



Highland Hourglass

A Newsletter Published Quarterly by the Highland Historical Society

McDowell Battlefield Days 2012

Despite a light rain on Saturday, reenactor participation and visitor numbers at McDowell Battlefield Days 2012 were very good. More than six hundred-fifty reenactors were registered. Activities, including horse drawn wagon tours and living history scenarios, ran as scheduled, and everyone seemed to make the best of the rainy day. Wet leaves and slippery mud did make the battle scene somewhat less effective than planned because the two armies were unable to navigate on the steep slope between them. The rain cleared in time for the outdoor dance. Given the size of this event, everything ran relatively smoothly.

A new addition to McDowell Battlefield Days was the Education Day held on Friday, May 4. The entire student population and many faculty



Protected by umbrellas and rain gear, spectators watch as Union reenactors advance and fire on their Confederate counterparts.



Highland High School students follow the lead of caller Tom Mack and his wife Lesley as they dance to the music of the Shenandoah Valley Minstrels.

members from Highland County Schools, as well as approximately one hundred home school students from Highland and Augusta counties and their parents, attended this special event. Reenactors gave presentations at the museum and at the Presbyterian Church grounds. Activities ranged from explanations of military clothing and gear, to schooling in the 1860s. The reenactors adjusted their presentations to the age levels of participants. Older students learned about the advances in weaponry during the war, while elementary students marched with the soldiers. Students especially enjoyed dancing to the music of the Shenandoah Valley Minstrels. The Highland Historical Society was pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to students. Feedback on this event has been very positive.

Rev. Danny Franke, interim pastor of Philippi Presbyterian Church in West Virginia, was the guest speaker for the period worship service held at the McDowell United Methodist Church on Sunday morning. Rev. Franke reenacts as chaplain of the 31st VA Regiment. This is the first time we have had a reenactor lead worship. His sermon was done in first person. As he related what Christians experienced during the Civil War, worshipers gained insight into our connection with those who trust God in difficult times past and present. Near the end of the service, Rev. Franke stepped out of character to explain this worship experience which had been both inspirational and educational.

The Highland Historical Society thanks all property owners, volunteers, organizations, and the residents of McDowell whose cooperation and support made McDowell Battlefield Days 2012 possible.

12th GA Exhibit

As part of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of McDowell, the museum contains a small exhibit on the role of the 12th Georgia regiment at McDowell. The only non Virginia unit present, the 12th Georgia suffered the heaviest casualties of any unit actively engaged. Central to this exhibit is an irregularly shaped stone inscribed "Here Stood the 12th GA" that was found on the battlefield and loaned to the society by Mike Midnight of Harrisonburg. Although the origin of this stone is unknown, veterans of the 7th GA regiment placed somewhat more formal markers on the Manassas Battlefield some time after 1903.

When 12th GA reenactor Britt Brinson heard of the exhibit, he supplied the museum with twenty-five mounted photographs of 12th GA soldiers who fought at McDowell. Many of these soldiers died at McDowell.

In a recent production of the popular NBC television show "Who Do You Think You Are," chef Paula Dean produced letters written by her ancestor William "Billy" Batts from Camp Allegheny and from a hospital in Staunton. Billy was a member of the 12th GA and was among those wounded at the battle of McDowell.



12th GA stone marker

A Busy Month

Public interest in the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War resulted in a dramatic increase in museum visitor numbers for the month of May. On May 8, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation sponsored a tour of the battlefield and orientation center that brought twenty visitors to the museum. On Friday, May 18, two separate tour groups that included a combined total of sixty participants arrived. One group consisted of members of the University of North Carolina alumnae association and the other group came as part of a battlefields tour sponsored by Pamplin Historical Park. Individual visits also ran higher than usual. When the figures for McDowell Battlefield Days are included, an estimated six hundred seventy people toured the Highland County Museum in May.

Collections Spotlight

New acquisitions at the museum this quarter also reflect the increased attention currently being paid to the Civil War. Among them are:

- A pliers type bullet mold from Monterey that was used to mold a 54 caliber, three ring, lead bullet. Donated by John Whitecotton
- A pair of leather pincushion/sewing kits, owned by Civil War veteran John Wesley Reed who was a store keeper at Pinckney, VA. Pinckney was a town along the Jackson River about five miles south of Mustoe. Donated by Gordon R. Corbett
- An original copy of the *Memoirs of Stonewall Jackson*, by his widow Mary Anna Jackson, copyright 1895. This book contains information on Jackson's life before the war and includes many of Jackson's wartime letters. Mrs. Jackson dedicated the book to her grandchildren, Julia and Jackson Christian "In the prayerful hope that as they grow in years they may draw inspiration from his [Jackson's] example, and conform their lives to the same exalted standard of Christian duty, which was also reflected in the life of their young mother, who with gentle footsteps followed her father as he followed Jesus." This book belonged to the late Pamela Maupin and was donated by Wes Maupin
- *Civil War A Complete Photographic History*, by William C. Davis and Bell L. Wiley. This pictorial history contains nearly 4,000 images of the war and includes photographs of towns and farms, encampments, railroads, ships, battlefields, individuals soldiers, and more as it covers the war from beginning to end. Donated by Susan Baldwin
- *The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War*, by Major George B. Davis, Leslie J. Perry, and Joseph Kirkley. This volume contains eight hundred twenty-one maps, one hundred six engravings, and two hundred nine drawings that detail campaigns, battlefield troop positions, uniforms, weapons, flags and more. Donated by Susan Baldwin
- *Lee and Jackson's Bloody Twelfth, The Letters of Irby Goodwin Scott, First Lieutenant, Co. G, 12th GA Volunteer Infantry*, edited by Johnnie Perry Pearson. This book contains letters Scott wrote as a soldier during the entire course of the war. Between July 1861 and May 1862 his letters were written from places like Monterey, Camp Allegheny, Bartow, and Camp Johnson on Shenandoah Mountain. Scott fought in the battle of McDowell. Donated by Johnnie P. Pearson



Pincushion/sewing kit and bullet mold

Highland County Coloring Book Now Available

The Society is pleased to announce the publication of a coloring book for children containing pictures of Highland County history and culture. This *Highland County History Coloring Book* is the result of a collaborative effort between local artist Susan Blanchard and Society board member Nancy Vance. These two ladies worked together to create a fun and informative experience for children, both those who live here and those who visit or know of the county through family and/or friends. Drawings depict historic buildings like the Courthouse and the New Hampden Mill, along with scenes of local culture, including the Highland County Fair, a sugar house, and native wildlife.

Copies of the *Highland County History Coloring Book* are available in the museum gift shop, as well as by mail order. Contact the Highland Historical Society to purchase copies at \$5 each. All proceeds will benefit the Society.



New at the Family Research Library

This could be the best time to research your family history at the Highland County Museum. The Highland Historical Society has a one-year trial subscription to **fold3** at www.ancestry.com. This expanded feature contains large volumes of military records from the Revolutionary War through Vietnam, including service and pension records, diaries, and photographs. Some non-military records are also included. Here is just a sample of the variety of categories now available:

- Civil War Southern Claims and Widows Pensions
- Final Statements of Deceased U.S. Infantry (1862-1899)
- WW I and WW II State Department Records
- Missing Air Crew Reports of U.S. Army (1942-1947)
- Passport Applications (1795-1905)
- Naturalizations (1700-mid 1900s)

Access to www.ancestry.com at the museum is free to society members and five dollars per day to non-members. The library is open 11AM-4PM Thursday thru Saturday and 1PM-4PM on Sunday.

Grant Update

The Highland Historical Society is pleased to announce that Brendan Wilke of Wilke Renovation, Inc, Monterey, VA has been awarded the contract for improvements to the Highland County Museum under the VDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant. The project has been divided into six phases: (1) Central Air Conditioning – Second Level, (2) UV Protective Storm Windows, (3) Handicap Access Ramp, (4) Handicap parking pad, (5) Yard Fence, and (6) Restoration of Enclosed Porch Exhibit Room. Mr. Wilke expects to begin work on phase one by the first week in July.

Win this Quilt!

Members of the Highland County Quilters' Guild made this beautiful sampler quilt using Civil War era patterns and reproduction fabrics. They have donated it to be raffled for the benefit of the Highland County Museum.



Tickets are now on sale and can be ordered by mail. Cost is \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be at the close of the Highland County Fair.

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- Battle of McDowell Mapset

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Patron ... \$500

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Volunteers Honored at Appreciation Dinner

The Society's Board of Directors honored its volunteers at the annual Appreciation Dinner held on Saturday evening, September 29, at the home of board member Wes Maupin. Without our faithful volunteers, it would be impossible to keep the museum open to the public. These fine folks serve as docents who host visitors to the museum, help with cleaning and lawn care, and assist with fundraising events. The board wishes to extend its sincere appreciation for all our volunteers and the many ways they serve the society and the museum.



Will Crisp and Jim White enjoy some pre-dinner conversation.



Jay Garber, Roger Orndorff, and Lud Creef move through the serving line.



Guests enjoyed grilled hamburgers & hot dogs along with several delicious sides and dessert.

Society Receives Grant Funding



Highland Historical Society is the recipient of a \$5000 grant from the Lee-Jackson Foundation. Executive Director Cathleen Evans and board members Lorraine White and Clay Hamilton worked to write and submit a proposal for funding the purchase of archival supplies and painting the museum roof. The proposal was approved at the Nov. 28 meeting of the Lee-Jackson Foundation, which awards grants to organizations that honor and promote knowledge of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson.



*Happy Holidays to You and Yours
From the Highland Historical Society!*



Treasurer's Update

By Jim Blagg



The Historical Society will close out 2012 on a solid financial footing. There are a variety of reasons for our success this year, each important in its own right. Our biggest single source of income this year was the observance of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of McDowell. Although the 150th anniversary observance was very successful, it was only one of several essential income sources in 2012. Your society continues to rely heavily on membership dues and member donations to maintain our operations. Our monetary donations have declined during each of the past four years, no doubt in part due to ongoing economic conditions. The income generated from our annual fund raising letter of December 2011 was just over one-half the amount of the previous year. While our income from membership dues declined this year, it was almost wholly because of a decrease in life memberships. Both individual and family membership renewals remained relatively constant. As noted in the last newsletter, we again sponsored a spaghetti dinner during the Mountain Momma bicycle race. While our revenues were down for the event this year, the dinner still cleared over \$500. This year we received several donations in memory of Highlanders who passed away; they included Hazel Corbett, E. Randolph Hevener, Elizabeth McCoy, Bill Swecker, and Ruth White. As reported in the last newsletter, the quilt raffle sponsored by the Highland Quilters' Guild was a great success. Thanks to each of the above sources of income, your society will end the year with a net income.

Our basic operating expenses over the past three years have remained relatively constant. To sustain our current level of services and programs, society expenses run approximately \$24,000 per year. The recent renovations to the Mansion House should slightly decrease our heating and cooling expenses. I do expect 2013 to be a financially challenging year for the society. However, with a membership committed to preserving Highland County's past, I remain confident that we will be able to continue our current operations without decreasing either hours or services.

Annual Membership Meeting Held

The Society's annual membership meeting was held Sunday afternoon, December 9, at 2:00 p.m. Treasurer Jim Blagg presented a summary of our finances for 2012, which reflects a balance in the black. He also presented the proposed budget for 2013. Those attending also reviewed the progress of VDOT grant upgrades (see related story on page 3) and took a look at the enclosed porch under renovation. Light refreshments were served.

Highland History Highlights

Fall is the season for hunting in Highland County, mostly for deer, turkey, and bear. When Highland was newly-formed (in 1847), however, there were other things to hunt:

"The wolf bounty had risen by 1788 to \$6.67, and by 1801 to \$8. The court of 1848 fixed the bounty on an old wolf at \$12, and the same rate was still in force in 1865. For a wolf cub, the bounty was half as much. The bounty on wildcats was \$1.50 for a grown animal and 75 cents for one under six months of age. In 1853 the bounties on wildcats and foxes were \$1.00 and 50 cents for grown and small animals respectively. At present (1911) the only bounty in force is that of 50 cents on hawks and owls."

From: *A History of Highland County* by Oren F. Morton, Page 117.



Collections Spotlight



Recent additions to the museum's collection include the following items:



This wedding dress belonged to Ratie M. Fleisher. She wore it when she married Jacob William Hevener on June 18, 1892. The dress was also worn by Nancy Lee Hevener, Ratie M. Fleisher's great granddaughter, when she married Arthur Kenley Thorn III on June 22, 1974.

Donated by Nancy Hevener Ballie.



A painting done by Doreen Ralston of Hightown. There is a small, typed note on the back that says, "Arthur and Charlotte, Hope you have a nice holiday season. Looking forward to seeing you come Spring. We have snow on the ground. Doreen."

Donated by Carolyn Pohowsky.



These letters represent a collection of 35 letters from Jesse Rexrode to Oliver H. Gum of Hightown. They include some photographs and information on Jesse's family.

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Correction!

In the last newsletter (Late Summer 2012), Jean McWhorter's name was inadvertently omitted as the donor of two volumes of *The Image of War 1861-1865* to the Research Library collection. We sincerely apologize for the omission.

VDOT Grant Update

Upgrades continue with funding from the VDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant. UV protective storm windows have been installed and renovations have begun on the enclosed porch. When completed, this porch area will be usable exhibit space, with proper insulation, heat, and lighting. All should be finished well before the museum re-opens in the early spring.

Archival Storage Needs

In order to fulfill our mission as a safe repository for Highland County's historical artifacts, such items must be properly stored. Protection from light damage, changing humidity, insects (such as moths and silver fish), and general deterioration is essential. Archival-quality storage containers are necessary, but expensive. The \$1500 from the Lee-Jackson Foundation grant will help, but is not near enough to meet our needs. Some of the most-needed items along with prices are pictured here. Can you help the museum by designating a gift for archival storage supplies? Doing so will help us preserve and protect the precious Highland County artifacts that are entrusted to our care.



Flat Storage Boxes 13" \$9.85



Textile Storage Boxes 30" \$35



Negative & Print Boxes
\$8.55 each



Document Cases
\$6.60 each



Photo Album Pages
\$15.35 per box



The Obit Tidbit

*Featuring Interesting and Unusual Obituaries
from Highland's Past*

Mary A. Brown

Born 1840

Died 31 May 1924 (or 1925?)

Buried in Clover Creek Cemetery, south of McDowell



Mary A. Brown
1840-1925
Alone in Jesus
Our black mammy.

PASSING OF OLD BLACK MAMA

Died, at Clover Creek, Va., on the 31st of May 1924, after a long illness, Mary A. Brown, at the age of 85 yrs, daughter of Jon Woodford Gwin and Rachael Israel. Married in 1865 to Eljah Brown by Rev. Jno Pullin - was baptized by Rev Mr. Blair, Presbyterian. She always claimed to be a Blue Stocking.

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Rev. Mr. Moffett conducted her funeral services, before a large congregation, half white and half colored. At the grave in Clover Creek cemetery, the whites sang a hymn and then the colored friends sang. There was 13 empty homes, all gone to pay their last respects to this old mother of Israel.

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Recipe Request

Folks attending the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner enjoyed this baked bean recipe and asked that it be shared. It's easy and yummy for any occasion.

Three Bean Bake

1 lb. ground beef	1/2 cup chili sauce
1 medium onion	1/2 cup brown sugar
1 medium green pepper	1/2 cup ketchup
2 16 oz. cans pork & beans	3 TBSP vinegar
1 16 oz. can limas, drained	1/2 tsp. mustard
1 16 oz. can kidney beans	1/2 tsp. pepper

Chop onion and green pepper. Brown ground beef, onions, and peppers. Drain if needed. Combine remaining ingredients in large bowl. Add meat mixture and still well to combine. Pour into a large (at least 3 qt.) casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour.



Vintage images are extremely popular these days. This holiday postcard dates from the early 1900s.

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Society Welcomes New Executive Director

Highland Historical Society welcomed its third executive director when Cathleen Evans began her duties on July 1. Retiring director Lorraine White is working closely with Cathleen to ensure a smooth transition.

Cathleen comes to the society with a Bachelor of Science degree in anthropology-multidisciplinary from Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. She has done anthropological field work in Ashe County, NC, Costa Rica, and the American Southwest. Her most recent experience was as an archeological intern at Montpelier, home of President James Madison.

As executive director, Cathleen is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the museum, which can include just about anything. However, planning and building new exhibits is an area of special interest for her. She looks forward to coming up with new and engaging ways to display artifacts and present historical information on Highland County.

Retiring director Lorraine White has rejoined the board of directors as a member and plans to maintain her dedicated volunteer status. She and husband Jim own and operate Laurel Point Bed & Breakfast and have five children and eight grandchildren.



New Executive Director Cathleen Evans, (left) with retiring Director Lorraine White

Museum Upgrades Well Underway



The Society is pleased to report that three of the six phases of the VDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant have been completed. The museum now has a handicap access ramp located at the rear of the building. Air conditioning was installed on the second level in time to make the rooms comfortable during this summer's hottest days, and the yard fence is now in place. The fence, which is a reproduction of the one that surrounded the Mansion House Hotel, will get a finish coat of white stain next spring. The UV protective storm windows have been ordered and should arrive in early October. Paving of the handicap parking pad is planned for later this fall, and interior work on the enclosed porch exhibit room should be complete by the end of the year.



Mountain Mama Spaghetti Dinner

The Society hosted its third annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser in conjunction with the Mountain Mama Bike Challenge on Friday, August 3. Free-will donations generated a profit of \$610, which was added to our general fund.

Volunteers prepared and served a delicious meal of spaghetti, sauce with or without meat, garlic bread, tossed salad, tea, lemonade, and a variety of homemade cakes.

Each year we learn more about making this fundraiser a bigger success. It is hoped that it will become a dependable income source as we continue to adjust and make improvements.

Many thanks to all who volunteered their time to make this event possible. Thanks also to the Highland County Volunteer Fire Department in Monterey for the use of the firehouse.



Lorraine cooks up her delicious spaghetti sauce.

Patsy Hamilton (left) and Lorraine find that teamwork is best for draining hot spaghetti.



Board members Nancy Vance & Lisa Munchell serve a hungry biker.



Jay Garber (left) & Bill Rich helped with setup and cleanup.



Raffle winner Robyn Evans and her daughter Elizabeth enjoy their new quilt.



Civil War Quilt Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Robyn Evans of Monterey, the winner of our Civil War quilt raffle. Her winning ticket was drawn at the Highland County Fair on Saturday evening. The Highland Quilter's Guild spent many hours designing and stitching this beautiful quilt made with Civil War era patterns and reproduction fabrics. The Society is very grateful for their generosity in donating it to us and also for their assistance in selling raffle tickets. The raffle generated \$898 in clear profits for our general fund.

Annual Patron's Party

Charlotte Stephenson and Richard Shamrock hosted this year's Patron's Party at their lovely home near Mill Gap on September 8. Even though the weather was chilly (again!), guests enjoyed the fellowship and the beautiful view of Highland County farmland. Evelyn's Pantry catered the event, with desserts and drinks provided by Society board members.

Clay Hamilton welcomed all, expressing thanks for their support of the society throughout the previous year. He also introduced our new executive director, Cathleen Evans.



Patron Party hosts Richard Shamrock and Charlotte Stephenson live on Route 84 between Monterey and Mill Gap.



Patron Party guests enjoyed this beautiful view from the Stephenson/Shamrock front porch.



Bob Lamoree and Dr. Robin Brown enjoy some good conversation.



Society board member Clay Hamilton welcomes guests.



Mr. & Mrs. Ballard Preston are served drinks by Kim Moyers.



Caterers Jennifer Hise & Donna Hooke of Evelyn's pantry



Whites Honored by SVBF

Society members Jim and Lorraine White were presented with the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation's Volunteer of the Year Award at a recent event in Luray. The award recognized not only their contributions in the previous year, but included those of many years of dedicated service.

Over the years, Jim and Lorraine have volunteered thousands of hours to the preservation and interpretation of Civil War history. Their efforts include planning and preparing for visitors and guiding them when they arrive, working to preserve and maintain battlefield sites, and spearheading programs to commemorate historic events, most recently being the 150th anniversary of the Battle of McDowell.

According to Denman Zirkle, executive director of the SVBF, "Jim and Lorraine represent the highest ideals of volunteers, partners, and ambassadors in the National Historic District. Their dedication to preserving and remembering the Civil War history of the Shenandoah Valley, and to supporting the National Historic District, is simply indispensable."

Research Library Continues to Grow

The Society's Research Library is an ever-growing resource for information on local history and genealogy. Thanks to all who have donated materials for our collection. Some of the most recent additions are:

Descendants for Major Andrew Lockridge and Jane Graham Lockridge

Compiled and donated by James Harry Lockridge

Highland County Pioneer Family Series: Robert Gwin Descendants, Loftus Pullin Descendants and Richard Botkin Descendants

Compilations of research from the museum's First Families Exhibits. By Jim Blagg

The Hammers and Allied Families of Pendleton County, West Virginia

A collection of history, family stories and genealogy of the Byrd, Caplinger, Cunningham, Harper, Hinkle, Kiles, Meadow and Ruddles families. By Elsie Byrd Boggs; donated by Roger Orndorff

The Light Still Shines

A book detailing the history of the Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative, since its formation in 1936, with its small service area, to its current service area Highland, Augusta, Rockingham, Page, Shenandoah, Warren, Clarke and Frederick Counties. By Wayne and Sally Hannah; donated by The Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative

The Image of War 1861 - 1865 (volumes two, three, and six)

A project completed by the National Historical Society containing hundreds of pictures from the Civil War

Civil War: A Complete Photographic History by William C. Davis and Bell L. Wiley

A photographic history of the Civil War containing nearly 4,000 images. Published under the direction of the National Historic Society; donated by Susan Baldwin.

Museum Lawn Care

For several years now, Society board members have taken on the responsibility of lawn care for the museum property at their own expense. Some mow the lawn themselves, using their own equipment and gasoline; others pay a lawn care service to do the work.

With the addition of the new yard fence, lawn care has become a bit more labor-intensive. Care must be taken to protect the fence from weed-eater string scratches and green stains from freshly mown grass. Once the fence is painted white, even more careful attention will be required.

At its September meeting, the board discussed various ways to tackle this new phase of lawn care, which included the following:

- Are board members willing to continue maintaining the lawn at their own expense?
- Should we seek the donation of a used lawn mower and weed-eater? If the Society owned the equipment, would volunteers come forth to mow the lawn?
- Can our budget support gasoline and equipment maintenance? Who would be responsible for seeing that the mower and weed-eater stay in good working order?

We have the winter months to mull over the possibilities. . If you are willing to help, or have any other ideas or suggestions regarding lawn care, please contact our executive director or a board member.



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Annual memberships run from January 1 to December 31 each year. If you receive a mailed copy of the *Highland Hourglass*, please renew by the date shown below your address.

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WE WILL GLADLY EMAIL NEWSLETTERS AND
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- Campbell's 1847 Map of Highland County
- *The Battle of McDowell* DVD
- *Tol' Able David* DVD
- *Images of America: Highland County* by Chris Scott
- *Parallel Lines: Stories from the Battle of McDowell* CD
- Battle of McDowell Mapset
- 1926 Highland County Advertising Map
- Highland County History Coloring Book

Please email for prices and shipping rates.

Highland Historical Society Membership

Membership rates:	<u>Annual:</u>	<u>One Time:</u>
	Individual ... \$15	Life \$250
	Family \$25	Patron \$500
	Business \$25	

All members receive copies of "The Highland Hourglass," the society's newsletter by mail or email and a 10 % discount in The Highland County Museum Store. Business and life members receive a framed membership certificate to display. Patron members receive a life membership plus their names engraved on the "Friends of the Museum" plaque.*

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Museum Hours:

Nov.1 to Feb. 28: By Appointment Only

March 1 to Oct. 31

Thursday, Friday & Saturday 11AM to 4PM

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