



# The Crawford Countian

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Welcome!

This is the Summer 2014 issue of the Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society newsletter! We have received a lot of positive feedback and appreciate the kind words. We strive to provide the best newsletter possible. I would also like to mention that I put out another newsletter based on Crawford County history. This is a free e-newsletter available at <http://www.crawfordcountyindianahistory.com>. It is not sponsored by the CCHGS, but you could consider it a sibling newsletter as I put both together. So if you enjoy my style, please check it out. There are currently 2 issues out, one featuring an article on Hines' Raid and another on why/when Hartford became English.



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**Cover photo is of the Shoe Tree, south of Milltown.**

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## The Roadside Attractions of Milltown

One of my sons came to me one day and spoke about two Crawford County related oddities that was present in the book "Weird Indiana." Both of these places were located around Milltown. Having lived a little under half my life in the county, I was never aware of this. I did not live around the Milltown area so that would probably explain why. One day I decided to take the kids out for a trip and find these road side attractions. The first one we went to was the "Shoe Tree." This is located south of the Jr/Sr High school. Heading south on 66, take a left onto "E Knight Road" (right past the old T-Mart) and travel to the junction of that road that meets



up with "Devil's Hollow road" and "East Shoe Tree Lane." At that four way you see a large tree with shoes hanging from all it's branches. It is quite a surreal site. Across the street on the northern section is another tree. This is the original tree but appears to have received damage. However, other trees in the area have shoes hanging on them as well, so the whole area is a shoe haven. Doing some research online I see the original tree started up back in the 1960s when the Schotter kids got rid of their shoes by throwing them up in the tree. Others joined in and the tradition has continued to this day. Louisville news station WHAS did a story on this and you can view the video at: <http://www.whas11.com/community/shoe-tree-163445496.html>.



Below is a map of where the shoe tree area is located:





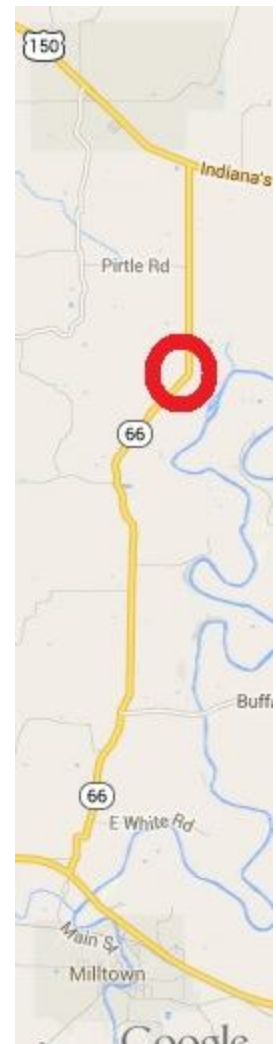
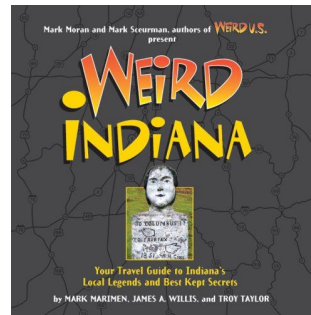
The next attraction is something a bit newer. According to this video (<http://vimeo.com/42501147>), the Chainsaw Garden was started back in 2000 by Anthony Tardwell (I apologize if I spelled his name wrong!) who has worked on chainsaws throughout his life. Inspiration for the garden came from "Carhenge", a road side attraction in Nebraska. There are 66 chainsaws in the garden in honor of the state road it is located on. To get to this attraction, at the junction of state road 64 & 66 just north west of Milltown, drive exactly 5 miles north. Literally right before the county line between Crawford and Washington county, look to the left and you will see the chainsaw garden.



Next time you decide to take a road trip through the area, make way through the Milltown area and check out these two unique roadside attractions!

Maps courtesy of Google

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## *From the County Historian's Desk:*



Members who would like to share info with others working on the same Surnames- please fill out the form below and this info will be combined in a list and added to the newsletter and website. Hopefully those working on the same surnames will be able to assist each other in their research. Please send to Crawford County Historian 4308 E. Temple Rd. Marengo, IN 47140 or email the info to [dign4kin@gmail.com](mailto:dign4kin@gmail.com)  
Thank You.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info \_\_\_\_\_

Surnames Researching \_\_\_\_\_

The list of names will start to appear in the next newsletter.

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### *Queries:*

I need assistance in locating the burial site for my great grand uncle, James R. Jones (James Richard Jones) born June 11, 1860 - died Dec. 10, 1861 who is the s/o J.D. & E. Jones (James Donithan & Elizabeth VanWinkle Jones) of Crawford County. The burial site does not have a headstone.

-Donna (Jones) Mullins

d/o James William Jones, Sr. and Margaret (Peggy Cariveau) Jones  
Williamsport, IN (email: [d.l.mullins@hotmail.com](mailto:d.l.mullins@hotmail.com))

To the right is a picture of the tombstone that Donna sent along (her original email has been trimmed for inclusion in the newsletter). This tombstone was found on a highway in Perry County during the 1980s. If Donna can locate the burial site, the stone will be returned to it's original place.

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I am researching the Pearson/Pierson line that migrated from Kentucky to Indiana around 1800. According to James Pierson's Pension Record, he was born 13Oct1757 in North Carolina and served in the American Revolution in NC. He shows up at the age of 63 in the 1820 US Census record for Crawford Co., IN with a daughter (probably Elizabeth) between 16 and 25 years of age and a wife over 45.

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## 2014 CCHGS ELECTIONS

At the June meeting, the Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society held their annual meeting. The 2014-2015 officers were elected during this meeting. They are:

Don Standiford - President

William Piper Jr - Vice President

Carol Tomlinson Standiford - Secretary

Sharon Morris - Treasurer

Marie Greathouse - Director (Sterling-Patoka-Johnson)

Ruth Terry - Director (Union-Boone-Ohio)

Bobby Wiseman - Director (Jennings-Whiskey Run-Liberty)

Henry Laswell - Director (Crawford County at Large)



Pictured: Rita Eddleman, Don Standiford & Carol Standiford



Photo courtesy of Google Maps

In other society news, the annual July 4th yard sale will take place on July 3, 4 & 5 at the Proctor House in Marengo, IN. Donations are being accepted at the time of this newsletter being printed. Volunteers are needed to help work the yard sale, starting Monday of that week to set up. The yard sale proceeds will go towards the Proctor House fund for matching grants, repairs and utility costs. CCHGS books and ornaments will be on sale as well.

# NEWSPAPER ARTICLES OF YESTER YEAR

Dec 12, 1904 Pittsburgh, PA press ----->

Below is an ad from the July 6, 1917 edition of The English News.

## The Golden Rule

Seasonable goods at almost half the price just at the season's start when you need light wearing apparel of all kinds we offer it to you at prices way below what you'll pay anywhere else. Don't be skeptical and say, "It can't be done," come in and see for yourself. We aim to make quick sales at small profit, therefore we can undersell. Look the following items over, and we have many more not listed. Come and see for yourself, and then you'll be convinced.

Women's Wear		Children's Wear	
Shirt Waists, \$1.50 values	98c	Boys' Waist	25c
Ladies' Silk Gloves	65c	Boys' Underwear	25c
Ladies' Skirts	98c to \$6.95	Children's white embroidered dresses	49c
Union Suits	25c to 49c	Children's Dresses	49c
Ladies' Hose	10c to 98c	Boys' Knee Pants	24c to 98c
Corset Covers, extra fine value	25c to 49c	Stockings, a pair	10c
Bungalow Aprons	59c	Boys' Palm Beach Pants, all sizes	49c
Ladies' Wash Skirts	98c to \$2.49	Boys' Palm Beach Suits, all sizes	\$1.75
Ladies' Extra Size Vest	10c	Middy Blouses, all sizes	49c
Men's Wear		Shoes for the Family	
Men's Pants Extra Values	98c to \$3.69	Men's work shoes	\$1.69 to \$4.49
Men's Union Suits	49c to 98c	Men's dress shoes	\$2.25 to \$5.98
Men's Work Shirts, 60c value,	49c	Men's Low Cuts	\$1.75 to \$4.98
Men's Underwear, separate gar	25c to 49c	Ladies' Shoes	\$1.49 to \$5.95
Men's Overalls	98c	Ladies' Slippers	\$1.49 to \$3.49
Straw Hats	10c to \$1.98	Children's Shoes	65c to \$1.49
Men's Suits	\$4.95 to \$14.95	Children's Slippers	65c to \$1.69
		Tennis Slippers, black and white	49c

Alterations free on all Men's and Ladies' ready to wear

Strictly one price to all      Everything marked in plain figures

## The Golden Rule Store,

"The Store That Satisfies"

Main, near Depot---ENGLISH, Ind.---Main, near Depot.

## STREETS OF PEARL.

### Indiana Town Boasts of Its Shell Pavements.

While other towns and cities, says a Leavenworth, Ind., dispatch to the New York Herald, are struggling to halt greedy street contractors and are content with such commonplace paving as asphalt, block and brick, Leavenworth contentedly witnesses the work of a local company that is paving her streets with pearl.

Leavenworth is a town of singular history. It became a river landing on the Ohio early in the last century. The landing was at the foot of the Knobs, a range of high hills that follow the Ohio from a point near New Albany. The place became the center of river traffic for Crawford county. Soon after the landing was established a store was opened there, and around that store has grown a town of a thousand inhabitants.

The county seat was established and remained in Leavenworth until eight years ago, when it was moved to English, 14 miles inland.

The old court house is now a pearl button factory, as the manufacture of pearl buttons has become Leavenworth's chief industry. The fresh water mussel has its home in the beds of inland rivers and lives in a shell that opens and closes like a book. During certain seasons the shells lie open, and it is then that the mussel fishers bring them in by the ton. The fishermen go out in boats and with brails made of wire drag the river. As soon as the wire touches the mussel it closes the shell over it and is brought to the surface and deposited in shell-boats.

Mussels are usually found in the largest numbers near the mouths of rivers that lie along limestone deposits. Hundreds of tons of mussels have been brought from the Ohio river, opposite Leavenworth, owing to the fact that the Blue river, an Indiana stream that runs through the limestone district, empties into the Ohio a short distance above the town.

Half the men of Leavenworth are mussel fishers. The river bank is lined with fishing smacks. On the bank the preparation of shells for the factory is carried on.

It doesn't cost much to make pearl buttons in Leavenworth. The shells can be bought for \$6 a ton. The shipment to Evansville and Muscatine brings the price higher there. The cost of labor at Leavenworth is low and the little factory is making money.

The streets of Leavenworth are paved with mussel shells. After the drills at the button factory have cut disks from the shells the remnants are thrown in a pile in front of the factory. The street commissioner of Leavenworth scatters the shells over the highway, and they make an ideal pavement. The hoofs of the horses quickly grind the shells to a powder. Then the rains turn the dust into a solid mass.

It is a pretty sight that greets the eyes of a visitor as he approaches the town from the hills. The road winds around the knobs and finally is confronted with a city paved in white pearl.



## MINUTES FROM THE PAST 3 CCHGS MEETINGS:

April 2014:

No meeting was held.

May 2014:

The CCHGS met at the shelter house at 11 a.m. with a pitch-in dinner followed by the business meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was given after a moment of silence to remember our veterans. Our visitors were Laurie DeFrance, Rebecca Hazleton, and Jim Talcott. Becky Stetter, our president, opened the meeting at 12:05 p.m. with everyone sharing their mother's, grandmother's, or their favorite flower. The minutes from the March 8th meeting were read. Rita Eddleman made a motion to approve them and Janice Eastridge seconded it. The motion carried. A field trip to the Dubois County Museum was in lieu of an April meeting. Sharon Morris gave the financial and membership reports. A beginning balance of \$10,197.78 with one disbursement of \$12.84 gives an ending balance of \$10,184.94. The Proctor House checking account had a beginning balance of \$4,748.59. The electric bill of \$106.36 was paid leaving a balance of \$4,642.23. The winners of the door prizes (cookbooks and 1 yr. memberships) for the English and Leavenworth alumni banquets were given. Some other new members were noted. Our membership now stands at 86. Becky submitted her President's Report in which she noted that she has one month left to serve as president. She expressed her thanks and appreciation to all of the committees for their great work. See the attached report. Roberta Toby gave the County Historian's Report. She along with Sharon Wilson and Ann Hager attended a meeting at Newburgh, Indiana, on April 10th. Its purpose was to create interest in preparing for Indiana's 200th birthday in 2016. She felt that our CCHGS should participate by planning a presentation that would include the veterans. They also toured the small museum there, and were impressed with many of the old buildings in Newburgh. Roberta gave the Veterans Memorial Association Report. The Commissioners have marked off a spot on the west side of the Archives/Annex building to place the memorial, and are in the process of preparing a deed for that property for the Memorial. The Association is involved in various fund-raising projects such as a yard sale, collecting scrap metal to sell, and selling bricks for the Memorial. There are two sizes of bricks available to buy - 8x8 and 4x8. A 4x8 with only the veteran's name is \$50.00, but is \$65.00 with the branch logo. An 8x8 brick with info and no branch logo is \$100.00, but with the logo it's \$115.00. If one has several members in one family, these bricks can be placed together. The Association is still looking for veterans' photographs, military histories, etc. to create an archive of Veteran information. Archives Report - Roberta notes that business is picking up as there have been recent visitors from Lebanon, Indiana, Seattle, Washington, and Indianapolis. They became new members. She deposited \$365.50 for March and May from the new memberships, sale of books, and donations. Roberta reported that she and Ruth Terry had a really good day at the Dubois County Museum. The Proctorville Board Report - It met April 19th, 2014, at the shelter house. The upcoming yard sale scheduled for July 3rd, 4th, and 5th was discussed. The Board's recommendation was to not give receipts for items donated due to the complexities involved. Another recommendation was to limit the use of the shelter house to members only to be reserved on a first come-first served basis. Carol would be the contact person for this. Rita Eddleman proposed that all previous and future donations to the Society be properly recorded, photographed and labeled. She is offering to rent a storage unit to keep everything in one location, and to rent a lock box to keep valuable documents in. Bobby Wiseman noted that the Proctorville sign is unreadable from the road. He suggested that getting an historical marker which is instantly recognizable be pursued. Other concerns for Proctor House were discussed. The most pressing concern is the foundation. A grant would be helpful for the cost of the repair. The Board is meeting with Lisa Gehlhausen on May 7th to discuss possible grants. An idea to organize a painting/repairing party to address some of the concerns was put forth as we may be able to do some of the work. Glen Toby will continue to help maintain and mow the property as he did last summer. We will pay for the gas and repairs of his mower. Mary Wiseman shared a gift to the Society from Wilbur and Wilma Jones's daughter. It was a 1942 recording of her Father's voice when he was in the army. He was sending a message to his wife. Following this Proctorville Board Report, Janice Eastridge made a motion to accept its recommendations, and Don Standiford seconded it. The motion carried. The Proctorville Board's Report



of the meeting with Lisa Gehlhausen May 7th at the shelter house was given by Rita Eddleman, chairman. She gave information about two possible grants and the steps involved in applying for them. It's a complicated process and both require matching funds. She handed out information containing the details to the members present to take home to study. This will be discussed further at the June meeting.

**Newsletter and Website Report** – The status of the newsletter and website was discussed. Bill Piper has agreed to conditionally continue the newsletter with Roberta Toby and to keep the Website as is until a new webmaster can be found. Rita made a motion to table further discussion to a later date. Janice and Marie seconded it, and the motion carried. Don Standiford presented the draft for the by-laws updates that the By-laws Committee had prepared. Revisions for each Article of the By-laws were discussed. Some were agreed upon while others were questioned. The current By-laws provides for them to be amended only at the annual June meeting to be voted upon by the membership. Because of the requirement to give members copies of a final draft 30 days prior to that meeting to study before voting, there isn't enough time now to do this. Rita made a motion to continue with the current By-laws and to continue working on the revisions. Henry seconded it, and the motion carried. **Review Members' Memorials** – As requested, Jim Kaiser reported on Memorial contributions to the Community Foundation for deceased members. He suggested that a \$50 contribution was not financially feasible. It was suggested that the Society make an annual contribution to the Foundation. It was also suggested that Bonita Coots be invited to speak to the Society about the Foundation's programs. Jim also extended an invitation from the Foundation for the Society to use their new facilities in Leavenworth for meetings. **New Business** – Becky appointed a nominating committee for the election of new officers and directors at the annual June meeting. The committee is - Jim Kaiser, chair; Henry Laswell; and Janice Eastridge. Becky would like to reclaim the church table and small bench that she had donated as she thought it more appropriate to place it in the Chapel at Sycamore Springs which was agreeable to all present. **Correspondence** - It was suggested that a reply letter be sent to the Foundation expressing appreciation and acceptance of their kind invitation for the use of their facilities. The next meeting will be June 14, 2014, at 1 p.m. at the Crawford County Library. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. Those attending were Becky Hammond Stetter, Janice Eastridge, Carol Tomlinson, Sharon Morris, Marie Pond Greathouse, Roberta and Glen Toby, Donald Standiford, Rita Eddleman, Henry Laswell, Jim Kaiser, Rebecca Hazleton, Laurie DeFrance, and Jim Talcott.

## June 2014:

The meeting convened at 1:15 p.m. with Rita Eddleman presiding as she had been appointed by Becky Hammond Stetter in her absence. After a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was given. It was noted that it was Flag Day. New members, Louis and Diane Mitchell, were introduced. **APPRECIATION AWARDS** - Becky Hammond Stetter had nominated Evelyn and Hugh Jackson for an Honorary Life Membership. Marie Pond Greathouse made a motion to bestow this award to the Jacksons, and Janice Eastridge seconded it. The motion carried unanimously. Appreciation and recognition for their hard work in making our previous yard sales successful were given to Roberta Toby and Mary Wiseman. Other awards were presented to Sharon Morris and Don and Carol Standiford. The agenda was adopted. The minutes were passed out and read silently. Roberta Toby made a motion to accept them, and Mary Wiseman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. **FINANCIAL REPORT** - Sharon Morris reported a beginning balance of \$10,184.94 with a deposit of \$598.25 from dues, donations, copies, and books which gives a total of \$10,783.19. Disbursements consisted of two checks totaling \$46.68 which leaves an ending balance of \$10,736.51. The Proctor House account had a beginning balance of \$4,400.11 with one disbursement of \$23.50 for the electric bill. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Rita Eddleman gave this report. Becky Hammond Stetter's son was recently promoted to Master Sergeant. Becky thanked the Proctorville Board for all their work, and also Rita for making all of the contacts of various repairmen and contractors. Becky has donated a pew and two flower tables that were from the English Presbyterian Church to the Chapel at Sycamore Springs as approved previously. **COUNTY HISTORIAN REPORT** - Roberta Toby informed us that she had received an article from Helen Keusch about a lady named Doretha Diefenbach Hines who is restoring military stones in the Evansville area. She has also written a book titled "The Last Call". Ms. Hines has moved to English, so Roberta has invited her to join us and to visit the Archives. Roberta has also received an email from Marjorie Johnson of Bloomington suggesting that our members who are willing to help others post the Lines they are working on and contact info on the web. A



list could also be published in the newsletter. This would help with research. She passed around forms for those of us willing to share info. She hopes everyone is working on their Pioneer History for the book.

**ARCHIVES REPORT** - Roberta deposited \$191.19 in the First Savings Bank at English on June 9<sup>th</sup>. This included a donation of \$100 from Richard Fields whom she has been helping with his family research. She is trying to contact Randy Gilmore, County Commissioner, to ask about getting access to the internet and getting some book racks.

**MEMBERSHIP** - We now have 35 paid memberships for the new membership year. Don Morgan sent a letter of appreciation for his one year membership given to him by the English alumni at their banquet.

**PROCTOR HOUSE** - Rita noted that a new flag is needed for the flagpole. Marie offered to check on getting one that has flown over the Indiana State Capitol. If not, one can be purchased from Walmart, one that has the stars embroidered on it. We can utilize our tax-free ID to make purchases for the Proctor House, but not the shelter house. Powder post beetles have been working in the timbers, and Rita has contacted several sources for information on treatment. Orkin recommended trimming the bushes next to the house, and this has been done. Tom Johnston came to check out the masonry and said he would contact Greg Sekula for ideas. Some items seem to be missing from the house, so we need to label and record everything. Jim Kaiser has given his list of donations to Janice Eastridge so that she can make the labels. Carol will get the lock box to store important papers in. The painting of the shelter house is on hold until the wood dries out enough for Glen Toby to work on it.

**NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE** - Bill Piper and Roberta Toby on working on it. Bill may put the website back the way it was.

**PROGRAM REPORT** - Janice Eastridge has worked diligently to secure Mr. E.K. (Duke) Roggenkamp to be the speaker for our July meeting. Time, place and date to be announced later.

**DONATIONS, ACQUISITIONS REPORT** - Janice thinks as items get tagged or labeled, they should be packed in totes. She will send thank-you notes to the donors. Roberta has given Janice her list.

**FUND RAISING REPORT** - The up-coming yard sale was discussed. The advertisements have been placed in the Clarion. The bake sale was discussed. Baked goods are needed for all three days, so a sign-up sheet was passed around so we could choose a day to bring our goodies. The cookbooks were also discussed as Roberta will sell them along with other Historical Society books. Roberta made a motion to lower the price to \$8. Marie seconded it and the motion passed. After further discussion about distribution of the unsold books, Marie made a motion to let members be responsible for the books they take to distribute. Roberta seconded it, and the motion passed. It was noted the money from the yard and bake sale will go to the Proctor House checking account.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - The 50-50 matching grant from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology of the Indiana Department Natural Resources was discussed. Application is in October and awarded in February. When the work begins in June, 2015, our matching money must be in the Restoration fund. This is a small grant that will enable us to repair the foundation, etc. Don suggested putting a roof over the basement entry to keep the rain out as moisture is a problem.

**NEW BUSINESS** - New officers were elected. Jim Kaiser made a motion to accept the nominating committee's slate of candidates. Rita Eddleman seconded it and the motion carried. Then nominations from the floor were also made but none were accepted. Roberta moved the nominations be closed and Mary seconded it. The motion passed. Ballots were handed out and instructions of how to vote were given. Ballots were collected. Becky acted as the judge, Bobby counted, and Roberta recorded the votes. The following officers were elected: **PRESIDENT** - Don Standiford, **VICE-PRESIDENT** - Bill Piper, **TREASURER** - Sharon Morris, **SECRETARY** - Carol Tomlinson Standiford, **DIRECTOR (STERLING-PATOKA-JOHNSON)** - Marie Greathouse, **DIRECTOR (UNION-BOONE-OHIO)** - Ruth Terry, **DIRECTOR (JENNINGS - WHISKEY RUN-LIBERTY)** - Bobby Wiseman, **DIRECTOR (CRAWFORD COUNTY AT-LARGE)** - Henry Laswell. Appreciation and thanks to the nominating committee for their efforts for a successful election!

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS** - A bill of \$147.69 was presented to cover Glen's expenses. The meeting was adjourned.

Those attending were Rita Eddleman, Jim Kaiser, Diane Mitchell, Louis Mitchell, Henry Laswell, Don Standiford, Carol Tomlinson Standiford, Roberta Toby, Glen Toby, Ruth Terry, Sharon Morris, Marie Greathouse, Janice Eastridge, Mary Wiseman, Bobby Wiseman, and Becky Hammond Stetter.



## William Houston Miller

My Great Grandfather, William Houston Miller was born in Crawford County, Indiana on June 3, 1872, the sixth child born to Houston Ray Miller, Jr. and Martha Gregory. As a young man he joined the Army during the Spanish American War; mustering in at Evansville, IN, October 22, 1897, a Private in the 2nd Regiment, Company B. He was mustered out, April 7, 1899 in Savannah, GA. And according to a letter he wrote to the Veteran's Administration he was sick at the time of discharge.

He returned to Crawford County and on June 22nd he married Daisy Lee Brown; the announcement of their marriage was reported in the Crawford County Democrat:

Crawford County Democrat (English, Indiana) ~ June 28, 1900, Pleasant Hill

Wm Miller went over to English in his carriage last Friday and returned with a wife, Miss Daisy Brown daughter of Treasurer Brown. Of course Uncle John (newspaper editor) wishes them much joy and that their life may be spent pleasantly together

And in the English News: English News (English, Indiana) ~ June 29, 1900

Last Friday, Wm. H. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Daisy Brown, daughter of County Treasurer E.P. Brown. The English Capital Band and the "Tin-Can" Gang paid their respects by serenading the young couple. Wm. gave up the coin for the treat and the boys went away wishing them happiness in abundance. The News extends congratulations and best wishes to them.

As the years passed they worked on their small farm outside of English growing sorghum and selling wood from their grove to be used making barrels. William and Daisy's children were:

Anna Mae	Born: March 30, 1901	Died: October 19, 1964
William E.	Born: Sept 21, 1902	Died: August 30, 1948
Celia G.	Born: August 21, 1904	Died: October 3, 1990
Sylvia J.	Born: March 11, 1906	Died: May 27, 1990
Ruth J.	Born: June 1, 1908	Died: November 21, 1993
Pressie J.	Born: October 31, 1910	Died: March 21, 1932
Alma	Born: April 15, 1913	Died: June 28, 1914
Novy F.	Born: April 1, 1915	Died: January 5, 1998
Donald F.	Born: May 24, 1917	Died: August 20, 1997
Jesse Ray	Born: April 15, 1919	Died: April 21, 2003



William and Daisy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 25, 1950 on their farm outside of English.

**Anniversary 1 : William H. and Daisy Lee (Brown) Miller holding the cake presented to them on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They are surrounded by their seven living children from left: Novy, Sylvia, my grandmother Celia standing between William and Daisy, Anna Mae, Donald, Ruth and Jesse Ray**

William passed away three years later, February 3, 1953 and Daisy, December 3, 1964. I will be posting additional information regarding the Miller family on my blog: Avelyn's Avenues >

<http://avelynsavenues.blogspot.com/>

- Carole Vecchio Beringer June 22, 2014



## *Crawford County Veteran spotlight!*

### **Alex Perew**

He enlisted at Evansville 16 Aug 1862 in Capt Moore's Co. F, 81st IN Inf.

He was transferred to 92nd Reg, 2nd Battalion Veteran Res. Corps from where he was discharged 9 Nov 1864.

Civil War veteran.



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## Photo From the Past:

Milltown Mill - year unknown, originally found on [townofmilltown.org](http://townofmilltown.org)



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*Queries continued...*

I am looking for any information on James A. Pierson to show who he married and who his children were. Such information would tie up a lot of loose ends.

A second query is:

Probate records of Crawford Co., IN (Nov 1832 term) show that William Pierson and wife Nancy raised two children, the minor heirs of Aaron Bird deceased. James Flynn was the guardian; however, William and his wife raised the children. I am looking for information on Aaron Bird.

-Jessica Franks  
[franksjessica@verizon.net](mailto:franksjessica@verizon.net)

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Searching for info on John Buxom Tilman b. 1767. He is listed in 1860 Crawford Co. Census as age 92 and living with his daughter Mary & husband Elias Newkirk. I need to prove that his son was Morris Austin Tilman b. 1797, d.1 Jan. 1868; bur. in Shiloh Cemetery, Dubois Co. IN.

-Kandy Little  
[kandylittle16@yahoo.com](mailto:kandylittle16@yahoo.com)

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I am searching for info on Sariah Scott who married Joseph Beals in 1854. He died in 1855 & is buried in Beals Cem. I find no record of her burial. I am also looking for info on Jefferson Scott who is the son of Ira & Sariah Scott.

-Mary Coutts  
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Have a query? Send to [billgpiper@hotmail.com](mailto:billgpiper@hotmail.com) or [kentucky41girl@frontier.com](mailto:kentucky41girl@frontier.com). Please keep queries to a few lines as space is limited.

**ATTENTION!** If you have not renewed your annual membership, this will be the last newsletter you receive! Please renew ASAP to continue your support of the CCHGS.

## 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](http://www.cchgs.org). Send your check to:  
Sharon Morris  
CCHGS Treasurer  
P.O. Box 133  
Leavenworth, IN 47137

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## Meetings

The Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society will meet on July 14, 6:30pm at the Milltown Christian Church. Future meeting dates are TBD. You may call 812-821-4124 or 812-365-9067 to confirm.

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## Website:

[www.cchgs.org](http://www.cchgs.org)

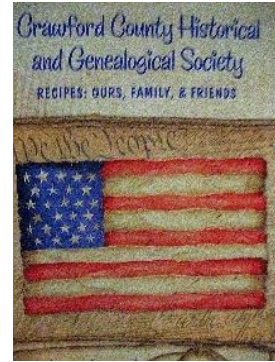
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