

Proceedings of the Richland County Historical Society.

The Richland County Historical Society held its eighth annual meeting in the G. A. R. rooms of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial building, on Thursday, June 28, 1906. The following from the Mansfield News of that date gives such a correct account of the meeting that it is copied here, as follows:

Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock the eighth annual meeting of the Richland County Historical Society was called to order by its president, Gen. R. Brinkerhoff.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Father Schreiber, of St. Peter's Catholic church. Following this there was an excellent programme, made up of a number of ten-minute addresses, among other speakers being Edwin Mansfield, the Rev. Mr. Crawford, of Nashville, Tenn., and Gen. R. Brinkerhoff. Following is the address delivered by the last named gentleman:

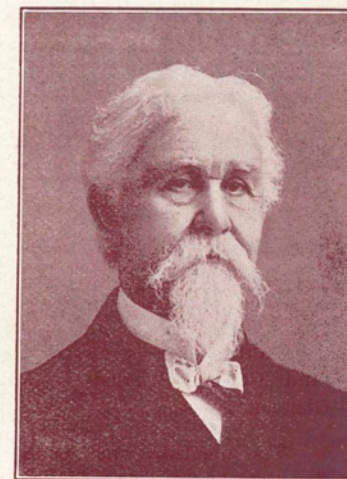
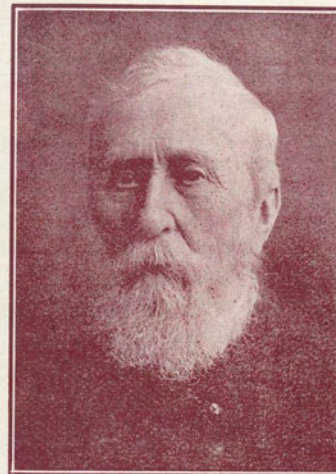
PRESIDENT BRINKERHOFF'S ADDRESS.

Today we hold the eighth annual meeting of the Richland County Historical Society and it is my pleasant duty, as its president, to extend a cordial welcome to all who have honored us with their presence.

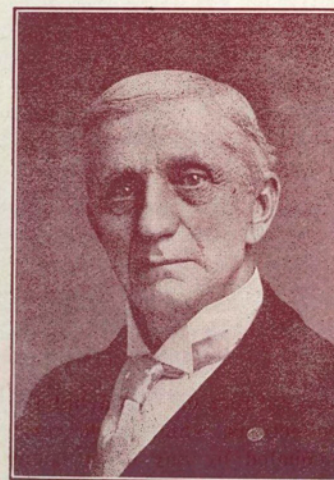
While this Society, as now organized, is only eight years old, yet it is the lineal successor of the first historical society in this county, organized at Hemlock Falls, near Newville, 50 years ago, and which, with various interruptions, has persevered until the present day, and has succeeded, I think, in preserving in various publications, the pioneer and current history as fully, with a few exceptions, as any other county in the state. It is true, we have not kept pace with Huron and Erie, to the north of us, where the people generally are interested in such matters, and where the Firelands Historical Society has published an annual volume for many years and where a building has been erected at Norwalk for its meetings and historic accumulations. However, I have the faith to believe that our fellow citizens of Richland County appreciate our work more fully than heretofore and we are encouraged for the future.

What we need just now, more than anything else, is a building for our historic archaeological and geological collections, which I am very sure are unsurpassed and I doubt if they are equaled by any other county in the State of its size. Soon after completion of this Memorial building, its third story was assigned to this collection and its care was provided for by the

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