



The Crawford Countian

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Welcome!!!

Starting with this issue, CCHGS Vice President, William Piper and Crawford County Historian, Roberta Toby, will be taking over duties of putting together the society's newsletter. Our goal is to make something different than what has come out in the past. Some ideas will work while others will not. We hope you bear with us while we put together these upcoming newsletters! Suggestions, corrections, ideas and criticisms are all welcomed!



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Cover photo taken at the overlook restaurant in Leavenworth, IN, Dec 2013.

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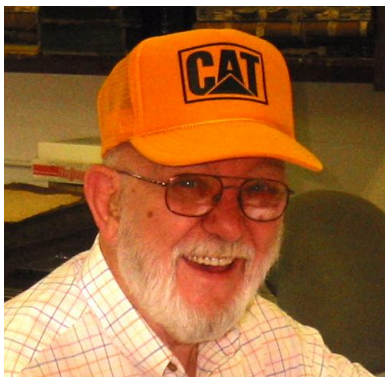
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Jim Kaiser honored with "Sagamore of the Wabash" award!

On December 10, 2013, former CCHGS President, Jim Kaiser, was awarded the "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Mike Pence. The ceremony took place at the new HQ of the CFCC in Leavenworth, IN. Jim was honored for his life long work and dedication to the people of Crawford County.

Larry Burmeister receives Willard C Heiss award!



Larry received the Willard C. Heiss Family History/Genealogy Award in December from the Indiana Historical Society. This annual award gets presented to a family historian for his or her distinguished service and career in Indiana family history including presentations and articles, use of materials and preservation. The state bestowed this honor to Larry in recognition of his contributions for every researcher who will use his publications.

From the County Historian's Desk

Researching your family history can be a very rewarding and enjoyable experience. I feel there needs to be a family historian in each family. Most people don't become interested in their heritage until later in life, by then, the one's they could have learned so much of the past from have already gone.



Finding photos and stories of your ancestors, where they lived, how they lived, their hardships and accomplishments are very interesting. You might locate an ancestor that served in the Revolutionary War or War of 1812, Civil War etc. Learn about the battles they fought, medals they earned etc.

With so much information available on the internet now, a lot of which is free, searching is so much easier.

Most libraries have genealogy information available for the families in their county. Census records, obituaries, cemetery files, family files and family histories, military info etc.

Our county library has access to www.ancestry.com which is a great source for genealogical research. Always make sure you verify your information if possible. Sometimes there are mistakes posted and then being copied over and over.

Document where you found your information as you might want to go back and double check and someone might ask where you found the info. You should always keep a source list.

Our County Genealogist is Anne Hager, who works at the Crawford County Library. She is located in the Genealogy Section and will be glad to help you with your research.

My name is Roberta Toby and I am the County Historian. I work at the Crawford County Archives Annex Bldg. on Monday and Tuesdays from 10-2 or by appointment. We have marriage, will, probate, miscellaneous, and numerous other records available at the Archives. I or my two assistants, will be glad to assist you with your research. I also do a lot of work from my home. Send queries to:

Roberta Toby - Kentucky41girl@frontier.com or call 812-365-9067

The Archives-Annex Building is located in front of the Courthouse and near the Library and Health Dept. providing several avenues of research.

I will be posting info on sites to help with your research in future issues of the newsletter.

Roberta

Queries:



Dear Crawford County Historical Society:

I would like to know if you have any information on my ancestor, William Yates (1820-1903). He enlisted as a Private in Captain James M. Graham's Company E, 81st Regiment of Indiana Infantry Volunteers on 13 Jul 1862 and was discharged 23 Jun 1865. If you are able to provide any information, could you also include appropriate source citations? I would be happy to cover the cost of anything you provide. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

David G. Woodward; Walla Walla, WA email: dglennw@charter.net

Looking for information on Oliver Perry Green; Parents: Wm. M. and Susanna Lloyd Bates Green. Contact: doodlebug112@hotmail.com

Need information on my great, great grandparents. My grandmother was married to two men and resided in Crawford County, IN in the 1800's. Her name was Julia A. White, who first married Otis Oliver Hosmer and then after his death married Henry Jackson Landrus of Crawford Co. Because the name Hosmer has been spelled numerous ways: Hasmer, Hosmare; and Landrus has been recorded as Landress and Landers, it has added to the difficulty of obtaining information. I have looked for 20+ years.

In particular, I am looking for the cause of death of my gt gt grandfather Otis O. Hosmer who died at age of 37 or 38. I have the Hosmer history traced back a long way; however, I have exhausted all ways to search, that I know of, how he died and exactly where. Since my grandmother Julia White Hosmer was married to Henry J. Landrus for 18 years after the death of Otis, I am in hope that a descendant somewhere has this information tucked in their family history, or maybe even in a Bible. Also looking for ANY info on Julia A. Hite Hosmer Landrus/Landress.

If you have any info to help with this query please contact:

Carol Dearmond

1412 Taylor Ave.

Evansville, IN. 47714

Looking for a photo of the Gobbel house where Dr. Novy Gobbel and his wife used to live. - Roberta Toby email: kentucky41girl@frontier.com

Got a query? Send it kentucky41girl@frontier.com or billgpiper@hotmail.com

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES OF YESTER YEAR

This issue contains some of the front page of the "English News", May 11, 1917 issue.

A Surprise Birthday Dinner.

A surprise birthday dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cummins, Sunday, May 6, in honor of Mrs. Cummins' seventy-seventh birthday.

The dinner was prepared by the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Cummins.

While Uncle Benton and Aunt Fanny were out automobile riding the children and grandchildren began driving in with the dinner. The dinner was placed on a long table which had been prepared for the occasion. Of all the dinners that were ever prepared, this was one of them. Cakes of every description and taste were there, pies too numerous to mention, meats of different varieties from chicken to beef. Fruits were of every different kind. Besides pickle beets, cucumbers and peaches, and every other kind of food which was very tempting to all who beheld it.

While the table was thus prepared Aunt Fanny came back from her ride and to her wonderful surprise and amazement she found the dinner set and the dining room full of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

After dinner old fashioned songs such as grandma sang years ago, were sung as Nearer My God to Thee, Jesus Lover of my Soul, Am I a Soldier of the Cross, Bless be the Tie that Binds, and others of like sentiment.

The last song that was sung was "God be with You till We Meet Again." A prayer was offered by Leonard Cummins thanking God for the blessings that had been given to Grandma and Grandpa in their many years of happiness and health and wishing them many more years of the same. The crowd broke up with a warm hand shake. They all started for their home feeling that it was good to be there.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Cummins, Milt Bennett and family, John Brown and family, William Cummins and family, George Cummins and family, Leonard Cummins and family, Mrs. Lola Bennett and children, Ily Cummins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Bennett, Benton Standiford and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kimmel, E. P. Hooten, William Highfield and Miss Maggie Stewart. Consisting of six children, twenty-six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, total number forty-eight.

Farmers of Johnson Tp. Organize.

A number of the farmers of Johnson township met on Wednesday night, May 2, at Rowland school house, at the call of Irvin Bobbitt, of Eckerty. The first business that came before the meeting was the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Owen Gilmore president, L. G. Jones vice-president and P. A. Newton secretary. After the election of officers short talks were given by nearly all present. Owing to the short notice there were not as many out as should have been. At our next meeting, May 23rd, there will be several subjects taken up that are of vast importance to the farmers. Everybody is invited to attend these meetings, and bring someone along.

Owen Gilmore, President.

L. G. Jones, Vice-President.

P. A. Newton, Secretary.

C. J. Sams, of Taswell, was in English Wednesday evening on business.

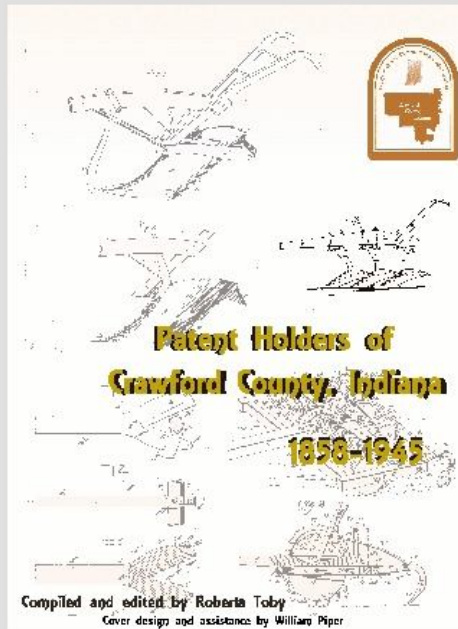
Lyman Brooks, of Alton, was in English yesterday enroute to New Albany and Quincy.

J. W. Bird and C. D. Summers, of Marengo, were in English transacting business, Monday.

Crawford County Veteran spotlight!

Samuel Barnett

Samuel enlisted in Co. G of the 66th Indiana Infantry on 19 August, 1862. His unit engaged in the battle of Richmond, KY, Colliersville TN, Resaca, Kennesaw and Atlanta (all GA). He mustered out 3 June, 1865. Samuel H. Barnett petitioned for an increased pension amount over a period of years through 1915 due to continued ill health from scurvy and conjunctivas of the eyes. In a letter he submitted for a pension increase (then receiving \$17.00 a month) he writes: "That in November, 1862 while in camp at Indianapolis I contracted chronic diarrhea and resulting indigestion from exposure and fatigue. Had been actively involved in the campaign in Kentucky and was one who escaped capture at Richmond, KY and was kept constantly on duty." Several documents bear the testimonies of men who knew him well: John W. Hammond who states that they were raised as neighbor boys and enlisted together and Samuel M. Jenkins (both from Marengo, Indiana) attests to S.H.B.'s "lung trouble and hospitalization at Marietta Georgia in August of 1864". He was promoted to Corporal on Sept. 25, 1862. Enlistment record indicates he was 5'6" tall with black eyes and black hair and was light complected. Samuel Barnett died 16 February, 1921 at Hartsville, (Bartholomew Co.) Indiana.



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RELEASED BY THE CCHGS!**

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**DIAGRAMS ACCOMPANY THE
INFORMATION REGARDING THE PATENTS.**

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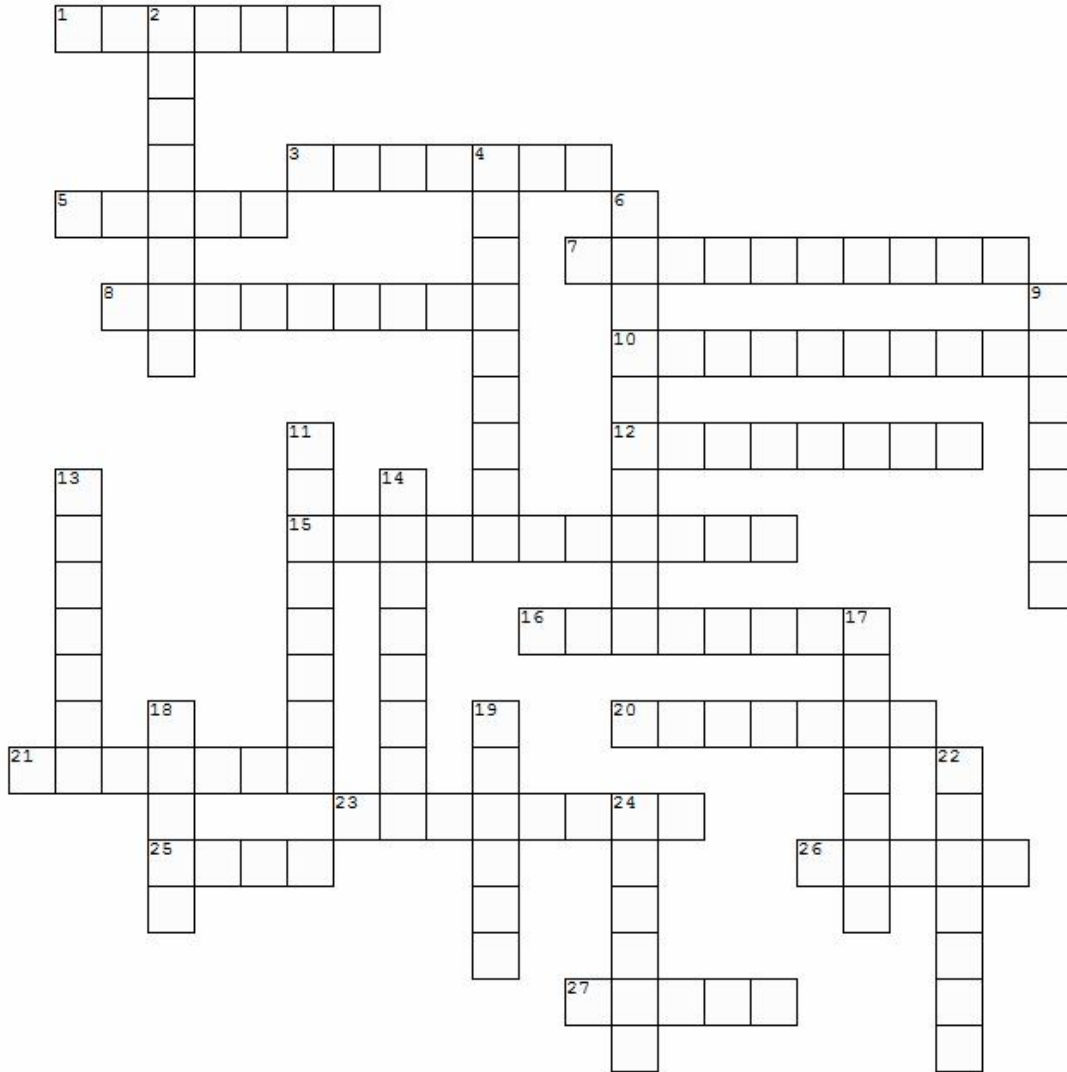
This photo was taken of the library in what is now known as "Old English." Below is what the location currently looks like:



CCHGS Brain teaser!

Towns and Townships of Crawford County

Complete the crossword below



- alton
- boone
- brownstown
- carefree
- curby
- eckerty
- english
- fredonia
- grantsburg
- jennings
- johnson
- leavenworth
- liberty
- marengo
- mifflin
- milltown
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- patoka
- riceville
- riddle
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- sulphur
- taswell
- union
- westfork
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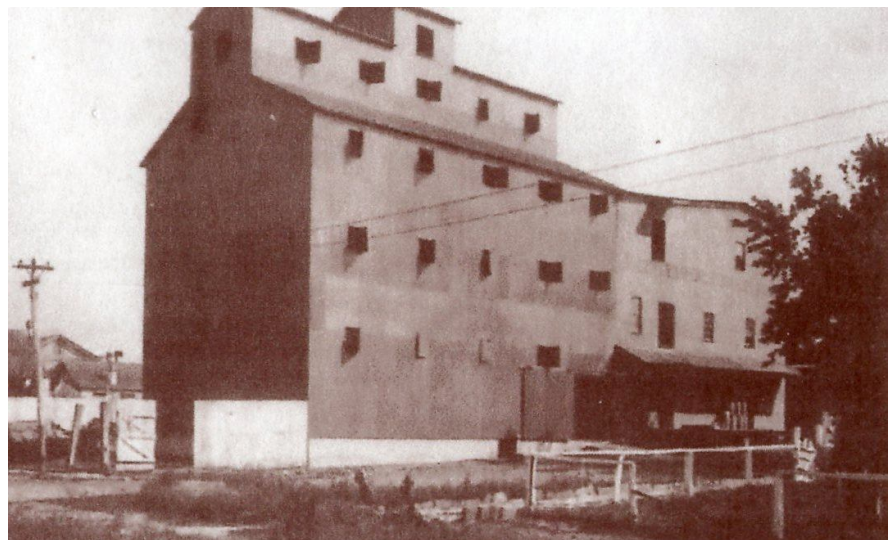
From the Archives:

The next two pages features various tidbits you may find interesting. Scans come from our collection.



Leavenworth flood 1913

Leavenworth
Roll Mill
~ 1910



Honorable C. F. Crecelius

Dr. C. F. Crecelius, Secretary of State, whose able and energetic administration of his office has won for him almost universal commendation, is the youngest of the state officers of Kentucky. He was born at Leavenworth, Indiana, March 25, 1877; was educated in the public schools and the University of Cincinnati; was graduated from the Ohio College of Dentistry in 1900. He was married to Miss Perkhiser, of Leavenworth, Indiana, and following her decease, married Miss Margaret Gulick Dunstar, of Falmouth, Kentucky, in 1901. He was a member of the House of Representatives of Kentucky in 1908, and was the author of the Crecelius Tobacco law which was enacted at that session. He was instrumental in effecting the sale of the 1906 and 1908 burley pool to the American Tobacco Company. He was reelected to the House of Representatives, 1909. Dr. Crecelius is recognized as the champion of the cause of the labor masses. He was nominated for Secretary of State in the Demo-



cratic State Primary in 1911 without opposition and was nominated with the state ticket. Despite the fact that he had no opposition he effected a splendid organization. He has proven one of the most capable state officials that Kentucky has ever chosen. Dr. Crecelius resides at Falmouth, Kentucky.

*** Livery and Feed Stable. ***
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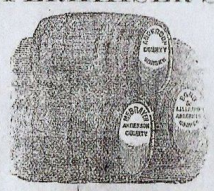
JOAN I. STROUD

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1895 ad

ENGLISH, INDIANA, THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1927

**Great-Great-Grandmother
on Eighty-First Birthday**

Mrs. Mary Scott Tells of Meeting Hines' Men During Civil War.

Having reared a family of nine children, and having 23 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren, Mrs. Mary Scott, on her eighty-first birthday, Thursday, received word that her first great-great-grandchild had been born in Chicago.

Mrs. Scott celebrated the anniversary at her home in English. Dinner at noon was served for relatives, and a reception at night was held for 40 guests. Otis E. Watson, her son-in-law, sang "Mother Machree," and instrumental music was furnished by the English orchestra.

Birthday cakes sent by Mrs. P. J. Key, of Huntingburg; Mrs. George Dawson, a daughter, of Long Point, Ill., and Mrs. John H. Luckett were served as refreshments, with brick ice cream decorated with the figure "81."



Mrs. Scott is shown with her brother, W. E. Moore. They are the only survivors of their family.

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Membership Dues

Dues for the Crawford County Genealogical and Historical Society are \$15 per year. The fee is due each June as the new year starts in July. A renewal form is available on the website, www.cchgs.org. Send your check to:
Sharon Morris
CCHGS Treasurer
P.O. Box 133
Leavenworth, IN 47137

Meetings

The Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society typically meets on the second Saturday of each month on 1:00 pm at the Crawford County Public Library (203 Indiana Avenue) in English, IN. Dates may be changed due to circumstances and weather conditions. You may call 812-821-4124 or 812-365-9067 to confirm. The winter meetings, Dec/Jan/Feb will meet on the second Wednesdays of each month at the Crawford County Annex Building in English, IN at 6:30 pm. Minutes of the meetings are available on our website.

Website:

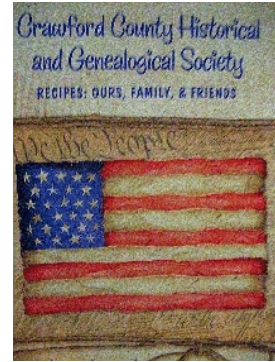
www.cchgs.org / www.cchgs.info

Social Media:

Search for "Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society" on FACEBOOK!



Books for sale



Here is an abbreviated list of books we offer for sale:

- Patent Holders of Crawford County, Indiana- 1858-1945 \$15
- Crawford Co. Historical & Genealogical Society 2013 Cookbook \$10
- Will Record A \$20
- Divorces in Crawford County from 1818-1920 \$15
- Tract Book One 1804-1863 \$30
- Tract Book Two 1869-1874 \$25
- Tract Book Three 1884-1890 \$25
- John Yates-His Civil War Experience-Letters Home-His Descendants \$20
- Order Book A-1818-1834 \$40
- Death Records- From the Department of Health, Crawford County \$30

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