

The Crawford Countian



Spring 2021

Welcome to the spring edition of The Crawford Countian. Thank you for being a member of our organization and hope you continue your support in the upcoming fiscal year (memberships for the 2021 - 2022 will be due by the end of June). It has been slow these past few months but I am hoping the warmer weather brings some visitors to our building in English. Our organization can only survive thanks to our members and the public. Please spread the word!



-William Piper, President of the CCHGS
billgpiper@hotmail.com

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William Proctor - Veteran of the War of 1812

A few months ago, Crawford County Historian, Roberta Toby, found evidence that William Proctor (of the Proctor House) was a veteran of the War of 1812. It had been suspected he was in the war but no concrete proof. I have included photos of various records that show this evidence. With this, William Proctor will be honored at the Veteran's Memorial in English with a brick memorial (purchased by the CCHGS in honor of Evelyn Jackson).

WAR OF 1812.

ACT OF FEB. 14, 1871.

Department of the Interior,
PENSION OFFICE,

June 19, 1871.

Sir:

You are respectfully requested to furnish official evidence of the enrollment, muster, service, and duty of *William Proctor*, who *Enlisted* at *Fayette Co. La.*, on the *26th* day of *Sept.*, 1812, in Captain *Peter Hartog* Company *2^d* Regiment of *Pa. Mil.*, and who was discharged at *or in Michigan* on the *2^d* day of *April*, 1813. He again enlisted at _____, on the _____ day of _____, 18____, in Captain _____ Company, _____ Regiment _____, and was discharged therefrom at _____, on the _____ day of _____, 18____.

The following are related as the principal incidents of the War of 1812 in which he participated: _____

(1501)

Soldier PROCTOR, WILLIAM

Numbers

War of 1812

SO 833

Widow

SC 544

Service CAPT PETER HEARTZOG'S CO

PA MIL

Bounty 35978 80 50

Land 33459 80 55

Warrants

Enl. OCT 2 1812

Dis APR 18 1813⁶⁵

Residence 1850 CLARK CO IND
1855 1856 CRAWFORD CO IND
of Soldier 1871 MERINGO CRAWFORD CO IND

Residence

of Widow

Maiden name

of Widow

Marriage of

Soldier and Widow

Death

of Soldier

Death of

Widow

Exr. CEH
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Rev'r

Envelope
written by

Rev'r

NO 833

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ACT OF FEBRUARY 14, 1871.

WAR OF 1812.

William Procter
Meringo Crawford Co. Ind.
Capt. Peter Kearby's Co.
2nd Regt Pennsylvania Militia
Discharged April 2nd, 1813.

1871
Jan. 19 - 2^o Auditor,

Admitted June 24/71
Smd. 1979 days
An of fca

Received March 13th, 1871
W. H. Peckinpaugh
Leavenworth Crawford Co.
Indiana

Attorney.

~~W.H.~~

WAR OF 1812.

ACT FEBRUARY 14, 1871.

833
Madison
544

BRIEF OF CLAIM FOR A SURVIVOR'S PENSION

in the case of William Proctor, a _____

of Captain Peter Heartzog's Company, Colonel _____ Reg't.

Crawford Co. Ind Penn. Mil
POST OFFICE ADDRESS:

Merings Crawford Co. Ind.

Enlisted October 2^d, 1812, Discharged April 18th, 1813.

Served afterward from _____, 18____, to _____, 18____,

in Captain _____ Company, Colonel _____ Reg't.

Declaration and identification in due form, filed March 13th, 1871.

SERVICE FOR SIXTY DAYS SHOWN AS FOLLOWS:

3rd Auditor reports that the rolls of Capt. Peter Heartzog's Co. of Penn. Mil. show that William Proctor served from October 2^d 1812. to April 18th 1813. in the service (199) one hundred & ninety nine days

Not in receipt of a pension under any previous act.

Loyalty - Claimant's Overtments & testimony of two witnesses John Hammond & H. S. Temple.

Oath to support the Constitution of the U. S., subscribed

Admitted June 24th, 1871, to a Pension of eight dollars per month, from

February 14, 1871.

J. A. Peckinpugh A. Hartung
Leavenworth _____, Esq.

Ind App'd. P. A. S. M.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

11.926

May 28th 1857.

It appears from documents on file in this Office, that
William Proctor a private of
Captain P. Hartzog's Company of
Penn. Militia, entered the service
on the 20 October 1812 for 6 mo. and served till
the 2 December 1812.

B. H. Gallaher
J. B. Swettenham

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,
Department of the Interior.

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PENSION OFFICE,

August 12 1851.

SIR:

Your Declaration for Land Bounty under the Act of 28 September, 1850, has been duly examined and for the present suspended. You state that you were in service a sufficient time to entitle you to *Eighty* acres of land, but the military rolls which have been referred to only show that you served

from the 20th October 1812 to the 2nd of December 1812

a period which would only entitle you to *forty* acres. As your declaration is not confirmed by proof from the rolls, and you have furnished no discharge, other evidence will be required, such as the positive testimony of officers and soldiers with whom you served and whose names are found on the rolls. If this evidence cannot be furnished a warrant will issue when requested for the number of acres to which you are entitled.

Very respectfully,

J. S. Evans
For Commissioner.

Mr. Wm Proctor

care of

St. F. Smith Esq

490 ✓ Jeffersonville

Inda

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Proctorsville Ia sept. 9th 1851

Mr Henry F. Smith

Sir I Received ^(yours) the 2^d Inst. yesterday informing me that my claim was taken up and examined and that I set forth six Months services but that the ~~Rolls~~ Rolls Show my services only from the 20th october 1812. to the 12th Dec. 1812 there must be a mistake for I know that I was Drafted for 6 months and that I served faithfully fully 6 months I was Marched from Fayette County Pennsylvania on the 28th Sept 1812 and Arrived at Pittsburgh P. a. on the 2^d Day of october 1812. and on the first or Second Day of April 1813 I Received an honorable discharge but when I Received ~~the~~ the last payment for my services at Brownsville Pennsylvania the Pay Master made me give up my Discharge I donot feel willing to take half pay untill I see more about it. I will have a friend friend at Washington city when Congress Meets and I want to have them Rolls examined for I know they place me in arong position and I will try to get proof

yours very Respectfully

William Proctor

Queries

I am looking for documentation (land deed, court, Bible, church records, etc.) to prove that Nancy Jane Tower (B 1 June 1826 in Beechwood; died 8 Dec 1875, Ohio Township, Crawford CO, married to Walter Scott) is the daughter of Abraham Bates Tower. I do have her marriage record to Walter Scott as well as a probate record in which Abraham Tower names Walter Scott as guardian of Abraham's minor son George. However, there is no mention in the probate of Nancy or a father-daughter relationship to her. A more direct document, such as a baptismal record, would be more definitive. I can be reached at lleong@aol.com. Thank you! Linda Leong

FOR HIRE: Researcher to locate and examine Crawford County records, as they may exist, for adoptions and/or guardianships for the period 1862 to 1867, involving the surname TRUSTY.

Mark Penn deils41749@mypacks.net 818-361-5963

Have any queries? Email them to billgpiper@hotmail.com

From the County Historian.....

Information found in a Bible at the Goodwill store in Clarksville Indiana. (*The month & days of the births were omitted for this publication*)

Presented to Nancy Louise Dotson by Faith Baptist Chapel on Baptism on June 2, 1959.

Births

Carol Sue Dodson, 1946

Nancy Louise Dodson, 1948

Clarence Edward Dodson, 1949

Rosetta Mae Dodson, 1950

Debbie Lynn Dodson, 1954

Marriages

Dorothy Wright

Clarence Dodson, 1945

Mary M, Rose, 1960

Clarence Dodson

At the top of the Marriages page is says Carol wrote this on the day of February 20, 1963.

There is a tree on the last page that mentions Clarence Dotson and Dorothy Chin, so I assume they are the parents of the children listed in the births section,

Roberta

Crawford County Veteran Spotlight:

Peter Gottfried

From Find-A-Grave:

Last Civil War Veteran in Crawford County.

Marengo, IN: Peter Gottfried was born at Hesse Dorne Stardt, Germany, Apr 14, 1846, the son of Margaret (Ragel) and Peter Gottfried and answered the "last great roll call" Sep 15, 1937, at 2:30pm, at the age of 94 years, 5 months and 1 day.

At the age of 8, he and his parents emigrated to America, spending 31 days in crossing, and landing in New York City. Later they migrated PA, OH and finally IN, he was naturalized in Crawford Co., in 1866, where he spent the remainder of his life.

He was one of the founders of the German Lutheran Church at Wickliffe, IN; of which he was a devout member.

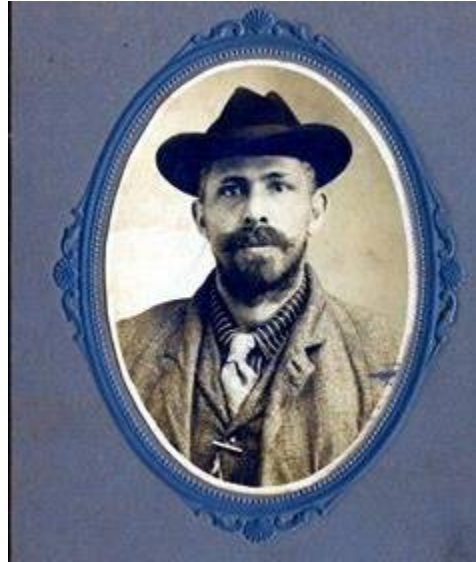
Later in life he moved his membership to the United Brethren Church in Marengo, IN, during the preaching of Dr. J.E. Shannon.

Aug 19, 1866 he was united in marriage to Zerilda Williams, in Crawford Co, with whom he shared 59 years of happy companionship, and whose passing he has mourned for 10 years since her death Jun 10, 1927. Their union was blessed with 12 children, 10 of whom lived to adulthood, William, Peter, Martin and an infant (son) preceding them in death. Left to mourn are Mrs. Louisa Zimmerman, of Wickliffe; Monroe, of Billet, IL; Jacob, address unk; Henry, of Burton, WA; Mrs. J.P. Jacobs, of Dallas City, IL; Charles, of Hunter, AR; Cleve, of Marengo; and Mrs. Maude Eastman, of Springfield, MO; 32 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren and an only sister, Mrs. Kate Stemply, 85, of Wickliffe, also a host of other relatives, unnumbered friends and neighbors.

He enlisted in Company F, 144 Regiment of Indiana Infantry Volunteers and saw active service (Civil War) in the South and East receiving his honorable discharge Aug 5, 1865, Stevenson Station, VA.

He and his youngest son, Cleve, who gave him faithful care in his declining years, have maintained a home in Marengo, IN, since the passing of wife and mother. He has borne the years of suffering and pain with remarkable patience, awaiting the call to join his beloved companion in the Great Beyond.

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Reminder!

Annual memberships are due within the next three months. Do not forget to renew your membership. Not only do you receive our quarterly newsletter, the dues help fund our finances which involve both the building in English as well as the Proctor House.



Previous meeting minutes:

January - no meeting

Feb 9, 2021

Meeting started at 5:00pm with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Program: Louie Mitchell gave a short speech regarding witching sticks (dowsing rods). He brought in a pair to show. He spoke of using them during cemetery trips.

Meeting minutes: no copies of the previous minutes were available to read (been a few months since last meeting).

President's report: Newsletter came out. New website is still being planned. Bill looking to getting a banner for the back fence of the headquarters building for exposure to those who drive by on the main road in English. A new solar powered light has been purchased by Bill and installed above the front entrance. This is much brighter than the previous light (which has been moved to the back entrance). Bill mentioned Becky Hammond Stetter wanted to make a motion (she was not present but sent this in via email) about the society purchasing a Veteran's Memorial brick for William Proctor in memory of Evelyn Jackson. Roberta made a motion, Louie seconded. The motion passed. The members present decided to use their own money to purchase the brick rather than the society since funds are starting to get low.

Financial / Membership report: Balance as of Dec 9, 2020: \$7183.06. After monthly disbursements, \$6798.48. After January disbursements, balance as of Feb 9, 2021: \$5869.05. Total membership: 73 membership, 1 library and 2 corporations.

County Historian / Archives / Vet Memorial report: Archives has been slow. Donations from Carol Baker include a lot of books and a high frame chair for the Proctor House. Veteran Memorial: still taking orders for bricks. The old canon has been moved up to Dale Roll's house. He is suppose to be sanding and re-painting it before moving it behind the memorial.

Proctor House report: Nothing.

Fundraising: Bill brought up doing a small spring yard sale in late April or early May at the Proctor House. Looking for any donations from members.

Meeting ended at 5:38pm

Attending: Bill Piper, Roberta Toby, Angela Thompson, Louie and Diane Mitchell

Mar 9, 2021 CCHGS meeting

Started 5:30pm

Program: Bill Piper showed several newsreel videos (digital versions) regarding Civil War veterans. These reels were of Fox Movie News and originated from 1929.

Minutes: Previous meeting minutes were passed with a motion by Debbie Oxley and seconded by Roberta Toby.

President's report: Mentioned the newsletter will be out next month (April).

Financial / membership report: Sharon was not present. Bill read the report. Starting balance \$5,869.05 on 2/8/21, ending balance as of 3/9/21 is \$5,605.47. 73 members, 1 Library, 2 Corporations.

County Historian / Archives / Veteran Memorial's report: Pretty slow at the archives, not much to report. Roberta did order two bricks for William Proctor for his involvement in the War of 1812. One will be set at the Veteran's Memorial while the other will be set at the Proctor Cemetery, in some fashion. She mentioned a possible ceremony in the future for the cemetery dedication. Also mentioned that Louie Mitchell is wanting to do a Memorial Day celebration at the Veteran's Memorial on May 31.

Proctor House: Plans on opening in May, to coincide with our upcoming yard sale.

Fundraisers: Bill mentioned still wanting to have a small yard sale at the Proctor House shelter house to coincide with the spring opening of the Proctor House. Looking for donations. Roberta also mentioned she is having technical issues with getting the Pioneers book finished.

Meeting ended 6:10pm.

Attending: Bill Piper, Jason Froman, Louie & Diane Mitchell, Judy Faith, Jim Kaiser, Roberta Toby, Angela Thompson and Debbie Oxley.

Below is the full photo of the cover photo of the newsletter. This was sent to the society by Bill Gulde of Indianapolis who found it in an antique store. The photo is a class photo of Riceville school and dated December 12, 1901.



Thanks to Jason Froman for finding this interesting story:

Shot in his Store.

At 2 o'clock Friday morning Mr. Seigler, a storekeeper, at Riceville, on the L. E. & St. L. road, in Crawford county, was discovered in his business house, shot in the head and robbed of \$1.300.

As soon as the shooting and robbery was discovered the town was alarmed, and during the morning two men were arrested on suspicion. On Saturday however, they establish their innocence and were discharged. The real robber and would-be-murderer made good his escape. On Sunday evening Mr. Seigler, the wounded man, was still alive, but in a very precarious condition.

This crime is only one of a series of daring burglaries and highway robberies committed in Harrison, Crawford, Dubois, and Spencer counties in the past four or five months.

Jeffersonville Daily Evening News, Jeffersonville, Indiana,
US

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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:
Sharon Morris
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.

Website:

www.cchgs.org

Social Media:

Search for "Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society" on FACEBOOK!



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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