

The Crawford Countian



Summer 2024

Welcome to The Crawford Countian summer 2024 edition! If you have not renewed your membership for the 2024-2025 season, this will be your last issue. Our annual yard sale at the Proctor House was a success! I was aiming for \$2,000 and we barely made it across that threshold. Thanks to all who were involved! Also, I appreciate all the content sent in for this quarter's newsletter! I am always glad to see contributions sent in!



-Bill Piper billgpiper@hotmail.com
President of CCHGS

Cover photo: Leavenworth 1913

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Atz Hatchery in Milltown

The following was submitted by Genie Graf (mggraf@roadrunner.com).

This is a page from a flyer from Atz' Blue Mound Hatchery in Milltown, owned by my great-great Uncle Nolan A. Atz. I wish I knew more about the history of the hatchery, which was closed by the time I came around. I do remember Uncle Nolan and Aunt Mary with love.

MR. NOLAN A. ATZ
Atz' sole owner and manager of Atz' "Blue Mound" Hatchery. Mr. Atz is largely responsible for the high quality and reliability for which the original Atz' "Blue Mound" chicks are famous.

DR. FRANK A. CENEY
After a long poultry experience in Pennsylvania, Dr. Coney is now using his great knowledge and poultry skill in supervising the breeding and hatching activities of the original Atz' "Blue Mound" Hatchery.

ATZ' "BLUE MOUND" HATCHERY
Milltown, Indiana

YOU CAN MAKE MORE MONEY with ATZ' "Blue Mound" Chicks

LOOK FOR THIS SEAL WHEN BUYING CHICKS

It will pay you to purchase Atz' famous "Blue Mound" Chicks this season. Here you will get proven quality and proven ability to make extra poultry profits for you. Atz' famous "Blue Mound" Chicks have long been recognized as real profit makers on the farms of our customers. Our chicks mature quickly into large, heavy birds that can be depended upon to lay plenty of big eggs. This year we give you an extra advantage because we can furnish you chicks from flocks bred and raised under the strict rules of the American Poultry Association, under the personal supervision of an official A. P. A. Flock Inspector. You'll make MORE MONEY with ATZ' famous "Blue Mound" Chicks because they have EXTRA profit qualities not found in ordinary chicks.

ATZ OFFERS 15 POPULAR BREEDS

Here at the Atz' "Blue Mound" Hatchery you can secure just what you want. We hatch fifteen pure-bred breeds, and each breed is under our strict regulations which bring to you chicks that live, lay and pay. You will find each of the breeds described inside, and what's more, each is priced to fit your pocketbook.

EITHER SEXED OR UNSEXED PURE BRED CHICKS

At Atz' "Blue Mound" Hatchery you can secure the high quality you want . . . at prices most reasonable . . . in either Sexed Day-Old Pullets, Sexed Day-Old Cockerels, or pure bred, straight run chicks. Our one aim is, and always has been to produce the very best chicks possible for the average poultry raiser and then to offer these chicks at the most reasonable prices we could and still maintain our high quality.

How well we have succeeded can best be judged by our ever increasing business and by the hundreds and hundreds of enthusiastic reports we have received from folks who have raised these Atz' "Blue Mound" chicks. Read over the brief descriptions of our 15 breeds and the matings given on the inside of this folder. Then make up your order and send it in NOW!

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL

Arkansas, 1936.

After nearly thirty years' dealing in chickens, I wish to state that the sexed Barred Rock day-old chicks which I got from the Atz' "Blue Mound" Hatchery are the best I have ever raised. They came 100% alive, and soon developed into well-feathered birds. The sexing was almost perfect, as I received only one cockerel in the entire flock. I'm certainly well pleased.

Respectfully,
REV. A. STUCKY.

His parents: Christian Atz, a native of Germany, and Charlotte (Lottie) Boldt Atz. Grandpa Christian owned a blacksmith shop in Milltown, which became a hardware store operated by his son, Ed Atz, who was Uncle Nolan's brother.

Ed Atz is my great-grandfather. He married Annette Crowder of Louisville. James Atz, Ed's son, is my grandfather. He married Illene Newkirk of Milltown.

Ann Atz, James's daughter, is my mother. She married Roy Sullivan, who attended school in Milltown.

The following is a newspaper article (name unknown) that was also submitted, year was possibly 1924 or 1925.

Atz's Blue Mound Hatchery

One of the largest hatcheries in this section of the country is located at Milltown in Harrison county, owned and operated by Mr. Nolan Atz and Gusta Atz, his wife.

Mrs. Atz began the hatching business while her husband was overseas, serving his country in the World War. She began with two small machines with a capacity of only 300 eggs. Upon Mr. Atz's return from the army, he entered into the business with his wife, dividing his time between the hardware business and chicken hatching, later he saw the possibilities of the chicken hatching and now devotes his time and energies to it.

From the small beginning of Mrs. Atz the business has grown until at the present they are able to produce 150,000 chicks for the year 1924.

They have recently added a 40,000 capacity modern Smith incubator to their equipment, the eggs in the machine are to be turned every six hours but takes only five minutes time to perform the operation, on this machine is attached a

recording clock that tallies the heat every hour of the day and night, so when people have custom hatching done they can tell by the tally sheet whether the fault is in the eggs or operator of the machine, it also has an electric alarm bell which rings when the temperature is either too high or too low, this is a great protection to the eggs and increases the percentage of the hatch.

The hatchery is located in the basement of their home which is modern in every respect, heated by a furnace, electrically lighted, with water furnished by two large cisterns.

Besides the Smith machine mentioned above, they have two other machines with a capacity of 20,000 eggs, making a total capacity of 60,000 eggs that can be handled at a single hatching.

Mr. And Mrs. Atz have been instrumental in awakening an interest among the farmers of this community in raising better poultry. They pay a premium on all eggs they buy from thoroughbred stock and the farmers are awakening to the fact that it is just as cheap to raise and care for good poultry as it is for mixed stock and are therefore culling out their scrub stock.

Each week during the hatching season they pay out in premiums on good eggs about \$80, or a total of \$1200 during the hatching season.

Mr. and Mrs. Atz are both industrious and merit the success they have made in the business.

Their motto is "If you please your customer, you will always get their business," and with this motto in view every chick is inspected by one or the other before it is shipped.

Doris June Snider Kaiser Volunteer Award



Each year, the Community Foundation of Crawford County hosts the DJSK Volunteer(s) of the Year Award ceremony where

location organizations present their recipient(s) for the recognition of the hard work that these folks bring to each of these groups. This year, the CCHGS nominated both John and Sherry Crawford. John and Sherry have helped us out tremendously in the past year. Their work includes cataloging and archiving the records at the CCHGS building. Roberta has received help at the county archives. They have brought in Family Search to help get county records digitize for internet usage (coming very soon!). John has helped plan out programs for our monthly meetings. There is also a school related program starting in the next school year that the Crawfords helped usher in. More information will be provided about this in the near future. It is going to be a great way to showcase local history to the younger population in the county! Thank you John and Sherry!



Ruth Terry Obituary



For those who have not heard the sad news, long time CCHGS member, Ruth Terry has passed away.

Ruth Janice (Wood) Terry, 90, of Marengo, Indiana passed from this life on July 9, 2024 at Lincoln Hills Health Center in New Albany, Indiana. Ruth was born in Milltown, Indiana on October 19, 1933 to the late Harry L. and Pauline G. (Vernon) Wood.

Ruth was a former computer programmer for

Sandia Missile Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico, U.S. Census Bureau in Jeffersonville, Indiana and was a former waitress. She was a member of the Marengo Christian Church, Crawford County Genealogical and Historical Society.

She loved her dog "Pinto," enjoyed gardening, crafting, woodworking, and traveling. She loved her time spent in Albuquerque, New Mexico and missed being there. She loved all her family and loved walking outdoors barefoot, "to feel the ground."

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Harry L. Byrn.

She is survived by her sons: Bord Edward Byrn Jr. (Joyce) and Roy Nolan Byrn (Kim); daughters, Helen Jean Byrn, Lois Leona Byrn Oden (Jack), and Renee` Ruth Romines (Mike); grandchildren, Paul E. Forbes, Monica Brooke, James E. Jones, Clinton, Cassandra, Allison, and Colleen Byrn; great-grandchildren: Payton Wright, Parker Jones, Vanessa Estrada, Mariah Estrada, Anthony Justin Estrada; great-great-grandchildren: Bo Wright, Jensen and Ronnie Byrn, Augusta Estrada, Ezra Martinez, and Elena Martinez; and great-great-great-grandchild, Matheo Ruben Martinez.

Dr. Gobbel's Medicine Book

Thanks to Becky Stetter for the following:

Hey Bill, I am excited to tell you that you may be able to copy the medicine recipe book of Dr Novy Gobbel, doctor at English when I was growing up in the 50's and 60's. His nurse's daughter Kim commented on a post I had too and she mentioned it so I asked if the society could copy it.

The first pages are the forever hated god-awful brown medicine I hated so much. I had frequent ear infections as a child and was given that. My Mom tried giving it to me in orange juice and ruined orange juice for me, I can't drink it to this day.

Also, credit goes to Kim Brown Potter. Her mother Mabel Brown was Dr Novy's nurse.



Rather than try and transcribe the medicine book, I am going to present the photos as is on the next two pages. More power to you if you can read "doctor writing"! John Crawford and I were speaking about old doctor formulas awhile back and were quite interested in obtaining local recipes such as these. If you know of any more, please send them our way! (billgpiper@hotmail.com) & (crawf.jr@gmail.com) Please include any back story that may go along with them!

For Eczema.

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Rx

Acid Salicylatis

$\overline{3\text{ } \overline{1155}}$

Hydrarg Ammoniatus

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Ichthyolis

$\overline{3\text{ } \overline{VI}}$

Lanoline

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Vaseline

$\overline{3\text{ } \overline{VI}}$

Mf.

Sig: Apply locally

Six times daily

(39997) (D. May, 14-16-1908)

Miss Bros. cor Broadway and
Pulton St.)

Good Local Anesthetic
Novocaine 2 per cent.

Dr. S. Allen.

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Canons paste for pleurisy,

R_x Oil Ligii 3ss

Sether

3ss

In Iodine Comp

3i

M_x paint surface for pleurisy,

3i/5ss

R_x Intestinal Antiseptic

Salol

Scale pepsin aa gr. v

Powd Cinnamon gr. i

M_x. at one dose.

For ordinary sore eyes

R_x Acidi Boracic gr. v

X Aqua Camphora 3ss

Aqua Dest. 3ss

M_x Sig, drop 3 or 4 drops in
affected eye 3 or 4 times per dayR_x For Colds.

Potass. bicarb. gr. LX

3X

Aqua

M_x sig teaspoonful
every 2 or 3 hr.

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R_x For Cough

menthol gr. ii

Chloroform 1gtt. XX

M_x sig put a few drops
between hands and inhale
gently.R_x Sedative Cough mixtureM_x of Ipecac 3i

Syr Skill. Comp.

48. Prun. Virgin. Fl aa 3i

Syr Iala 3i/11

M_x Sig one to two Teaspoonfuls
at dose. To the above you
may add Codia Sul. gr. 111R_x For Cough

Heroin 1/32 to 1/16 gr. at dose

R_x For Cough.

Sol. Kali Citras 3ss

Sweet Spts Kit 3ss

at dose.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

April 9, 2024 minutes:

Meeting started at 6:30pm with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Program: Roger Dillman spoke about dental history during his time in the profession. The program was fully recorded and is presented on the CCHGS youtube channel.

Minutes were read, Louie Mitchell made a motion to accept, Diane Mitchell seconded. Motion passed.

President's Report: Newsletter is out.

Vice President's Report: Nothing

County Historian's Report: Nothing

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance: \$10,496.67. Total deposits: \$135. Total bills paid: \$375.58. Ending balance: \$10,256.09. Membership 61, Library 1, Corporations 3, Free memberships 2, total 67.

Proctor House report: Yard sale is set for June 21 & 22. Bill Piper asked everyone to start gathering up any items they would like to donate and bring them to the CCHGS building as space is an issue at the shelter house. If possible, hold onto items until the week of. Bill also mentioned some wood rot on the back side of the shelter house that will need to be addressed at some point.

Other News: Roberta Toby suggested making puzzles to sell as a fundraising idea.

Meeting ended 7:37pm

Attending: Bill & Robin Piper, John & Sherry Crawford, Judy Faith, Jason Froman, Louie & Diane Mitchell, Ed Whitmire, Annette Gilliland, Tyler Gallien, Roberta Toby, Tami and Frank Redding, Andy & Glenda Laswell, Roger & Donna Dillman, plus one other guest (can't make out the name written on the sheet)

May 14, 2024 minutes:

Meeting began at 6:30pm with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Crawford welcomed everyone and gave info on upcoming events. A focus will be on education. He and Bill Piper had met with Brandon Johnson, school superintendent, and Mrs. Carrothers, middle school principal, to discuss incorporation family and county history into the curriculum. Both were very enthusiastic. On Sept 25, the teachers will be given a tour of the library and the annex to see the resources available to use in teaching this history. The next meeting in June will be on old time foods. Bring your old cookbook and a sample to share.

Program: Tami Redding presented the history of the old English Mill and the Civic Club's progress in restoring it. It was built around 1897 which is when the English Milling Co. Was formed. It contained the English Light Company which supplied electricity for the town. {The huge gas generator was housed in a small building behind the Mill. This info comes from John Flanigan as his father had shown it to him when he was a small boy.} It also housed the telephone company. The Longest family owned the flour mill at one point and Guy Longest managed it. As ownership changed so did the uses. The

Lone Family had a gas station on the property at one time. Among other uses were a laundromat and a teen center. Good progress has been made by getting grants to help with the planning and for an architect. Tami showed the sketch of what it will look like when finished. The outside will be covered with metal plates just like the originals. It was an interesting and informative program fully recorded and can be viewed on the Society's You-tube channel.

Minutes: Were read. Roberta Toby made a motion to accept and Tyler Gallien seconded. The motion passed.

President's Report: Bill Piper added more info about the visit with the school officials. He wants to use the Proctor House as an educational tool, and to have it open for class tours.

Vice-President's Report: Tyler Gallien talked about having a surplus of food. Help yourself to what's in the fridge.

Archives Report: Roberta Toby reported that Donna Smith is retiring from her post, and that there was a nice service for the Vietnam Veterans.

Financial Report: Beginning balance: \$10,256.09. Total deposits: \$505. Total Expenses: \$943.49. Ending balance: \$9,817.60. Membership: 67.

Misc: Yard sale June 21 and 22.

Attending were: William and Robin Piper, John and Sherry Crawford, Tyler Gallien, Louie and Diane Mitchell, Roberta Toby, Carol Tomlinson, Sharon Morris, Frank and Tami Redding, Judy Faith, Annette Gilliland, Cheryl Allen, Angela Thompson, Maria Wishart, Jenny Watson and friend.

June 11, 2024:

The meeting opened at 6:30pm with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The program was Old Time Foods. Many brought examples of old time foods with a special connection to their families. John Crawford started by showing and talking about Leather Britches beans and hardtack. Hardtack was a staple of the pioneers and was made of flour, salt, and water, then baked until it hardened. Other foods that were brought were squash-sweet potato pie, rhubarb cobbler, pecan/bean pie, cornbread/milk, cowboy beans, corn muffins, chicken and dumplings, fried apple pies, persimmon pudding, and home made ice cream. Everyone had the opportunity to tell about the family connection that made their food special and a family favorite. A very good time was enjoyed by all with sharing their food and stories.

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

Elections: Louie Mitchell made a motion to keep the same officers. The motion was seconded by Diane Mitchell and Cheryl Allen. A vote was taken and it passed by acclamation.

Archives - Roberta Toby said the new racks had been installed at the archives.

Bill reminded us about the upcoming yard sale on June 21 & 22. Tyler Gallien will hold the Proctor House open.

Tami Redding said there will be a meeting on Tuesday, June 25, at the Town Hall to discuss moving Mr. English's statue and the location.

Those attending were John and Sherry Crawford, Louie and Diane Mitchell, Roberta Toby, Carol Tomlinson, Tyler Gallien, Bill and Robin Piper, Andy and Glenda Laswell, Rhonda, Carol Groves, Bob Roberts, Annette Gilliland, Angela Thompson, Judy Faith, Chery Allen, Tami Redding and Maria Wishart.



CCH&GS Meeting & Presentation
Aug 13 @ 6:30 pm
At the Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society
310 Oak Hill Circle, English, IN

"The Civilian Conservation Corp"
By Roberta Toby

Learn about the CCC in Crawford County. What was it, what did they do? How it still benefits us.

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS
Sept 10 - *Messamore-Mystery of a Missing Crawford County Family 75 Yrs Ago* by Gerald Hughes.
1st hand account of this local mystery.

Oct 8 - *English - The Rest of the Story*. Learn how Hartford became English and got a statue for making the change.

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:

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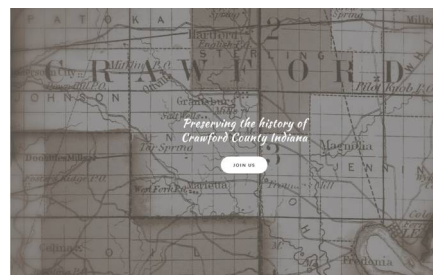


Books for sale

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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Be sure to visit our website to keep up to date on various events, our hours of operations, books for sale and other misc items. If you have a suggestion, you can send it to me via the site or send queries as well for the newsletter.

CRAWFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL &
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM
2024-2025



Dues for annual membership are \$15 for a single member, one vote; \$20 for a family, two votes; \$25 for an organization, two votes. Voting members' names must be included. Please include the name of the organization if applicable. All dues payable by July 1st. Membership includes a subscription to the CCHGS Newsletter published quarterly. Please choose which method for newsletter delivery, if left blank, no newsletter will be sent. Please note, we only do memberships on a "per year" basis. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Mail this form with dues to:

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Sharon Morris, Treasurer

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Thanks for your interest in joining the CCHGS.