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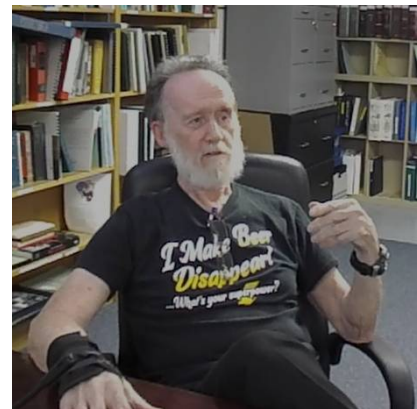
Welcome to the Summer 2018 edition of the Crawford Countian! The Proctor House restoration is well underway and some great progress has been made though a lot more still needs to be done.



In June I recorded two videos that are of great interest. One is of our guest speaker at the June meeting, Richard Key (pictured to the left), who spoke of his genealogy. The video will be up on youtube and linked from our facebook page as you are reading this. While the video recording was unable to capture his projected screen shots, it does capture his speech just fine and there is a lot of great information there! Also, we had John Flanigan (right) stop by for a sit down talk about his life in Crawford and beyond. I plan on

having that up at some point in the near future. Thanks to those gentlemen for doing the videos!

- William Piper; President of the CCHGS
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cover picture: Taken on the walkway to the "Chapel in the Hill" at Sulphur Springs

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Samuel Lea Riely

(picture provided by The Frederick Porter Griffin Center in Corydon IN)

Republican Representative of the House for Crawford and Harrison Counties; 1947, 1953. He was born November 5, 1892 in Corydon, Harrison, Indiana. Sam moved to Wyandotte, Crawford County, prior to legislative service. He was a graduate of Hanover College, A. B. 1914. He married Hildegarde Elizabeth Suetholz in 1922. They had two children. Sam served in the U. S. Army in WW I. At one time he managed a family owned drug store in

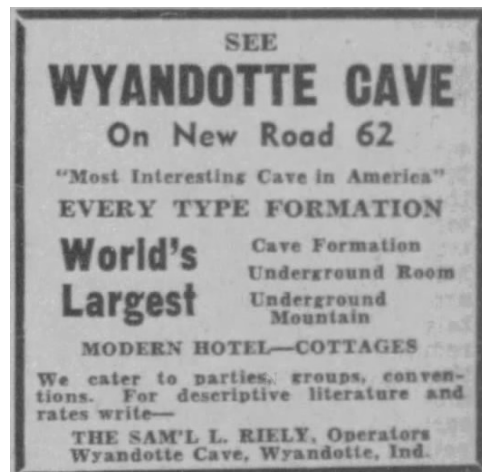
Corydon (pictured above). Later he was part owner and manager of Wyandotte Cave and Lodge, 1926-1956 and operated a motel in Florida during the winter. He was owner/operator of the Overlook Restaurant at the time of his death.

Samuel was Secretary/Treasurer of Old Capital Bank and Trust, 1922-27. He lost for State Representative in 1948, 1950 and 1954. Freemason; American Legion; Rotary; Chamber of Commerce; Lions; Cave Men of America; organizer and secretary of state and local hotel associations; Beta Theta Pi. He died September 17, 1956 at Wyandotte, Crawford, IN. (I have found his birth and death dates a year different). He is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Corydon, Indiana.

*This info taken from "A Biographical Directory of The Indiana General Assembly", Vol. 2. 1901-1984.

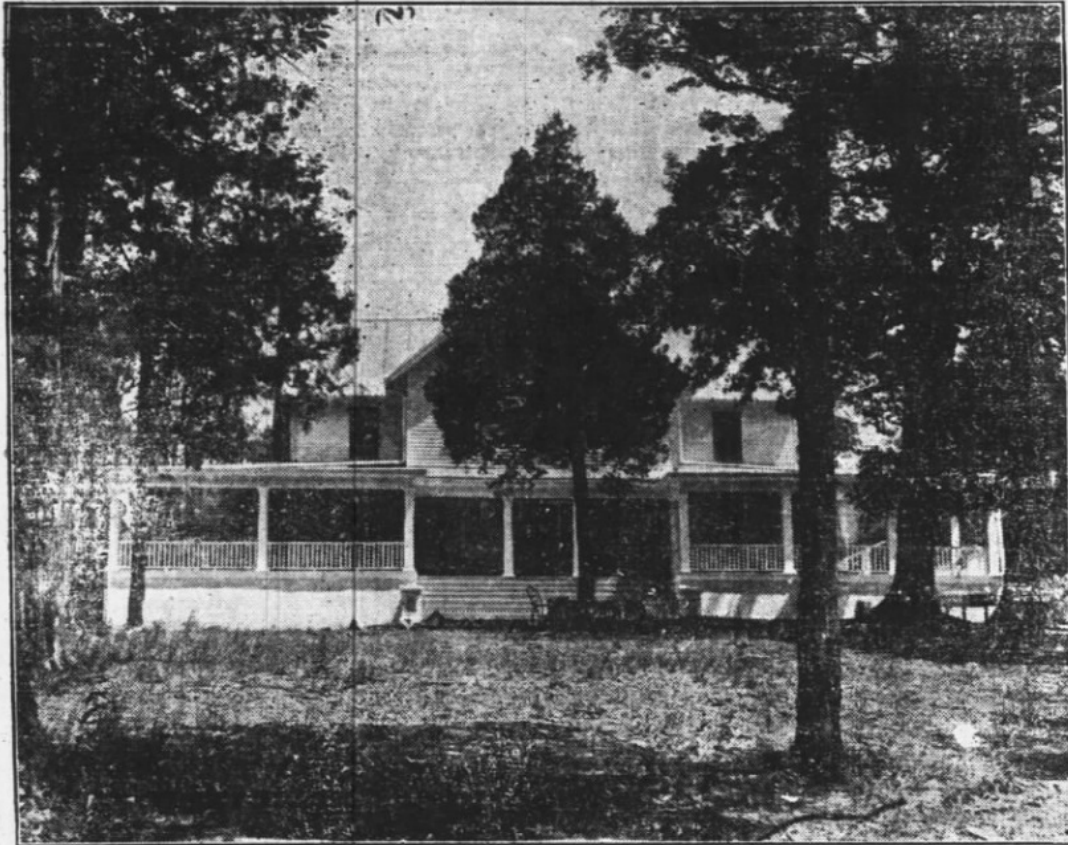
More info on Samuel Lea Riely from Genealogy.com message board;

Riely Brothers. Two brothers, Samuel L. and Louis S. Riely, sons of Louis and Rose (Wright) Riely, natives of Harrison County, Indiana, leased in 1926, for a term of twenty years, the Wyandotte Cave in Crawford County, Indiana, the second largest cave on the North American Continent. Since leasing it they have spent a large amount of money in improving this great natural wonder, have built a fine modern hotel and have made this one of the most interesting spots in Southern Indiana. Samuel L. Riely married on April 18, 1922 to Miss Hilda Suetholz of Kentucky; they have two children, Rosemary and Samuel L.



*Other sources for Samuel Lea Riely. www.findagrave.com and, newspaper articles from www.newspapers.com.

He worked in his father's drug store as a young man. He worked there as late as 1920. He and his brother, Stoy (Louis Stoy?), built a hotel at Wyandotte Cave, and planned to build the facility as a major resort. The hotel burned and the brother moved on.



A new hotel has just been completed at Wyandotte Cave. It has thirty rooms. The hotel is under the management of Riley Bros., two young men of Corydon, Ind.

By 1930, Samuel was living at the resort with two employees. In 1940, he and his wife Hilda were both managing the hotel and operating the caves. On his draft registration in 1942 he listed himself as operating the caves.

From an article in the September 20, 1956; Anderson Herald.

EX-LAWMAKER'S RITES SET.

Corydon, IN. Funeral services for Samuel L. Riely, 63, former Republican State Representative and manager of Wyandotte Caves & Lodge, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday. He died from a heart attack at the Lodge, Monday night.

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From the Logansport Pharos Tribune;
August 15, 1955.

Wyandotte Cave Lodge Burns; Guests
Routed.

Corydon, IN. Firemen today investigated a \$130,000 fire which destroyed the Wyandotte Cave Lodge, forcing 30 guests to flee Sunday. No one was injured. The blaze raged out of control before firemen from Corydon could get to the isolated Inn, located in a hilly section near the Ohio River.

The adjacent home of the Lodge manager, Samuel Riely, also was destroyed.

Corydon Fire Chief, Louis Jones said the blaze may have been started in one of the rooms, but the cause was not immediately determined.

The Lodge was built a few years ago on the site of a previous lodge, which also was destroyed by fire.

**Roberta Toby, Crawford County
Historian**

Cavern Operators Form Organization

WYANDOTTE, Ind. — (AP) — An American underground was formed here Friday when the Cave Men of America met to set up their own organization.

The charter members, operators of caverns in 11 states, gathered at the invitation of Samuel L. Riely, manager of Wyandotte cave. Riely said the purpose of the association will be "to further things of mutual interest and benefit in a national way and help postwar planning."

The Cave Men elected I. E. Smith, manager of Ohio Caverns in Ohio, as president; chose J. Frank Campbell, manager of Cave of the Winds in Colorado, as vice-president; and named Riely as secretary.

They also chose as directors H. H. Galloway, Longhorn Caverns, Tex.; Virgil Clymer, Howe Caverns, N. Y.; Charles M. Reis, Onondaga Cave, Mo.; Mrs. W. P. Fox, Great Onyx Cave, Ky.; and Dr. Robert Pohl, Mammoth Onyx Cave, Ky.

Queries

Thank you, Roberta. Here is what I would like posted.

I am looking for information on Emmaline Cox Jenkins born around 1862 in Crawford County per census records. She married Jeremiah "Jerry" Jenkins in 1888. They had three children: Ottie F., Arvil, and Lona. (Lona went to live with the Barney Haycock/Haycox family in the 1900's.) Emmaline seemingly died between 1900 and 1902 as Jeremiah remarried to a Lucy Tyree in 1902. Please contact Kim Smith at 317.442.2893 or at ksmith@indianafarmers.com.

If you have a query and want it featured in our newsletter, send to
billgpiper@hotmail.com or dign4kin@gmail.com

From the County Historian's Desk

When Did We Start Using Surnames?

After doing some research, it seems that nobody knows for sure. It happened at different times, in different areas of the world and for different reasons.

The earliest surnames were not inherited as they are today. They were just a description of the person who bore the name. In the early years the communities were small and it was unlikely that they would have the same given name. Communities grew and people started traveling, and being taxed, therefore it became necessary for surnames. The most common early naming system was called patronymics, (patro-father). If a man named John had children then they were known as ---Johnson and etc.

Some people acquired their surname by their occupation, such as Miller, Baker, Wellman (man who keeps the well). Cooper, Tanner, Cook, Shepherd etc. The most popular surname found is Smith, because of the many people who worked with metals.

The color of the hair or complexion was used, such as White, Black or Red which later was Reed. Sometimes two names were combined to form names like, Longfellow, Blackbeard, Drinkwater. A name could also be given regarding the social status, Squire, Knight, Bachelor. The name Palmer described a pilgrim who had returned from the Holy Land.

In England alone, there is an estimated 45,000 different surnames. The sources of these surnames is almost endless; nicknames, physical attributes, counties, heraldic charges, trades and almost every object known to mankind.

The son of a man named William might wind up being; Williams, Williamson, Will, Willett, Wills, Willis, Willimott, Wilkins, Wilkinson, Wilcox or Wilcoxson and so on. Denmark the ending --sen (for a son) and --datter (for a daughter) was attached to the father's name. e. g. Hansen, Sorensdatter.

Sweden: son and dottir were used. eg Anderson, Svendsdottir.

In the Netherlands: s, se and sen were used for a son or daughter.

Poland: wicz was used for a son and ovna was used for a daughter.

French/Old English: Fitz was used for a son or a daughter.

Scotland: Mac and Mc, (for a son or daughter), eg MacDonald or McCowan.

Ireland: O' and Mc (for a son or daughter).

Spain and Portugal: -ez or --es, such as Gonzales or Hernandez.

Sometimes people were named after the place where they lived.

People were also given a surname based on a characteristic of theirs such as, a very strong person might be named Strong, a good swimmer might be named Fish.

The earlier surnames were often changed from generation to generation, thus making it hard to trace genealogy. As time progressed, people stopped changing surnames from generation to generation. The first to stop changing the surnames were usually the people of royalty or nobility. These permanent surnames seem to appear after the first crusades. This started in France in about 1000, and the British surnames seemed to become permanent between 1250 and 1450. In the Netherlands, fixed surnames were officially adopted in 1811-1812, but it took a few decades for people to stop using a patronymic system. It wasn't until about 1860 that the Scandinavian people started adopting fixed surnames.

Almost all of us have a middle name, but few people know why middle names exist. Middle names in the United States, was almost unheard of before the late 1700's. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln did not have a middle name.

It was the German immigrants who first brought the custom to the U. S. in the early 19th century. They traditionally gave their children two names, a spiritual one, (usually for a saint), and a secular one to be used on a daily basis. Secular names eventually became known as middle names and by World War I almost all Americans had one. This is often used to honor or preserve family names.

For African American research in America, one needs to locate the owner of the person before 1870. Many were on plantations and had the same first name so a surname was given to distinguish them for the plantation owner's records. Often they were recorded with the names of their first owners. Sometimes they were given surnames based on their occupation, such as two men named Billy or William, one a blacksmith and the other herded sheep; they became William Smith and William Shepherd.

Some slaves were given as wedding gifts or inheritances. If they were from the wife's family then they were given the surname of the owner's wife's family.

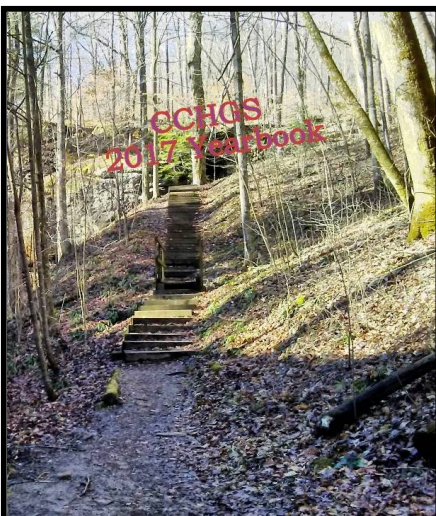
Some slaves used the surname of historical figures such as; Washington, Jefferson or Jackson.

When emancipation came about, some slave owners let them use their surname, especially if they liked them. Some used surnames before they were emancipated.

There is a lot of information online about this, and since there are so many countries in the world and they all started using the surnames at different times it might be useful for your family research to check into this, and also, you might be able to trace the origin of your surname.

My maiden name is Jenkins. I find that it probably started as Jinks or Jenks and then he had a son and his name was Jenkson or Jenkinson and then it eventually became Jenkins.

Roberta Toby
Crawford County Historian



New Book Available: 2017 Yearbook

Collects all 4 issues of the 2017 CCHGS Newsletter

\$15 (+ \$5 shipping if applicable)

Contact billgpiper@hotmail.com for details.

Previous meeting minutes:

April 10, 2018

The CCHGS met at 6:30 p.m. at its building in English. President Bill Piper opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes - were reviewed. Stan made a motion to approve them, Louie 2nd, and the motion passed.

President's Report - Bill commented on our awesome open-house/art show, and thought about 150-200 people attended. Had a great write-up in the Clarion newspaper. He's opening our building from 11 to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays for the public. New lawn mower works pretty well and is tough. We have a notice of our organization in the business section of the Clarion coming out soon. Chris Adams has interviewed Bill, Roberta, and Carol for an up-coming article on the 200th birthday of our county.

Vice-President's Report - Stan reported on where the dirt in Crawford County came from. Cherokee Indians had many legends about dirt. But, in the 20th century, we figured how dirt was formed. All dirt come from atoms created in a star. Thirteen billion years ago there were no atoms. Then a star exploded suddenly spewing out hydrogen, helium, and other elements. All elements come from stars exploding. The explosion creates a nuclear fusion reaction, and neutrons and protons are formed which are the nuclei of atoms. These nuclei bond together in various ways to form over a hundred different elements of which everything on earth (including dirt) is made. See the article on Nuclear Fusion that Stan handed out.

Financial Report - The beginning balance as of March 13th was \$3,929.39. Deposits from 3 memberships and 1 donation of \$1,000 brought the total to \$4,974.39. Disbursements for utilities and for the 200 4th grade history books we had printed totaled \$1,088.07. This leaves an ending balance of \$3,886.32 as of April 10th. Membership is 75.

County Historian, Archives, Veterans Memorial Reports - Roberta attended the County Historian Workshop in Indianapolis on March 28th. Alberta Baker of Louisville, KY, has donated a car load of genealogy and history books. She is working on documenting them all. She's still working on the Pioneer book, and Janet Johnson is contributing some photos and news articles for it.

Roberta has deposited \$109 for books sold, 1 membership, and copies from her work at the Archives. The new offices in the Archives building are finished and occupied - Veterans Service Office, Work One, and Homeland Security. Work will begin on the parking lot for the Memorial, landscaping, and putting in new bricks for veterans as soon as the weather permits. A piece of military equipment is still being discussed.

Proctorville Com. Report - The Proctor House has been emptied of all furnishings and cleaned. The contract with our contractor has been signed by all concerned - the County, the Society, and Regions 15. MyersWhite (our contractor) plans to begin the restoration work very soon.

Fund Raising - Yard sale at the VFW, Saturday April 21st. Be there at 6:30 a.m. to set up as no access to the site before then.

Donations - Work One - metal rack, Steve Eastridge - English Raider jacket; Bob Roberts - early 1900's pictures; Jim Kaiser - some books titled "Eckerty, Indiana, Revisited" about life in a circuit preacher's family in the 50's. It was written by an EUB preacher. We will sell them for \$10 each.

Old Business - The pricing of the 4th grade history books to be sold was discussed as the DAR thought they were priced too low. The Society hopes to sell them all so they're not just sitting on shelves. Stan made a motion for Bill to negotiate the price with the DAR, Louie 2nd it, and the motion passed.

Bills Presented - Roberta presented a bill for \$21.75 for the trash removal at Proctor House that was taken to the Marengo Recycling Center. It was approved to be paid.

Elaine Stephenson shared an idea for a map and had prepared a sample. She thought we might be able to print it and use it.

Meeting adjourned.

Those present were Jason Froman, Ruth Terry, Roberta Toby, Jim Kaiser, Louie Mitchell, Stan and Judy Faith, Andy and Glenda Laswell, Carol Tomlinson, Bill Piper, Elaine Stephenson, and Lou Austin.

May 8, 2018

President Bill Piper opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The program was presented by Richard Fields from Michigan who has written a book about his family's history, much of it here in the county. The book is titled "My Family Quest - A Search for My Ancestors". His grandfather lived in Birdseye and the house is occupied now by a young family. Russell Fields, a first cousin twice removed, lived here in Crawford and was a well-known and colorful character in the neighborhood. John and Juanita Sturm, neighbors of Russell, contributed a lot of information about Russell. Richard told amusing antidotes and read excerpts from his book. He gave much background information on how he became interested in genealogy and his efforts to trace his family's history. It was an amusing and informative narration. He commented that after Russell's death in 1993 there were no more Fields from his lineage in the county. There has also been a lot of tragedy in the family with a shooting and a 4 year old child turned over to the Poor Farm to be raised. His book is available in the library and also in the archives at the CCHGS building in English.

Business Meeting

Minutes - were reviewed. Louie made a motion to approve, Robin 2nd, and the motion passed.
President's Report - Work has begun on the Proctor House restoration. The floor was raised an inch but is still uneven. A wall separating two rooms upstairs has been torn down so just one big room now.
Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of April 10th was \$3,886.32. Deposits totaled \$7,004 which included donations of \$6500, memberships \$35, books \$120, two deposits by Bill and Roberta \$349. This brought the total to \$10,890.32. Disbursements of \$1,180.11 included utilities, house payment, O'Bannon publishing, and Sam Wilson for painting. This leaves an ending balance of \$9,710.21. Total membership is 78.
County Historian, Archives, and Veterans Memorial Assoc. Reports -Nothing from the Veterans as haven't been any meetings. Roberta deposited \$162 on May 4th for book sales and memberships from her work at the Archives. She reported a donation of old high school graduation invitations by Phyllis East Rock (Clayton East's sister). These were from 1931 to the Forties.
Nothing more to report on the Proctor House or fundraising.
Donations - Roberta donated a map of Crawford County dated 1817 that she purchased at the Historians' Roundtable in Indianapolis.
Bills - Bill presented a shipping bill of \$36.62. The bill was paid from \$40 that Bill had to deposit.
The meeting adjourned.
Those present were Ruth Terry, Roberta Toby, Juanita Sturm, John Sturm, Louie Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fields, Andy and Glenda Laswell, Carol Tomlinson, Bill Piper, and Robin Piper.

June 12, 2018

President Bill Piper opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The program was presented by Richard Key from California on his family's genealogy. He was fortunate that much of the genealogy history had already been researched by a relative, Dr. Marcus Key. Dr. Key, through DNA research, had traced the origin of the Key family back to 1379 in England and then much later to the New World. He had constructed a decadency, not a family tree. Everybody on the bottom tier had DNA testing that helped establish the lineage. Richard's family has good documentation. Richard talked a lot about his ancestor, Peter Key. Peter made the trip from Liverpool, England to the New World around Jamestown. He survived the ship's crossing when about 20% did not, arrived to a muddy swamp with a new environment, climate, and diseases, and had to adjust to a corn-based diet. There was a "Hurry Cane" that blew away cabins and caused great devastation. The Colonists wrote to the King. In the 1600's they began buying land from Maryland and Virginia. Petr was an indentured servant, and after completing his years of service bought 50 acres for him and fifty acres for his wife. He picked the name of Edinborough for his property. Richard said it was a miracle he was here today because Peter had to survive many hardships and difficulties. Even acquiring land ownership was a miracle because fewer than 30% of indentured servants accomplished that. Then Richard skipped 5 generations to talk about the Keys in Crawford County. Theophilus Key (the 3rd) brought the 1st generation to the county in 1832. The 1840 census showed Keys living in Marengo. His father was born there and graduated from Marengo High School in 1939. Jake Hanger was in his class. Richard's dad started the Marengo High School Alumni Association. Richard was also born there but graduated from high school in Indianapolis. His talk was very interesting with many questions for him afterward.
Business mtg.

Minutes - were reviewed. Louie made a motion to accept, Bill 2nd, and the motion passed.

No President's or Vice-President's reports

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of May 8, 2018, was \$9,710.21. Total deposits of \$313 brought the balance to \$10,023.21. Disbursements for insurance, utilities, and house payments came to \$791.88 which leaves an ending balance of \$9,231.33.

The Proctor House account had a beginning balance of \$47,215.80 with \$45,000 of it in reserve for the restoration project. This leaves \$2,215.80 for our working capital. A deposit of \$485.50 from the yard sale brought the balance to \$2,701.30. Disbursements for utilities were \$203.35 which leaves a balance of \$2,497.95.

No County Historian, Archives, or Veterans Memorial Assoc. reports

Proctorville Report - Work is progressing on the restoration. House has been power washed, windows removed for repairs, plants pulled up, and repairs on the interior walls. We need to choose the paint color for the exterior walls, and to decide on either wall paper or paint for the interior walls.

New Business - The annual election of officers was held. Jim Kaiser made a motion to elect the same officers by acclamation. Louie 2nd, and the motion passed.

Louie suggested paying off the house loan as we have enough money in the general fund to do so. The pros and cons were discussed. Jim made a motion to have the Executive Board look into it, Carol 2nd, and the motion passed.

No bills were presented.

The meeting adjourned.

Those present were Carol Tomlinson, Louie Mitchell, Don Standiford, Roscoe Hooten, Jim Kaiser, Bill and Robin Piper, Casey Blair, Clayton Blair, Michael Witt, Andy and Glenda Laswell. Guests were Cheri Van Pattu and Richard Key

Submitted by Carol Tomlinson, Secretary

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, 6:30pm, at the CCHGS Headquarters (310 Oak Circle, English IN). You can call 812-338-2579 to confirm.

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www.cchgs.org

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