

The Crawford Countian

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Welcome to the winter 2019 issue of "The Crawford Countian." For those who have not heard, the Proctor House restoration is complete! We now begin the task of decorating and setting up the place for a grand opening, hopefully in the spring at some point. Ideas and help would be greatly appreciated!

On a sad note, life long historian and friend of CCHGS, Doris Leistner recently passed away. During her lifetime, she published numerous books on various genealogy subjects relating to the area. Her work relating to Crawford County has been donated to the CCHGS and will be available for all at the headquarters building in English.



William Piper, CCHGS President
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cover picture is of the Little Blue River, north side of Sycamore Springs in English

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Remembering Doris....

IN MEMORIAM

Doris M. (Byrd) Leistner

Doris M. Byrd was born on November 10, 1928, at English, Indiana. Her parents were Russell and Lola (Apple) Byrd. She married Oscar L. Leistner, who preceded her in death, also a son Steven Leistner.

She is survived by two sons, Allen "Al" Leistner, (Cheryl), Panama Beach, Florida and Brian Leistner (Arleen Schwab), Louisville, Kentucky. Her brother Ralph Byrd of Elizabethtown, Kentucky and grandsons Matthew Leistner, Floyds Knobs, Indiana and Patrick Leistner, Panama City Beach, Florida.



In her early years her parents lived a few miles north of English, Indiana on highway 37. Sometime after the 5th or 6th grade they moved to Perry County, Indiana. Doris graduated from Tell City High School in 1946 as

Salutatorian. She was a former member of Evangelical United Church of Christ and Tri-Kappa. She had worked as a medical social worker for Perry County Memorial Hospital from 1972-1976. She became interested in genealogy more than 50 years ago and was appointed county historian for Perry County from 1981-1991. She also served as Past President and genealogy chairman for the

Historical Society of Perry County. She served as Chairman for the New Albany Bicentennial in 2013. She was also a member of the Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society.

The Indiana Historical Society awarded her the 1996 Honorary Member Award and the Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award.

In her more than 50 years of doing genealogy research she helped many, many people with their ancestry. She compiled many census, marriage, cemetery and other types of records. Most of her research was in regard to Crawford and Perry Counties.

Doris dearly loved genealogy work and helping others with their research. When she started doing research you had to travel to the source and everything was handwritten. She made many trips over the years to Indianapolis and other places, spending many days and weeks there gathering info. Nowadays, when we can get so

much information from the internet, we have a tendency to forget about all the work and effort that someone did to place it there for our convenience.

Doris and I always enjoyed our visits together. She, along with the CCHGS made a nomination for me to become the County Historian of Crawford County.

My last visit with Doris was at the Autumn Woods Convalescent Center in New Albany, which was probably less than a mile from where she lived. This was about three weeks before she passed. At 90 years of age, her mind was so sharp and she was ready to do another 10 or 15 years of work.

On behalf of the CCHGS and myself, we are truly grateful for all the help and resources given to us by Doris and her sons.

Doris was interred on January 5, 2019 beside her husband, Oscar L. Leistner in the Greenwood Cemetery at Tell City, Indiana. Their graves are located a few rows behind the Tell City Plane Crash Memorial at the top of the hill. (This is a large cemetery).

Doris will be greatly missed. Her work will be a great asset to many for generations to come.

*Roberta Toby
Crawford County Historian*

From the Desk of the County Historian.....

The Ferry On Blue River

This is from the Commissioners Record Book for 1885-1890 pgs. 566 & 567.
(typed as recorded in book)

In the Matter of Application for Public Ferry Across Little Blue River on the Leavenworth & Alton Rd.

}Petition

Comes now W. F. Seales and files and presents his application for a ferry across Little Blue River at the crossing of the road known as the Leavenworth and Alton road and it appearing to the Satisfaction of the board that the Said W. F. Seales is the lessee of the lands bordering on Little Blue River at that point and that B. J. Parris the owner of the lands on the opposite side and that the said W. F. Seales has given notices of the pendency of this petition by posting proper notices thereof in three public places in Crawford County, and the Said W. F. Seales having made his bond to the State of Indiana in the penal Sum of Five hundred dollars with Surety to the acceptance and approval of the County Auditor it is therefore ordered that a public ferry be and the Same is hereby established across Little Blue River at the crossing of

Leavenworth & Alton road, and that W. F. Seales be and he is hereby licensed to keep the same, and that he constantly keep on hands and in a Safe Condition for use one flat-bottomed ferry Boat Sufficient to carry with Safety One Two horse Team and wagon also to keep one Skiff Sufficient to carry six persons with Safety, and that he be permitted to charge for each wagon 5 cts. For each Team of four horses 20 cts. For each Team of two horses 10 cts. For a buggy and two horses 15 cts, for a Single horse and buggy 10 cts for a single horse and rider 10 cts, and for Single person 5 cts: that he Shall transport all persons with their property who shall apply for the Same between daylight in the morning and dark in the evening and at any hour of the night if required except in cases of evident danger on them tendering to him double the rate allowed in day time; that he cause the banks of the river to be dug Sufficiently low to afford easy and Safe ingress and egress to and from such ferry and keep the same in save and convenient passable order for the passage for man and horse wagons and other vehicles.

I James Bobbitt hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Board of Commissioners, County and State aforesaid at their Sept Term 1890

James Bobbitt A. C. C.

Same Book 5th day of March 1890 pgs.465 & 466

Comes now Wm. F. Seales and files the following application in words and figures to wit:

I, Wm. F. Seales here by apply for a ferry license to run and operate a ferry over and across Little Blur River near the mouth of said stream where the Leavenworth and Alton Public highway crosses said Stream from and upon the land of Burton J. Parr and Abraham N. Peckinpaugh near the mouth of said little Blue River said ferry to be run and operated according to law

Signed Wm. F. Seales

The Board being fully advised in the premised and in consideration of a Bond of five hundred dollars executed by the Said W. F. Seales and A. N. Peckinpaugh, grants said request and ordered the Auditor to grant a permit to said W. F. Seales to run and operate and run a ferry as set forth in the application until June Term of Com. Court.

Ordered by the Board that all Publications made for or ordered by the Commissioners shall be Published in the Crawford County Democrat.

Signed James G. Thurston

Henry S. Batman

}Commissioners

William Wilks

Roberta Toby
County Historian

Crawford County WWI Soldiers

The following information was sent to me by Taylin Allen. This is from the book titled "Indiana Book of Merit." Some of these men were featured in the last newsletter but there is some new information provided here.

Austin, Fred

Second Lieutenant, Transportation Corps
Order of the Black Star, Chevalier (France).
By Presidential Decree of September 24,
1919, No. 3976, Paris, France. No specific
citation of record.

Born March 30, 1895, Riceville; son of
Paluski D. and Rebecca (Nelson) Austin.
Farmer, Birdseye. Enlisted June 29, 1914,
Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Assigned to
Company E, 30th Infantry; transferred to
Company E, 38th Infantry; to Base Section
No. 7, Service of Supply. Corporal, July 12,
1916; sergeant, March 7, 1917; supply
sergeant, July 23, 1917; second lieutenant,
July 11, 1918. Overseas April 30, 1918 -
July 20, 1919. Wounded June 18, 1918.
Discharged August 13, 1919. Married Alta L.
King. Birdseye.



Morgan, Thomas Lewis

Sergeant, 43516, Company H, 16th Infantry, 1st Division.

Silver Star. General Orders No. 1,
Headquarters 1st Division, Camp Zachary
Taylor, KY., January 1, 1920: The Division
Commander cites the following officers and
soldiers for gallantry in action and especially
meritorious services:...Sergeant Thomas L.
Morgan, Company H, 16th Infantry...By
command of Major General Summerall:
Stephen O. Fuqua, Colonel, General Staff,
Chief of Staff. Official: R. E. Fraile,
Lieutenant Colonel, A. G. D., Division Adjutant.
Record. Born October 19, 1900, Taswell; son
of Hiram Elwood and Margaret (Smith)
Morgan. Farmer, Taswell. Enlisted May 12,
1917, Fort Thomas, KY. Training: Fort
Thomas, KY; Camp Syracuse, NY. Assigned to Company A, 38th Infantry;
transferred to Company H, 16th Infantry. Private first class, February 1, 1918;
corporal, August 1, 1918; sergeant, October 23, 1918. Overseas November 22,



1917. Battles: Chateau-Thierry, Aisne--Marne, Meuse-Argonne. Killed in action November 7, 1918, Meuse-Argonne. Buried at Taswell.

Myers, Allan Gordon

Corporal, 41762, Company A, 16th Infantry, 1st Division.

Silver Star. General Orders no. 1, Headquarters 1st Division, Camp Zachary Taylor, KY., January 1, 1920: The Division Commander cites the following officers and soldiers for gallantry in action and especially meritorious services:

Corporal Allan G. Myers, Company A, 16th Infantry...By command of Major

General Summerall: Stephen O. Fuqua, Colonel, General Staff, Chief of Staff. Official: R. E. Fraile,

Lieutenant Colonel, A. G. D., Division Adjutant.

Record. Born December 1, 1895, Alton; son of Josephus and Anna Gordon (Smith) Myers.

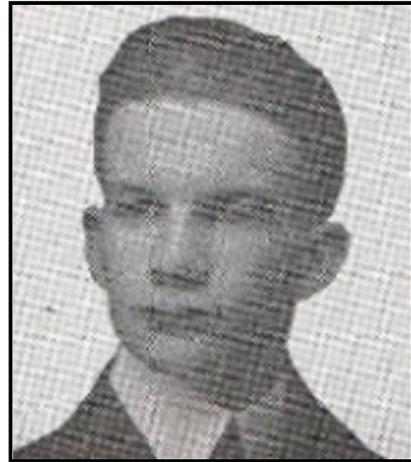
Teacher, Alton. Enlisted April 19, 1917, Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Training: Jefferson Barracks, Mo.;

El Paso, TX. Assigned to Company A, 16th Infantry. Private first class, December 15, 1917;

corporal, December 24, 1917. Overseas June 12, 1917. Battles: Aisne-Marne, Bathelmont,

Rembercourt, Montdidier, Cantigny, Grivesnes, Soissons. Killed in action July 21, 1918, near

Soissons. Buried in Orchard Knob Cemetery, Alton.



Carroll, William

Corporal, 129793, 15th Field Artillery, 2nd Division.

Silver Star. Citation Orders No. 6, General Headquarters, A.E.F., France, June 3, 1919: The following named officers and enlisted men are cited for gallantry in action and are entitled to wear a silver

star...Private William Carroll, Headquarters Company, 15th Field Artillery. For gallantry

in action in the Bois de Belleau, France, June 6-27, 1918, in repairing telephone

lines under heavy fire...By command of General Pershing: James G. Harbord, Chief

of Staff. Official: Robert C. Davis, Adjutant General.

Silver Star. General Orders No. 40, Headquarters 2nd Division, A.E.F., France

July 5, 1918: The names of and the deeds performed by the following named officers

and enlisted men of this division are published as being well worthy of emulation

and praise: ... Private William Carroll, Headquarters Company, 15th Field Artillery.



Displayed exceptional bravery and devotion to duty under shell fire, in repeatedly repairing telephone lines into Infantry front lines under especially heavy shell fire, both day and night. They have rendered conspicuous service in the recent operations against the enemy in this sector, remaining cool and collected under heavy fire in close proximity to the enemy. This on the night of the 6th-7th of June, 1918, and subsequently...By command of Major General Bundy: Preston Brown, Colonel, General Staff, Chief of Staff. Official: William W. Bessell, Adjutant General, Adjutant.

Citation Certificate - Gallantry in Action. March 27, 1919: For distinguished and exceptional gallantry at Bois de Belleau on June 6-7, 1918, in the operations of the American Expeditionary Forces; in testimony thereof, and as an expression of appreciation of his valor, I award him this citation. John J. Pershing, Command-in-Chief.

Croix de Guerre (Belgium). By Royal Decree of February 27, 1920, No. 6776. The Minister of the National Defense. No specific citation of record.

Croix de Guerre with gold star (France). Order no. 11.435 "D", November 9, 1918, General Headquarters, French Armies of the North and Northeast: He displayed bravery and self-sacrifice in frequently repairing the telephone lines up to the front, day and night, under a particularly violent bombardment. He rendered great service by his calm and coolness.

Record. Born August 17, 1895, Milltown; son of James W. and Louanna (Overton) Carroll. Laborer, Milltown. Enlisted April 18, 1917, Jefferson Barracks, MO. Training: Pine Camp, NY. Assigned to Battery B, 4th Field Artillery; transferred to Headquarters Company, 15th Field Artillery. Private first class, August 16, 1918; corporal, September 9, 1918; private, June 9, 1919. Overseas December 12, 1917 - August 4, 1919. Battles: Troyon, Aisne, Chatcau-Thierry, Aisne-Marne, Marbache, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, Champagne. Discharged August 14, 1919. Married Helen Catheryn Bock. Louisville, KY.

Spencer, Knofle (no pic available)

Private first class, 42435, Company C, 16th Infantry, 1st Division.

Silver Star. General Orders No. 5, Headquarters 1st Infantry Brigade, A.E.F., Selters, Germany, June 1, 1919: The Brigade Commander cites the following officers and men for gallant and courageous conduct during their participation in all of the four major operations of this division: Montdidier-Noyon defensive, Aisne-Marne offensive, St. Mihiel offensive, Meuse-Argonne offensive: 16th Infantry...Company C...Private first class Knofle Spencer...By command of Brigadier General Parker: J. W. Crissy, Major, Infantry, Brigade Adjutant.

Record. Born 1896, Milltown. Enlisted April 19, 1917, Jefferson Barracks, MO. Assigned to Company C, 16th Infantry. Private first class, April 1, 1919.

Overseas June 14, 1917 - September 5, 1919. Discharged September 25, 1919. Milltown.

Crabtree, Clarence Dow

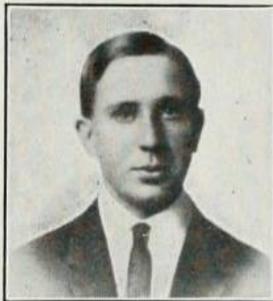
Private first class, 44390, Company M, 16th Infantry, 1st Division.

Silver Star. General Orders No. 1, Headquarters 1st Division, Camp Zachary Taylor, KY, January 1, 1920: The Division Commander cites the following officers and soldiers for gallantry in action and especially meritorious services...Clarence D. Crabtree, private first class, Company M, 16th Infantry ... By command of Major General Summerall: Stephen O. Fuqua, Colonel, General Staff, Chief of Staff. Official: R. E. Fraile, Lieutenant Colonel, A. G. D., Division Adjutant.

Croix de Guerre with palm (France). Order No. 51, June 17, 1918, Headquarters, 1st French Army: On May 7, 1918, violently attacked with grenades by the enemy ambushed nearby, he valiantly continued the fight until he was seriously wounded in the arm. He attracted the admiration of his comrades by his stoical calmness; he insisted on walking to the dressing station.

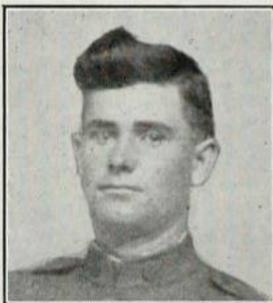
Record. Born June 3, 1896, Indianapolis; son of Lowell B. and Emma (Carohoff) Crabtree. Rancher, Marengo. Enlisted February 19, 1916, Jefferson Barracks, MO.; previous service on Mexican border. Training: Fort Jay, NY. Assigned to Company I, 16th Infantry; transferred to Company M, 16th Infantry. Overseas September 1, 1917. Private first class, December 16, 1917. Battles: Artois, Toul, Picardy, Cantigny. Wounded May 8, 1918, Cantigny; died, Base Hospital No. 9, July 14, 1918. Buried in St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France--grave 20, row 8, block A.

The next bit of information comes the Gold Star honor roll, which lists all those service men and women who died during WWI. This book can be found at: <https://archive.org/details/goldstarhonorrol00indi/>



BYRUM, ALVIN FETZER - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of Sampson M. and Carrie M. Byrum (Nash) deceased; born January 2, 1895, Marengo, Ind. Hotel clerk. Entered service at Chickasha, Okla. (Date not known). Went overseas, and was killed in action October 24, 1918, in Argonne Forest, near Bantheville, France. (Place of burial unknown).



CARBERRY, LEVI - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of James M. and Mary E. Carberry; born November 2, 1889, Boone Township, Crawford County, Ind. Farmer. Enlisted in Troop D, 1st Cavalry, Indiana National Guard (Company M, 152nd Infantry) August 27, 1917, New Albany, Ind. Sailed for France June 12, 1918; assigned to Company B, 8th Machine Gun Battalion. Killed in action October 16, 1918, Meuse-Argonne offensive. Buried in the Argonne-American Cemetery, Romagne, Grave 5, Sec. 102, Plot 1.



CRABTREE, CLARENCE DON - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of Lowell B. and Emma Crabtree; born June 3, 1896, Indianapolis, Ind. Rancher. Enlisted in U.S. Regular Army February, 1916, Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Served on Mexican Border. Transferred to Ft. Jay, N. Y. Embarked September 1, 1917; assigned to Company M, 16th Infantry, 1st Division. Died of wounds July 14, 1918, received in action near Cantigny. Buried in American Cemetery, Chateaurou-Indre, France. Awarded Croix de Guerre with palms, (posthumously).



DAVIS, ARTHUR STEWART - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of Lyman and Honor Davis; born November 2, 1891, Leavenworth, Crawford County, Ind. Button cutter. Entered service June 14, 1918, English, Ind. Trained at Indianapolis; Camp Sheridan, Ala.; Detroit, Mich. Assigned to Company D, 9th Motor Supply Train. Died of pneumonia December 2, 1918, Akron, Ohio. Buried, Leavenworth, Ind. American Legion Post, Leavenworth, Ind., named in his honor. Survived by widow, Lela Mode Davis, and children, Revonah, Irma, and Ralph Davis, Leavenworth, Ind.



DUKES, CLEO WALTER - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of John J. and Emma L. Dukes; born January 18, 1895, near Milltown, Crawford County, Ind. Farmer. Entered service June 23, 1918, English, Ind. Sent to Camp Sherman, Ohio; assigned to Company A, 334th Infantry, 84th Division. Transferred to Camp Mills, N. Y., and embarked August 30, 1918. Died of pneumonia October 22, 1918, at Evacuation Hospital No. 9 of Vaubecourt. Buried near Vaubecourt, France.



EASTER, EDWARD ARTHUR - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of Phillip and Laura Poindexter Easter; born February 8, 1893, Newton Stewart, Orange County, Ind. Moved to Crawford County, in 1909. Farmer. Entered service July, 1918, English, Ind. Sent to Camp Taylor, Ky., and assigned to 50th Company, 13th Training Battalion, 159th Depot Brigade. Transferred to Medical Department, 5th Regiment Infirmary, 159th Depot Brigade. Died of pneumonia October 8, 1918, Camp Taylor, Ky. Buried, Newton Stewart, Orange County, Ind.



GOLDMAN, ELMER LESTER - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of David and Minerva Goldman; born October, 3, 1894, near West Fork, Crawford County, Ind. Farmer. Enlisted September 19, 1917, English, Ind. Sent to Camp Taylor, Ky.; assigned to Company G, 335th Infantry. Transferred to Camp Sevier, S. C.; assigned to Company I, 119th Infantry, 30th Division. Overseas May 12, 1918. Participated in battle of Kemmel Hill. Killed in action September 29, 1918. Buried in Old Hickory Cemetery, France.



JONES, CHARLES RALPH - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of J. Evan and Annie Jones; born November 19, 1892, Temple, Crawford County, Ind. Farmer. Entered service September 20, 1917, English, Ind. Sent to Camp Taylor, Ky. Transferred to Camp Sevier, S. C.; assigned to Company F, 120th Infantry, 30th Division. Embarked May 17, 1918. Died of pneumonia November 4, 1918, Payton, England. Buried in National Cemetery, New Albany, Ind. Survived by widow, Lelah Jones, Temple, Ind.



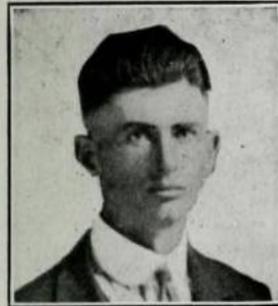
LANE, LUTHER - - - - - SEAMAN, 2ND CLASS

Son of Barzella and Nancy A. Lane; born January 28, 1895, Eckerty, Crawford County, Ind. Farmer. Enlisted in U.S. Navy, July 12, 1918, English, Ind. Sent to Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago; assigned to Company E. Transferred to Puget Sound, Wash., at which place he died of pneumonia, October 2, 1918. Buried in Eastridge Cemetery, Crawford County, Ind.



LAWRENCE, ISAAC WILSON - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of Pave and Rosa Lawrence; born April 11, 1892, near Eckerty, Crawford County, Ind. Farmer. Entered service March 16, 1918, English, Ind. Trained at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.; assigned to Medical Department, 166th Infantry, Forty-second (Rainbow) Division. Overseas in April, 1918. Wounded at Bois d' Echelon near Suippes, in the Champagne-Marne Sector, July 15, 1918. Died while being moved to hospital. Buried, Bussy-le-Chateau, France, Grave No. 2.



LEVELL, NOLAN ELMER - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of Charles and Mary A. Levell; born August 11, 1896, near English, Ind. Farmer. Entered service September 5, 1918, Eldora, Iowa, where he was working. Trained at Camp Dodge, Iowa.; assigned to 43rd Company, 11th Battalion, 163rd Depot Brigade. Died of pneumonia October 15, 1918, Camp Dodge. Buried in Mt. Sterling Cemetery, English, Ind.



MELTON, WILLIAM KIPER - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of John W. and Mary A. Melton; born February 5, 1889, Wickliffe, Crawford County, Ind. Farmer. Entered service September 20, 1917, English, Ind. Trained at Camp Taylor, Ky., Camp Sevier, S. C. Assigned to Company G, 335th Infantry; Company K, 335th Infantry; Company L, 119th Infantry, 30th Division. Overseas in May, 1918. Caught in barrage while on patrol duty and killed instantly August 2, 1918. Buried at Four Elms, near Poperinghe, Belgium.



MONK, ROBERT SILAS - - - - - NAVY

Son of Thomas Robert and Ida May Monk (both deceased); born August 10, 1890, near Marengo, Crawford County, Ind. High school student. Enlisted in U.S. Navy, 1906. Assigned to Medical Department on hospital ship, *Relief*, when U.S. Fleet made world cruise, 1908. Served on the *Columbia*, when acting as convoy for transports. Died August 10, 1918, Chelsea, Mass. Buried, Chelsea, Mass. Survived by widow, Marie Fergusson Price Monk, who served with husband in Navy as Yeomanette.



MORGAN, THOMAS LEWIS - - - - - SERGEANT

Son of Hiram Elwood and Margaret Morgan; born October 19, 1900, near Taswell, Crawford County, Ind. Farmer. Enlisted in U.S. Regular Army May 7, 1917, Louisville, Ky. Trained at Ft. Thomas, Ky., and Camp Syracuse, N. Y. Sailed October 18, 1917; assigned to Company H, 16th Infantry, 1st Division. Killed in action November 7, 1918. Buried in American Cemetery No. 1203, Letanne Sedan, Ardennes, France. Cited for gallantry in action.



MYERS, ALLAN GORDON - - - - - CORPORAL

Son of Josephus and Annie G. Myers; born December 1, 1895, Alton, Crawford County, Ind. School teacher. Enlisted in U.S. Regular Army April 19, 1917, Indianapolis, Ind. Sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; transferred to El Paso, Tex.; assigned to Company A, 16th Infantry, 1st Division. Embarked June 14, 1917. Killed in action July 21, 1918, in Aisne-Marne Offensive. Buried at Ploisy, Aisne, France. Cited for gallantry in action and meritorious conduct.



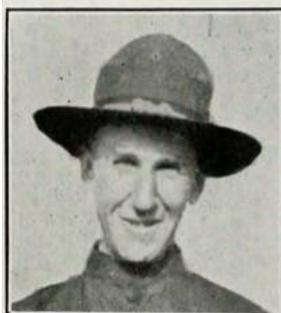
PITTMAN, CHARLES FRANKLIN - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of George and Alice B. Pittman; born November 17, 1892, Marengo, Ind. Steel worker. Entered service June 24, 1918, English, Ind. Sent to Camp Taylor, Ky.; assigned to 55th Company, 14th Battalion, 159th Depot Brigade. Transferred to Ft. Benj. Harrison, Ind.; assigned to Company B, 22nd Engineers. Embarked September 15, 1918. Drowned while bathing in the Meuse River, March 27, 1918. Buried, Grave 191, Cemetery 614. Survived by widow Ercle Brumfield Pittman and Charles Pittman, Jr., Louisville, Ky.



POLEN, JAMES WILLIAM - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of James W. and Jane Polen; born October 6, 1887, Crawford County, Ind. Farmer. Entered service May 7, 1918, English, Ind. Sent to Camp Taylor, Ky.; transferred to Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; assigned to 34th Engineers, Headquarters Company. Overseas August 16, 1918. Returned to United States, January 20, 1919. Discharged March 18, 1919. Died June 12, 1920 of tuberculosis contracted in service. Buried, Bethany Union, Ind.



RANDALL, LEROY DENNIS - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of Charles and Sarah E. Randall; born April 15, 1890, Near Marengo, Crawford County, Ind. Farmer. Entered service September 19, 1917, English, Ind. Sent to Camp Taylor, Ky. Transferred to Camp Sevier, S. C.; assigned to Company D, 120th Infantry, 30th Division. Overseas in May, 1918. Killed in action October 10, 1918, on Ypres front, or Chemel Hill. Buried in American Cemetery, Bony-Aisne, France.



SMITH, ALONZO JOSEPH - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of Stephan and Linda Smith (deceased); born October 4, 1890, Depauw, Harrison County, Ind. Moved to Crawford County in 1908. Farmer. Entered service 1907, Louisville, Ky. Honorably discharged. Enlisted in U.S. Army July 28, 1917; transferred to Marine Corps, and went overseas with the first contingent of Marines. Wounded four times. Invalided to U.S. Died of pneumonia February 7, 1920, Camp Mead Shipyard, Pa., the same day he received his discharge. Buried, Milltown, Ind.



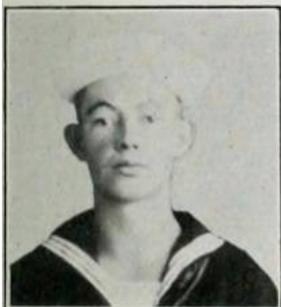
SMITH, CARL - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of John H. and Belle P. Smith; born March 25, 1893, Leavenworth, Crawford County, Ind. Railroad employe. Entered service July 28, 1917, Louisville, Ky. Trained at Ft. Thomas, Ky., Camp Colt, Pa., and Camp Green, N. C. Overseas May 20, 1918; assigned to Company G, 59th Infantry, 4th Division. Died of wounds November 11, 1918, received in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. Buried in Argonne-American Cemetery, Romagne, France.



STROUD, CLARENCE ALVA - - - - - PRIVATE

Son of William and Mary Ann Stroud; born March 13, 1894, Temple, Crawford County, Ind. Teamster. Entered service September 19, 1917, St. Francesville, Ill. Trained at Camp Taylor, Ky., and Camp Pike, Ark. Embarked from New York, April, 1918; assigned to Company L, 58th Infantry, 4th Division. Killed in action Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. (Place of burial unknown). Survived by widow, Ruth Ridgely Stroud, St. Francesville, Ill.



THOMPSON, LLOYD - - - - - SEAMAN, 2ND CLASS

Son of John C. and Eliza Thompson; born June 12, 1901, Wabash County, Ill. Moved to Crawford County, Ind., in 1908. Farmer. Entered U.S. Navy July 25, 1918, Indianapolis, Ind. Trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Ill. Promoted to second class seaman after one month's service. Died of pneumonia October 5, 1918, in hospital at Great Lakes, Ill. Buried at Marengo, Ind.



WEATHERS, ARTHUR ROSCOE - - - PRIVATE

Son of Alonzo and Rebecca A. Weathers; born October 20, 1892, near Marengo, Crawford County, Ind. Steeple painter. Entered service June 24, 1918, English, Ind. Sent to Camp Sherman, Ohio; assigned to Company B, 334th Infantry, 84th Division. Embarked from Camp Mills, N. Y., in August, 1918. Transferred to 16th Infantry, 1st Division. Served in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. Died of pneumonia October 21, 1918. Buried at Brizeaux, Meuse, France.

Previous meeting minutes:

October 09, 2018

President Bill Piper opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No program.

Minutes - were reviewed. No corrections so Roscoe made a motion to approve. Louie 2nd, and the motion passed.

Presidents' Report - Bill is working on the newsletter which is going to be WW I related.

Treasurer's Report - The beginning balance as of September 12 was \$9,895.03. Deposits from digital books and a membership equaled \$65.00. Disbursements for utilities and our house payment totaled \$236.18. The ending balance as of October 9 is \$9,725.35. Total membership is 58.

County Historian, Archives, and Veterans Memorial Assoc. Reports - Roberta and Bill attended the Historical Society's meeting in Corydon at the Discovery Center. The Center has a very good mock- up of an old post office. The William Henry Harrison cabin is just down the street from the Center. It is very interesting as it has many of his artifacts. Roberta deposited \$107.00 from her work at the Archives. The Veterans Memorial Assoc. is trying to have the old cannon in old English moved to the Memorial site. The eagle needs painting or be replaced with something that does not tarnish.

Proctorville Report - The second payment of \$16,957.60 has been made to Myers White, Inc. for their restoration work on the Proctor House. The outside is ready to be painted, and a red color has been selected. The plasterers are about finished, and it looks really good.

Insurance coverage on the house is required, so Carol presented 3 quotes from different companies. After a discussion, Roscoe made a motion to accept the proposal from Bennett and Bennett in Corydon. Roberta 2nd and the motion passed.

Fund Raising - We will have a booth at the Sorghum Festival on Saturday, Oct. 20.

No bills were presented.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were Roberta Toby, Ruth Terry, Louie Mitchell, Bill Piper, Michael Witt, Sharon Morris, Roscoe Hooten, and Carol Tomlinson.

Submitted by Carol Tomlinson, Secretary

November 13, 2018

The CCHGS met in English at 6:30 p.m. on November 13, 2018. President Bill Piper called the meeting to order with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No program.

Business Meeting

Minutes - were reviewed. No corrections noted. Roberta made a motion to approve, Roscoe seconded, and the motion passed.

President's Report - Bill reported that two school bells had been donated by Anita Coleman Walker. Her father had been a school teacher in the Cape Sandy area. The bells are from the Myers and Landers schools. The newsletter is out which features WWI, and he would like to continue that theme in the next one. He will need to find more information about it. He also reported the Proctor House is looking good.

Treasurer's Report - The beginning balance as of October 10, 2018 was \$9,725.35. Deposits from a donation, book sales, copies, and Misc. totaled \$162.00. Disbursements for utilities, house payment, Ouiska Run Dar for their share of the 4th grade history books, and the CC 4-H for booth rental totaled \$411.18. Ending balance as of Nov. 13, 2018 is \$9,476.17. Membership is 58.

Roberta Toby gave the following reports:

County Historian - Dennis Seig donated a bk., The History of Crawford County , by H.H. Pleasant. Christine Harbeson of CFCC gave some three ring binders. She has borrowed the Revolutionary Soldier books to copy to digitize them so people can look up info on a computer. Roberta is hoping to have a computer placed in the front room for this purpose. Archives - She deposited \$108.00 for her work there. A Mr. Hawkins visited the Archives and made a suggestion to maybe get more and younger people interested in the Society. It was to get a bus and all go on field trips to interesting places in Crawford and surrounding counties.

Veterans Memorial Assoc. - Roberta, Mary Edwards, and Rita Eddleman worked to get the supply of bricks (about 100) ready to be placed on the Memorial. Roberta also made a trip to pick up 19 more bricks that had been ordered and were ready. They placed them where they were to go while the men were working. They continue to get lots of good feedback on the Memorial.

Proctor House Report - It is nearly finished, should be by end of November. Looks great. Roof is nearly finished, cellar door is in, furnace is installed but not connected yet. Downstairs to be painted and floors cleaned. Are researching historic wall paper borders for the living room. The 4th draw down has been completed. Further discussion will be on our intended use of the property.

Fund Raising - We made \$311.35 at the Sorghum festival and was deposited in the Proctor House acct. We need to plan fund raising events for 2019.

New Business - Christmas party discussed. Judy offered to host it at her house. Jim made a motion to have it there, Roberta seconded, and the motion passed. The party will be Dec. 11 at 5 p.m.

No bills were presented.

Meeting adjourned. Those present were Judy Faith, Ruth Terry, Roberta Toby, Roscoe Hooten, Louie Mitchell, Diane Mitchell, Sharon Morris, Jim Kaiser, Bill Piper, and Carol Tomlinson.

Submitted by Carol Tomlinson. Secretary

December meeting was the annual Christmas party. No regular meeting business took place.

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