

The Crawford Countian



Winter 2020

Greetings! Welcome to The Crawford Countian, the official newsletter of the CCHGS. Last year saw the Proctor House finally open to the public. It was almost a 15 year long process to get to that point. We want to have the building open more this year but need volunteers. If you wish to volunteer your time to open the building, please contact me. Also, our building in English is now open two days a week. I will be there on Tuesdays from 11 am to 2 pm and CCHGS member Jason Froman will be there on Thursdays from 11 am to 3 pm.



This issue of the newsletter also has an attached "books for sale" list that now includes the inventory we received from the Doris Leistner collection. If you wish to purchase books, you can contact me or Roberta Toby to place an order. If you live locally, you can visit us during our open hours.

-William Piper, President of CCHGS
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cover picture: Proctor house

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The Proctor House Grand Opening

On Columbus Day, October 14, 2019, we held our grand opening ceremony for the Proctor House. The program started at 1pm and we had a variety of speakers. The CCHGS President William Piper hosted the event and introduced each speaker. Among the speakers included were Jim Kaiser, Roscoe Hooten, Greg Sekula (director of Indiana Landmarks), Carol Tomlinson, Christine Harbeson (CFCC) and Michael Key (Superintendent of CC Schools).

After the guests spoke, we were asked by Greg Sekula to take a picture outside the building to demonstrate that this building is important to the community and history of the county. It was definitely a nice gesture and made for a great picture. The house was then opened for walkthroughs. Members of the CCHGS were in each room to greet guests and answer any questions. While not everyone signed the guestbook (no matter how hard we tried to get everyone to do it), I believe we had around 150 guests. This is on par with our grand opening of the building in English from the year prior.

The pictures in this article were taken by Mark Flanigan (Thank you!!).















If you live in the area, the current issue of Southern Indiana Living features a 4 page spread of the event. The Clarion also did a cover page showcasing the event as well as an interview (STYLE section) in the week leading up to the event. A big thanks to both publications for featuring the Proctor House!

-bP

From the County Historian:

Sarah Catherine Casner was born on 12 July 1807 in Pennsylvania. She died on 1 April 1867 in Hancock Co. KY. She was buried in the Wheatley Cemetery near Dukes, Hancock Co; KY.

There is conflicting information as to Sarah Catherine's birthplace, Pennsylvania or Tennessee. The following information is taken from my father's book, *Genealogy of Ernest Perry Rowe Jr.*, and was provided to him by Miss Lillie Peckinpugh, a great granddaughter of Sarah Catherine and John Smith Gilmore.

"Soon after Sarah Catherine Casner was born, her father and his family moved to Kentucky or Tennessee. They may have lived in both states. Indiana was admitted to statehood in 1816 and it was just shortly before Indiana became a state that Solomon (Sarah's father and his family moved to Harrison County, Indiana, Sarah lived with her parents until the time of her marriage to John Smith Gilmore, after which they lived on a farm in southern Indiana."

The second source of information is the book by Walter and Florence Beanblossom, referenced herein. Florence Beanblossom is also a great-granddaughter of Sarah Catherine and John Smith Gilmore. That source provided, in part, the following information:

"Sarah Catherine Casner which after much effort was proven to be her full name, was born 7/12/1807 in Tennessee, the daughter of Solomon and Polly Hammond Casner, a Pennsylvania girl of German descent."

After John's death, Sarah Catherine ran a stagecoach inn in Leavenworth, IN. This stage line was established in 1835 by Seth Leavenworth, founder of the town, in partnership with John Orchard and Jonathan Williams. It ran from Leavenworth via Fredonia, Milltown, Proctorville, Paoli, Orleans, Bedford, Springville, Bloomington, Martinsville, and Port Royal to Indianapolis.

While in Leavenworth, Sarah was close enough to her mother-in-law, Rebecca Smith Gilmore; that she frequently ministered to her. Rebecca was bedridden by this time and could not appear in court in 1848 to answer questions concerning her widow's pension; and this added to Sarah's hardships after being widowed. Sarah and her twelve living children are listed in the 1850 census of Harrison, Co; IN.

On November 29, 1851, she married Thomas Ogden at Cannelton, IN, and subsequently moved to the Ogden farm near Dukes in Hancock Co; KY.

Sarah and Thomas Ogden, and four of her children are listed in the 1860 census of Hancock Co. KY. Sarah died April 4, 1867, and was buried on a hill on the Ogden farm now known as the Wheatley Cemetery.

Pictures of four of her children (Katie, James Gideon, Henry Braxton and George Washington) were given to my mother, Pauline (Gordon) Rowe; by Miss Lillie Peckinpugh of Rockport, Indiana, and are now in my possession. Some of them are daguerreotypes.

The following article describing the house where Thomas and Sarah Ogden lived is taken from the Breckenridge News, Cloverport, KY; probably between 1945 and 1955.

Home of Wheatleys for 150 Years

“People who enjoy thinking of the houses of “our Grandfathers: will appreciate an old house of logs which stands in the Dukes Community. There reside Mr. and Mrs. Murray Pryer. Mrs. Pryer before her marriage was Miss Jesse Wheatley, who had been a teacher for 27 years and two years ago re-entered the field because emergency teachers were stepping into the gap to prevent the “shut-down: of a number of rural schools. Mrs. Pryer taught the McGavock school, for the last two years

She with her family resided in the old house. This house for generations has been occupied by Wheatley families. Mrs. Pryer was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Deterding Wheatley, the grand-daughter of George and Harriet Gilmore Wheatley and a great grand-daughter of Mrs. Sarah Gilmore Ogden who lived in this house before the Civil War. The family history handed down from one generation to another reminds them that the place was settled by Ortho Williams. This territory, now Hancock County, was then a part of Breckenridge county.

The house is in excellent state of repair, and the six rooms each are very large. Built in slave days, the fireplaces, one at either end, would take a seven foot log. In later years, these have been rebuilt.

In the process of rebuilding, the fire places are much smaller, but the outside chimneys have not been changed from the native rocks of which they are constructed and still are of sufficient size for Santa and his pack. For many years slave cabins stood in the yard near the old house.

The old house burned about 1955 but one of the old chimneys still stands, vine covered and a sight to behold. As one stands and gazes at this reminder of the past, he cannot help but wonder what joys and heart-aches occurred therein.

Sarah was married to John Smith Gilmore on 4 April 1825 in Washington Co; IN. Their children were: Capt. Alexander Thomas Gilmore, Unnamed daughter 1

Gilmore, Unnamed daughter 2 Gilmore, Mary Jane Gilmore, Lucinda Ellen Gilmore, John Hammond Gilmore, Harriet Aboline Gilmore, Catherine Transylvania Gilmore, Rebecca Melissa Gilmore, Elvira Lucretia Gilmore, James A. Gilmore, George Washington Gilmore, Henry Gilmore, Sarah Margaret Gilmore.

Sarah married Thomas Ogden the 29 November, 1851 at Cannelton, IN.

*This information was obtained from the internet. There is quite a bit of info on these individuals online. Especially these two sites:

Ancestors of Ernest Perry Rowe Jr.

Genealogy of Ernest P. and Norma L. (Rinckey) Rowe.

There is a photo of her gravestone on www.findagrave.com

I had spoken to a member of this family in Louisiana several years ago and he said they had info tucked away in a closet but he seemed elderly and didn't say he would look for it. I emailed them today and am hoping I can get some more info, especially about the stagecoach to Proctorville. If so I will add to the next newsletter.

Roberta Toby, County Historian

Random historical photo

(provided by Roberta Toby)

Joan E. Sloan hearse photo



A HORSE-DRAWN HEARSE, purchased new by former Marengo funeral director John E. Sloan in 1903, is being readied for the Marengo Sesquicentennial Parade on August 6 by Merrill Dillman, shown polishing the glass sides. Dillman says he is seeking a gentle team of horses to pull the Cynthiana Coach, which was manufactured in Cynthiana, Ky.

Crawford County Veteran Spotlight:

William Thomas Standeford

Residence: Indiana Enlistment Date: 19 Aug 1862. Rank at enlistment: Private. State Served: Indiana. Survived the War?: Yes. Service Record: Enlisted in Company H, Indiana 66th Infantry Regiment on 19 Aug 1862. Promoted to Full Corporal. Mustered out on 03 Jun 1865 at Washington, DC.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

October 8, 2019

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

Program-Jason Froman did a lot of research to compile a thick binder including pictures and articles on historical events/happenings here in Crawford County. He discussed his work and the binder was passed around for all to review. Many interesting facts and stories were noted. His work is greatly appreciated and will be available at the Open House on October 14 for attendees/guests to review as well.

Minutes-were reviewed. Louie Mitchell made a motion to approve. Roberta seconded, and the motion passed.

President's Report-Bill showed the brochure he created about the Proctor House that will be handed out, along with the program, to all who attend the Open House. Nothing received yet from the old English Elementary School. Newsletter out this week.

Treasurer's Report-Beginning balance as of October 8, 2019, is \$7,813.47. Deposits were \$254.90 from donations, memberships, books, and copies. Disbursements were \$433.68 for utilities, house payment, booth rental and post office box rental. Ending balance is \$7,399.69. Membership is 55.

Proctor House-Last minute plans for the Open House. Members volunteered for a variety of duties for that day. We hope for good weather and a good turnout. Sharon gave the Proctor House fund account. We have a low balance, so it's good that we have a booth at the Sorghum Festival this Saturday. We will sell baked goods, books, and some misc. items.

Donations-A wool carder was donated by Roscoe Hooten who bought it from the Mather's family auction - a welcome addition for display in the Proctor House.

Bills-Carol submitted one bill for \$65 from Kellum Imprints for some signs for the Open House.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Those attending were Roscoe Hooten, Diane Mitchell, Louie Mitchell, Roberta Toby, Jim Kaiser, Judy Faith, Sharon Morris, Jason Froman, Angela Thompson, Carol Tomlinson, and Bill Piper.

November: These minutes will be provided in the next newsletter.

December: There was no meeting. A Christmas dinner was held at Judy Faith's house.

Secretary of State

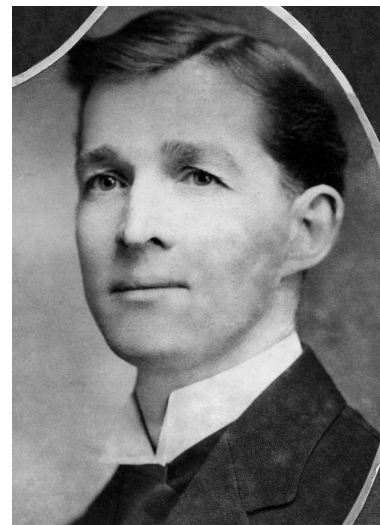
Carl F. Crecelius

Term of Office	January 1, 1912 - January 1, 1916
Party	Democrat
Governor during his term of Office	Gov. James B. McCreary; Gov. A.O. Stanley*
Education	Ohio Dental College
Spouse(s)	Emma Perkhiser; Margaret Gulick
Children	1 son, Carl; 1 daughter, Virginia
Parents	Clark F. & Kate (Wilbur) Crecelius
Residence	Kentucky (Falmouth, Pendleton County)
Occupation	Dentist
Birth Date	3/25/1877
Birth Place	Indiana (Leavenworth, Crawford County)
Date of Death	3/28/1970
Place of Death	Kentucky (Covington, Kenton County)
Other State Offices Held	Kentucky Legislature: 1907-1909; 1909-1911
Military Service	World War I (Army Dental Infirmary, TX)

Carl F. Crecelius was born in Leavenworth, Crawford County, Indiana, on March 25, 1877. His parents were Clark F. and Kate (Wilbur) Crecelius, both natives of Crawford County. His father was a merchant who had served with General William T. Sherman in the Union army and who, after the war, became active in county and state politics, including two terms in the Indiana legislature.

Crecelius graduated from the Ohio Dental College in Cincinnati in 1900 and set up a successful practice in Falmouth, Kentucky. A lifelong Democrat, he was elected to the Kentucky legislature in 1907 and was reelected in 1909. In 1911, he was elected Secretary of State and served during the second administration of Governor James B. McCreary (1912-16). He served as a first lieutenant during World War I as head of a dental infirmary at Fort Logan in Texas.

He married Emma Perkhiser by whom he had a son, Carl, who was born in 1894. Following Emma's death, he married Margaret Gulick on June 26, 1901; they



had a daughter, Virginia. Margaret died in 1948.

Carl F. Crecelius died on March 28, 1970, at Booth Hospital in Covington, Kentucky. He was survived by his two children and a sister.

References

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Kentucky Death Records for 1911 to 2000

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Social Security Death Index

George Lee Willis Jr., *Kentucky Democracy: A History of the Party and Its Representative Members—Past and Present* (3 vols.; Louisville, 1935), 2:303-5.

Thanks to Skyler Luttrell for allowing the CCHGS to use this information, which comes from: <http://apps.sos.ky.gov/secdesk/sosinfo/default.aspx?id=55>

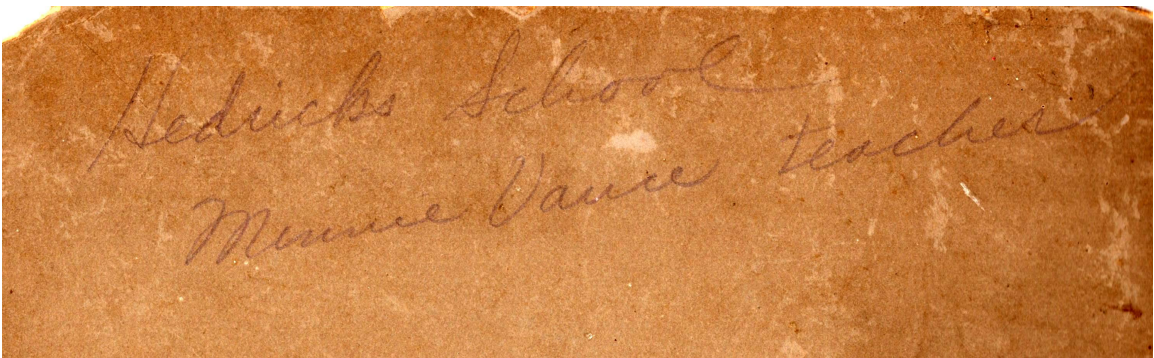
DONATED PICTURES:

Thanks to Karen Verble for donating these photos that belonged to her grandmother, Grace Sloan-White. In the picture below, this was taken in front of Marengo school, 1915-1916. Grace Sloan is in the middle with the ink pen mark above her.





Wedicks School
Earl Rawlings Teacher
Rue Jones
Edna Sloan
David Bird
Floyd Weathers
Knobel Sloan
Alphus Sloan
Grace Sloan
Isola Vanmetre
Alta Weathers



No other info for the above picture. Grace Sloan-White would later become a teacher at the Marengo School.

There were no queries submitted for this newsletter. If you have a query, you can send it to billpiper@hotmail.com or dign4kin@gmail.com. If you have any photos, history, genealogy, etc... that you would like featured in an upcoming newsletter, you can email us (at either address). We are always looking for new content!

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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CCHGS Treasurer
P.O. Box 162
Leavenworth, IN 47137

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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104 - Probate Book #1 1820-1839	\$18.00	\$9
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106 - Crawford County, Indiana - Civil Order Book A	\$40.00	\$20
107 - Order Book "2-A" An abstract 1820-1832 (softbound)	\$20.00	\$10
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110 - Crawford County Circuit Court Order Book "D", Aug. 1862-Aug. 1871 (softbound)	\$25.00	\$12.50
111 - Crawford County Tract Book One "Sales of Congress Land"1804-1863 (softbound)	\$30.00	\$15
112 - Crawford County Tract Book Two 1864-1874 (softbound)	\$25.00	\$12.50
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114 - Crawford County Circuit Court Records , Instruments in Writing,"Deed Book A." -1818-1834	\$40.00	\$20
115 - Deed Book "A" 1818-1834 (softbound)	\$40.00	\$20
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117 - Will Record A, 1818-1858 (softbound)	\$20.00	\$10
201 - Patoka Twp. Cemeteries	\$30.00	\$15
202 - Jennings Twp. Cemeteries	\$25.00	N/A
203 - Sterling Twp. Cemeteries	\$25.00	N/A
204 - Liberty Twp. Cemeteries	\$25.00	N/A
205 - Whiskey Run Twp. Cemeteries	\$30.00	N/A
206 - Ohio Twp. Cemeteries	\$25.00	\$12.50
207 - Johnson Twp. Cemeteries	\$25.00	\$12.50
208 - Union & Boone Cemeteries	\$30.00	N/A
209 - Crawford County Cemetery Index-Lists names and cemeteries only, no dates. 2008	\$30.00	\$15
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308 - Graduates from County High Schools 1901-1976 (softbound)	\$12.00	\$6
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401 - Death Records Listed in English News, 1900-1919	\$20.00	\$10
402 - Crawford County Inquests-July 15, 1834-Nov. 1, 1904 (softbound)	\$36.00	\$18
403 - Crawford County Deaths 1834-1919	\$20.00	\$10
404 - John T. Adkins Funeral Home Records	\$15.00	N/A
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406 - Crawford County Health Dept. Index to Death Records, 1899-1999 (softbound)	\$30.00	\$15
407 - Marriage Index 1818-1996 (softbound)	\$45.00	\$22.50
408 - Divorces 1818-1920 (softbound)	\$15.00	\$7.50
409 - Miscellaneous Records Index for Vol's. 2-15. 1856-1942 (softbound)	\$30.00	\$15
410 - Burial Records of Crawford Co. Civil War Vets (softbound)	\$45.00	\$22.50
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502 - Church of Christ Membership Rolls, Orange & CC, & Ind. Christian Conf. Min's. (1817-30)	\$35.00	\$17.50
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Crawford County Indiana Veterans Grave Registrations	\$5.00	
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