



The Crawford Countian

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Greetings!!

Welcome to the winter 2016 edition of The Crawford Countian newsletter. This month's featured article is about William Thornbury. As you may recall, last issue Roberta Toby put out a request regarding a marker outside of English that mentioned this guy. After doing some research, Roberta has put together an article about this individual and his family.



We also have a new book out featuring all the 2015 issues of the newsletter. This yearbook can be purchased for \$15 (+\$5 shipping). You can contact me via email or snail mail to place an order. The yearbook is also available at the CC Archives or at any festival that we attend.

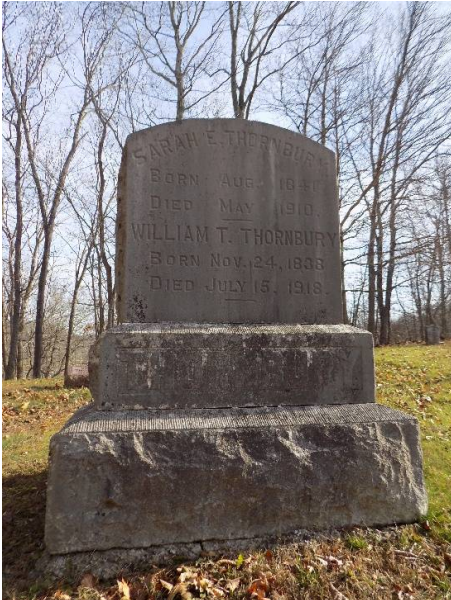
This month's cover photo is outside Denbo Cemetery, overlooking the Lucas Oil Golf Course in English, IN.

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Follow up on William T. Thornbury



After looking at the picture of the stone that says Park Place, I think it says 1896 instead of 1886, as I reported. From my talks with others, including a descendant, John M. Flanigan, I have come to the conclusion that the stone is named after the family that William Thornbury purchased the land from. I found a land entry dated Dec. 8, 1872, stating that John W. Park/s, sold to William T. Thornbury, some land in Hartford, (town). The sale is listed in Book 15, pg. 535. Hartford is the former name of English, Indiana.

William T. Thornbury, b. Nov. 24, 1838 in KY, married Sarah Elizabeth Brandenburg on Sept. 16, 1862. Sarah was born in August of 1841 and died in May of 1910. William T. died on July 15, 1918. They are buried in the Denbo Cemetery, English, Crawford, Indiana as well as some of their children.

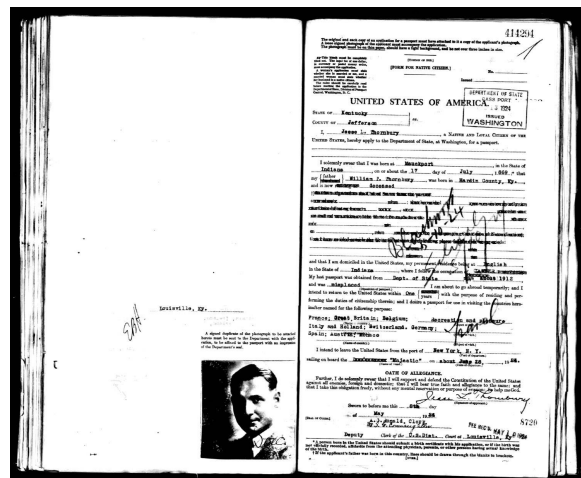
Their children are:

1. Frank Anderson-b. August 20, 1863, in Harrison County; he died December 10, 1951. Married twice. First married Belle Flanery of Dryden, VA. Their two children are: Fred Thornbury, b. Feb. 22, 1892 and William D. Thornbury, b. April 23, 1900. Second marriage to Rose Thomas of Roanoke, Virginia. Their two children are: Virginia Thornbury, b. August 15, 1909 and Mary Thornbury born October 11, 1912. Mary married Maurice Flanigan and their children are: (1) John Maurice Flanigan; b. March 27, 1933; (2) Michael P. Flanigan; b. June 22, 1934, he married Carol Schulz. (3) Diane Flanigan, (4) Patricia Flanigan, (5) Timothy J. Flanigan, (6) Kathleen Flanigan and (7) Mark J. Flanigan. Frank Thornbury and both wives are buried in Denbo Cemetery.

2. Emma-b. ca. 1864 in Harrison Co; d. 1938. Emma married Harrison J. Brown in 1893, in Crawford Co. IN. They had two children: Ernest Brown and Lois Brown. Emma and Harrison are buried in the English Cemetery; English, Indiana.

3. Lucy-b. April 29, 1867, in Harrison Co. IN. Never married. Lucy died July 28, 1939 and she is buried in the Denbo Cemetery.

4. Jesse Love-b. July 17, 1869 in Harrison Co. d. February 2, 1942. Los Angeles, California. Never married, according to family record at Harrison Co. Indiana. I have been unable to locate his burial place.



5. Nell-b. April 1878. Since the family had moved to Crawford County by the 1870 census, I believe that Nell or Nellie was born in Crawford Co. Married John Brown. She lived in Pomona, California. I cannot locate their burial place.

6. Robert E.-b. May 11, 1883, Crawford Co. He married twice. Lived in Iowa. First marriage to Nina Metzler of Detroit and after her death he married Grace Andrews of Marshalltown, Iowa, where they resided. He is buried in the Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown, Iowa. He died in 1976.

In the December 30, 2015 issue of the Clarion News, "Backward Glance" section, it states; 100 years ago: 1915: An early morning fire destroyed two residences in south English Thursday. The residence of Mary Denbo, occupied by Lizzie Carmickle and son, was discovered on fire by neighbors at about four o'clock in the morning. The fire soon spread to the Jesse Thornbury residence, occupied by Edward Cummins and family.

The article below is taken from Pleasant's, "History of Crawford County"

The Order of the Eastern Star was organized in English on July 24, 1913. There were thirty charter members. The Leavenworth degree staff came over and conferred the degree. The officers of the chapter were: Mrs. Joel Melton, Worthy Matron; Henry Mock, Worthy Patron; Mrs. J. E. Stewart, Associate Matron; Mrs. H. W. Mock, Conductress; Mrs. Oliver Belvins, Associate Conductress; Nellie Thornbury, Secretary; Mrs. Harris Brown, Treasurer and G. W. Cuzzart, Sentinel. Refreshments were served at the Commercial Hotel. The officer sent from Indianapolis to inspect the work arrived late on account of a railroad accident. THE COUNTY IN LATER YEARS 481 representative, John Sweeney (Dem), James Bobbitt (Rep); auditor, J. E. Jones (Dem), Joseph Bell (Rep); treasurer, A. D. Huff (Dem), Percy Allen (Rep); sheriff, James Hanger (Dem), John Bird (Rep); coroner, J. M. Snider (Dem), Major King (Rep); surveyor, D. Paschal (Dem), Jesse Thornbury (Rep); commissioner, Byrum (Dem), Martin (Rep); commissioner, W. T. Beasley (Dem), John Deich (Rep). The Eastern Star Chapter was organized at English on July 24, 1913, with thirty charter members. The Leavenworth degree team, which consisted of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Ellsworth, H. H. Deem, S. E. Grimes, D. Moyers, Hugh Friedley, C. T. Allen, William Fesler, Grace Houser, Lou Paxter, Lloyd Curts, Alice Sprinkle, Belle Alexander, Maude Robinson, Rella Rainforth, Margaret Booth, Delia Conrad and Esther Conrad came over from Leavenworth and conferred the degree. On account of the train wreck the Grand Matron and Secretary did not arrive till about midnight. The refreshments were served at the Commercial Hotel about ten o'clock that night. The officers elected for the newly organized chapter were: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Joel Melton; Worthy Patron, Henry Mock; Associate Matron, Mrs. J. E. Stewart; Conductress, Mrs. Oliver Blevins; Secretary, Nell Thornbury; treasurer, Mrs. Harrison Brown; sentinel, George W. Cuzzart.

From Crawford County Commissioner's Record Book 1890-1895

2nd Day Special Session Com. Court Nov. 2nd 1892

INDIANA ROAD CONGRESS

The Board Considering the importance of the Indiana Road Congress, to be held at Indianapolis Dec. 6, 7 & 8, 1892, fully agrees to the importance of such Congress and hereby appoints Wm. Thornbury, Charles T. Myler and William S Ross as delegates to said convention.

William T. Thornbury held the position of Postmaster at English, Indiana on Dec. 22, 1873.

The Indiana Centennial, 1916: A Record of the Celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of Indiana's Admission to Statehood.

CRAWFORD

For a county which claims to have furnished more soldiers for the defense of the Union in the Civil War than any other in the State, for population, Crawford might have been expected to make a better showing of state patriotism. It did practically nothing in recognition of the Indiana Centenary. Numerous representative citizens were appealed to, the majority of whom did not so much as deign a reply. Interest seemed almost wholly lacking. Some recognition was given in the schools of the county under the leadership of the county superintendent, S. A. Beals. He set apart February 11 as Centennial Day, on which nearly all the schools held appropriate exercises. In some instances two or three of those of smallest enrollment united in the giving of programs. It was Mr. Beals' plan to bring teacher, pupil and patron together, each to have a part, by recitation or reminiscence in the review of state or local history.

Finally, in April, the Commission got in touch with Miss Lucy Thornbury of English, who evinced an active and patriotic interest in the cause, and accepted the chairmanship. She began at once to perfect plans and July 4th was fixed as the date of a county celebration. A long and serious illness compelled her to relinquish the leadership, however, which no one else would assume. Hence these short and simple annals.

William D. Thornbury, son of Frank Anderson and Belle Thornbury, was a Professor at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. He was one of the leading geomorphologists in the country and gained international recognition for his outstanding textbook on geomorphology. One textbook he wrote and published in 1965, titled *Regional Geomorphology of the United States*, was well received and adopted as a text in many universities throughout the United States, particularly for graduate courses in geology. His first text was an outstanding success: it was adopted by more than 300 colleges and universities, and by 1970 sales had exceeded 75,000 copies. He did extensive work in this field.

William D. Thornbury was born in English, Indiana on April 23, 1900. He attended primary and secondary schools in English, Indiana, graduating in 1918. He attended Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana for one year to become a high school teacher. In 1919, he taught history, Latin, and algebra at Alton High School. In 1920 he moved to Marengo High School, where he was assistant principal and taught history and Latin. He remained at Marengo until the fall of 1922, when he enrolled at Indiana University to study geology. He graduated in 1925 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geology. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Acacia social fraternity, Sigma Gamma Epsilon and the geology honor society. After graduation from Indiana University he went west. In the fall of 1925 he taught history in the high school at Cripple Creek, Colorado, a famous gold mining town. A year later he enrolled in graduate school at the University of Colorado. While studying there he developed his lifelong interest in Pleistocene geology and glaciations. He received the A.M. degree in geology in 1928. That same year he married Doris Roan from Richmond, Indiana.

William David Thornbury, Professor Emeritus of Geology, passed away at his home at 2608 East Second Street, Bloomington, Indiana, on November 11, 1986, after an extended period of ill health. He retired in 1970 after 45 years as a student and teacher. www.findagrave.com says he is buried in Denbo Cemetery, no dates shown.

John Maurice Flanigan is a retired Professor in Hawaii. He is the son of Mary Thornbury and Maurice Flanigan. This photo is on his website.



On the back of this photo of the Old English Methodist Church was written, "Presented by children of Sarah E. and William T. Thornbury." This church was located just east of where they used to live.

Mr. Flanigan has a website with photos of English, Indiana. Some need identified. The website is <https://jmflanigan.Smugmug.com/History/Mostly-Old-Pictures-from/T-Z7FDdxf/A>

My main sources for this information are: Census records-www.findagrave-www.ancestry.com, passport application-"The History of Crawford County" by H. H. Pleasant-Brandenburg Family files at Harrison County Genealogy Library-articles from Indiana newspapers, online-article from the Crawford County Commissioner's Record book 1890-1895-Crawford County Marriage records-Conversation with J.M. Flanigan.

-Roberta Toby

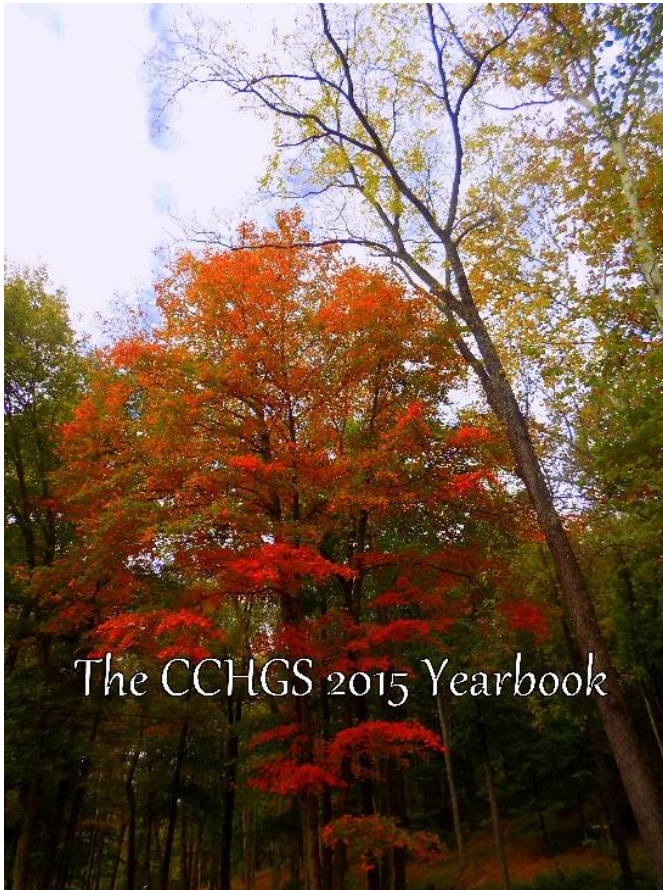
Queries

David Myers is seeking a "Record of Interment" for his GG-Grandfather Philip A. Crecelius. From David: "*Philip A. Crecelius 17 April 1794 - 31 August 1850 (a War of 1812 Veteran) is buried in Mount Eden Cemetery and there is no longer a headstone. I am working with the VA to have a Government marker made for him. I have his Service Records ect. but am lacking a Record of Internment and the VA will not accept Find a Grave.*" If anyone can help, send David an email at davidmyers@centurytel.net.

Tonya Geraci is researching "Brumfields" from the CC area. If you have info, you can email her at tonya.geraci@gmail.com or call her at 502-303-5555.

Email queries to billgpiper@hotmail.com

New Book Announcement!

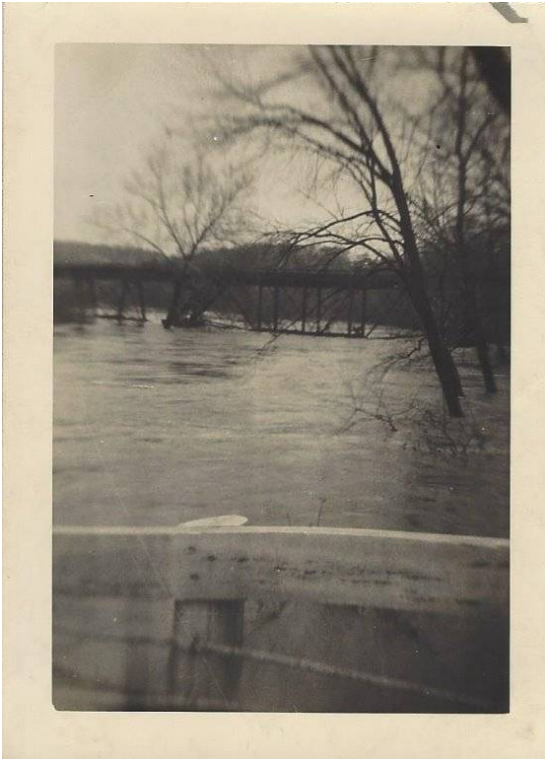


Get all 4 issues of the 2015 Crawford Countian in one book for \$15 (+\$5 shipping).

Like last year's book, the outer cover has a glossy finish and all the pages are printed in full color. This is a great way to have all the issues in one set.

You can buy this book locally at the CC Annex Building in the Archives section on Monday or Tuesdays, or contact Bill Piper @ billgpiper@hotmail.com (or snail mail at PO Box 472/ English IN 47118). Be sure to include postage if you mail your order.

Photos from Ruth Terry



These photos are of the 1948 flood in Milltown, Indiana.

Previous monthly minutes...

Minutes from October 13, 2015

President Bill Piper opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. by welcoming everyone. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held at the Archives Building in English.

The program was about Native American Indians particularly the Cherokees and their mythology. While Bill showed slides of the Potts Creek rock shelters, Vice-President Stan Faith talked about the Indian beliefs and myths. Indians are very close to nature and they use mythology to explain the universe, other people's cultures, weather, animals, etc. The old men tell the myths to the young men and so it is passed down through the generations. He read several interesting myths to us.

The previous minutes were read silently. There were no corrections so Roberta Toby made a motion to approve them which was seconded by Louie Mitchell. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - The newsletters have been mailed. Around 5000 people have seen the Sulphur Springs picture on Facebook that Bill had posted. He still wants to do the Halloween movie night.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The beginning balance as of Sept. 9, 2015, was \$15, 678.18. Deposits totaled \$951.50. Disbursements totaled \$185.00 which include the Post Office Box fee, The Crawford County Community Foundation, the Crawford County Arts and Crafts and IHPS. This leaves an ending balance of \$16,444.68. The Proctor House Account had a beginning balance of \$6,718.02. There was one deposit of \$25 for ornament sales. Disbursement for the utilities and mowing totaled \$271.20 leaving an ending balance of \$6,446.82.

Membership is 79.

COUNTY HISTORIAN REPORT - Roberta Toby attended a workshop on Grant Applications at the Carnegie Library in New Albany on Sept 24 along with Don Standiford and Carol Tomlinson. The library has a huge display about Lucy Higgs Nichols which included a picture of her attending one of the Civil war gatherings in English. Roberta worked with Sharon Wilson on sending in the applications for the Veterans Memorial and Sycamore Springs as Bicentennial projects. Both were accepted.

ARCHIVES REPORT - Roberta helped Carol at the Schwartz Music Festival on Sunday and deposited \$185.00 from the sales there. Altogether she has deposited a total of \$943.00 since our last meeting – from book sales, memberships, copies, and donations. Don Manion has donated a new wireless computer to the Archives. David Carnes wants to do some corrections in the Carnes Mill book. Bill thinks we could add the additions in an addendum.

VETERANS MEMORIAL ASSOC. REPORT - The memorial is now under construction. The last estimate Roberta has received is that 550 bricks have been sold. Jim Frazee has a letter from the Indiana Bicentennial Commission stating they have endorsed the Memorial as our legacy project.

PROCTORVILLE REPORT - Rita reported the yard sale was a success as we made \$970.93. Glen Toby has obtained the original deeds and other important papers from Evelyn Jackson. Rita copied some and put those in the filing cabinet at the shelter house and others will go in our lock box at the bank. We all need to keep track of our volunteer hours for the grant application. Rita is checking out one more option for better insurance coverage. The Restoration fund has \$10,205.51.

Old Business - The mimosa tree will not be planted as it isn't native to this area and would not have been found at the Proctor House.

Bills were presented and Louie Mitchell made a motion to pay them. Rita seconded it and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Those attending were Stan and Judy Faith, Bill Piper, Janice Eastridge, Louie Mitchell, Jim Kaiser, Rita Eddleman, Sharon Morris, Roberta Toby, Ruth Terry, Carol Tomlinson, and Elaine Stephenson.

Minutes Of November 10, 2015

The CCHGS met at 6:30p.m. at the Archives Building in English. President Bill Piper welcomed everyone and began the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no program.

The minutes were read silently. There were no corrections so Louie Mitchell made a motion to approve them. This was seconded by Rita Eddleman, and the motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - The Halloween event was not successful so it will be discontinued. Bill is putting together another year book for 2015 and will price it at \$15.00. He will order more Wyandotte Cave books, maybe 20 more. A project for next year will be to make a book from Larry Burmeister's old newsletters.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Stan Faith painted a vivid picture of what it would have been like to have lived here in the early 18th century. People traveled by foot or horse-back, so getting to Corydon would have taken about 6 hours. They used candles, not oil lamps, so there would have been very little light. People knew very little about the earth and had no explanations for what was happening around them, so they were superstitious. There was no knowledge of bacteria and doctors only had liniments and whiskey to treat their patients. The average life span was 35 to 40 years. Stan thinks it's an advantage to have lived in one place over a long period of time like his family as seasonal changes can be noted and handed down. In his family, the last frost date was in June, not May 15th, because his family had experienced a frost in 1816 and had passed that down to everyone.

FINANCIAL AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Sharon Morris reported a beginning balance of \$16,444.68 as of October 14, 2015. There were deposits of \$593.00 which brought the total to \$17,037.68. After a disbursement of \$120.81, the ending balance is \$16,916.87. The Proctor House account was \$6,467.71 on October 14. There was one deposit of \$12.93 which was returned to us after the bank had mistakenly taken it out. Then the total was \$6,480.64. Expenses totaled \$69.13 leaving a balance of \$6,411.51.

MEMBERSHIP - We have a total of 90 members.

ARCHIVES AND VETERANS ASSOC. REPORT - Roberta Toby reported that she had deposited \$85.00 from her work at the archives from book sales and copies. High school students under the direction of their teacher, Mr. Stroud, have erected 4 of the flag poles for the Memorial. Rita has made 4 grids for the lay-out of the bricks. And Mark Hollen has started the etchings on the tablets.

PROCTORVILLE REPORT - The Sorghum Festival was very successful as \$321.00 was deposited in the Historical account and \$33.00 in the Matching Fund account. She also deposited \$75 in it from the yard sale giving a balance of \$10,313.77. She submitted a list of everything that was sold. Rita also gave an update on the grant application process. She had asked Lisa Gelhausen to send her all the requirements needed for it. Twenty-six pages! We would have to have \$35,000 up front for our part which is rather daunting. So she asked Lisa to cancel our meeting with the Commissioners. Lisa suggested a planning or a feasibility study grant, but we would have to pay \$3500.00 for each.

There were no bills presented.

NEW BUSINESS - It was decided to have a pitch-in dinner for our December meeting. It will be at 6p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center if we can get it. Bring a small gift for \$5 or so for a gift exchange game. The upcoming Holiday Gift Show on Dec. 12 was discussed. It was suggested that more space is needed to sell everything we have, so a decision was made to get two spaces and 4 tables at a cost of \$40.00. We can set up on Friday Evening.

The meeting adjourned.

Those attending were Stan and Judy Faith, Louie Mitchell, Don Standiford, Rita Eddleman, Roberta Toby, Sharon Morris, Ruth Terry, Bill and Robin Piper, Casey Blair, Clayton Blair, Mike Witt, and Carol Tomlinson

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There was no monthly meeting in December but the CCHGS did hold their annual Christmas party.

Crawford County Veteran Spotlight

Eddie Ray Gabhart

Enlisted U S Army Sept 1973. Stationed at Hannah, Germany, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Camp Carroll, Korea, Fort Hood, Texas. Discharged Oct. 1980 as Sergeant.



Speaking of Crawford County Veterans, this is how the Veterans Memorial in English, IN currently looks. Construction is on hold until spring time.

Membership Dues

Dues for the Crawford County Genealogical and Historical Society are \$15 per year for single memberships, \$20 for family or \$25 for corporation/businesses. The fee is due each June as the new year starts in July. A renewal form is available on the website, www.cchgs.org.

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Meetings

The Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Crawford County Annex building @ 6:30pm. You may call 812-338-2579 to confirm.

Website:

www.cchgs.org

Social Media:

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Books for sale

Our book list has been REVISED!! Some out of print titles have now returned and we are also offering DIGITAL versions of most of our books. The digital versions will be sold on CD-R in PDF format. Check our website, <http://www.cchgs.org> for more information!

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