

# Museum Muses

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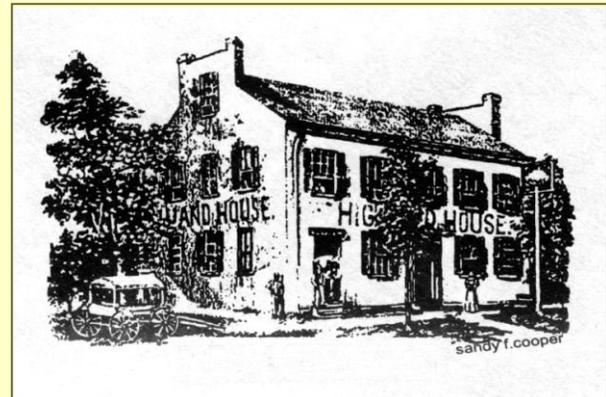
## A Note from Your President

By Ron Gilliland

The Highland County Historical Society is doing well and we are in the process of maintaining the museum with new supports in the basement and new vinyl windows on the second floor. We need the museum in a healthy condition so it can continue to house all the many antiques and memorabilia which have been collected over many years from generous people who have contributed many, many items.

Our Tour of Homes lead by Tom Watkins and his committee was a huge success and people are looking forward to the next one.

Jean Wallis will head a Ghost Walk at 6:00 pm on August 26 at Hillsboro Cemetery. All members as well as non-members are invited! Jean has 8 to 10



Highland County "Ghosts" lined up to appear and talk to the attendees. This event, which is presented at no charge, should be a fun time for all.

On August 7, HCHS will be hosting an Antique Sale at the old Hillsboro Fire House. If you are interested in selling some antiques, we invite you to participate. Bob Lambert is heading up this event and we have several participants ready to go.

Bob Lambert and Rob Snavelly have done much work on the Mother Thompson Reenactment and much interest has been shown for this event, which may become an annual happening!

If any of you have a suggestion of something you would like to see happen, please call me at 393-3957.

Plan now to attend all three of these events. They all promise to be exciting!

Sincerely,  
*Ron Gilliland*  
 HCHS President

*Where would you find this  
 handsome desk in  
 Highland House?*



# Accessions

Several items have been added to Highland House Museum collection:

W. K. Stanforth has given two paintings by Willa Stanforth, as well as a portrait of Willa.

We received an infant's dress from Frances Larkin.

The Highland County Court of Common Pleas, Rocky Coss, Judge, has given a photograph of Co. D Ohio, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry.

We have received three Hillsboro High School programs from Max Petzold.

Annette Cockerill has given a WCTU pin owned by Georgia Bell Fenner.

A WCTU plate and WCTU paper has been received from Carolyn Michael.

T. Overholser, curator of Granville Historical Society, has presented us with vintage prints and glass negatives.

*Thank-You for your kindness!*

## LAST CALL – The Rise and Fall of Prohibition

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Few of us are not familiar with Ken Burns and the documentaries he creates for PBS, such as “BASEBALL” and “JAZZ” just to name a couple. His ability to tell the story, intertwining fascinating film and still photos with narrative keep us glued to “the tube” on each night of the presentation. Now he is working on the story of PROHIBITION and will be featuring “LAST CALL – THE RISE AND FALL OF PROHIBITION” in it. This 376 page book (not including extensive notes, appendices and indices) is a fascinating portrait of an era and a very entertaining tale.

Many feel that our current time must be the most troubling when we consider the amount of alcohol

consumed by adults and youth. However, once the statistics are understood, it is easier to understand the great uprising of the prohibition movement. (The sailing vessel that brought John Winthrop to the new world in 1630 actually carried more beer than water!)

With Hillsboro's prominence in the rise of the prohibition movement, a handsome amount of space in this book is devoted to the events occurring in our town. With the upcoming reenactment of these events, the reader would be well-served to do his homework to learn how we fit into the entire movement toward PROHIBITION.

Editor

## THE CASPER COLLINS HOUSE

Last year's snowstorm made it impossible for some to pick up their “Our Town” house. Your house will be available at Highland House Museum any Friday from 1 to 5pm and Sunday from 1 to 4pm. They're still only \$15.00 and will probably be the last one produced. The 2009 house is a depiction of Buddy and Marilyn Pence's “Casper Collins” house.

Anne Rhude - 393-1255

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### September 18th – Noon Temperance Crusade March Recreation

Re-enactment of the 1873 prohibition crusade will take place Saturday, Sept 18, with the program beginning at 12:00 noon at First Presbyterian Church. The audience is invited to dress in costumes of the late 1880s, but it is not required. Tickets (\$5.00 each) will be available during the morning at Highland House Museum, however, you would be wise to reserve your tickets by sending a check made payable to HCHS, Attn: Crusade, as seating is limited at the church. Beverly Hottle will take photographs in the museum if you would like a memento of your participation in the crusade.

# Notes from the DIRECTOR'S DESK

By Margaret Van Frank

We are pleased to report to you that the Historical Society has been very busy in various ways including a successful house tour and the preservation of the building which holds the Museum. Tom and Martha Watkins again chaired the Tour and Bob Lambert is capably directing various phases of preservation. We thank them for their time and efforts.

Now we move on to the next activities including a Ghost Walk (orchestrated by Jean Wallis), an antique market, a Crusade enactment and the Christmas consignment gift shop. Those of you who have not read or heard about the first two mentioned please call the Museum (937-393-3392) for more information. All those interested in gaining more info regarding the consignment event should also call the above number or 937-393-3263. Last year we learned that the "buying" public truly enjoys being a consignee, a buyer or both. We welcome you to join us and while presenting your wares to the public you could benefit monetarily.

The Highland House Museum meeting room is already being reserved for holiday functions. We urge you to consider using this area to hold family celebrations, club meetings and Christmas parties etc. You will aid the Historical Society and make things simpler for yourself.

The Trustees are working hard to assure the current projects are successful. We urge all of you to attend these functions and to become involved as volunteers; we know you will find personal satisfaction in helping to preserve history while enjoying the camaraderie.

*Margaret*

## *What else did they do?*

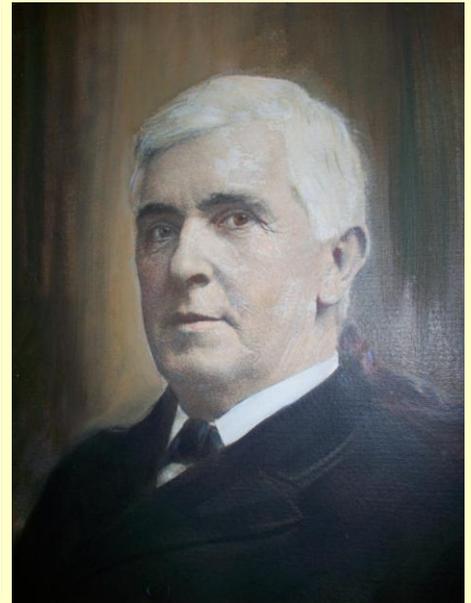
Most people know Charles Lindbergh as the "Lone Eagle" who flew across the Atlantic in 1927. This famous pilot was also a medical researcher, with Dr. Alexis Carrel, he perfected an artificial heart. Before he became president, Harry Truman owned a haberdashery. Try to match the prominent Americans below with their other occupations!

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A. Clara Barton          | 1. Actor                      |
| B. Alexander Graham Bell | 2. Artist                     |
| C. Nellie Bly            | 3. Congressman                |
| D. Davy Crockett         | 4. Customs surveyor           |
| E. Thomas Edison         | 5. Dentist                    |
| F. Nathaniel Hawthorne   | 6. Educator of the deaf       |
| G. Barbara Frietchie     | 7. Housewife                  |
| H. John Paul Jones       | 8. Musical recording producer |
| I. Samuel F. B. Morse    | 9. Schoolteacher              |
| J. Paul Revere           | 10. World traveler            |

Answers on back page.

Adapted from Americana Magazine

*Who am I? I'll be visiting with  
you at the GHOST WALK! Please  
come and hear what I have to say!*



## 2010 TOUR OF HOMES & HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

On Sunday June 27, the Highland County Historical Society sponsored the semi-annual tour of homes and historical buildings. The tour was very successful, selling 378 tickets (of which 15 were for children). After costs, we showed a profit of \$3198! Many thanks to all those who worked, provided meals for the owners and workers, and especially to the owners who graciously opened their homes for this tour!

Tom Watkins

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*Do a friend a favor! Give Highland County Historical Society Memberships for birthdays, anniversaries or just because!*

*What else did they do? (take the quiz on page 3 first!)*

- A. -9 Called the “Angel of the Battlefield” during the Civil War, Clara Barton was a schoolteacher for 18 years and a clerk in the U.S. Patent Office.
- B. -6 His wife and mother were both deaf and Bell was a speech therapist for the deaf. His invention of the telephone stemmed from his search for a device to help his students.
- C. -10 Nellie Bly was the pen name of Elizabeth Seaman, a pioneer woman reporter, however, as a traveler she bested Jules Verne’s hero by going around the world in 72 days, 6 hrs and 11 minutes in the winter of 1889-90.
- D. -3 Tennessean Davy Crockett, who died at the Alamo on March 6, 1836 was elected to Congress in 1827, 1829 and 1833.
- E. -8 Almost totally deaf, prolific inventor Thomas Edison was a successful musical recording producer. He once auditioned and harshly criticized pianist Sergei Rachmaninoff.
- F. -4 To help support his family while writing *The Scarlet Letter* Nathaniel Hawthorne had a 4 year appointment as surveyor of customs in Salem, MA.
- G. -7 “Shoot, if you must, this old grey head, But spare your country’s flag,” she said,” wrote John Greenleaf Whittier in 1864, immortalizing the courageous housewife, Barbara Frietchie.
- H. -1 At age 11, naval hero John Paul Jones became an actor with a Jamaica stock company. He also served as a rear admiral in the Russian navy.
- I. -2 Besides inventing the telegraph, Samuel Morse was a noted portrait artist, university professor and first president of the National Academy of Design.
- J. -5 You know him as a renowned silversmith, but Paul Revere also learned dentistry and replaced missing teeth. He also sold eyeglasses and established a mill to make copper sheathing for ships.