

# The Crawford Countian



Winter 2022

Welcome to the winter edition of The Crawford Countian!

On December 30<sup>th</sup>, Jim Kaiser was inducted into the ROTC Hall of Fame. A huge congratulations to Jim for that honor! In this issue, I am relaying information that was presented at the event that included Jim's accomplishments. This is a very long read!

The CCHGS now has the Crawford County: Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory book back in stock. We were able to purchase the remaining stock that Indiana Landmarks had, so if you are wanting a copy, they are \$15 each. If you need it shipped, it's \$5 for shipping. Email me for details. Once these books sell out, that is it. They will not be reprinted, so if you want one, now is the time.



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Cover photo: Col. Jim Kaiser @ the ROTC Hall of Fame induction ceremony

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*Jim Kaiser pictured with his family*

### Jim Kaiser's List of Accomplishments

When I saw this list, I was truly amazed. Most people do not even accomplish a third of this in their lifetime. This list was put together by Jim's family, so kudos to them for assembling this list.

#### CHRONOLOGICAL RESUME OF MILITARY CIVILIAN SERVICE:

##### US ARMY

Assignments (1948-1990)

- 1948-1952 ROTC Cadet, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- 1949-1952 Cook, Clerk, 303<sup>rd</sup> AAA Battalion, Lafayette, IN
- 1952-1952 Student, The Artillery School, Ft. Sill, OK
- 1952-1953 Motors Instructor, 932<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, 30th Infantry Division, Camp Atterbury, IN

1953-1954	Motors Officer, 145th Field Artillery Battalion, 8th Army, Korea
1954-1955	Commander, Company I, 329th Infantry Regiment, 70th Infantry Division, Paoli, IN
1955-1957	Commander, Company D, 329 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Paoli, IN
1957-1960	Commander, Company B, 70 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Bloomington, IN
1960-1961	Weapons Platoon Leader, Combat Support Company, Jasper IN
1961-1962	Commander, Company C, 1-152th Infantry Battalion, 38 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Tell City, IN
1962-1965	S2, 1-152nd Infantry Battalion, Jasper, IN
1965-1967	S3, 1-138th Armor Battalion, Bedford, IN
1967-1974	Assistant G3, Headquarters, 38 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Indianapolis, IN
1974-1978	Division Chemical Officer, Headquarters, 38th Infantry Division, Indianapolis, IN
1978-1980	Commander, 1-152nd Infantry Battalion, Jasper, IN
1980-1981	Assistant Artillery Commander, Division Artillery, Ft. Riley, KS
1981-1982	JCS Liaison Officer, The Pentagon, Washington, DC
1982	Promoted to Rank of Colonel
1982-1985	Assistant Director, Illinois Civil Defense, Springfield, IL
1985-1986	Survey Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 38 Division Artillery, Indianapolis, IN
1986-1990	First Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 38th Division Artillery, Indianapolis, IN

#### CIVIL AIR PATROL

##### Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Rank

1986-Present Lieutenant Colonel (CAP)

##### Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Assignments (1986-2020)

1986-1991	Mission Pilot, Marion, IL, Senior Squadron
1991-1994	Mission Pilot, Carmi, IL, Senior Squadron
1994-2004	Mission Pilot, Evansville, IN, Senior Squadron
2006-2020	Medically not qualified as a Mission Pilot
2004-2013	Mission Scanner, Terra Haute, IN, Senior Squadron
2013-2020	Observer, Indianapolis, IN, Composite Squadron

#### MILITARY-CIVILIAN AFFILIATIONS

1960-1961	Member, Tell City, IN, National Guard Armory Board
1961-1962	President of the Kendall-Morgan Armory board, Jasper, IN
1978-1985	Director, Pope County Civil Defense, Golconda, IL
1998-Present	Member, Indiana Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Indianapolis, IN
2003-2006	ESGR Ombudsman (assist in resolution of differences)

#### VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

1960-Present National Guard Association of Indiana

1985-Present Charter Member of 38 Division Association  
1985-Present Member, Hoosier Redleg Chapter of the US Field Artillery Association  
2000-Present Member, American Legion, Milltown, IN  
2002-Present Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, English, IN  
2012-Present Member, Crawford County Veterans Memorial Association (CCVMA)

#### CAMARADERIE

1985-Present Member of the Annual Saint Barbara Celebration, "Patron Saint of Artilleryman",  
Bloomington, IN  
1993-Present Member, Annual reunion of retired National Guard members, Jasper, IN  
1998-Present Convener, Annual reunion of former USAR members, Paoli, IN

#### FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION

2018-Present Member National Sojourner, Southern Indiana Chapter #328

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE IN AGRICULTURE

1993-Present Emeritus Professor, University of Illinois  
1993-Present Co-owner and operator of the Kaiser Family Hoosier Homestead Centennial farm,  
Patoka Township, Crawford County, Indiana  
1987 Visiting Associate Professor of Agronomy (teaching Forage Production),  
Department of Plant and Soil Science, Southern Illinois University  
1986-1987 Sabbatical Leave, Department of Agronomy, University of Maryland  
1985-1993 Associate Professor (Forage Crop Production and Pasture Management),  
University of Illinois, Department of Agronomy  
1973-1985 Associate Professor and Director, University of Illinois, Agricultural Experiment  
Station, Dixon Springs Agricultural Center, Simpson, Illinois (5,000+ acres)  
1970-1972 Assistant Extension Professor and State Forage Specialist, University of  
Kentucky, Department of Agronomy  
1968-1970 Research Assistant and graduate student, University of Missouri, Department of  
Agronomy  
1957-1968 Superintendent, Purdue University, Southern Indiana Forage Farm, Purdue  
Agricultural Experiment Station (1,000+ acres)  
1954-1956 Teacher - FFA adviser (Vocational Agriculture, Physics and Chemistry), Milltown  
High School, Milltown, Indiana  
1952-1954 Active Duty, United States Army  
1950-1952 Member of Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity  
1948-1952 Student, Purdue University

#### INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

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1996	Canada	(1 week)	Forage Consultant for Grow Mark Cooperative
1993	Pakistan	(5 weeks)	Research Station Development
1993	New Zealand	(2 weeks)	International Grassland Congress
1993	Australia	(1 week)	International Grassland Congress
1990	USSR	(2 weeks)	Agriculture Production
1989	France	(2 weeks)	International Grassland Congress
1985	Malawi	(5 weeks)	Experiment Station Evaluation, INTERPAKS
1977	Romania	(1 week)	Agricultural Production, United States Information Agency
1976	Romania	(1 week)	Forage Crops Production, United States Information Agency
1974	USSR	(3 weeks)	International Grassland Congress

## US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

### 1. Awards and Decorations (1948-1990) as worn on Uniform Jacket

#### Left Breast (ribbon order of precedence)

1. Meritorious Service Medal
2. Army Commendation Medal
3. Army Achievement Medal
4. Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal/Bronze Oak Leaf
5. National Defense Service Medal
6. Korean Service Medal
7. Armed Forces Reserve Medal/attachment
8. NCO Professional Development Ribbon/attachment
9. United Nations Korean Service Medal
10. Indiana National Guard Commendation Ribbon
11. Indiana National Guard Longevity Medal/attachment

#### Right Breast (order of precedence)

1. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation with medal frame
2. Indiana National Guard Membership Medal

#### Right Shoulder Overseas Attachment Patch

1954-Present 8<sup>th</sup> Army

#### Left Shoulder Unit Recognition Patch

1990-Present US Army Retirement Patch

### 2. Associated Awards

- 1985 Brigadier General of the Illinois State Militia
- 1986 Illinois Civil Defense Member of the Year
- 1991 Indian National Guard Honorary Colonel of the 152<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment

## EDUCATION

### Military Education-US Army (1948-1990)

1948-1950 ROTC Basic military subjects, drill and ceremonies, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

1951 ROTC Basic Field Artillery training, Ft. Sill, OK

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1952 Associate Field Artillery Officer training, Ft. Sill, OK

1953 Chemical, Biological, Radiological Training, Et Jima, Japan

1957-1961 Advance Infantry Training, Ft. Benning, GA

1965 Nuclear Weapons Employment, Ft. Sill, OK

1966-1970 Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS

1974-1976 Air War College (50% completed)

Civilian Education

College and Graduate Work

Degree	Year	Institution	Curriculum
Ph.D.	1971	University of Missouri	Agronomy and Statistics
M.S.	1959	Indiana University	Education Administration
B.S.	1952	Purdue University	Agricultural Administration

High School

Salutatorian of the French Lick High School Class of 1948 (53 graduates), French Lick, IN

Common School

Crawford County, Indiana rural one room school (all 8 grades)

Grades 1-3 Crecelius School      Grades 4-8 Pedora School

Civil Air Patrol, an Auxiliary to the US Air Force

Flight Training:

1965 Student pilot, French Lick, IN Flying Club

1966 Solo Flight, Cessna 150, French Lick, IN

1980-1981 Student, Flight Ground School, Junior College, Harrisburg, IL

1984-Present Private Pilot License, Airplane, Single Engine, Land (VFR), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MILITARY AND CIVILIAN SERVICE

US Army Contributions

Colonel Kaiser began his military career concurrently with his academic career. He graduated from Purdue University Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) in 1952 as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery Branch of the US Army. He served 42 years in the United States Army including active duty in Korea (1953-1954), US Army Reserve and the Indiana Army National Guard. He is a member of the Indiana Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and a member of the Indiana Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary to the U.S. Air Force. Jim is an Honorary Colonel of the 152<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment and an honorary Brigadier General in the Illinois State Militia. Colonel Kaiser is a member of The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. To summarize, a total of 42 (1948 to 1990) consecutive years of Active Duty, US Army Reserves, and Indiana Army National Guard in the branches of Artillery, Infantry and Armor (includes duty in Japan, Korea, and Puerto Rico).

#### Civil Air Patrol Contributions

Lieutenant Colonel Jim Kaiser began his flying career in 1965 with a flight instructor based at the French Lick, Indiana airport. Jim's first solo flight was in 1966. He joined the Civil Air Patrol at Marion, Illinois as a Mission Pilot in 1986. He has been a licensed pilot for 55 years and a CAP member for 34 years.

#### Academic Contributions

Doctor C.J. (Jim) Kaiser, Professor Emeritus of Agronomy at the University of Illinois has a total of 40 consecutive years of professional service (research, teaching, extension and administration) in agriculture during his career in the public sector (1954 to 1993). His work has focused on forage crop production and pasture management systems that evaluate forage based energy efficient soil-plant-animal production systems; identify seasonal distribution patterns of forage crops synchronized with livestock production; and sequential grazing techniques that optimize feed-livestock efficiencies at prevailing economic conditions. During this period, more than 325 publications were written (primarily on forage crops and pasture management) for students, producers and professionals.

#### Production Agriculture Contributions

Currently, Jim operates the fourth generation Hoosier Homestead Centennial family farm in Crawford County, Indiana. A portion of the farm has been in the Kaiser family for over 150 years. Jim and his wife, Doris (now deceased after 60 years of marriage), have three daughters, Jackie, Kathy, Milly and a son, Jim Ed. Jim manages approximately 810 acres (610 owned) of forage crops (pasture and hay) utilizing intense soil and water conservation practices. A registered herd of Charolais cattle, consisting of approximately 100 cows and 30 replacement heifers, is managed as a commercial herd. Four spring herds of twenty-five cows each are managed separately in rotationally grazed grassed-legume pastures. Retained ownership is maintained in feeder calves finished at a local custom feed yard. Carcass data is collected at harvest. Cattle are also sold for herd replacements. Classified Hardwood forests are managed on 248 acres of the farm. The cattle enterprise was recently leased to a local cattle operation.



## Volunteerism Contributions

Jim is a community volunteer. He is past Chairman of the Community Foundation of Crawford County; past Chairman of the Crawford County Purdue Extension Board; Founding Secretary of the Community Foundation of Crawford County; Chairman of the Patoka Family Health Care Center Advisory Committee; Lay Delegate to the United Methodist Church Indiana Conference; past President of the Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society; past President Crawford County Farm Bureau.

## CIVILIAN RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

2017	CFCC DJSK Lifetime Volunteer Award
2016	Purdue University Cooperative Extension Board, Emeritus Certification
2016	Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service Crawford County, Leadership Award in Recognition of Service as a 4-H volunteer
2016	Grand Lodge F&AM of Indiana, 50 Year Award, Lewis Jewel (Father-Son) Recognition
2016	Indiana Beef Council/Indiana Beef Cattle Association, Robert C. Peterson Lynwood Farm Lifetime Achievement Award
2013	Governor of State of Indiana, Rank and Title of Sagamore of the Wabash (Presented by Indiana Governor Mike Pence at Leavenworth, Indiana)
2011	Indiana State Department of Agricultural, Hoosier Homestead Centennial Award (100+ years)
2011	Indiana Senate Certification of Recognition, Hoosier Homestead Centennial Award (50+ years)
2011	Crawford County Soil and Water District, Master Farmer Award
2010	Crawford County Soil and Water District, River Friendly Farmer Award
2009	Newton Stewart Masonic Lodge #432, Fifty-year Member
2008	Farm Credit Services, Heritage Farm (50+ years)
2005	Indiana Farm Bureau, Indiana Conservation Farmer of the Year
2005	American Forage and Grassland Council, Distinguished Grasslander Award
2004	Crawford County Soil and Water District, Distinguished Service
2003	Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association, Certificate of Distinction
2002	American-International Charolais Association, Environmental Stewardship Award
1999	Hoosier Uplands Patoka Family Health Care Center Advisory Council, Service to the Patoka Family Health Care Center
1999	Indiana Charolais Association, Appreciation
1997	Crawford County Cattle Association, Appreciation Host of the Cattle and Conservation Tour
1994	Illinois Forage Friends, Forage Specialist Extraordinaire
1994	Illinois Forage and Grassland Council, Presidents Award
1993	University of Illinois, Emeritus Professor
1991	Indiana National Guard, Honorary Colonel of the 152 <sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment
1990	International Directory of Distinguished Leadership
1989	American Forage and Grassland Council, Appreciation of Service as Director
1988	Epsilon Sigma Phi (National Honorary Extension Fraternity)

- 1987 Who's Who in Technology Today, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Gale Research
- 1987 Shawnee Resource Conservation and Development Council, Certificate of Appreciation
- 1986 Illinois Soil Testing Association, Certificate of Appreciation
- 1986 Louisville Courier Journal, Tom Wallace Forestry Award, Certificate of Achievement
- 1985 Illinois State Militia, Honorary Brigadier General
- 1985 Illinois Forage and Grassland Council, Outstanding Service Award
- 1985 American Forage and Grassland, Merit Certificate
- 1980 Marquis Who's Who in the Midwest Council
- 1979 Pope County (Illinois) High School FFA, Honorary Future Farmer of America Chapter Farmer
- 1974 Sigma XI (The Scientific Research of North America)
- 1970 Gamma Sigma Delta (The Honor Society of Agriculture)
- 1968 Dubois County (Indiana) Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Service to Agriculture
- 1957 Crawford County (Indiana) Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H Club Leaders Recognition

WOW, what a list of accomplishments!!!!

Thank you Jim for everything you have done for this county!

-bP



## Hazlewood Springs Hotel, English, Indiana

I have tried for some time now to locate a photo of the Hazlewood Springs Hotel that was located on the north side of English. I finally found the photo shown above, and it looks like it would have been a great place to stay. This is another example of a very nice place that used to be in our county. This hotel was located in the area of the cloverleaf and it was west of the creek. I believe it was in the area where the Lucas Golf Course is located now and from the looks of the photo, I would say it was located on the south side of the bridge there on hwy. 64.

The hotel only stood for a few years, as it burned. According to the news article it appears to have opened in 1886 and burned in 1889. Plans were made to rebuild according to the news articles I found and have included.

**Roberta Toby, Crawford County Historian**



**ANALYSES OF WATERS:**

No. 1.		No. 4.	
Carbonic acid, ei. gallon	16.261	Sodium hyposulphite	77
Sulphuretted hydrogen ei.	13.151	Sodium bicarbonate	24.165
Sulphate of magnesia	16.123	Calcium bicarbonate	19.291
Ferrous carbonate	00.56	Magnesium bicarbonate	1.112
Potassium chloride	0.152	Sodic chloride	6.277
Sodium chloride	3.816	Alumina	Trace
Calcium chloride	40.768	Silica	0.291
Strontium	Trace	Iron	0.150
Sodium sulphide	Trace	No. 5.	
Sodium hyposulphide	0.019	Carbonic acid	12.11
Alumina	Trace	Sulphuretted hydrogen	11.14
Silicic acid	1.579	Sodium sulphide	2.22
No. 2.		Potassium sulphate	7.59
Carbonic acid gas, ei. wine gallons	16.259	Sodium hyposulphite	1.12
Sulphuretted hydrogen	12.959	Sodium bicarbonate	4.73
Sodium sulphide	2.017	Magnesium Do.	0.18
Potassium sulphate	1.201	Sodium chloride	0.78
Sodium hyposulphite	1.821	Silica	0.11
Sodium bicarbonate	20.731	Ferrous sulphide	0.21
Calcium bicarbonate	9.469	No. 6.	
Magnesium bicarbonate	5.663	Carbonic acid	8.11
Sodium chloride	6.981	Sulphuretted hydrogen	2.11
Alumina	Trace	Sodium sulphide	2.11
Silica	0.469	Potassium sulphate	0.11
Ferrous sulphide	0.291	Sodium hyposulphite	1.51
No. 3.		Sodium bicarbonate	19.291
Carbonic acid gas, ei.	12.240	Calcium Do.	8.51
Sulphuretted hydrogen	11.106	Magnesium sulph.	0.11
Sodium sulphate	3.022	Sodium chloride	7.56
Potassium sulphate	1.810	Alumina	0.28
		Silica	0.11
		Ferrous sulphide	0.21

On Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis R. R., forty miles West of New Albany, and on  
 115 mile from Louisville. Our New Hotel, containing 53 rooms, is now complete with  
 the best of New Furniture, Carpets, etc., and ready for accommodation of guests.

**HAZLEWOOD & CO., Proprietors,**  
**ENGLISH, IND.**

We present to the readers of the *JOURNAL* to-day a out of the new Hotel, with the analyses of the Hazlewood Springs, at English, Ind.

These springs, although comparatively unknown, are destined to be the popular resort of people seeking rest and health. They are easy of access by rail, and the low rate of \$3 10 for round trip tickets, good for ninety days, puts the expense of reaching them within the means of every one.

The Evansville Journal 30 May 1886 pg. 5

The Evansville Courier 29 May 1886 pg. 8



Mr. W. T. Thornbury, manager of the Hazlewood Springs, at English, Ind., is in the city on business connected with this new summer resort. These springs are on the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Railway, thirty miles east of Huntingburg, and can be reached from this city without change of cars. Trains leaving here at 7:45 arrive at the Springs at 11:30, and leaving at 12:50 a. m. arrive at 4:29.

The analyses of these waters by Prof. J. F. Elson places them among the best medicated waters of the country. The enterprise of these gentlemen in placing these valuable waters within the reach of the public is commendable. They have spared no pains or money in the building and furnishing of their magnificent hotel, which will be found to be first-class in all its appointments. To the people of Evansville this new retreat from the heat of the coming summer offers unprecedented advantages.

The Evansville Courier 19 May 1886 pg. 4

#### RESERVOIR BREAKS.

A Week of Disaster Caused by the Excessive Floods.

ENGLISH, Ind., May 21.—A week of disaster by floods culminated last night in the bursting of the Hazlewood reservoir, and inundating all the valley and destroying hundreds of dollars' worth of property in the way of stock and growing crops. The reservoir was constructed some six or seven years ago to supply the Hazlewood Sulphur Springs hotel with water.

It stood upon the top of a high hill, that the fall might have sufficient force. The walls were built of stone and lime, lined with cement, and supposed to be strong enough to withstand any pressure, but the structure had been neglected since the burning of the hotels, four years ago, and the walls doubtless became insecure from wear to such an extent that when filled to overflowing by the late rains they gave way.

Happily no lives are reported lost, but luckily for the family of William Carnahan, whose neat little cottage stood on the hillside below the aqueduct. They were all from home in attendance upon Mr. Carnahan's brother, who had taken suddenly ill, and was supposed to be at the point of death. The sick man was this morning beyond danger. The family returned, only to find that the every vestige of a home was swept away—residence, barn, chicken houses, hog pens, and everything in them.

The Jasper Weekly Courier 6 Dec. 1889 pg. 8

#### —: Hazlewood Springs Hotel Destroyed Loss \$15,000.

At an early hour Saturday morning the large and nearly new hotel at Hazlewood Springs, near English, in Crawford county, was destroyed by fire, together with all its contents, involving a loss estimated at \$15,000.

The origin of the fire is not certainly known. The Hotel was opened three years ago. It was located about a half mile from the Air Line railroad and was finely furnished. The hotel had been closed to the public since the 1st of October. Its proprietors are Hazlewood & Co. It is said the insurance will not cover over one-third the loss.—N. A. Ledger.

The Richmond Item Richmond, Indiana 21 May 1892 pg. 8

#### Rebuilding a Watering Place.

[Special to The Indianapolis News.]

ENGLISH, December 16.—The business men of English will form the nucleus of a syndicate, with a capital stock of \$100,000, to rebuild the Hazlewood Springs Hotel and restore the grounds. The hotel and the adjacent shrubbery were destroyed by fire four years ago, and the property has been suffered to run down for lack of capital. The prospect of securing the county buildings has given an impetus to everything here, and this formerly handsome watering place will likely be restored and made even more handsome than formerly.

The Indianapolis News 16 Dec. 1893 pg. 6

## A Far More Interesting Time

By Charles "Chris" Isaacs

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Well, it is all over, Crawford County finally has a stoplight. I thought the day would never come that Crawford would feel the need to get a stoplight. I have always felt it was one of the things that made our beloved county unique, that made it interesting. Speaking of interesting, Crawford County of the 19<sup>th</sup> century was an interesting place. The more I research the early history of the county, the more unique facts and tales I come across.

The last week of the year found me hold up in the house hiding from the rain, so I took to reading old newspapers on the Library of Congress website and once again I found just how "exciting" and newsworthy the exploits of the county were in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It was a somewhat lawless county and people had to often turn to unique methods of protecting themselves and their property. In one case a resident of English, who suspected a thief was visiting his hen house, turned to a goat to protect his property. Yes, a goat... Like I said it was an interesting time.

According to the November 15, 1893, edition of *The Indiana State Sentinel* in a page 6 article, one Maurice Barr of English was being robbed of eggs.<sup>1</sup> Suspecting his neighbors of the theft of his "hen fruit," Maurice turned to a herd of goats to catch the culprit in the act.<sup>2</sup> In laying his trap, Maurice was able to catch the thief mid -collection and to his surprise he caught his own mother-in-law with eggs in hand, thus the mystery was solved.<sup>3</sup> I guess in a time where law enforcement was not as available on short notice, Crawford Countians had to resort to whatever form of justice was available to them.

Another interesting case, non-goat related, that caught my attention occurred in the Eckerty area of the county. This case, while interesting, can stay in the past as far as I am concerned as it involved a snake of Hollywood proportions. In an article appearing in the August 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Indianapolis Journal*, it was reported that one J.D. Doolittle encountered a boa constrictor in an old barn.<sup>4</sup> The snake was said to have been killing livestock in the area and taking no chances of it escaping, Mr. Doolittle decided to burn the barn down on top of the snake.<sup>5</sup> Mr. Doolittle it appears was successful as the ribs of the snake were later found and said to be as large as those belonging to a "two-hundred pound hog".<sup>6</sup> The snake, having terrorized the community, was suspected of escaping from a circus.<sup>7</sup> The circus gets the blame in many of these tales, making one to wonder why they were not seen as more of a menace rather than a form of joy and entertainment. Either way

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<sup>1</sup> "Goats as Detectives," *Indiana State Sentinel*, November 15, 1893, 6. (loc.gov)

<sup>2</sup> "Goats as Detectives," 6. (loc.gov)

<sup>3</sup> "Goats as Detectives," 6. (loc.gov)

<sup>4</sup> "Minor Notes," *Indianapolis Journal*, August 19, 1892, 8. (loc.gov)

<sup>5</sup> "Minor Notes," 8. (loc.gov)

<sup>6</sup> "Minor Notes," 8. (loc.gov)

<sup>7</sup> "Minor Notes," 8. (loc.gov)



it is an interesting account and a really fun read. Just so you know, if this county ever has a reported snake like this, I am selling my farm and relocating.

### GOATS AS DETECTIVES.

**The Hon. Maurice Barr Caught the Robber of His Hens' Nests.**

ENGLISH, Nov. 7.—Special.—Maurice Barr is a poultry fancier. So are several of his neighbors. These were having more success than Maurice, especially those with the same strain of blood.

Maurice could not account for the double fact that he was getting no eggs and his neighbor was busy with a couple of incubators on any other hypothesis than that the the neighbor was collecting Maurice's hen fruit. Maurice had had a fine dog, but this had been killing chickens and eating eggs. He could not afford to keep a dog. Goats are a grand invention and Maurice concluded to profit by the discovery. So he bought a flock of four goats from a neighbor and turned them into his barnyard. Two of these were billies. Last evening Maurice was attracted to the barnyard by the cries of his aged mother-in-law, whose rheumatism is so bad she cannot walk.

He rushed to her aid and found her safely perched on a stump nearly four feet high with a billy goat on each side of her and her apron full of eggs. The conundrum was solved. The poor old woman never had an appetite to eat when the others did and the cause became apparent. She admitted that she was the robber all along of the hen fruit.

### Minor Notes

Prof. John Towers, of Irvington, delivered his famous lecture on "Music" in Jeffersonville this week.

Eli Stevens, of Ridgeway, Tuesday night, shot his nephew, Cornelius Silvers. The latter is not expected to recover.

A piece of an emery wheel which burst, at Columbus, was imbedded in Charles Hanson's skull. The man is not expected to recover.

Members of the Smallwood family are the latest fortunate Hoosters to be informed of a \$3,000,000 fortune awaiting them in the Bank of England.

The preliminary trial of William Littell, who stabbed his brother to death, resulted in the murderer being bound over to the court in the sum of \$1,000 at Greensburg.

While sawing logs on his farm Daniel Warman, of Clark county, was caught under a log rolling down the side of a hill and probably fatally injured. Two ribs were broken and he also received internal injuries.

Edwin P. Hammond has resigned as judge of the Thirtieth judicial district of Indiana. He will practice law in Lafayette. A convention to nominate a man to succeed him will be held the last of the month.

Another floater was found on the falls at Jeffersonville Wednesday night. The person had evidently been drowned. Nothing was found on the body by which it could be identified, though it is believed to be one Jamison, of Louisville, who disappeared some time since.

J. D. Doolittle, of Doolittle's Mills, near Eckerty, discovered a huge boa constrictor in an old barn-loft. He fired the structure, and after the conflagration ribs of the serpent were taken out large as the ribs of a two-hundred-pound hog. The snake had caused much terror in the neighborhood by catching cows and horses in the meadows and crunching them to death. It was an escaped serpent from a circus, supposedly.



On January 12, 2022, the cannon that had sat at "old" English for decades, arrived at it's new home next to the Veteran's Memorial in English along highway 64. The cannon had received a new paint job by Dale Roll.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

**December 2021:** No meeting, but the CCHGS did have their annual Christmas party, at Judy Faith's residence.

**November 9, 2021:**

Meeting started at 5:30pm with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Program: Show and tell. Bill Piper shared 3 ancient coins. Roberta Toby brought in a glass knife, depression glassware and Shirley Temple glassware. Judy Faith brought in a feed sack quilt made from her mother and grandmother. Debbie Oxley brought in Civil War letters. Elmer Laswell brought in a store advertisement (see side picture). Louie Mitchell brought in two tools, a blacksmith hammer and a spoke shave.

Minutes: no reading of the previous month's meetings as they were not available.

Membership/financial report: no report was available at the meeting.

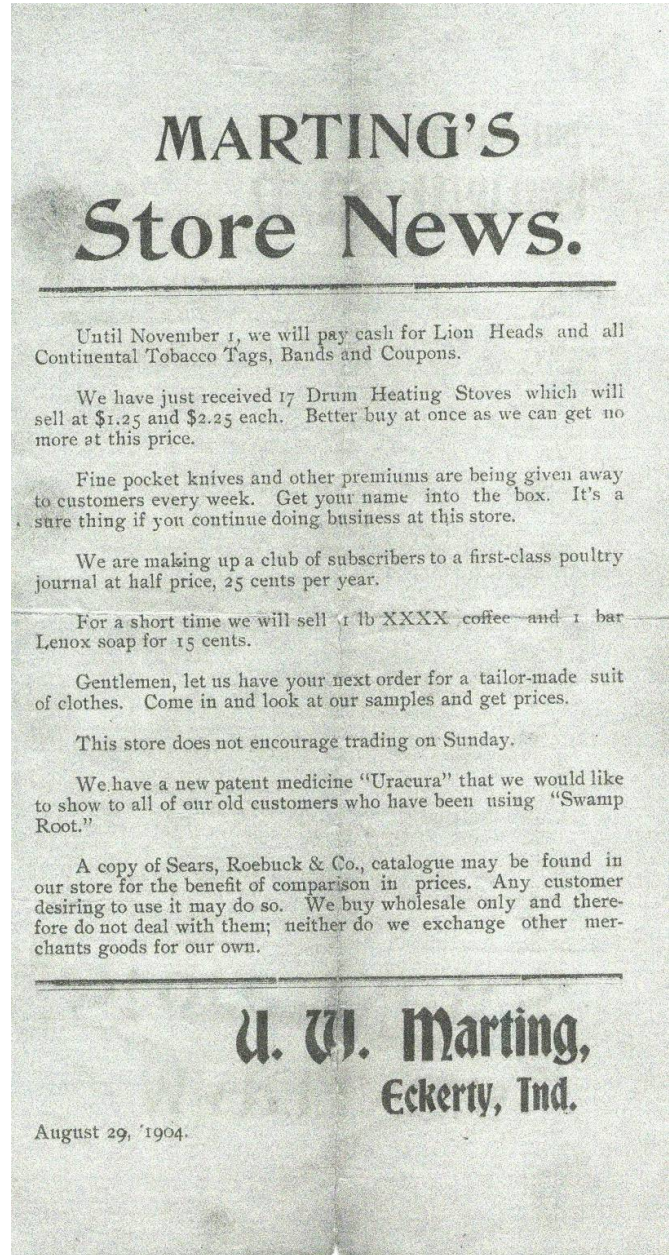
President's report: Clifton Turley's son, who lived in Vermont but is moving abroad, sent Bill a bunch of English Indiana related stuff his father had.

Vice President's report: nothing

Historian/Archives/Veteran's Memorial report: Helped the Parks at the archives regarding Clyde Dean. Cannon moving into place soon.

Proctor House: Final mowing of the season. Otherwise closed until spring.

Donations: Milltown tapes, which featured the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, were donated by Janice Eastridge from the Roggerkamp family. This video is now up on the CCHGS youtube channel. Roberta's sister donated some battery powered candles for the Proctor House.





Other: Christmas dinner was discussed and set for December at Judy's house.

Meeting ended at 6:20pm. Attending: Bill Piper, Jason Froman, Roberta Toby, Judy Faith, Louie and Diane Mitchell, Andy & Glenda Laswell.

### **CCHGS MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2021**

Meeting began at 5:30 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Program - Old churches no longer in service but still standing were the topic of discussion. Bill shared info on the Dillman Church featured on the cover of our latest newsletter. It is located in Curby and was built by volunteers in the neighborhood. Shafer Ridge Church is another interesting old church on Shafer Ridge Road off of Highway 66. Other churches that were mentioned were the Riddle Church, established in 1838, Rock Springs, Temple, and Mt. Pleasant.

Minutes were reviewed. Two corrections were noted - the ending balance on the financial report should be \$5,717.75 and the old cannon that is being repainted is not the original from 1922. That one was melted down for the war effort of WWII. This one was acquired in 1942. Louie made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Roberta seconded, and the motion passed

President's Report - The newsletter is out, but without the minutes as he did not receive them in time. He included a list of books that we have for sale, Bill will find out about the Structures book to see if we can get copies or reprint the copy we have.

Vice-President's Report Jason is co-planning with Anne (from the Public Library) to give genealogy lessons in the Spring.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of September 15 was \$5,717.75. Deposits from donations, book sales, yard sale, memberships, and the grant from CFCC totaled \$4,230.00. Disbursements for utilities, pest control, postage, and our Post Office box were \$557.02. Ending balance is \$9,390.73. Membership is 61.

Archives Report- Roberta sent a Carnes Mill book to a lady in Prosper, Texas. Some trees around the Veterans Memorial have died and will need replacing. She consulted with Mark Hollen on the best way to anchor and install William Proctor's brick. This brick commemorates his War of 1812 service. It is to be placed in the landscaping in front of the Proctor House.

Proctor House Report - It had a deep cleaning by a professional cleaning service.

Donation - Janet Leonard gave Angela an old recipe book to donate to the CCHGS. It was dated 1975 and featured recipes with sorghum in them. It was published in conjunction with the first Sorghum Festival in the county.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Those present were Carol Tomlinson, Roberta Toby, Angela Thompson, Glenda and Andy Laswell, William Piper, Louie and Diane Mitchell, Jason Froman, and Sharon Morris.

### **CCHGS MEETING September 14, 2021**

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No program

Sharon Morris shared an article about the Dubois Genealogy Society setting up a new section in the Dubois County Museum.

Roberta Toby led a discussion about William Proctor's brick commemorating his War of 1812 service that it needs to be placed somewhere and where is the best site. It was decided to place it close to the Proctor House in the landscaping area near the entrance. It will be anchored on something heavy like a slab of marble before placement. A DAR ceremony will be planned for that occasion. The pile of creek gravel and limbs on the driveway will be removed before then.

Minutes were reviewed. One correction was noted—one of the dates for the yard sale was wrong. It should have been the 10th instead of the 9th. Louie made a motion to approve, Jason seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

President's Report - We have received a \$3,000 grant from the CFCC for new signage for the Proctor House. Bill will research historical markers for Highway 64.

Financial Report - The beginning balance as of August 11 was \$5,229.42. Deposits totaled \$693.32. Disbursements for utilities were \$205.08. Ending balance is \$5,627.66. Membership is 60.

Veterans Memorial Report Roberta researched the old cannon that has been repainted and will be relocated to the Memorial. It was originally put in the old community park in 1922 by the Chamber of Commerce. And it is a German Howitzer. It had cannon bails then, but those are now gone. A plaque may be placed on it with this info.

Proctor House Report - Yard sale was a success. Altogether it earned \$1252 of which \$1230 was deposited. Bill and Glen did some mowing and trimming at the cemetery.

Donation - Paylo Lester donated 2 very old sewing machine attachments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Those attending were Carol Tomlinson, Andy and Glenda Laswell, Roberta Toby, Sharon Morris, Judy Faith, Louie and Diane Mitchell, Jason Froman, Angela Thompson, and Bill Piper.

### **CCHGS MEETING AUGUST 10, 2021**

Meeting was called to order at 6.30 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

No program.

Angela Thompson displayed two really neat T-shirts that she was donating to the Society. One had a logo that said "One Small Move for English" referring to the relocation of English due to the flooding that basically destroyed the downtown of old English. The other one had a logo that said "Count on Making The Dream Come True Crawford County" referring to getting the casino located in the county which did not happen. The casino was to be called "Casino Magic". We appreciate these two gifts.

Minutes were reviewed and approved as no corrections were noted.

President's Report Newsletter is out.

Vice-President's Report - Trying to get WIFI for our building.

Financial Report - Beginning balance as of July 14 was \$5,955.80. Total deposits were \$115.00. Total disbursements were \$841.38. Ending balance is \$5,229.42. Membership is 49.

Proctor House Report - Yard sale on Friday, September 9, and on Saturday, September 11. Set-up will be on Thursday the 9th. We hope for good weather and a good tum out

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Those present were Roberta Toby, Angela Thompson, Louie Mitchell, Diane Mitchell, Glenda Laswell, Andy Laswell, Jim Kaiser, Sharon Morris, Debbie Oxley, Jason Froman, Bill Piper, and Carol Tomlinson.

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## ***I Touched The President***

The next page presents a photo that was sent to me by Mary Ann Whitley. She was a writer and photographer for The Corydon Democrat in the late 1970s. This photo was taken in 1979 after President Jimmy Carter visited English following severe flooding. I am sure a lot of you remember this event. In the photo are James Sexton and Mary McLain, wearing homemade t-shirts. James' shirt states "I Met The President" while Mary's shirt stated "I Touched The President." Apparently the homemade t-shirt craze was started by Janice Holzbog who showed up down town earlier that week with a shirt proclaiming "I Saw the President."





### **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](http://www.cchgs.org).

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### **Meetings**

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### **Website:**

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### **Books for sale**

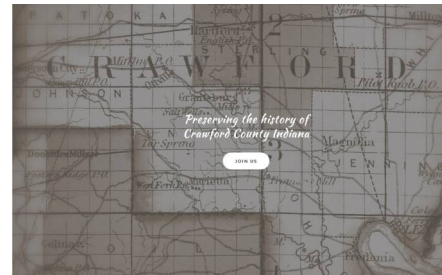
Our book list has been REVISED!! Some out of print titles have now returned and we are also offering DIGITAL versions of most of our books. The digital versions will be sold on CD-R in PDF format. Check our website, <http://www.cchgs.org> for more information!

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