

Greetings!

Welcome to the Summer edition of The Crawford Countian! The past few months have been quite busy for the society. We have some great things to announce soon once all the technicalities are cleared up! Just a reminder, this issue will be the last unless you have signed up for the 2016 - 2017 membership. Please remember, your email must be current to receive the digital version. Also be sure to check your SPAM email folder if the newsletter does not normally arrive at each quarter. Some email programs like to group mass emails into the SPAM folder by default. If you are missing an issue, contact myself or Roberta Toby.



-Bill Piper (billgpiper@hotmail.com)

The cover photo was taken on June 19th, 2016, day 2 of the 10th Annual Native American Gathering at Sycamore Springs.

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Marker Dedication for Pvt. Crecelius



On June 5th, 2016, the Jonathan Jennings Chapter United States Daughters of 1812 sponsored a grave dedication ceremony for Pvt. Philip Crecelius at the Mt. Eden cemetery in the Patoka township of Crawford County. Among those present were descendents of Philip Crecelius including David Myers, who is his great-great-grandson.

Private Philip Ausmus Crecelius was born April 17, 1794 in Washington County, Tennessee. He served in the War of 1812 under Col. William Lillard's 2nd Regiment East Tennessee Volunteer Militia. He, along with his parents, arrived in the Indiana Territory sometime before 1816 and settled in, what we presently refer to as O'Bannon Woods in Harrison County, where his parents are buried.

First he married Rebecca Enlow on Feb 1, 1817 in Harrison County. He later married her sister, Drucilla Enlow on Jan 14, 1830 in Crawford County. Philip purchased

land in Crawford County Indiana on Feb 11, 1836. Through his two wives, the first being born in 1817 to the last in 1847, Philip fathered 17 children.

Philip A. Crecelius died on Aug 31, 1850 in Patoka Township of Crawford County, and was buried in the Mount Eden cemetery.





Pictured: 4th Great Grandson Corey Myers and GG Grandson David W. Myers participating in the Dedication. David is a Veteran US Army Paratrooper and a member of the Alabama Society of the War of 1812.

Below is a write up that Evelyn Jackson (Indiana Chairmen, Graves Location Project USD1812) put together regarding her connection to the Crecelius line:

Today, living in Crawford County, there are descendents from two half brothers, sons of Otto Rudolph Crezelous; namely John Gotthard Critselous from his first wife and Jacob A. Crezelous born from his third wife. Otto Rudolph, born 1728 in Germany, had children from all three marriages; 31 years separating the first (1751) and the last (1782). There were various last name spellings but the present day family name is spelled Crecelius.

My family's line comes through Jacob A. Crezelous born 15 JAN 1782 in Washington Co., TN and his wife, Christena Lewis married 28 FEB 1806 in Greene Co., TN. Jacob served in the War of 1812 as a private in Capt. George Kepley's Co., 1st Regiment, 2nd Battalion, Indiana Infantry Militia in 1812. Jacob died in Crawford County 17 MAR 1826 and Christena died 04 APR 1858. They became the parents of twelve known children: Hiram married Delilah Wright, Joel married Mary Ann Pope, Mary "Polly" married William Pence, Eliza Ann married William Poe, William married Lodica Goldman, Julia Ann married John Doan, Sarah married James Briggs, Isaac Delilah Neal, Margaret married Henry Jones, Phebe married William Doan, Elizabeth married Abraham England and Jacob H. married Lucinda Spence and Elizabeth Judd. I descend

from Jacob through both his son, Joel, who married Mary Ann Pope and his daughter, Eliza Ann, who married William Poe.

In the book "Territorial Papers of the United States: Territory of Indiana 1810-1816", Vol. #8, page #380 contains the most compelling evidence of the arrival of Jacob in the Indiana Territory. We find where Jacob A. Crezelous was one of fifty squatters in Indiana Territory that had signed a petition to the Federal Government begging "to not be turned off their lands that they had settled on and improved". This was referred to Congress on 17 FEB 1816. In Crawford County deed book #1, page #171, Jacob buys from Jonathan and Rachel Bird, 160 acres on 09 APR 1825 Jacob's will was written in Crawford County 12 MAR 1826 and probated 18 SEP 1826; Bk. A, page 154.

Jacob's wife, Christena, remarried in Crawford County 31 Apr 1836 to John G. Cooper. She died 04 APR 1858. Christena is buried between her two husbands at Union Chapel Cemetery (formerly known as the Crecelius Burial Grounds) in Whiskey Run Township.

Joel and Mary Ann Pope Crezelous were married 22 OCT 1835 in Crawford County. They became the parents of Hiram who died young, Martha who married James Brumfield, Pilgrim who married Delilah Wyman, Joel who married Mary Lynch, Christena who married William Flanigan, Sarah who died young, Nancy who I descend from, Jacob who married Sarah Merryman, John who married Sarah Wells, Margaret who married William Jones and Sarah who married John Merryman. I descend through their daughter, Nancy, who married Irvin Denton. Nancy and Irvin became the parents of five children: Mary Etta who married Charles McCutcheon, Sarah "Bessie" who married Perry Poe, John William who married Hattie Vance, Rose Alice who married Charles Davis, Julia Maybell who married Thaddus Jones. I descend from their daughter, Sarah E. "Bessie" and her husband, Perry Poe, who became my grandparents.

Jacob and Christena's daughter, Eliza Ann, married William Poe, 20 JAN 1833 in Crawford County. Their son, William Henry Poe born 04 FEB 1836 in Crawford County married Perlina Jane Neal, daughter of Jonathan Neal (see the Neal family). William and Perlina Neal Poe became my great grandparents through my grandfather, Perry Poe.

The Crecelius line in Crawford County consists of many occupations: teachers, authors, military, preachers, politicians, carpenters, storekeepers and even a newspaper editor. The late Whitey Jones, who is in this same line, said in his book in 1984 that "surely one out of four residents of Crawford County are blood kin". All of them has come from Jacob A., born in 1782 in Tennessee, and came to Indiana Territory. "Yea, I have a goody heritage".

Evelyn Harper Jackson APR 2016

WTIU did a news story on the event, along with video footage. You can read this story and view the video at

http://indianapublicmedia.org/news/war-1812-veteran-receives-final-dedication-100226/

From The County Historian's Desk:

I'm Confused

I have always been told that the Marengo Cave was discovered on September 6, 1883, by Blanche E. and Orris Sydney Hiestand. Blanche was born on January 29, 1867 in Washington Co. Indiana and her brother Orris was born March 9, 1872 in Washington Co. Indiana. In the 1880 census they are living next to William E. and Sallie J. Jenner. She is 13 in the 1880 census and Orris is 8 years of age. Their parents are Thomas Sydney and Martha Lyons Martin Hiestand.

The story goes that Blanche Hiestand was 15 years of age (dates would say that she was 16) and working as a cook at the Marengo Academy, which was located not far from where the cave is.

She supposedly heard some schoolboys talking about exploring a sinkhole. She decided to get there before they did, so she ran home got some candles and her brother. They found the sinkhole, surrounded by a grove of trees and Blanche supposedly squeezed through a hole and then called for her brother to join her. The original land owner was notified and the cave was very soon opened for public tours.

I found in Mack Tuckers book, Vol. 9. this account of the discovery of the cave. (Crawford County Public Library, English, IN).

MARENGO CAVE-On Sunday, September 9th, 1883, S. M. Stewart, Jr. of Marengo, in company with some other boys, getting in pursuit of a rabbit, it fled to a basin where it entered a hole. The boys determined that it should not escape them so easily, pulled away some loose stones that closed the orifice, found that they could go into the hole themselves, and upon taking out some more debris, say that they stood in the mouth of a cavern. They immediately spread the news of their discovery and hundreds of citizens of the town of Marengo and vicinity gathered around its entrance and proceeded to explore its mysteries. Throughout the entire day and the following night, parties pushed into the bowels of the earth. The scenery was so grand, the arrangement so varied and the formation so beautiful that they did not tire.

Such was the discovery of Marengo Cave, which is situated about one fourth of a mile from the town from which it took its name. Its entrance is perhaps sixty feet above the low water mark of Whiskey Run Creek, upon the side of a hill, and perhaps one-third of the distance to the top. It is in the St. Louis limestone belt, in the sub-carboniferous strata so common and favorable to the formation of wonderful caverns. It is perhaps the most beautiful cave in the United States, if not in the world.

Strange to say, it was seventy-two years from the first settlement of the community until the discovery of this beautiful underground palace. It is one mile north of the Louisville & St. Louis Air Line railway. Mr. Samuel W. Stewart, the owner of the land, and the present proprietor of the cave, proceeded in a few days after its discovery to prepare for visitors who came to see this grand panorama of Nature's handiwork. We widened the entrance, made it more pleasant of ingress, placed steps where it would otherwise be difficult to passage, arranged walk and placed a commodious building over the entrance.

The cave proper is but three miles in length, which taken with the minor avenues if five mile in length, but what it lacks in length it supplies in beauty and gorgeousness of

display. It consists of four principal departments, the main cave and three arms or tributaries.

The main cave, is generally dry and of easy access its entire length and while not so bountifully furnished as other parts, yet it is astounding to the credulous. Washington Avenue, the most extensive of the tributaries, is an entrancingly beautiful piece of nature's architecture. The arrangement being most pleasing and attractive. Here the beholder can spend hours looking at its wonderful works and is then lot to pass on. Crystal Palace, another of the arms, is everything its name implies; the beauty of beauties, the wonder of wonders, and the amazement of all. The multifarious formation of every conceivable shape and size glitter in the light as if studded with innumerable diamonds. Here the mediator may ponder and ruminate, and yet realize but faintly the splendor which surrounds him.

The ceiling is everywhere draped and festooned in gorgeous splendor. The sides are pillared and propped by beautiful clear white stalagmites. The floor is an incrustation of semi-transparent crystal, giving the whole the appearance of the palace royale of the mystic gods of bygone ages. Here is thought for geologists, here is food for the curious and here are hours of pastime for the ages in Nature's unwritten history. This is truly the grandest combination of natural formations, combining beauty, picturesque ness and brilliancy, that has yet been given to mortal eyes.

There are some twelve other departments; each containing varied scenery, some surpassing in one beauty, some in another. Time forbids a more minute description. The only way that a realization of the grandeur and magnificence of this, Nature's picture and

art gallery, can be obtained, is to come and see it.

I found this third account of how the cave was discovered in a news clipping in an old book about Crawford County (pictured right, Indiana Farmers Guide, Huntington, Indiana; Oct. 15, 1933).

After reading about all of these discoveries, I have come to the conclusion that the Native Americans discovered the Marengo Cave.

-Roberta Toby

How Marengo Cave Was Discovered

Over 50 years ago, while my mother was yet in her teens, she lived at Marengo, Indiana. Then, as now, the young people would gather of evenings and play games in those last enchanting hours of twilight, in the open pas-ture lots just outside the little village.

There was one field they were for-bidden to enter, that of Old Silas Mar-tin. He and John Ballor were enemies ever since they had had bitter words over a line fence that had resulted in a lawsuit. Since Willie Ballor was the leader of the young crowd, Old Silas had forbidden all the children to enter upon his land

upon his land.

It was a warm beautiful evening in June and boys and girls alike were out playing pitch. Unintentionally, the ball went over the fence and landed in a tree that lay fallen in this particu-lar field. The boys began daring each other to go after the ball since Old Silas was not in sight. Suddenly Willie Bailor sprang over the fence and raced toward the fallen tree in search of the lost ball.

To the dismay and consternation of Willie's companions, he apparently sank into the ground. Naturally the boys thought this was some trick of Old Silas and they were getting ready to run or fight, when Willie reappeared that a world and seared to tell them. to run or fight, when Willie reappeared dusty, excited and scared, to tell them a tale that made their eyes open wide. He had fallen into what seemed to be a large den or hole, but upon striking a match he found he was in the mouth of a large cave, one which had at some time past been used by Indians. Scattered over the floor of the cave were hundreds of arrow heads, some finished and others in an unfinished state. On a shelf by the door or entrance to the cave were stone jars, bowls and even cave were stone jars, bowls and even

The young folks agreed to tell no one but my grandfather and ask him what to do about it. Accordingly, the next day Willie came to relate his experience and persuaded Grandfather to go with him to inspect the cave. He decided that Old Silas must be told for some of his cattle might fall into the cave and get lost. But Grandfather promised not to tell Old Silas that the boys had entered his field and found the cave. He was not on very good terms with Old Silas, either, so no questions were asked of him as to why he had been in his neighbor's field.

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However, Old Silas proved the report however, Old Silas proved the report by an investigation, and he gave Grandfather some of the bowls, the jars, the peace pipe and a lot of the arrow heads. Grandfather later pre-sented these to Professor Borden for the Borden Museum, at Borden, In-diana, After his docty Merch. diana. After his death Mrs. Borden sold these to a Chicago museum.

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Several years ago when I visited the Marengo Cave, I saw the place where these Indian relics had been found. A new and larger opening now is used for entrance to the cave that is visited by so many people each year. Old Silas' children were made rich by the discovery of this cave, made by the son of an enemy of this old man.

This story has been told to me by my mother, Isabelle Lapierre, and I am relating it to Guide readers because I believe they will enjoy hearing about how this wonderful cave was first discovered by the white men who made it into a place of attraction and historical study.

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Mrs. Mary M. Bobean.

Editor's Note.—Marengo Cave, lo-cated in Crawford county, is considered to be the most beautiful limestone cave in the United States. commonly known except to scientists.
We are indebted to Mrs. Bobean for sending in the above interesting bit of history about this cave.

Queries

Good afternoon,

I am researching my ancestor John Seaton b. 1172(TN) d.1826(Crawford county). I am looking for records for him.

Lacey Abbott email: hall_lacey@hotmail.com

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10th Annual Native American Gathering



On the weekend of June 18 - 19, 2016, the 10th Annual Native American Gathering at Sycamore Springs took place. I have never been to one despite wanting to (work gets in the way) but this year I made certain to attend one of the days. I managed to get off work for Sunday and spent a few hours at the event. Upon arriving I was told by organizer Mike Bockting (whose Native American name is "Path Seeker") that the previous day had many more ceremonies, which I expected, and that included a 50th anniversary of the Crawford County seal painting. One of these paintings can be viewed at the Crawford County Annex building in the Archives department. On this second day, I was able to



view a flag ceremony (I apologize for not having the correct name of this) that included, among others, the Ohio Valley Native American Warrior Society. Up next was a demonstration that included various individuals participating on the beating of drums as well as rattlers. This was to show the heart beat of everyone in attendance and really created a nice vibe/atmosphere to the event. I was only able to stay for 2 hours but greatly enjoyed my time there. Next year I will definitely make an effort to attend both



days to get the full effect. These gatherings typically feature constant demonstrations, ceremonies, food and vendors. The Sycamore Springs gatherings are usually in June of each year, so be sure to keep on the look out next year if you are wanting to attend.

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Previous meeting minutes....

APRIL 12, 2016 MEETING

The CCHGS met at 6:30 in the Archives Building in English. President Bill Piper led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rita Eddleman, who had previously indicated her intent to quit the Society asked to be first on the agenda as she wished to speak to the members. She handed out copies of a personal letter sent to her by a friend. She read the letter disputing some of the statements in the letter, then left, refusing to stay for responses or questions.

There had been an unauthorized withdrawal of funds from the Proctor House Restoration Matching Funds account. Background information was then given including a history of the Proctor House Restoration Matching Funds account. After much discussion, the Society voted to close that account.*

*However, upon legal advice the account must remain open until the issue of the withdrawal is resolved.

The Society approved continuing with the grant application to the Community Foundation of Crawford County (CFCC) for repairing the foundation and the floor of the Proctor House.

The proposed purchase of Mr. Roll's commercial property in English was next on the agenda. The pros and cons were discussed. Marie Greathouse made a motion to ask for an extension of 35 days to get a professional inspection of the property completed. Janice Eastridge seconded it, and the motion passed. Dan Crecelius offered to go look at the heating, air, and water issue underneath the house.

Minutes - The minutes were read silently. Louie Mitchell made a motion to approve them, Bill seconded it, and the motion passed.

President's Report - Bill went to the Kiosk dedication ceremony in Leavenworth. Elaine Stephenson was one of the speakers. He encouraged us to check it out.

Financial and Membership Reports - The beginning balance was \$17,337.00. Total deposits were \$189.50 bringing the total to \$17,526.50. The disbursements equaled \$534.19 leaving a balance of \$16,992.31. The beginning balance for the Proctor House account was \$6,061.51. There were no deposits. Disbursements totaled \$326.74 which leaves an ending balance of \$5,734.77. Membership is 93.

Crawford County Historian's Report - Roberta attended two workshops provided by the CFCC – one for grant application and one for fund raising strategies. Both were four hours long. Bill, Louie, and Roberta visited several cemeteries in Johnson and Patoka Townships. They seemed in good shape but some needed signs stating the names of the cemeteries.

Archives Report - Mary Jane Simpson sent Roberta a packet with some info to help others trying to get into DAR and other organizations. She also sent a check for \$200.00. Altogether, Roberta deposited \$232.36 on April 11.

Veterans Memorial Report - Weather is a factor now in working on the site. Work will begin when the ground is dry enough. A grant is being submitted to the CFCC for landscaping and benches.

Proctorville Report - Bill appointed Marie Greathouse to chair the committee. Carol will help.

Fundraising Report - All of the Indiana flags have been sold – 4 dozen to the Ben Franklin store in Jasper and the rest to Sharon Wilson of the tourism board. Sharon needs to request more money to pay for them and will pay then. Carol, Roberta and Don will participate in the Scenic Highway 62 yard sale on Derby weekend which is May 7th.

Bill and Roberta submitted bills for payment for ink and a retoner kit which will save us money. The bills were approved for payment.

Elaine Stephenson told us about a project she and her daughter Polly are working on involving 4th grade students in Leavenworth, Milltown, and Marengo Schools. The students are illustrating historical facts or events for the Bi-Centennial.

The meeting adjourned.

Present were Roberta Toby, Ruth Terry, Jim Kaiser, Rita Eddleman, Janice Eastridge, Marie Greathouse, Don Standiford, Carol Tomlinson, Dan Crecelius, Sharon Morris, Louie Mitchell, Maria Lenard, Elaine Stephenson, Bill and Robin Piper, Casey Blair, Clayton Blair, and Mike Witt.

May 10, 2016 Minutes

The CCHGS met at 6:30 p.m. at the Archives Building in English. After a moment of silence, Pres. Bill Piper led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no program.

The issue of purchasing the property on Oak Street was first on the agenda. Jeff Roll, owner of the property, and his real estate agent Brian Haisley, were present. A Professional Home Inspection had been done and indicated several issues and repairs necessary to correct problematic areas. Mr. Roll and Mr. Haisley were eager to work out a deal and offered some generous terms. A lively discussion ensued. Then Jeff and Brian stepped outside so that we could discuss the terms among ourselves. Many of the members spoke in favor as they thought having a home base would be a huge benefit to us and even attract new members. Then a vote was taken and it was in favor of buying the property.

Jeff and Brian were called back inside and informed of our decision to go forward with the purchase. Brian went over the steps to finalize the purchase. He will prepare the contract and Bill and Carol will sign for the Society.

Bill had talked with the high school art teacher about painting a mural on the inside of the new building depicting the history of Crawford County beginning with 1818. But Jim Kaiser suggested going back to 1800 with the Vincennes Purchase and to include the land survey in 1805 after which people could buy land.

The minutes were read silently. Jim made a motion to approve them. It was seconded by Marie Greathouse, and the motion carried.

Bill told us about a new marker being dedicated on June 5 at 2:00 p.m. at Mt. Eden's cemetery in Patoka Township. The ceremony is in honor of Phillip Crecelius who served in the War of 1812. It is hosted by the Jonathan Jennings Chapter, Daughters of 1812.

There was no financial or membership report due to illness of the treasurer.

Roberta Toby, county historian, reminded us to work on our First Families book project to be published before our Bi-Centennial year. In her Archives report, she notes that she deposited \$425.85. The Veterans Memorial Assoc. made over \$700 on their yard sale. She, Dan, and Mary wrote a grant to the Community Foundation of Crawford County for landscaping and benches for the Memorial. They are hoping for a July 4th completion date.

Fund Raising - Carol reported that \$519 was deposited in the Proctor House acct, and \$96 in the general fund. This was monies from our participation in the Scenic 62 long yard sale on Friday and Saturday. The upcoming July 4th yard sale was discussed but the dates will be decided at the next meeting.

Old Business - The missing funds from the Proctor House Restoration Matching Funds acct. have been recovered. The balance is a little over \$10.407.

New Business - A nominating committee for the June election of officers was selected. Roberta Toby, Jim Kaiser, and Marie Greathouse will serve as the committee.

Bill and Carol also submitted a grant application to the CFCC for money needed to fix the foundation and floor of the Proctor House.

Elaine Stephenson asked for pictures of people having fun in Crawford County so she can post them on Facebook.

The next meeting will be June 13th at 6:30p.m. in the new building hopefully.

The meeting adjourned.

Those present were Marie Greathouse, Ruth Terry, Roberta Toby, Diane Mitchell, Louis Mitchell. Elaine Stephenson, Don Standiford, Carol Tomlinson. Bill Piper, and guests, Jeff Roll and Brian Haisley.

June 14, 2016 Meeting

The CCHGS met at 6:30 p.m. at the Archives Building in English. After a moment of silence, President Bill Piper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The program was a video/slide presentation on Milltown focusing on the High School covering at least 50 years. Photos of graduating classes and the teachers were shown along with the various basketball teams. There also photos of stores in Milltown throughout these years. It was interesting seeing the changes in dress styles, autos, stores, etc. over the years.

The minutes were read silently. Marie Greathouse made a motion to accept them. Louie Mitchell seconded and the motion passed.

Then President Bill Piper gave his report. He mentioned the Native American Pow Wow to be held at Sycamore Spring on Saturday the 18th at 1:30 p.m. The original Crawford County seal painted by Earl Denbo fifty years ago is to be commemorated to mark it's anniversary.

Bill also gave information that the original 1816 Constitution of Indiana will be on display in Corydon from June 10 – June 29. Other important state documents and artifacts are included in the display.

Bill is checking on obtaining insurance for the new building we are acquiring in English. The newsletter will be out next month. Financial Report - Sharon Morris reported a beginning balance of \$16,664.15 as of May 11, Several deposits were made including \$22,000 for the building fund. The deposits totaled \$22,986.85 which brings the total to \$39,651.00. Disbursements of \$174.71 leaves an ending balance of \$39,476.29.

The Proctor House account had a beginning balance of \$5,763.84. One deposit of \$519.00 from the Leavenworth yard sale brought the total to \$6,282.84. Disbursements equaled \$568.00 which leaves a balance of \$5,714.84. Membership is 22.

County Historian's Report - The Historical Society was represented in the English Reunion Parade by a Bi-centennial themed float constructed by Roberta, Glen, Carol and Donnie. It took 1st place for the best over-all float. Roberta also mentioned the Indian Pow Wow at Sycamore Springs this Saturday. Earl Denbo's daughter Jenny Watson will unveil the original seal painted by her father, Archives Report - Roberta deposited \$308.00 June 13 for her work there. This included books and memberships sold. Proctorville Report - The Committee has not met yet, but the upcoming July 4th yard sale was discussed. The yard sale will be July 1st and 2nd from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Marie and Tammy said they would have it open on Sunday, July 3rd. Hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, chips, drinks, and bakery items will be sold. A raffle will be held for which Marie and Tammy will provide the articles and the tickets.

Marie asked permission to hold her own personal yard sale the week end before ours (June 24 and 25th). Bill made a motion to give her permission which was seconded by Tammy. The motion passed.

No bills were presented.

New Business - The election of new officers was conducted. The Nominating Com. presented their slate of candidates which was basically the same. Only one slot was different – the director at large. Don Standiford was named for it. Nominations from the floor were solicited, but there were none. So Jim Kaiser made a motion to vote by acclamination accepting all of the nominees. This motion was seconded by Marie, and it passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Those present were Marie Greathouse, Don Standiford, Carol Tomlinson. Roberta Toby, Sharon Morris, Jim Kaiser, Ruth Terry, Louie M. Mitchell, Bill and Robin Piper, Casey and Clayton Blair, Mike Witt, Tammy Hooten, Stan and Judy Faith.

Queries continued....

Hi,

My name is Carolyn Stauth Kallemeyn, and I am trying to find some information on my ancestors who lived in Crawford County. I was born in Corydon, Ind., the daughter of John V. Stauth and Ruth Hughes Stauth. My mother is the daughter of Harrison Augustus Hughes, who was the son of Goldia Almira Rothrock, who was the daughter of Lydia Marshal Bounds, who was the daughter of Rachel Leavenworth.

It is Rachel Leavenworth that is causing me some grief in my research. Does your organization have any information on her? Are there any articles about the Leavenworth family in your publications that will help me?

I still have loads of cousins in Harrison County, and maybe your county as well. I am a member of the Castle Rock Colorado Genealogical Society. You can correspond with me via my e-mail address kallemeyn@aol.com

Thanks so much,

Carolyn Stauth Kallemeyn

If you have a query you wish to include in the next newsletter, email me at billgpiper@hotmail.com.

Old Grave Stones Give Strange Data

(by J. L Summers - reprinted from The Corydon Republican Dec 31, 1932)



In the old part of the Milltown cemetery, one among the oldest cemeteries in Southern Indiana, stand side by side two age-worn - at one time white marble slabs, placed there in the long ago, and of which no living person can be found to give any history or other information concerning them.

These old slabs bear the following inscriptions neatly executed: "Elijah Spencer died

November 16, 1847, at 10 o'clock A. M. Aged 60 years, 11 months, 25 days, 14 hours and 30 minutes." Beside this stands the other: "Elizabeth Spencer, consort of Elijah Spencer. Died November 16, 1847, at 10 o'clock Am. M. Aged 60 years, 11 months, 25 days, 14 hours and 30 miutes."

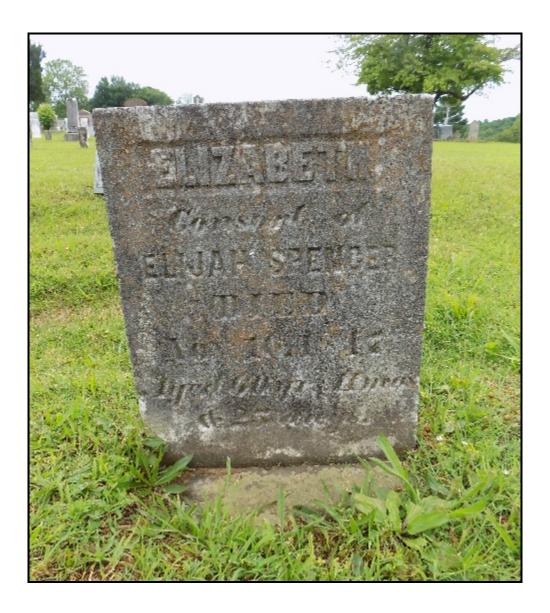
A controversy has arisen over the exact dates of birth-year, month, day of month, hour and minute. I would be pleased for some reader to submit a correct solution in the columns of the Democrat and News.

This seems rather a strange coincidence that these people were born on the same day, married and died on the same day, and were buried side by side the same day in the same cemetery.

The writer has gathered information from time to time that they came from the same



settlement in Kentucky where Abraham Lincoln was born, and in all probability knew the Lincolns. They were among the first settlers of Harrison county. They were supposed to be relatives of the noted Captain Spier Spencer, whow as killed by the Indians at the Battle of Tippecanoe. ---English News



Does anyone have information on this mystery? I took a trip to the cemetery and found the stones right away and sure enough, the stones match what the article states. If anyone has information, I would love to find out more! Please email me at billgpiper@hotmail.com in regards to this!

Thanks to Evelyn Jackson for the article.

Crawford County Veteran Spotlight



William E. Jenner

Captain in the Army Air Forces, received a discharge for eye injuries. WWII. Also first WWII veteran to serve as a Senator.

He took over the seat at 37 years of age.

Park Place Addition to the Town of English.

W. T. Thornbury will offer for sale a few lots in the above addition, the most desirable residence property in town.
7-12-3w.

A few issues ago, Roberta Toby did an article on Mr. Thornbury. On our facebook page, Ronnie Hoffman posted this ad from the July 12, 1912 issue of the English News. Anymore info on this "Park Place" addition is always welcomed!

Email Roberta at: kentucky41girl@frontier.com if have more info.

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On June 4, 2016, The English Reunion held their annual parade. Prizes were given for best floats the CCHGS came in first place for their float! The float was assembled by Carol and Don Standiford, as well as Roberta and Glen Toby. Their float was based around the state's bicentennial. A trophy was award to the group as their prize.





2016 - 2017 CCHGS Officers:

William Piper - President
Stan Faith - Vice President
Sharon Morris - Treasurer
Carol Tomlinson-Standiford - Secretary
Louie Mitchell - Director (Sterling-Patoka-Johnson)
Tammy Hooten - Director (Union-Boone-Ohio)
Dan Crecelius - Director (Jennings-Whiskey Run-Liberty)
Don Standiford - Director (Crawford County at Large)

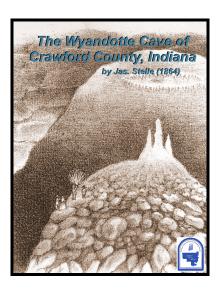


Just a reminder, Wyandotte Caves will RE-OPEN on July 9! Tours will be on the weekends going forward until Labor Day. Visit their website, which is part of the O'Bannon Woods State Park, at:

https://secure.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2976.htm

Remember, the CCHGS still has for sale a reprint of the 1864 book

The Wyandotte Cave of Crawford County, Indiana
by James Stelle for only \$15 (+\$5 shipping). If you live locally, you
can obtain a copy at the Archives building in English, The Stephenson General
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