, founder. Director Vicki Knauff received several proclamations and certificates. A bell made by Prindle Station Bells from a C.S. Bell pattern was hung and dedicated.

June 28th was the much anticipated House Tour. Ten buildings were open and toured by almost 400 people in addition to the volunteers. It rained for days leading up to the tour and for days after but on the 28th, the weather was clear and beautiful.

Within just a very few days before the July 2 Festival of Bells parade, a float was put together complete with signs and costumed participants. It won first prize for theme. What fun!

July 26th was our recognition of Lt. Caspar Collins, native of Hillsboro, who was killed in battle in 1865 at 20 years of age. Nearly 100

people turned out to hear Steve Roush as Caspar and Bob Brown as Col. William Collins (Caspar's father). Caspar and William are both buried in the Hillsboro Cemetery.

The Board members who so creatively and energetically made all of the above happen are now busy planning other events and recognitions. A team is very busily entering all HCHS membership data and acquisitions into a database that will be permanent and easily accessible.

None of the above could happen without significant volunteering from the membership of the Society. Thank you!

And that brings to mind something to consider: As a member or two of the current Board retire at the end of 2015, perhaps you would be interested in stepping into one of the positions. If so, please contact Arlene Huffman or Paulette Donley. I guarantee you the great gift of hard work, fun and satisfaction while helping to preserve the past to gift to the future.

Pamela Nickell

A Big "Thank You"!!!

As chairman of the 2015 Home Tour committee, I want to send out a big "thank you" to those who willingly said yes to be involved in the event.

The committee consisted of myself, Kati Burwinkel, Maggi Horst, Caroyl Reid, Vicki Knauff, Maxine Kratzer and Pamela Nickell. Without the energy these great ladies put into the event, it would never have come to fruition. The homeowners most certainly stand to be recognized. I put my house

on and others were nice enough to follow. Caroyl Reid, Sandy Cook, Chelsey Seeling, Carole Mullenix, Bill & Carleen Alexander, Jennifer & Rick Jen-

kins, Tip & Becky Long, and Jim Bush and the congregation of the Hillsboro Church of Christ were ever so gracious to allow folks to come into



their homes and church. Volunteers for the day of the event gave of their time and their friendliness, making each home feel welcome for all

those who came with the sole purpose of seeing what was inside. What is behind closed doors? The architecture, the decorating, and the items on display all hold a fascination for so many folks. And those folks are the ones who opened their wallets to get that glimpse of what was inside. We had over 350 people purchase tickets for the event. They raised much needed funds during this time of renovation for our museum.

We thank you all for making it a glorious day! Let's do it again in 2016!

Avery Applegate

ACQUISITIONS

The following items have been donated to the Museum and Library during the past several months. Many thanks to these people who are helping to preserve our history.

Ora C. Sauner yardstick – Eleanor Tolle

Tealeaf plate, James Kelley school book and photos, and 48 star flag – Avery Applegate

Jim Hapner election memorabilia – Louise Hapner

Hillsboro High School Yearbooks – 1928, 1929 and 1930, miscellaneous photos and books belonging to Anna Beryl Naylor Miller – Marvin Hakes

Hillsboro High School Yearbooks – 1951, 1953 and 1954 – Terry and Susan Alexander

Antique Water sprinkler – Jimmie Cummings (in memory of his wife, Bonnie Lee Gulick Cummings)

Vintage clothing – Eleanor Williams

Saber from early 1800s, muzzle loader, Korean War Naval uniform, miscellaneous photos – Walker family

Edwin B. Ayres memorabilia and Elsie Ayres notes – Christopher Duckworth (grandson)

Memory Garden Plaque, Robert "Jones" Jones – Margaret VanFrank

Clear glass bottle inscribed :The McKeehan-Hiestand Grocery Co., Primrose Brand, Hillsboro and Blanchester, Ohio" – Jaden Skeen

Two Hugh Isma Troth books on Lynchburg, Ohio history – Carolyn Hastings

Suit hanger from Hillards Men Store – Pamela Nickell

Dress, apron and bonnet – Luann Winkle

AR BOUND

You can't just go out and buy tickets to PBS's **Antiques Roadshow**. In fact, the 3000 pairs of tickets are doled out through a lottery system with one entry per email address. But Avery Applegate has friends and family who are generous enough to "enter"...she does the desk work, and if they get tickets, she gets to go along. Over the years, this method has served her well. She has now attended her 8th Roadshow! This year, HCHS member and friend, Susan Bennett was the lucky person to receive the tickets. At the time of the writing of this article, Avery and Sue were selecting and packing their treasures in preparation to make the road trip to Charleston, South Carolina. We have to wonder what (hopefully) good news the appraisers will have for them! The 3 or 4 episodes filmed August 8th in Charleston will most likely air in late April or early May of 2016. Watch you PBS listings for more details.

Avery Applegate



**Have you
bought Quilt
Raffle Tickets
yet?**

HARRIETT'S HOSTAS

Thanks to Harriett Fenner for hostas to add to the Highland House landscaping. The win-win situation allowed Harriett's hosta bed to be thinned, ultimately adding to the beauty of other gardens. Bob Nickell dug them, divided them and re-planted some for Harriett. Shown here is Harriett and her garden before the *big dig* and the north end of the museum's Log



Cabin after some of these beautiful plants found their new home. Admittedly, they are just a bit straggly now, but just wait until next summer! They will look wonderfully at home in the re-landscaped (surely, before then) back yard of the Highland House.



GIFTS TO HCHS

Gifts come in many forms—sometimes monetary and sometimes in items. Sometimes folks step up and offer the gift of their time and talents for the betterment of Highland House. We heartily thank the following for their gifts:

- ◇ Garden renewal—Brad Roades
- ◇ A/C units protecting poles straightened by Wilkin Heating and the poles painted by Dorothy Hodson
- ◇ Brush trimming and weeding by Bob & Dorothy Hodson
- ◇ Storage provision by Louise Hapner
- ◇ Hostas given by Harriet Fenner

TEMPORARY EXHIBIT

Shaving Mugs and related items from the collection of John Glaze.



**EXTENDED
DUE TO
MUSEUM
BEING CLOSED**

SMILE AMAZON!

Do you shop Amazon? We have learned that they have a program similar to Kroger Community Rewards and have registered HCHS as a recipient of a share of their donations to non-profits.

The process to sign up is quite simple. Just go to www.smile.amazon.com. Follow instructions found there on the sign up method. Each time you shop Amazon, be sure to use the same website address to allow your purchase to help HCHS.



THANK YOU!



We hope you didn't let April pass without reregistering your KROGER PLUS CARD for Community Rewards, listing HCHS as your charity of choice! You must do this every April to keep Community Rewards flowing to HCHS!

Simply sign into your account as you do when loading electronic coupons onto your card and go into your profile to re-select HCHS. The process is quite simple and fast, taking only a couple minutes.



A WORD FROM DIRECTOR VICKI

Log Cabin Cookout

The annual Log Cabin Cookout will be held Saturday, September 19, 2015 at the Highland House Museum. Serving will start at 5 pm followed by an auction and program. The drawing for the "Lone Star" quilt made and donated by Jeanette Knauff will also take place. Tickets will be on sale before the raffle. Raffle proceeds go to the Capital Campaign. The menu will consist of ham and beans, cornbread, salads, desserts and drinks. A donation is requested. Reservations must be made by **Tuesday, September 15** and can be made by calling the Highland House at 393-3392 and leaving your name, number of reservations and phone number or e-mailing your reservations at hchistorysociety@gmail.com or reserve on our website: www.hchistorysociety.weebly.com.

Welcome Elizabeth!

Elizabeth House has been volunteering at the Highland House since mid-May as an intern. Elizabeth graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a Bachelor's degree in English and will be starting the library science program at Kent State University this fall. She has completed many tasks that deal with the daily op-



eration of the museum and is working with Jean Wallis and Jim Rooney organizing the library. Elizabeth is also learning to enter items from our collection in the Past Perfect museum software program. A huge thanks to Elizabeth for her time and efforts in preserving our county's valuable history.

And Here's William

William Albert will be a sophomore at Hillsboro High School this year. He has been in Boy Scouts for three years. In working on Citizenship within the Community Badge, he has been volunteering for several months at Highland House. William is a fine young man and has performed many tasks at the museum, such as helping organize files, greeting visitors, leading tours even assisting with the Adams County Historical Society tour, and helped with gar-



dening. Vicki writes, "William has been a tremendous help, he had a great attitude and was interested in county history."

SHOPPERS... MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH - 5:00-9:00 PM

Have you started thinking about Christmas yet? Are you working on your list? Do you just love getting friends and relatives gifts that are unique? Are you just itching to see what will be new on the shelves at the upcoming artisan craft fairs? Is shopping local important to you? Then how about joining us at the Highland House Museum 151 E Main St for a **PRE-SALE NIGHT** of wine, cheese, shopping, and socializing? For a minimum \$10 donation at the door (you know a good cause when you see one!), you will be allowed into the Museum Shop the evening **BEFORE** the official Christmas Open House! You can choose from items provided by over 30 local artisans...plus holiday decorations, antiques, cards, gifts, books, and all sorts of items of local interest. There will be wine, punch, and assorted snacks to enjoy while you shop. We will even have gift wrappers on hand to make your choices "under the tree" ready!!! The Society is a member of the Hillsboro Uptown Business Association and would like to see you also take part in their 5:00-8:00 pm HUBA First Friday event. So plan to stay local and social the night of Friday, November 6th and visit us at the Highland House!



Capital Campaign begins to reach out to the Community for support

The Highland County Historical Society has been discussing its first community-wide Capital Campaign with its membership over the past few months. The Campaign committees have recent begun to branch out for support in the wider community.

As of the first of July the campaign has received over \$115,000 in pledges. While that represents just over 30% of the Society's ultimate goal of \$375,000 for the campaign, it is a significant beginning to the effort. Society leaders are confident that as we reach out to businesses and members of the community at-large, the goal will be attained.

"We are eternally grateful for those that have chosen to step up and support this important effort for the Society and our community", stated John Kellis, Campaign Chair.

The campaign will accomplish several tasks including: the completion of the Museum Wall Project, needed upgrades and improvements at the Highland House and Scott House, the development of a building and grounds fund at the Society, and the creation of an Endowment Fund that will support the Society in perpetuity.

Interested parties can contact Mr. Kellis at 393-1332 or at john.kellis@sbcglobal.net

Campaign Pledges as of July, 2015 – The Historical Society extends its sincere thanks.

GOLD GIFTS

Steve & Susan Thompson

SILVER GIFTS

Phil & Kati Burwinkel
 Robert & Dorothy Hodson
 Jim & Susan Gibbs
 John M Glaze
 John & Caroilyn Kellis
 Vicki Knauff
 Tim & Deb Koehl
 Maxine Kratzer
 Merchants National Bank
 Steve & Rita Neago
 Pamela Nickell
 Jim & Carol Rooney
 Rosemary Ryan
 Mike & Cathy Shanahan
 Turner Funeral Home

BRONZE GIFTS

Betty Bishop
 Rocky & Gayle Coss
 Lawrence & Gale Dukes
 Harriet Fenner
 5/3rd Bank
 Steve & Jamie Holland
 Roger & Arlene Huffman
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SUPPORTING GIFTS

Avery Applegate
 Glenn & Opal Armstrong
 Kenny & Sue Boatman
 Lana Daniels
 Dick & Paulette Donley
 Judy Franklin
 Vernon Garrison
 Harsha Monument Company
 Dan Ludwick
 Carlene Phillips
 Rhoads-Edgington Funeral Home
 Karin Smith
 Ron & Yvonne Tillis
 Byron & Nancy Wisecup



COMING EVENTS

*November—Nancy Henry Stranahan will present a talk about the ARC OF AP-PALACHIA. (Date to be announced)

*Sheriffs of Highland County Exhibit—coming soon!

*Day trip to historic sites of Chillicothe area!

Pamela Nickell, on behalf of the Highland County Historical Society, purchases **McClain High School A Century of Tradition** from Harold and Judy Schmidt of the Greenfield Historical Society.



ANNUAL MEETING

ATTENTION MEMBERS AND ALL OF YOU WANTING TO BECOME MEMBERS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 05-6:00 P.M.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE HIGHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL BE AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

YOU WILL BE VOTING IN SOME NEW BOARD POSITIONS AND HEAR MORE ABOUT WHAT TRIPS AND SOCIAL FLINGS ARE BEING PLANNED FOR 2016.

Arlene Huffman, President



QUILT RAFFLE



Pictured above are John Kellis, Capital Campaign Chair, Vicki Knauff and Jeanette Knauff, along with a handmade "Lone Star" or "Sunburst" pattern quilt.

Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Log Cabin Cookout in September with proceeds going toward the Capital Campaign.

An Evening with Caspar and William Collins.



Ghost Walk

The Highland County Historical Society, together with the Southern Ohio Genealogical Society will be presenting the annual Ghost Walk on Thursday evening, **August 27** at 6pm. Everyone is to meet at the stone chapel in Hillsboro Cemetery.

The first ghost we meet will be **CARRIE LEE FINNELL** (1900-1963), Exotic Dancer, portrayed by Avery Applegate.

Dennis Kirk, Hillsboro attorney, will be portraying **CHARLES COLLINS** (1832-1904), a Hillsboro attorney, world traveler and author.

Steve Roush, one of our regular ghosts, will be portraying **JOHN C BROWN** (1851-1888), a relative of Steve by marriage, who had the misfortune of being shot while sitting in front of the Parker Hotel.

Bob Brown, another one of our ghosts, will be portraying **COL. WILLIAM OLIVER COLLINS** (1809-1880), an attorney, colonel of the 11th Ohio Cavalry and father of Lieut. Caspar Collins. Fort Collins, Colorado was named for Col. Collins.

Mel Haines, a retired educator from Kettering, will present the life story of **ISAAC SAMs** (1788-1878). Sams, one of the founders of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, helped to improve the Hillsboro community as an advocate for education. The Hillsboro community has continued to benefit from his efforts during the past 180 years.

Christa Moore and son, Noah roll this chair cart from the Methodist Church.



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BEFORE AND AFTER!



Dorothy Hodson,
working on the
grounds



Hillsboro Church of Christ
Pastor Bush during the
Home & Building Tour

