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BLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Quarterly Newsletter

Winter 2016

DECEMBER 2016

BCHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Dec 2, 2016, 9-4. Last Day
BCHS will be open before
Winter Closing. Re-open in
Spring 2017. TBA.***

Dec 3, 2016, 1:30 pm

***BCHS Winter Quarterly
Meeting at the Society Office
located in the old Jail beside
the Court House.***

Dec 17, 2016, 10-2 pm

***Special Opening for
Christmas Shopping.***

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Even though the office will be
closed during the Winter
Months, we will still answer
genealogy and history
questions about Bland
County. Submit your
questions to
info@blandcountyhistsoc.org
or leave a message at 276-
688-0088.***

***We will also fill orders for
our books and other items
while we are closed. Just fill
out order form available
online and mail to us. Form
available at:***

www.blandcountyhistsoc.org

President's Message

Happy Holidays to all!

2016 is almost over. Can you believe it? I hope your year has been great in all ways. The Historical Society has had a busy year as I am sure you are aware.

Since our last newsletter we have finished several projects. The 2017 Calendar featuring "Events in Bland County" was completed and the 2016 Ornament with a "County of Bland Design" was finished. We have participated in the Festival of the Leaves and completed our first Cruise-in. With all of these projects completed, we are now preparing for the Bland Christmas Parade and closing for the winter. We will be open during the Bland Parade (Nov 26th) and on December 17th we will open 10 AM to 2 PM. This will be your last chance to make purchases before Christmas. Our last Friday of regular office hours will be December 2nd from 9-4pm.

Our Veterans Memorial Project is on-going. If you would like to be a part, please call or come by the office before we close for the winter. These men who gave their lives need to be remembered in the most honorable way we can provide. Ann and Elmer Beardshall are leading this project and are doing a wonderful job, as they always do! Our plans are to have this project completed and exhibit it on Memorial Day 2017.

With this year coming to an end, I want to say a special "Thank-you" to all of the volunteers who have given so much to this organization. These are special individuals who give of their time and do not think one thing about it. If **YOU** have not volunteered this year, please plan to come join us next year. We would enjoy having your participation. Spring will be here before we know it and we will be looking for you to come join us.

Have a wonderful winter. Stay warm and healthy.

Molly P. Thompson, President

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Winter Quarterly Meeting, December 3, 2016 1:30 pm

Bland County Historical Society

Business Meeting, Election of Officers, Christmas Social



At the Winter Quarterly Meeting of the Bland County Historical Society on December 3, 2016 at 1:30 pm, as prescribed by the by-laws, there will be an election of officers for 2017.

After the business meeting, refreshments will be served. Please join us as we reminisce about our accomplishments in 2016 and contemplate about our plans for 2017.

Bland County Picture on Facebook



Carolyn Elmore

Yesterday at 7:55 PM · 🌐

Family of Otto and Lillie Bell Harman;

Orsvoa Cecil Harman

Birth 1853 • Bland Co. VA

Death 1930 • Bland Co. VA

Parents

Adam Quinn Harman

1818–1891

Susanna Eaton

1818–

Spouse & Children

Mary Ann Robinson

1852–1924

Otto Verona Harman 1876–1951

Lillie Bell Harman 1877–1958

Arista Trinkle Harman 1882–1975

Ward Sheffey Harman 1883–1947

Glen Shular Harman 1893–1943

This “precious” picture was recently seen on Facebook. It is a picture of two Bland County children of long ago: Otto and Lillie Bell Harman. They were the grandparents of Judy Harman Cassell and Mona Scott May, among others in Bland County.

Need a Special Christmas Gift from Bland County!

Be sure to shop on our BCHS Shopping Day

Saturday, December 17, 2017, 10 am -2 pm

New Items for Sale at BCHS

There new items for sale this year at the **Bland County Historical Society Office at the Old Jail.**

- **Bland County Historical Society 2017 Events Calendar**
- **County of Bland County Ornament (new this year)**
- ***The Mysterious Wesendoncks* (4th Historical Glimpse of Bland County)**

In addition to these items, we will also have our usual items that are listed on our website. To view items for sale at the Bland County Historical Society:

<http://blandcountyhistsoc.org/Store/SaleMain.html>

Categories of items include:

- **Afghan of Bland County**
- **Prints of the Bland County Afghan, Bland County Communities (Bastian, Ceres, Mechanicsburg, Rocky Gap and Bland) by Sharon Puckett; Downtown Bland in 1940s by Randy Newberry.**
- **Books, including The History of Bland County and Family Histories of Bland County; and many others**
- **Cookbooks**
- **Calendars**
- **Hats**
- **Notecards**
- **Marble Courthouse**