



The Crawford Countian

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Greetings!



Welcome to the Spring edition of The Crawford Countian. On March 27th, we had our grand opening for the headquarters building and it was a huge success! I estimated at least 150 people attended the event. From start to finish, we had a constant stream of people coming in and the building stayed full the entire time! It was great to have the community involved to this extent. Moving forward, the work on the Proctor House will start later this month. We had a small set back involving the bidding but that has since been taken care of and we're on track for the restoration process to begin! Work will start on Monday, April 9th. Exciting times!

Cover picture taken at Leavenworth on one beautiful evening, earlier this year.

- William Piper, President
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2018-2019 Memberships will be due in June, please remember to renew!



Earl Denbo Art Show

The main program for our grand opening was an art show dedicated to Earl Denbo. Jenny Watson, Earl's daughter, has quite a few of his paintings in her possession. She and I (William Piper) went through and picked out a number of them to display at the show. Since not everyone was able to come, I have decided to include pics of each painting. Jenny wrote the following, that was included in our program pamphlet:

The family of Earl A. Denbo is honored by the Historical society that is hosting this impressive art show. Earls talent grew from a little boy in common school drawing on the edges of his school books to the Capital of Indiana. We are proud to show his awards from the governor and the president of the United States. There are untold paintings by Earl A. Denbo across America. From the State House, Governor's mansion, businesses, churches, hospitals and many homes. Earl was a crippled child from sixteen months of age and without a mother, but rich with a God given talent. Some of us were blessed to stand at his knee and receive this love of art. We are proud to be the heirs of his work and wish to encourage each of you to follow your talents. All of you have many. Someday your children or grandchildren may stand as we do today. Written by: Jenny Watson, A proud daughter.





*Overlook at Heavenworth
Ohio River*

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Artist Earl A. Denbo



Church in the Wildwood
Imaginary scene
Painted 1969
Artist Carl A. Denbo



Indian Camp
Painted 1978

Indian Camp
Gifted to Harry Wiseman
Painted 1978

Artist Earl A. Denbo



Dove On The Farm
Imaginary scene
Painted 1977
Artist Carl A. Deabo



Dog Creek Bridge

*Originally the site of a water ford,
Dog Creek Bridge became the first bridge
built across Dog Creek.*

*It was rebuilt in 1979 after flooding
washed it out.*

Oil Painting, Carl A. Denbo

1961



Boyard Creek
Sponsored by the Lincoln Hills Art Assoc.
this painting won the "State Championship"
title and artist Carl A. Dumbo was later
honored at a Breakfast with President,
Lyndon Johnson
in Indianapolis.

Oil Painting, Carl A. Dumbo
1966





Palette Knife painting. This
is the only painting by Earl A. Denbo
using a palette knife

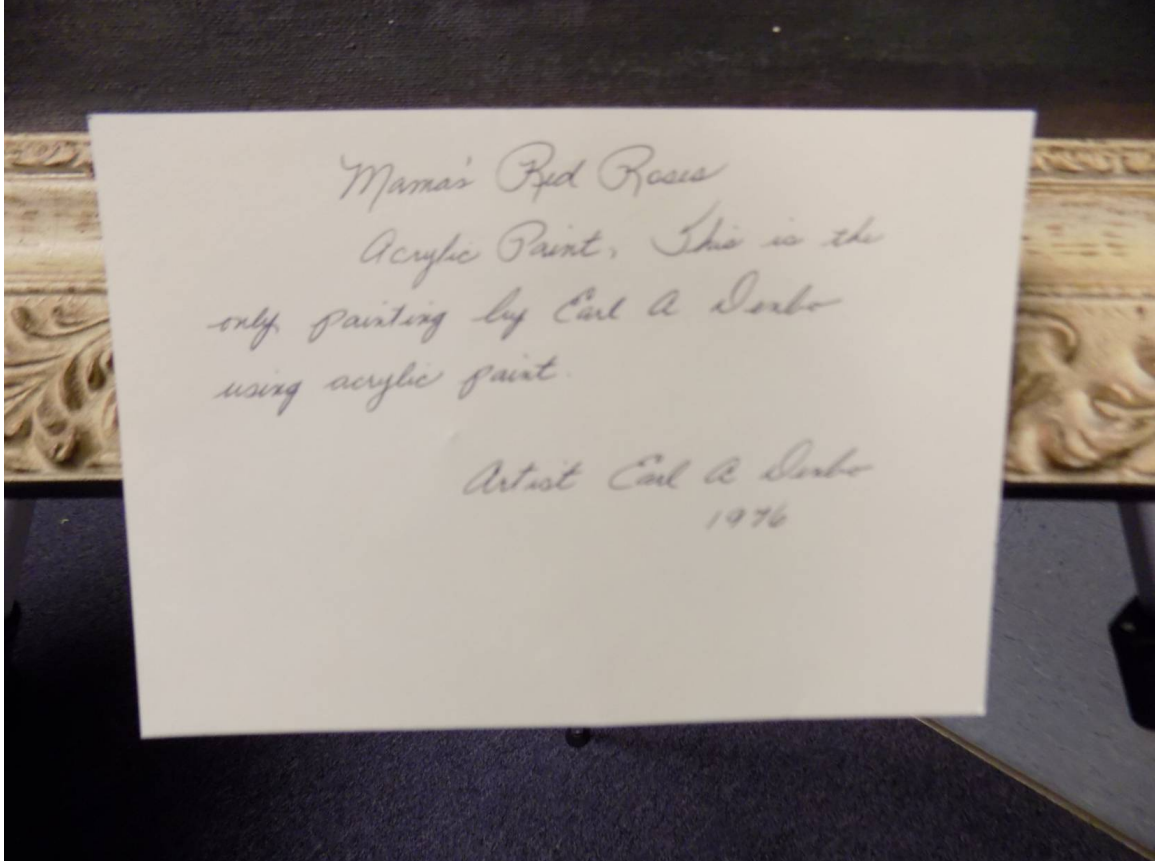
Oil painting, Earl A. Denbo
1972



Pioneer Home
Mathers homeplace as it looked in 1930,
before being torn down by the artist and his
father, Oliver Derbo.
The cabin had stood since 1812 when Mathers
had first settled the land, four years before
Indiana had achieved Statehood.
On Aug. 26, 1847 Lucinda Mathers married
Woodfield Derbo. Woodfield Derbo was the
grandfather of the artist, Carl A. Derbo
Oil Painting, Carl A. Derbo
1969



Mama's Red Roses
Acrylic Paint. This is the
only painting by Carl A. Dorbo
using acrylic paint.
Artist Carl A. Dorbo
1976

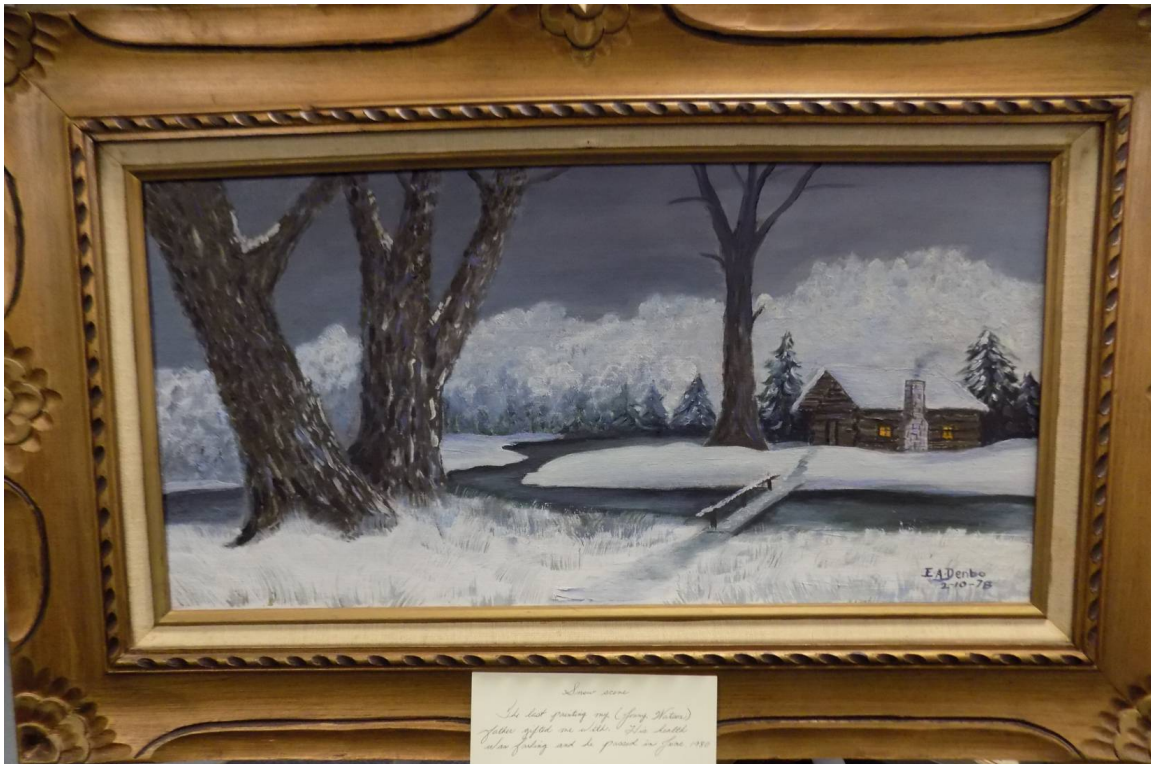


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Arch Slown Field
By the cloverleaf on State Road 64, now
a part of the new English Holly Course
area.

Oil Painting, Carl A. Sombor
1977



Snow scene
The last painting my (Jenny Watson) father gifted me with. His health was failing and he passed in June 1980.
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1978



Fall Bouquet
Painted 1971
Artist Carl A. Deane



Dog Creek School

Dog Creek school was the name of the first log school on Dog Creek. It stood about a quarter mile to the east.

The community needed a church and new school so this building was built and named Rocks Springs. When the old log school could no longer hold school due to its deteriorating condition, school resumed in the Rocks Springs church where it functioned, school and church. As the community grew the building was too small to accommodate the congregation, so a new church was built, named Rocks Springs Church which is about 1/2 mile E. on Dog Creek Road. Again, this building became Dog Creek School.

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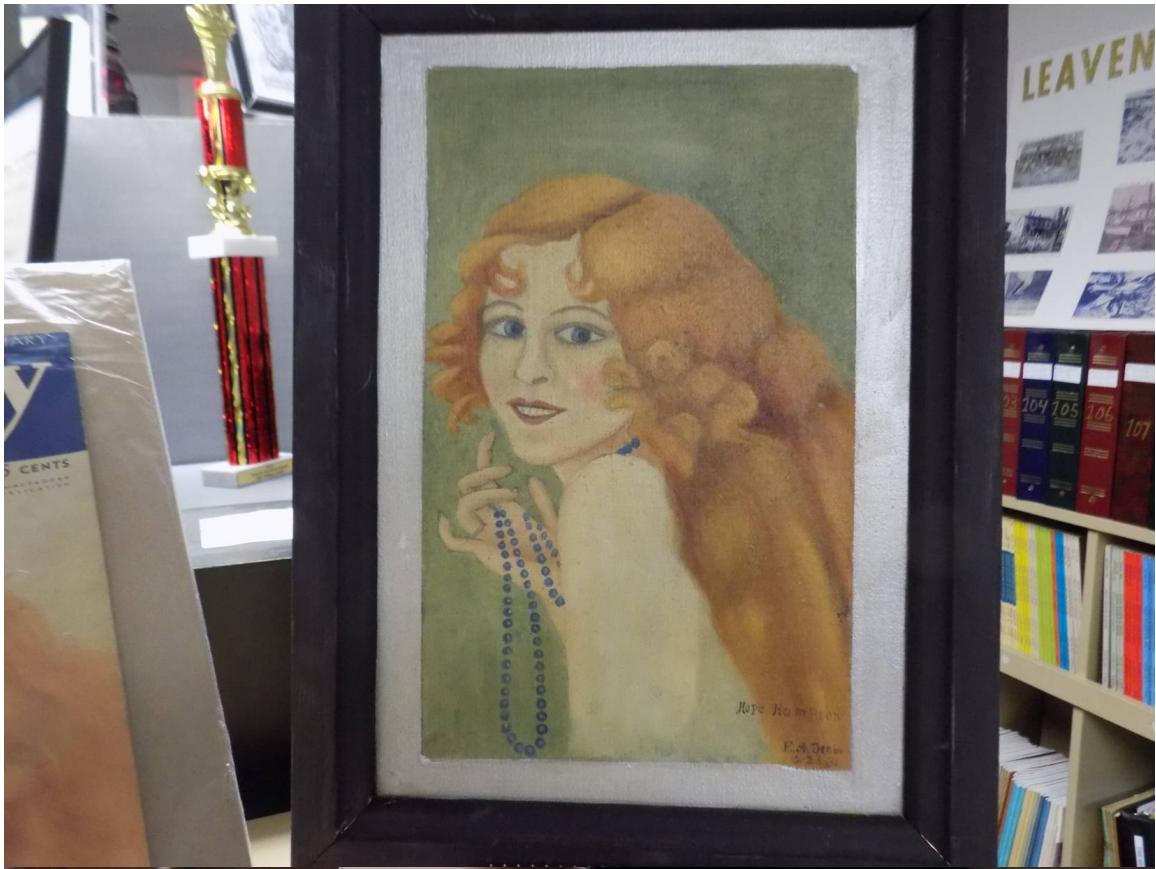
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So summing up, this building was Rocks Springs Church and school, Dog Creek School, and now Mathers Chapel Church, location Mathers Cemetery.

This is the only painting the artist done in every season. To my knowledge there were five oil paintings of the Dog Creek School.

Oil Painting Carl A. Doherty



Hope Hampton
A Silent Motion Picture actress and
producer of the turn of the last century
and later opera singer was as lovely
as she was talented

Oil Painting, Carl A DeLo
Feb 23, 1931

From the County Historian's Desk

Bell From First Courthouse At Mount Sterling.

Luther Dean and Gloria Beals Belcher, who lived in Kansas, donated this bell in January 2013 to the CCHGS. Gloria is the daughter of Winfred and Elva Brown Beals. Gloria had one brother, Ivan Ray, who died on January 2, 2013. Her husband Dean died on November 2, 2016 in Wichita, Kansas. Gloria still resides in Kansas.

This photo was taken in November 2014, for their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

Gloria said the bell was from the first courthouse in Crawford County; which was located at Mount Sterling. The bell was in her grandfather, John H. Brown's possession until it was handed down to her mother Elva Brown Beals. It is unknown how the bell became cracked.



This bell is from the first courthouse in Crawford County, Indiana which was located at Mount Sterling. This courthouse was established in 1818 and was a log cabin.

-Roberta Toby

Queries:

I'm completely new to all of the genealogy researching but I'm trying to find out information on my great, great grandmother, Lucy Belle Bullock Brown who was born in Crawford, Indiana on February 3, 1856 to a Washington Bullock & Mahala Conrad Bullock. She married a Robert Edward Brown on December 23, 1884 in Meade, Kentucky. Then died on October 6, 1890 & is buried in Fredonia, Crawford, Indiana. I'm at a loss on how to go about finding any information other than what I've found on ancestry.com so is there anything that you can tell me on what I might be able to do in order to find more information on her? I have a bracelet of hers that we are passing down to my cousin's daughter so I'm trying so hard to find as much information as possible on her & hoping to find someone that may have a picture of her too. So far, no one in my 'immediate' family has anything.

Thank you in advance for any advice or anything that you could offer up for help.

Sincerely,
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Previous Meeting Minutes:

No Meeting in January

CCHGS Meeting, February 13, 2018

The CCHGS met at 6:30 p.m. at their English building. President Bill Piper led the Pledge of Allegiance after a moment of silence.

Bill presented a program on Roman coins. Since the Roman Empire was so vast, these coins are still being discovered in many parts of the world. He passed around bronze coins dating from 337-361 AD during Emperor Constantius II reign. He also had coins from Emperors Licinius, Commodus, and Constantine I reigns. Constantine I was emperor from 306-337 AD, who converted the empire to Christianity.

Business Meeting

Minutes - were reviewed. No corrections so Roberta made a motion to accept them, 2nd by Louie, and the motion passed.

President's Report - Thinks the newsletter should go full digital this summer, except for a few local members without access to a computer. Would print some for them. Advantages - the newsletter could be much larger in scope and less costly. He announced the art show featuring Earl Denbo's paintings (a local artist now deceased) is March 27 from 5 to 8 p.m. at this location. It will also be our Grand Opening. Virginia Watson (daughter of Earl Denbo) and her daughter Lacey will provide the paintings and help set up the display. Light refreshments will be served.

Financial Report - Beginning balance as of Jan.9 was \$8,555.70. No deposits. Disbursements included Indiana Natural Gas, \$76.82. English Water Works, \$43.38, and Jeff Roll \$142.00 totaling \$262.20. Ending balance as of Feb.13 is \$8,293.50.

County Historian, Archives, and Veterans Memorial Reports - given by Roberta. She continues to help people with their research. There will be a Museum Boot Camp training session at New Albany on March 5 for those interested. Cost is \$30.00. She deposited \$217 for Dec. - Jan. She also gave \$15 in cash to Sharon, our treasurer, to deposit. No Veterans report as there haven't been any meetings.

Proctorville Report - Was a water leak in the line between the meter and the shelter house so the water has been turned off until it can be repaired. The Grant process - all of the bids received were over budget so had to be rebid. Notices were published twice. New bids to be picked up at the Courthouse on Feb. 22. , and brought here at our building to be opened at 3 p.m. Bill and Carol will be there and anyone else who is interested. The Proctor House account has \$3,234.12 plus our matching funds for the grant.

New Business - Becky H. Stetter has updated/expanded her history book for 4th graders. She's requesting that we partner with the DAR to publish it as a joint Bi-centennial project and to split the proceeds from any sales. The book will be given to every 4th grader (123 plus 5 teachers) in the county to take home. The DAR is requesting a grant from the CFCC to help with the cost of publishing. After some discussion, a suggestion was made to wait until the grant was obtained. Roberta will let Becky know.

Fund Raising - Roberta suggested a yard sale in April or May to be held at the VFW building. Will cost \$50 to rent. She will check with Clayton East for available dates.

Donations - Marc and Cathy Trueb from Oregon City, Oregon, gave some copies of the Marengo Observer dated 1905, 1908, and 1909. They are very brittle and need to be laminated.

No bills were presented.

Elaine Stephenson shared her concerns about Leavenworth, particularly Old Town. She has made a map listing all the historic places there. She would like to see more people coming to Leavenworth to live and work.

The meeting adjourned. Next meeting is March 13, 2018.

Those attending were Roberta Toby, Ruth Terry, Don Standiford, Carol Tomlinson, Louie and Diane Mitchell, Bill Piper, Clayton Blair, Michael Witt, Sharon Morris, Lou Austin, and Elaine Stephenson.

CCHGS Meeting, March 13, 2018

The CCHGS met at 6:30 p.m. at their English building. President Bill Piper led the Pledge of Allegiance after a moment of silence.

Lisa Gehlhausen gave an update on the status of the Proctor House Restoration project. The project was rebid due to the first bids coming in way over budget. The second time, the lowest bid was close enough to the budget so that the Society was able to obtain the necessary funds for the difference. The contractor has close ties to this county and really wants to do the restoration for us. After the release of the funds, there will be a construction meeting around April 3 or 4th.

David Wilkins who has been in charge of the Leavenworth Cemeteries since the 1980's talked about the Cedar Cemetery. He asked us to correct the name on our records as it is sometimes referred to as the "Cedar Hill" cemetery. He thought we may find records that say Cedar Hill starting around 1940. This is confusing as there is a Cedar Hill Cemetery in Corydon that sometimes gets mail meant for the cemetery in Leavenworth. He remarked that David Cole was the first to be buried in Cedar in 1846. He has also got about 30 graves marked in Old Town Cemetery in Leavenworth.

Jim Kaiser informed us that histories of all the Methodist churches in our district are being collected for a book. He had written a history of the Wickliffe Methodist Church which he shared with us. He thought we might be interested in writing a history of the Riddle Methodist Church to be included in the book. This church was established in 1838 and services were held continually until a couple of months ago when it was closed.

Business Meeting

Minutes - were reviewed. Roberta made a motion to accept them as written. It was 2nd by Ruth, and the motion passed.

President's Report - Bill will be helping Jenny Watson this week to set up her father's (Earl Denbo) art work for our grand opening and art show. He showed us a proof of the history book developed by Becky Stetter for 4th graders. It was lovely, but the printing costs were more than he anticipated. However, we have a donor who will pay for 200 copies.

Financial Report - Beginning balance as of Feb. 14 was \$8,293.50. Deposits from book sales, 2 memberships, and copies totaled \$187.00 which brought the balance to \$8,480.50. Disbursements included utilities, Jeff Roll and the Postmaster. It also included a transfer of \$4,000 to the Proctor House account to help with the funds needed for the Proctor House restoration. This total is \$4,551.11. Ending balance is \$3,929.39.

Membership is 73.

The Veterans Memorial Assoc. will be meeting at 7 p.m. on March 26, 2018, at the CASA building in English. Roberta will be attending an Historian Roundtable March 28 in Indianapolis. Jason Froman contacted her at the Archives as he is interested in genealogy. She is helping him with research.

Proctorville Report - The contents of the Proctor House need to be moved out soon due to the restoration. The purchase of a battery-powered lawn mower was discussed as Bill and sons plan to mow it this year. It was felt that it would save us money and so would soon pay for itself. Roscoe made a motion to purchase the mower. It was 2nd by Judy, and the motion passed.

The Proctor House account had a beginning balance of \$3,234.12 as of Feb. 14. Disbursements for utilities and O'Bannon Publishing Co. came to \$497.55. Ending balance is \$2,736.57.

Fund Raising Report - Our yard sale at the VFW building will be April 21. The Backyards Market event will be May 11 and 12. It features crafts, bands, etc. Tents can be rented and we might rent one to sell our books, etc.

Donations - Pictures of Luther and Aileen Jones who are buried in English were donated by Timothy Luff.

Old Business - Judy made a motion to purchase the 4th grade history books developed by Becky Stetter. It was 2nd by Ruth, and the motion passed. The books will be distributed to all 4th graders. We are partnering with the DAR for this project.

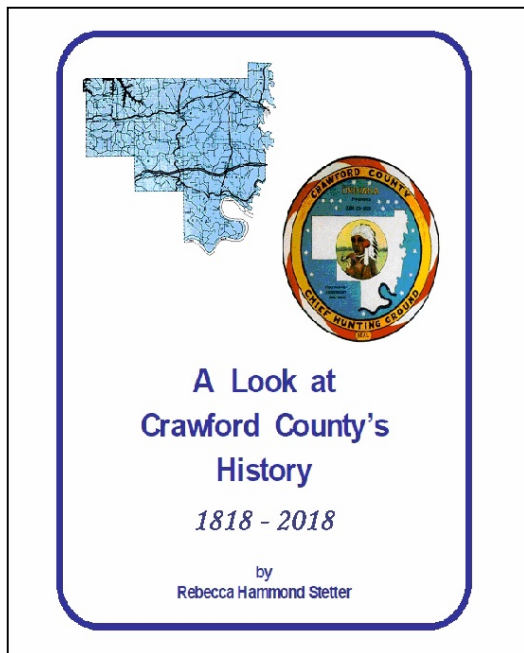
Those present were Roscoe Hooten, Judy Faith, Jason Froman, Roberta Toby, Ruth Terry, Elaine Stephenson, Lois Austin, Louie Mitchell. David Wilkins, Jim Kaiser, Kathy Stroube, Bill Piper, Sharon Morris, and Carol Tomlinson
Submitted by Carol Tomlinson, Secretary

Crawford County Veteran's Spotlight:

William Morgan

William was enrolled on the 1st day of April, 1865 to Company A, as a recruit. He was 42 years old. William was recruited late in the war to help increase the number of soldiers in the 49th, after sickness, death, and the first term of enlistment was up for the men. Most of the unit did not re-enlist. Only about one hundred or so men did, so men were recruited to bring up the numbers. William was one of these men. William served with the 49th Indiana until it was mustered out in September 13, 1865. William lived in Riceville, Crawford county, Indiana, before and after the war, where he resided with his wife, Margaret Morgan. Unfortunately for William, during a night of guard duty in July, 1865, he contracted a "Heavy Cold" during and because of a "Violent Rain Storm". This cold caused him to cough, severely, which led to two hernias. He was forced to wear a truss for the remainder of his life. Even so, he could do little, if any work, William spent the remainder of his life trying to get a pension. He is described as being a fine upstanding, honest man, by several of his peers.

History Books for 4th Graders



be handed out to the county's 4th graders for free.

-bP

The CCHGS has teamed up with the Ouiska Run Chapter of the National Society Daughters of American Revolution to pass out a 50 page history book of Crawford County to 4th graders. This is a slightly revised book that Becky Hammond-Stetter put together some years back. This book includes history of the area, lots of pictures and activities that people of all ages can do.

These will

1955 - 1967
The library opened its doors in the Zena Hicks building on Main Street June 1, 1955. A year later it expanded and moved to East Fifth St.

1955 - 1967
The first library card was issued on August 13, 1956, by Librarian Lelah Austin to her great niece, Miss Becky Hammond.

1959 - 1967
The library furnished bookmobile service from 1959 until 1967. It was a school bus, converted and remodeled inside with shelves and a small desk. The bus was painted dark green. Mr. Guide Hammond was the driver. (pronounced Gay-doe). On November 4, 1967, the bookmobile made its final trip. Its mission of linking the county's population to the main library had been accomplished. Nadine Hammond assisted her aunt Lelah Austin, and was named in charge when Lelah became ill. Lelah died in 1960.

1967 - 1995
The library moved to West Fifth Street in 1967. It suffered great damage in the 1979 flood. There were 33,000 volumes and countless historical mementoes lost and destroyed. The library moved to Indiana Avenue in 1995.

1967 - 1995
The Head Librarians were: Lelah Austin, 1954-1959; Nadine Hammond 1957-1974; Carol Lewis 1974-1976; Jewell Sears 1976-1991; Janice Holzbog 1991-1997; Janet LaBrec 1997-2001. Catherine Ramsey served as Library Director from 2001-2010, and Tracey Underhill is the current Director.

1995 - Present
The Breeden Memorial Library opened in Leavenworth in 1998 as a branch of the Crawford County Public Library, through donations by the Breeden family. It is now owned by the town of Leavenworth.

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.

Send your check to:
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CCHGS Treasurer
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Meetings

The Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm, at the CCHGS Headquarters (310 Oak Circle, English IN). You can 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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