



The Crawford Countian

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Greetings!!

In this Spring edition of the CCHGS newsletter, Roberta Toby has put together an article on the gunsmiths of Crawford County. She has also compiled a list of Revolutionary War veterans (that is known) that have Crawford connections. Also I provided pictures of my trip to the Carnes dam. That was such a fun trip as the hiking took about a hour to get back to the place but well worth it!

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No queries were submitted this past quarter.

Gunsmiths of Crawford County, Indiana

There have been several gunsmiths in Crawford County, Indiana, that I have found in census records. Occupations were not listed on census forms until 1850. I have listed the gunsmiths from the 1850 census through the 1900 census. The one exception is that the 1870 census for Crawford County is unreadable for the townships of Johnson, Liberty, Patoka, Sterling and Union. (I found the 1870 census on ancestry.com and I could not find a copy of it anywhere else.)

1850 Census

Sterling Township-Morris A. Tilman, age 53, born in Virginia.

Liberty Township-Eligah W. Sherly, age 28, from Perry County.

 Noah Wood, age 19, born in Crawford County.

Jennings Township-R. D. Tucker, age 34, born in Crawford County.

Boone Township-William S. Parker, born in Tennessee.

1860 Census

Jennings Township-R. D. Tucker, age 45, Indiana.

 Jacob Pachtold, age 34, born in Germany.

 John Everdon, age 28, Indiana.

Sterling Township-Thomas Hooten, age 35, Indiana.

Liberty Township-D. B. Suddarth, age 29, Indiana.

Union Township-William Summers, age 26, born in Illinois.

1870 Census

Boone Township-Addison Raeford, age 40, born in Georgia.

(other townships unreadable).

1880 Census

Union Township-Greenberry Ott 48 years old, born in Indiana.

 Marion Ott

 John Ott

 William Seaton

1900 Census

Union Township-William Seaton. In 1910 the census states he owned a blacksmith shop.

There were several blacksmith shops in the county in each of these censuses. I believe that the blacksmiths, or some of them played a part in the manufacture of guns. Some may have supplied different parts of the gun to the gunsmiths. Others were probably ordered.

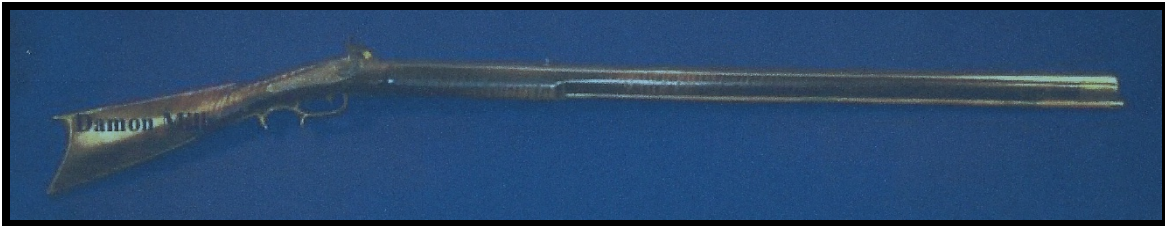
Richard W. Sears and Alvah W. Roebuck, owners of Sears & Roebuck Company, Chicago, Illinois, started their catalog business in 1893. They sold guns for many different manufacturers. I would say this hurt the private gunsmiths business. I do not know of anyone in the county who makes guns today.

Sears & Roebuck quit selling guns in 1988. Montgomery Ward and J. C. Penny also stopped around the same time because of public pressure from people who thought it wasn't right for them to sell guns.

Eliphalet Remington II founded Remington Arms in 1816, the oldest gun manufacturer in the United States. They still make their original product.

Winchester was formed in 1866.

John Moses Browning obtained his first gun patent on October 7, 1879. The following is an ad from Damon Mills website. I found this on the internet several years ago. The gun is now sold. Mr. Mills kindly granted permission for the Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society to use this information.



A big bore full stock rifle, which is simply and solidly made, with a great look. The gun simply has good lines and architecture. The finely grained, tiger striped maple stock still retains most of its original finish, which has subtle highlights from handling. This gun was not made for shooting squirrels or white tail deer. It is in about .58 caliber, with a fast twist to the rifling. It has an extremely long tang at the breech and an unusually long toe plate. In other words, it is built for rugged use. The lock is a Baker trade lock, which functions perfectly with the set triggers. This general style of rifle might actually be termed a full stock plains rifle. Solidly made with performance in mind, bear and buffalo are not out of its range. The barrel is 41 1/2 inches long with an overall length of 58 inches. The barrel is marked R. D. Tucker. While this gun has Southern and Western characteristics, it looks like Mr. Tucker was a gunsmith in the city of Leavenworth, County of Crawford in Indiana. It would have made a cracker jack, long range big game gun for use on the plains.

The gun below, made by D. B. Suddarth, was found in a Crawford County newspaper ad.

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skill can do to produce a perfect, safe,
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D. B. SUDDARTH,
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Rifles, Revolvers, Fire Arms of every description. Empty and loaded shells of all ga-
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and Turkey callers, best gun grease, rat enter and preventer, shot pouches and

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a, Suckers, twines and Minnow Baiters, in fact everything kept in fishing tackle stores.
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Leavenworth, Ind.

I have tried to locate photos of some of the other gunsmiths from our county, but have had no luck. Some of the guns that these men made are probably still around today.

If our readers have information on any of these gunsmiths, please share with us.

Thank you.

Roberta Toby



Leavenworth Kiosk ribbon-cutting ceremony

On April 5, 2016, the U.S Forest Service held a "ribbon cutting" ceremony at the Leavenworth rest area park (along highway 62 on the east side of town) for the new kiosk that now stands there. This kiosk has information regarding the history of Leavenworth as well as photos. The project was a collaboration of various government entities and people in the county. This kiosk is one of handful of kiosks that are along the Ohio River. They are on a stretch of road referred to as the Ohio River Scenic Byway. The Forestry service will be providing passport books that one could use to find each kiosk. Locally these books will be available at the Overlook Restaurant (in the near future). For more information regarding these Ohio River scenic kiosks, visit:

<http://www.indianalandmarks.org/RegionalLandmarks/RegionalOffices/Pages/SouthernRegionalOffice.aspx>



-bP

From the County Historian's Desk...

A photo of Crawford County, Indiana School houses that were used before the School was built on the knoll on East Fifth Street. The photo shows the older schoolhouse and the new one that was being built. I don't know what happened to these schools but since they were located somewhere in the area where the old reunion grounds in old English are, in the flood plain, that quite possibly they were damaged by floods and had to be abandoned.



The man in the photo is Richard Alva Brown, he was born on Oct. 16, 1869, the son of Zachariah Houston Brown (1842-1911) and Margaret Lucretia Bass (1848-1924. He married Josie Webb on February 5, 1898 in Lake Co. Illinois. In the 1880 census he is living in Sterling Twp. Crawford Co. Indiana with his parents. In the 1900 census he is living in Perry Twp.; Martin Co. Indiana and is listed as a teacher. By the 1920 census he is living in Dallas, Texas and listed as a Delivery Man. In 1930 he is still in Dallas and listed as a Delivery Man. In 1940 he is in Dallas, Texas and living on Santa Fe Ave. His occupation is a Distributor for a milk company. Richard and Josie had three children, a son, Irl W., a son Lowell and a daughter Frances.



Richard's siblings were: Mary Ellen, b. May 2, 1871, Minnie Bell, b. Sept. 14, 1874, Martin Shepherd, b. January 5, 1877 and Rosa May, b. June 26, 1882.

The two photo's were found for sale on ebay. This is what was written on the back of them.

On the photo of Richard Alva Brown it says R. A. Brown. On the back of the photo of the school houses it says: School House at English, Indiana where Richard Alva Brown attended school and taught his first school.

Richard Alva Brown's death certificate states that he died on April 13, 1955 at Baylor Hospital in Dallas County, Dallas, Texas. Age listed as 85 years, 5 months and 27 days. It states he was a Dairy operator, his place of birth is listed as English, Indiana. His father is listed as Zachariah Houston Brown, born in Indiana and his mother as Margaret Bass born in South Carolina. Informant was Lowell W. Brown. He was interred on April 15, 1955 in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas. -R. Toby

Crawford County Veteran Spotlight:

Revolutionary War Veterans

This is a list of Revolutionary War Veterans with connections to Crawford County, Indiana.

1. **Timothy Bennett.** Found in March Term 1827 Court records, page 326.
2. **Alexander Black.** Born February 22, 1760 at Bennett's Forge Berkeley County, Virginia, now West Virginia. After the Revolution he moved to several places. He moved to Harrison County, Indiana and lived there about 25 years before moving to Crawford County in the fall of 1834. In Crawford County he applied for a pension in the August term, 1835.
3. **William Campbell.** He was born on August 1, 1756 in Culpepper County, Virginia. After the Revolution he moved from North Carolina where he was residing at the time, to Kentucky where he lived for approx.. 7 years and then to Tennessee where he resided for the next 7 years and then to Crawford Co. Indiana. He was allowed pension on his application executed on October 2 1832 in Crawford County, Indiana. He married in the state of North Carolina, Nancy Hendron. He died January 19, 1840 in the state of Illinois, his widow Nancy, died in Illinois also on August 12, 1849.
4. **William Chandley.** Died Sept. 22, 1827. He received a pension of \$96.00 dollars a year. His widow, Sarah, married John Lovell, she was the former Sarah Prather of Green Co. Tennessee. She married John on April 8, 1834 in Crawford County, Indiana.
5. **Samuel Chapin.** He was born September 24, 1760 in Granby, Massachusetts. Cemetery record says he was from Vermont. He moved after the Revolution to Otsego County, New York, from there to Bradford, County, Pennsylvania, and then to Crawford County, Indiana. He was allowed pension on his application executed October, 3, 1833, then a resident of Crawford County, Indiana. He died February 13, 1843. Find a grave record says he died on February 13, 1842. He is buried in Oquawka Cemetery, Henderson County, Illinois.
6. **Henry Funk.** An application was executed on May 8, 1848, in Crawford County, Indiana, for the pension that was due Elizabeth Funk as the widow of Henry was allowed for the benefit of the following surviving children: John, Elizabeth Potter, Joseph, Peter and Isaac. There is a tremendous amount of legal documents in regards to Elizabeth trying to get the pension. Documents from Indiana and Illinois.
7. **Reuben Kemp.** Crawford County, Indiana. He was a Private in the company commanded by Captain Washington. Reuben Kemp, while residing in Harrods Station, in the District of Kentucky, enlisted in the year 1780, marched in Captain Edward Worthington's Company to the Falls of the Ohio, there joined General George Clark's

Expedition, went on to Fort Jefferson on the Mississippi River, was there when attacked by the Indians, was out in several scouting parties, was at Post Vincent and was discharged at the Falls of the Ohio, sometime in January, 1783. He was allowed pension on his application executed in Crawford County, Indiana on October 2, 1832 at which time he was aged seventy-eight years. He married Massey Camp in 1784 in Kentucky. He is buried in Sheckell Cemetery, Alton, Crawford Co; Indiana.

8. **George Keysacker.** While residing in Berkeley County, Virginia, George Keysacker enlisted "about the beginning of Harvest in 1781" served four months as Private in Captain Jarrett's company, Colonel Darke's Virginia regiment; he ferried General Washington across the Pamunkey River when passing from Pennsylvania to join the army at Yorktown; he was discharged in Winchester, Virginia. He applied for pension April 29, 1834, at which time he was aged about seventy four years, and living in Crawford County, Indiana in Union Township. His claim for pension was not allowed as he did not serve six months; which was the shortest length of service for which pension was allowed. George was born in 1749 in Pennsylvania and died August 14, 1851 at West Fork, Crawford, Indiana. He is buried in Keysacker Cemetery.

9. **Samuel Pendock.** He enlisted in the State of Rhode Island, January 1, 1781, served as a Private in Captain Thomas Hughes' Company, Colonel's Christopher Green's and Jeremiah Olney's Rhode Island Regiment, was at the siege of Yorktown and surrender of Cornwallis and was discharged June 15, 1783. He was allowed pension on his application executed February 10, 1819 at which time he was aged fifty-four years and resided in Crawford County, Indiana. He died July 20, 1833 at Marengo, Crawford County, Indiana. He married on October 24, 1825, Anna Blevins. They were married by the Rev. David Stewart, Pastor of the Christian Church. He had been previously married. She died August 26, 1878, at Dale, Spencer Co. Indiana. They had two daughters, who lived in Dale and I believe they never married. Samuel was buried in Marengo Cemetery, and then his body was later moved to Spencer County. He was born May 8, 1765 and died July 23, 1833 at Marengo, Indiana. His body is now in the Dale Cemetery, Dale, Spencer County, Indiana.

10. **James Pierson.** Born October 13, 1757, within eight miles of Salisbury, North Carolina. When he was about six years of age, his father moved to Surry County, North Carolina; then to Wilkes County, that state. While residing in Wiles County, James Pierson enlisted in 1776 or 1777, served in Captain Benjamin Cleveland's North Carolina Company, was stationed At Carter's Fort to guard against attacks of the Cherokee Indians; then marched to the Long Island on Holston River to act as a guard while a council was being held with the Cherokees and was discharged after the treaty was concluded; length of service, three months; he enlisted two or three years afterward, and served three months in Captain Jesse Franklin's Company under Colonel's Lenoir and Benjamin Harn in the North Carolina Troops. After the Revolution, he moved to Crab Orchard, Kentucky, where he resided for twenty-six years; then moved to Indiana. He was allowed pension on his application executed April 22, 1833, while living in Whiskey Run Township, Crawford County, Indiana.

11. **John Scott.** Born March 20, 1754 or 55 in Antrim County, Ireland. He was in Charleston, South Carolina in 1770. He enlisted in February or March, 1776 and served as a Private in Captain Peter Horry's Company, Colonel Francis Marion's South Carolina regiment and was in the Battle of Sullivan's Island. He later served in Captain John Snipes and John Withers companies, and in 1778 was appointed Lieutenant and part of the time served in Colonel Peter Horry's South Carolina Regiment. He was in the siege of Savannah, Battles of Back Mingo, Kings Mountain, at which time he was under Colonel John Williams, and in the battle of Entar Springs. In 1782 he served forty days as a Private in Captain Green's Troop of Horsemen. After the Revolution he lived in the following places:

Kershaw Dist. South Carolina

Baldwin Co., Georgia, ten years

Carter County, Tennessee, two or three years

Wythe County, Virginia, two years

Botetourt County, Virginia, Fourteen years and while in Botetourt County, went on the Lewis and Clark Expedition across the Rocky Mountains.

Tazewell County, Virginia, eighteen months

Highland county, Ohio, three years

Crawford County, Indiana, two years

Wayne County, Illinois, one year

Saint Clair County, Illinois, two years

Sangamon County, Illinois, ten years, Texas, four years and then to Miller County,

Missouri, where he was living in 1838. He was allowed pension on his application was residing in White County, Illinois.

12. **John Ruth.** He was born about 1751 in Virginia. He died on May 17, 1842, in Crawford County, Indiana. It is not sure where his burial spot is but he has a memorial stone at the Haskins/Mt. Eden Cemetery in Patoka Township, Crawford County, Indiana. He served in Illinois Regiment, under Major Thomas Quirk, General George Rogers Clark. His first marriage is unknown, second marriage to Catherine Lancaster Holt.

13. **William Roberts.** He was living in Crawford County in the 1820 and 1830 census. His pension application in 1832 was rejected. Civil Order Book A, pg. 250-252. He was born about 1755 and died after 1832 in Crawford Co. Indiana. He married Elizabeth.

14. **William Rowse.** Crawford County, Indiana; March Term, 1821. Declaration of William Rowse, Revolutionary War Veteran. He files an affidavit stating that he served for the State of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Captain John Hews in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Marshall for about one year. He was discharged from the said service in Washington in the State of Pennsylvania.

15. **Constant Williams.** He was born in 1763 in Plainfield, Connecticut. He was living in Williamstown, Massachusetts when he enlisted in 1776 and served as a Private in Captain Samuel Williams Massachusetts Company, in Captain Dewe's Vermont Company under General Ethan Allen, and under Captain or Colonel Benjamin Samuels in the Massachusetts Troops; he was in the Battle of White Plains, at Saratoga, when

General Burgoyne was captured and on some scouting parties against the Cowboys. His entire service amounted to about nine months. After the Revolution, he moved from Williamstown Massachusetts to the state of New York, where he lived for about eighteen months; then moved to Radford County, Pennsylvania, and lived for about seventeen years; thence to Crawford County, Indiana. He was allowed pension on his application executed October 1, 1832, while residing in Crawford County, Indiana. He died in September 1835. He married Irene Fuller on Oct. 9, 1785 in Connecticut. He is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Leavenworth, Crawford, Indiana.

16. **Jeremiah Wright.** He was born March 29, 1762 in Hampshire County, Virginia. He served with the Virginia Troops. He served from in August, 1778, four months as Private in Captain Isaac Pearce's Company in General McIntosh's Campaign and assisted in building Fort McIntosh at the mouth of Big Beaver; from in November 1780, one month as Lieutenant in Captain McAllister's Company, Colonel Gibson's Regiment; from in April 1781, seven months as Lieutenant in Captain William Bruce's Company under Colonel's Morgan and Harden, went down to the Falls of the Ohio; from in March 1782, three months as Indian Spy under Lieutenant James Marshall; from in September 1782, one month as Lieutenant in Captain McAllister's Company, Colonel Gabriel Cox's Regiment. After the Revolution he lived in Washington County, Pennsylvania, then moved to Indiana in 1824 and lived in Harrison and Crawford Counties, Indiana. Pension was allowed on his application executed, October 1, 1832, then living in Crawford County, Indiana. He died May 18, 1833 and is buried in Fredonia Cemetery, Crawford County, Indiana.

17. **Thomas Reed.** Born Oct 1753, died after April 1834. While living in Lancaster Co., Penn., he enlisted as private with Penn. Troops as follows: From July or Aug 1776, two months in Capt John PATTON'S Company, Col PORTER'S Regiment, Dec 1776, two months in same Regiment, November 1777, two months in Capt PAXTON'S Company, Major BROWN'S Battalion, June 1778, two months in Capt REIM'S Company guarded prisoners at Lancaster.

18. **Joseph Baldwin.** Born circa 1760, died 1840. Served under Capt. Abel Westfall, commanded by Col. Abra. Bowman - 8th Regiment Virginia Continental line.

19. **Elijah Denbo.** Born 1738, died 1823. Four years in Col MESERVE'S New Hampshire Regiment. French and Indian War. Entered the Rev War at Lee New Hampshire, April 1775, as a Capt of the N.H. Troops. Fought at Bunker Hill, Portsmouth, Cambridge and in Canada. Severed in Col BURNHAM'S and General POOR'S Regiments. Was Capt of N.H. Scouts during the Indian War, 1781-85.

20. **Casper Kemp.** Born 1757, died after 1822. Served March, 1777, one year in Philadelphia Co., commanded by Capt. Hart, then discharged. Enlisted again in July, 1778, in Regt. under Col. Dark, Capt. Bell, Co. commander, four months. Discharged from Little York, VA; in battle at surrender of Cornwallis.

21. **Archibald Neil.** Born 1753, died ?. Enlisted the Spring of 1778 in York County, PA in Capt Thomas CHURCH'S Company., Regiment commanded by Capt Anthony WAYNE. (Pennsylvania Continental Establishment). Discharged at Chester Pennsylvania.

22. **Peter Rothrock.** Born 1755, died Feb 4, 1826. Private in Capt Christopher Wignor's 6th Company 2nd Battalion, Bucks Co., Penn. Militia with the notion "gone out of the state" according to evidence of an Appeal Book for the year 1780.

Editor's note: As with any lists such as this, it is not complete.

Sources:

www.fold3.com

Cemetery records

Census Records

www.findagrave.com

Heritage Quest

Crawford County Archives

-R. Toby & bP

Previous Meetings Minutes.....

No January meeting due to weather.

No February meeting due to weather.

March: The CCHGS met at 6:30 p.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. Snacks were provided in observance of our county's 198th birthday.

Jeff Roll, our guest, presented information about a property located in English that he owns. The Society had previously expressed an interest in acquiring the property for a meeting place and a museum. Mr. Roll discussed the age, construction, condition, and other aspects of the property. He offered some favorable terms for the purchase. Our president thanked him and said we would take it under consideration.

Bill showed slides of his recent hike to Carnes Mill. The terrain was beautiful but tough to walk with huge bluffs and rocky formations and crevices. One big ridge was called Backbone Ridge. He also showed a slide of the new kiosk at Leavenworth which will be dedicated April 5th. Members are encouraged to attend.

President's Report - Bill had received a message from William Gorbich about metal detecting on the Proctorville property. Bill thought that probably nothing would be found. There aren't many places in the county to do that, perhaps Messamore Cliffs. The owner's permission has to be given if on private property. Bill and Roberta are trying to document all of the cemeteries in the county. They had been to Haysworth Cemetery behind Marcy's and it's in very poor condition. The newsletter will be out next month. Our web page has been updated.

Vice-President's Report - Stan Faith related how tough life was for the settlers in early Crawford County. Their neighbors were the Miami and Wyandotte Indians. At one point some of them had defeated the US Army. The settlers never knew who was coming through the woods - friend or foe.

Financial and Membership Report - Sharon Morris reported a beginning balance of \$17,229.00 with one deposit of \$108.00 for t-shirts sales. This gives an ending balance of \$17,337.00. The Proctor House account's beginning balance was \$6,119.74. Expenses were \$58.23 so the ending balance is \$6,061.51. The total membership is 92.

County Historian, Archives, and Veterans Report - Roberta Toby attended the Indiana County Historian's Roundtable in Indianapolis, Friday, March 4th. The new Indiana Bi-Centennial Postage Stamp will come out June 7th. For a historical marker, we need to file an intent to apply form by May 13, and the final

application by Aug. 19th. We would be notified by Oct. 14th. More county legacy projects are encouraged. The library has donated a copy of the new Bi-Centennial Book. Roberta has obtained 21 I.O.O.F. books from the English Lodge dating from 1872 until they closed. She deposited \$307.50 from memberships, book sales, copies, etc.

Construction on the Veterans Memorial will resume as soon as the weather permits. They are having a yard sale on April 16th. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Proctorville Report - Rita Eddleman reported on our booth at the Dec Holiday Gift Show. She made a deposit to the Restoration Matching Funds account which brings the balance to \$10,407.05. The candles are back in the windows. Some donations are coming in for the July 4th yard sale. We will determine the exact 3 days for it later.

Bills were presented for payment and were approved.

New Business - Rita made a motion to change our meeting day to Monday if we can find a suitable one as more of our members may be able to attend. Roberta seconded it and the motion carried. There was a short discussion about the property owned by Mr. Roll. Bill will call an executive meeting in 2 weeks to discuss it after he's had a chance to view it.

Elaine Stephenson reported that two archaeologists are coming in 2 weeks to visit Carnes Mill. At least one is from Indiana University. She said that the rock formation that can be seen at Rainbow curve is called the Cup and Saucer. Wyandotte Cave is scheduled to be open in August.

The meeting then adjourned.

Those present were Sharon Morris, Ruth Terry, Roberta Toby, Stan and Judy Faith, Rita Eddleman. Don and Carol Standiford, Elaine Stephenson, Louie Mitchell. Destiny Young, Marie Lenord, Bill and Robin Piper, and guest Jeff Roll.

Photos from Carnes Dam

Last month I decided to take a hike out to Carnes Dam & Mill, which is located on the Little Blue River, north of I64. Here are a few photos from my trip. -bP





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.

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www.cchgs.org

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