

The following was presented by a Board Member at the Hall of Distinction Induction Ceremony of the Dover Historical Society, April 2014.

## Beverly Hamilton

Beverly Hamilton was born in Daytona Beach, Florida. She attended Florida State University where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. Trained as a nurse, she spent her career helping people. She served the Red Cross as a registered nurse and volunteer for over 45 years. In this capacity she taught nursing, baby and childcare.

Hamilton's caring nature and desire to help led her to a leadership role in founding both Mobile Meals and Dress-a-Child here in Tuscarawas County. Mobile Meals provides nourishing meals for those unable to prepare their own food. Meals are delivered to the individual's homes. Dress-a-Child provides clothing vouchers to needy families. These vouchers can then be used to purchase clothing for the school year. In 2012, Dress-a-Child distributed over 1400 vouchers of \$75 each to local residents. Dress-a-Child is an all-volunteer organization.

Away from her public service, Hamilton was a devoted member of the First United Methodist Church in Dover where she taught Sunday School. She was also a talented musician playing the violin. For 40 years she served as the first chair in the Tuscarawas County Philharmonic.

For her dedication to the community, Hamilton was honored with the Zeisberger-Heckewelder Award and in 1975 she was recognized with a Distinguished Service Award from the United Nations Association. Hamilton passed away in January 2005 at the age of 92. Her life was dedicated caring and her legacy continues to live on through the programs she started.