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## Looking for Elvira Lucretia Weathers

I recently had a query concerning Ms. Weathers from a Stewart in MA. He said she had married a Stewart and they had moved to Leavenworth, KS. I thought this was an interesting query because both family names were prominent in Crawford County history. I checked most of my sources at the Archives, looking at marriage indexes, land records and estate records, but found nothing concerning Elvira Lucretia. When I returned home I connected with Ancestry.com and found her entire family tree.

Crawford Census records show the following:

1820 Census:

- Benjamin Weathers
- Daniel Weathers
- Richard Weathers

1830 Census:

- Benjamin Weathers
- Elijah Weathers

1840 Census:

- Benjamin Weathers
- H. H. Weathers
- John Weathers
- Squire Weathers
- Thomas Weathers

1850 Census: the family of Squire Weathers at Leavenworth contained the following members:

Squire, age 35, b. 1815 KY  
(He married Ruth Sharp on June 16, 1836 in Crawford County.)

Ruth, age 30, b. 1820 KY  
Richard W., age 14, b. 1836 in Harrison County.

William, age 12, b. 1838  
Eliza [Elvira] L., age 10, b. 1840

James J., age 8, b. 1842  
Francis M., age 6, b. 1844  
Albert F., age 4, b. 1846

In Liberty Township for the census of 1850, we find:

- Richard, age 67, b. 1783 TN
- Christine, 55, b. 1795 KY
- Henry H., 43, b. 1897 KY
- Rachel, 40, b. 1810 TN
- Elizabeth, 36, b. 1814 KY
- Vinson, 34, b. 1816 Crawford
- Enoch, 30, b. 1820 Crawford
- Elitha, 26, b. 1824 NC

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## CCHGS Annual Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m. is the time for this annual event. It will take place at the English Senior Citizen's Building. Members are requested to bring a covered dish and a gag gift for a gift exchange.

There will be an abbreviated business meeting.

All members and friends of the society are invited to attend.

Donations accepted to defray the expenses of the dinner.

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## From Our County Historian Richard Eastridge

### JOHN ATWOOD

#### BUSINESSMAN OF ALTON

In 1850, John Atwood was living in the household of Margaret Atwood, his mother. In 1854, he married Rebecca Sheckells and they had twelve children. John tried farming, but decided there were better ways to make a living. He was a boatman during the Civil War, because of the war very few jobs were available. Hanging around Alton, he

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**Elvira Weathers: Continued**

Cynthia, 25, b. 1825 IN  
 Chesterfield, 24, b. 1826 IN  
 John S., 22, b. 1828  
 Donny, 20, b. 1830  
 James M., 20  
 David N, 19  
 Matilda, 16  
 Elizah, 14  
 Rachel, 14  
 Laura M., 12  
 Joseph, 11  
 Solomon, 11  
 Andrew, 10  
 Martha, 8  
 Sarah M., 6  
 Setesta Ann, 5  
 James M., 3  
 Lonzo, 3  
 James H., 1  
 Rebecca, 1  
 Wm. F., 1  
 Leroy, 0.

In Whiskey Run Township in 1850, we find the Benjamin Weathers family:

Benjamin, age 62, b. 1788 TN  
 Jane, age 55, b. 1795 TN  
 Worden, age 21, b. 1829 IN  
 Eliza, age 18, born Crawford  
 Manerva, age 16  
 Hannah, age 14  
 Nancy Jane, age 9.

In the 1860 Census, I finally find the name of Elvira. She is listed in the family of Squire Weathers in Leavenworth:

Squire, age 44, skiff maker, b. KY

Ruth, age 40  
 William V., age 22  
 Elvira, age 18  
 James J., age 16  
 Francis, age 14  
 Albert, age 12  
 Mary, age 10

Henry, age 8  
 Alice, age 5  
 George, age 1.

The earliest appearance of the Weathers name in Crawford County records is in Order Book A, where Richard Weathers is listed as a petit juror in the December Term of the Crawford County Circuit Court at Mountsterling in the year 1818.

In the land records of Tract Book One, or Congress Lands, the Weathers name is well represented with several purchases of land in the Liberty Township area and other sections of the county.

Elvira Lucretia Weathers married David Henry Stewart on May 15, 1865 in Leavenworth, Crawford County, Indiana according to Ancestry, but I do not find their marriage in the county records, perhaps their license was filed on the Harrison County side of town! David Henry Stewart was the son of Eli Stewart (1809-1866) and Lucy H. Landers (1810-1873).

The 1880 Federal Census finds the family living in High Prairie, Leavenworth, KS. Their children are listed as:

Loni L. Stewart, age 14  
 Edgar, age 10  
 Lula E., age 8  
 Ernest H., age 7  
 Daisy, age 4.

The 1900 census finds them in the same place:

David H. Stewart, age 64  
 Elvira L. Stewart, age 58  
 Daisey E. Stewart, age 23.

The 1920 census finds Elvira living with her daughter, Daisy, and her family in Camegie, Caddo County, OK:  
 Wm. L. Dunlap, age 44

Daisy E. Dunlap, age 44  
 Ethel M. Dunlap, age 14  
 Frances L. Dunlap, age 7  
 Elvira L. Stewart, age 75.

According to Ancestry, David H. Stewart was born April 1, 1836 in Marengo, Crawford County, IN, and died on March 5, 1918 in Leavenworth, Leavenworth County, KS.

Elvira Lucretia Weathers was born February 15, 1841 in Leavenworth, Crawford County, IN, and died on December 12, 1928 in Tulsa, Tulsa County, OK.

By Larry M. Burmeister.

**From Historian: Cont.**

became acquainted with James Riley, a saloon owner in Alton and in 1867 he bought his business and was doing fairly well. John had competition from John Moore who also had a saloon in Alton. In 1872, Moore went out of business and John had the liquor business to himself in town.

You must remember that back then, grocery stores could sell spirits in quantities of a quart or more which could not be consumed on the premises. Saloons could sell spirits in quantities less than a quart which could be consumed on the premises. Most saloons sold their whiskey by the gill or a 4-ounce drink which in 1870 went for ten cents.

The 1870's were a good time for John Atwood, operating a saloon on the west half of lot No.

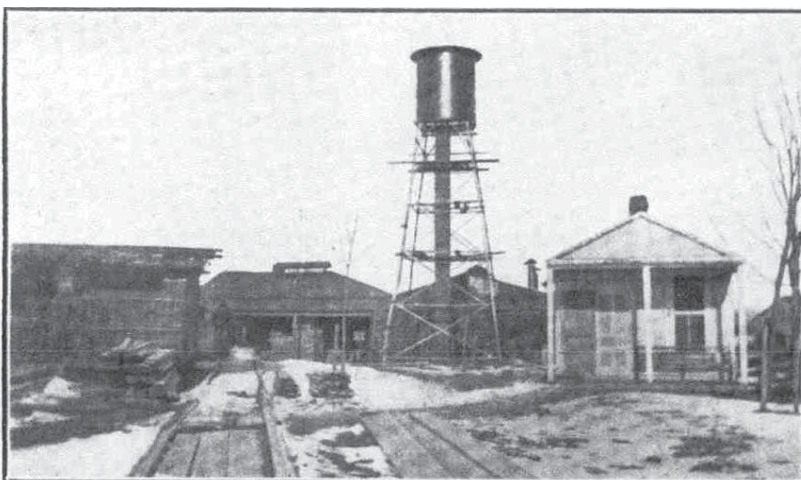
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**Old & Reliable, Yet Young & Active**

(from June 29, 1912 issue of *The Louisiana Planter & Sugar Manufacturer.*, Page 455.)

(Submitted by Roberta Toby)

Peckinpaugh, Harrison & Co. of Alton, Ind., where they own and operate what is known as the Indiana Oak Mills, have been shipping cane cart and wagon woodwork, plow beams, handles, backbands, sugar paddles, wagon and cart sides into the sugar district for so many years that all of our sugar planters have come to regard them as old, true and staunch friends, and in all the years that they have been catering to our sugar plantation trade we have never heard of a single instance in which they have done anything to forfeit the high esteem in which they are universally held. They began supplying our Louisiana sugar plantations with their line of material way back in 1877, some five years after the establishment of the firm, which began business in 1872. They devised an original and very successful idea which



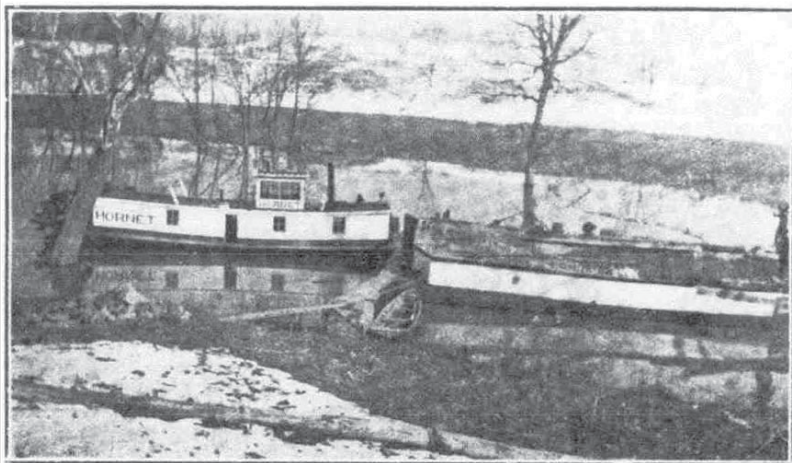
**STORAGE SHEDS AND OFFICE AT INDIANA OAK MILLS.**

consisted of sending loaded barges or flat boats at the proper time each spring with a full line of goods, down the Mississippi River and the different bayous right into the heart of the sugar district, the boats landing at the plantations and thereby giving an opportunity to the sugar planters to buy what they needed free of all expense of freight, with the further advantage of examining the goods and picking out their material. Never once since this system was inaugurated many years ago have Messrs. Peckinpaugh, Harrison & Co. failed to make their annual voy-

age and the little flotilla has usually been under command of Capt. Curg Harrison, and this unfortunate year of 1912 is no exception, the boats being dispatched as usual and we give herewith a photograph of their powerful gasoline boat, "Hornet," just as she was leaving home with her tow.

The other picture shows the

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**HORNET AND TOW STARTING FOR LOUISIANA.**

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## Communications

### Crawford Co visit

From: "NncyBllngs@aol.com"  
burmeisterlarry@yahoo.com

Dear Larry,

David and I want to express our appreciation for your help with our genealogy research. You found more documents than we expected to find.

We would like to find the location of Joel Ray's home and store when he married James and Susannah Carter? (July 7, 1938) We would like to know more about the Ray family?

Again we want to thank you for your guidance and help. We will look forward to learning more about Crawford Co. and its folks.

Nancy Billings.

### Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society Minutes for the August Meeting.

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met on August 10, 2009 with President Densil Wilson presiding.

**Peggy Brooks** presented the final draft on the nomination of the Proctor House to the Historic Register. Photos still need to be put on a certain type of CD and comments of Ron Stiller and Laura Renwick will also be included. This is the final form unless the society wants to make changes.

The **July minutes** were read and the following corrections were made: Becky Hammond Stetter also attended the Marengo Alumni Banquet. Roberta Toby was not appointed to, but volunteered to help with the Historic Pathways Project. The minutes were accepted as read after the corrections.

Sharon Morris gave the **Financial**

**Report.** The beginning balance on July 13, 2009 was \$16,973.01 with an ending balance of \$16,144.69 on August 10, 2009. The report was accepted as read.

The Jackson's gave the **Proctor House report.** Hugh Jackson suggested hiring Mr. Bauermeister, who did the windows and doors, to restore the Riceville Depot. Densil Wilson then said we should get a couple more estimates before making a final decision. Becky Hammond Stetter then asked about grants that might be available from the Department of Transportation. Peggy Brooks gave more information about Transportation grants and volunteered to find out more. Evelyn Jackson gave the Proctor House Financial Report. The beginning balance on July 13, 2009 was \$7,918.97 with an ending balance of \$18,010.80 on August 8, 2009.



For the **Fund Raising Committee**, Betsy Young said ornament sales have dropped since the price increase. One was sold at the Leavenworth River Fest and one given away in the drawing. She suggested running a "special" for a short time of the original price of \$5.00. It was decided to figure out how much each ornament cost to make and report back at the next meeting.

Priscilla Eastridge, **Membership Committee**, reported 70 paid members at this time.

**Historic Pathways Committee:** The following Crawford County citizens were chosen for the project: Prof. Johnson, Seth Leavenworth, Zebulon Leavenworth, David Stewart and Thomas K. Van Zandt.

**The Junior Membership Committee** are scheduling a meeting and will report back

at the next meeting.

The **Archives Report** was given by the Coordinator, Larry Burmeister. He stated there were three visitors there since last month, two queries were answered on e-mail and a total income of \$32.00 was deposited. He also gave the **News-letter Report** and said the latest newsletter would be out before the September meeting.

Leavenworth River Fest Report, given by Vice-President Larry Burmeister said that one ornament and one book were sold. One ornament (\$8.00) and an Activity Book (\$10.00) were given away in a drawing, and the set-up fee was \$5.00 for a total cost of \$23.00.

Richard Eastridge read a **letter** that was sent to him personally **from Diane Enlow** concerning incorrect statements about the Dean family and the Proctor House. Jim Kaiser asked if he was going to send an official reply and Richard said "no." Becky Hammond Stetter said the corrections had already been made some time ago, and she would send a new flyer with the corrections to Mrs. Enlow.

The **Harrison County Library** has ordered books totaling over \$700.00 from the society.

The following **bills** were presented: \$13.30 from Priscilla Eastridge for postage and mailing books. Larry Burmeister for \$5.00 for electric at the River Fest, \$2.50 for 25 ballots, \$2.50 for 25 CCHGS brochures, \$2.50 for 25 items for sale brochures, and \$8.00 for 80 By-Laws brochures. Densil Wilson made the motion to pay the above bills with Jim Kaiser seconding the motion and the motion carried.

**Election of Directors:** Due to too many delegates for directors being elected at the July meeting, a new election was held. For Sterling, Johnson and Patoka Townships: Bill Piper, Anita Mitchell, with Becky Hammond Stetter being nominated from the floor. For

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Union, Boone and Ohio Townships: Ruth Terry and Sharon Morris. For Liberty, Jennings and Whiskey Run Townships: Bobby Wiseman, with Roberta Toby being nominated from the floor. At Large Delegate: Don Standiford, with Betty Gunn being nominated from the floor. Sandy Wilson made the motion to close the nominations with Hugh Jackson seconding and the motion carried. Larry Burmeister made the motion to have 2-3 people count the votes. Densil Wilson appointed Larry Young, Jim Kaiser and Priscilla Eastridge to count the ballots. Larry Young read the results. The following were elected: Anita Mitchell for Sterling, Johnson and Patoka; Ruth Terry for Union, Boone and Ohio Townships; Bobby Wiseman for Liberty, Jennings and Whiskey Run and Betty Gunn the At-Large Delegate. Jim Kaiser made the motion to destroy the ballots with Priscilla Eastridge seconding the motion and the motion carried. Concerning the previous voting for officers, since no nominations were made from the floor there was no need to vote by ballot.

The following **New Business** was discussed: Roberta Toby asked about the fertilizer that is going to be spread in the area of the Proctor House.

Densil Wilson is going to call the school to discuss our access to enter the school with the new security measures that are being taken.

The Jackson's, Kaiser's, Larry Burmeister and Richard Eastridge will be going over the material from Peggy Brooks.

Those attending were: Densil R. Wilson, Richard Eastridge, Larry Burmeister, William & Robin Piper, Priscilla Eastridge, Marie Greathouse, Edith Key, Sharon Morris, Evelyn Jackson, Betty Gunn, Helena Burmeister, Peggy Brooks, Hugh Jackson, Becky Hammond Stetter, Larry Young, Betsy

Young, Janice Eastridge, Ruth Terry, Harry Wood, Roberta Toby, Glen S. Toby, Anita Mitchell, Doris Kaiser, Sandra Wilson and Jim Kaiser.

**Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society Minutes for the September Meeting.**

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met on September 14, 2009 with Vice President Larry Burmeister presiding.



**Richard Eastridge spoke** about John Atwood who was married to Rebecca Sheckell. John bought a tavern from James Riley in Alton. In 1881 it burned and in 1883 came a flood. He rebuilt each time. Then a group of about 32 ladies embarked on the tavern and made him promise to no longer sell liquor. They poured the liquor in the river and later repaid him for the cost. The matter was taken to court where the ladies were ordered to pay a fine of one cent a piece. In 1884 there was another flood, in 1885 he is in trouble for not having a liquor license, and in 1886 he sells out to his son, Abraham. John then goes into a store business — no liquor.

The **minutes were read** and Richard Eastridge made the motion to accept the minutes. Hugh Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried. I then received an e-mail from Larry Burmeister stating that a correction needed to be made. The following were chosen for the Historic Pathways Project: Prof. Johnson, David Stewart, Seth Leavenworth, Zebulon Leavenworth and Thomas K. VanZandt. Not Alan Thom, Peckenpough and

Harrison.

Sharon Morris read the **Treasurer's Report**. The beginning balance on August 11, 2009 was \$17,345.79 with an ending balance of \$17,513.99 minus the copy fund of \$1,201.10 with the available balance of \$16,312.89 on September 10, 2009. Roberta Toby made the motion to accept the report with Priscilla Eastridge seconding the motion, and the motion carried. There were some questions as to why the ending balance one month is not the same beginning balance the following month. The copy fund is causing the confusion. The copy fund which is used only for paper, toner, etc. is subtracted from the actual ending balance. That then gives us the available balance that is used for other society expenses.

Evelyn Jackson gave the **Proctor House financial report** with a current balance of \$7,983.66.

Betsy Young gave the ornament report with 5 being sold in August for a total of \$40.00.

In **Publications**, the following books are now for sale: The Relocation of the Crawford County Court House from Leavenworth to English for \$15.00. The History of Crawford County Schools, 1926, by John Murray for \$20.00. Telephone Systems in Crawford County for \$15.00. And it was also decided to print the Church of Christ Membership Rolls and Conference Minutes from 1817 of Orange and Crawford Counties for \$30.00. Three books are still in the works: English Reunion, Death Index from the Crawford Co. Health Dept., and a book on Sulphur Springs.

There are 76 paid members.

Jim Kaiser reported on the **inside audit**. Next years audit needs to have an inventory sheet of every item that belongs to the society. Such as items that are donated, pictures, and things bought at area auctions.

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Robin Piper passed around the **scrap-book** and has one ready for Proctor House items.

Roberta Toby gave the **web-site report**. She would like to honor the local veterans, past and present, on the web-site by adding some information and a photo. She asked for members to check, and if possible help with the queries that are on the web-site. She also asked if it was possible to put the newsletters in book form.

The newsletter report was read by Janice Eastridge for Larry Burmeister. Fifty newsletters were printed, twenty e-mailed, and eight hand delivered.

Roberta Toby and Becky Hammond Stetter spoke about the proposed **Junior Membership**. They gave the benefits of a Junion Membership for grades 7-12. Jim Kaiser made the motion that they ask other area societies for ideas, activities, and materials they use and report back at the October meeting. The motion carried.

The **Archives Report** was read by Janice Eastridge for Larry Burmeister. There were 15 visitors since last report. One book sold for \$25.00, \$15.00 donation and \$44.00 in the copy fund for a total deposit of \$84.00.

Bill was presented by Larry Burmeister for \$65.00 for publishing of the newsletter. Priscilla Eastridge made the motion to pay the bill and Betsy Young seconding, and the motion carried.

Repairs to the depot were discussed, and Roberta Toby asked about getting an estimate from the Amish. Anita Mitchell then said her husband would like to meet with some members to go over the repairs needed so he could put in a bid.

Becky Hammond Stetter did not mail a brochure to Diane Enlow. She apparently had an old brochure due to the fact

that the corrections she wanted made had been taken care of some time ago.

In **new business**, the Milltown Festival will be Sept. 18-20. Eckerty Days will be Sept. 26. Betsy Young asked if the ornaments could be on display outside so they would be more visible.

The Sorghum Festival is the third Saturday in October, and Sharon Morris has sent the money for an inside space.

Those attending were: Larry & Helena Burmeister, Richard & Priscilla Eastridge, Anita Mitchell, Glen S. & Roberta Toby, Ruth Terry, Jim Kaiser, Becky Hammond Stetter, Hugh E. & Evelyn G. Jackson, Janice Eastridge, Larry & Betsy Young, William & Robin Piper, and Sharon Morris.

## Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society Minutes for the October Meeting.

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met on October 12, 2009 with President Densil Wilson presiding.

Roberta Toby spoke about the Junior Membership. She found that in 1924 Marengo had a Junior Historical Society.

The September **minutes** were accepted as read.



Sharon Morris read the **Treasurer's Report**. The beginning balance on Sept. 15, 2009 was \$17,513.99, deposits of 470.80, disbursements of \$85.00, for an ending balance of \$17,899.79 on October 12, 2009. The report was accepted as read.

The Jackson's and Wiseman's gave the **Proctor House Report**. Evelyn Jackson announced she would like to resign as treasurer of the committee. After some dis-

cussion, she decided to stay on with Mary Wiseman's help, until the restoration of the house begins.

There were three bids on repairing the depot with the committee accepting the bid from Jeff Mitchell for \$1,050.00. The work includes the roof, rafters, doors, windows, but does not include painting. This will be paid from the general fund.

Evelyn Jackson received a birthday gift from her cousin, Lynn Kimble of Louisiana, of \$500.00 to be donated to the Proctor House. Priscilla Eastridge will send her a one year free membership for her generous donation.

Evelyn Jackson gave the Proctor House financial report. The beginning balance was \$7,983.66, deposits of \$500.00, debits of \$76.86, for an ending balance of \$8,409.80 on Oct. 12, 2009.

The application for the Historic Register has been turned in by Peggy Brooks and is being reviewed.

Mary Wiseman asked if donated items could be kept at the Proctor House if a secure lock was put on the upstairs room? Jim Kaiser said we need a procedure in place to either accept or reject donated items. Richard Eastridge suggested having individuals sign a document stating they are making a donation that will become the property of the society. Tax exemptions, and monetary value were also discussed on donated items.

Evelyn Jackson asked about the obituaries that were donated from Mack Tucker. The August 8, 2005 minutes state that they were to be kept at the archives, they are at the home of Richard Eastridge at this time.

Betsy Young gave the **ornament report** with 10 being sold at the Milltown Festival for \$5 each for a total of \$50.00. The ornament sales and prices were discussed. Betsy suggested selling them for \$5 at the local festivals. Dropping the price back to \$5 was also discussed,

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but it was decided to keep them at \$8.00.

On **Publications**, Richard Eastridge made the motion to raise the prices of the following books: The Relocation of the Court House (was \$15), History of Crawford County Schools (was \$20), Telephone Systems (was \$15), and the Death Index from the Health Dept. Priscilla Eastridge seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Publication Committee will decide on the new prices.

Priscilla Eastridge reported that **membership** is now at 80.

The Web-site Committee is wanting photos and information on area Veterans to add to the site.

Larry Burmeister gave the **Archives** report. There were 14 visitors, 1 new membership, and 2 mail requests. \$90.00 to the book fund, \$116.30 to the copy fund, and \$15.00 to the general fund for a total deposit of \$221.30. The Archives are now closed until Spring.

Total sales at area festivals were: \$105.00 at Milltown, and \$180.00 at Eckerty.

The motion was made to set up a booth at the Holiday Gift Show at the 4-H Building on December 12th, with the set-up fee being \$10.00. Ruth Terry seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

A bill was presented for \$87.00 for the printing of books. Hugh Jackson made the motion to accept the bill with Jim Kaiser seconding the motion, and the motion carried.

Hugh Jackson asked about using the old Marengo Bank building to store the books at the archives. The town of Marengo has applied for a grant to have the building professionally cleaned of any mold. Larry Burmeister stated that would be up to the Commissioners not the society.

Ruth Terry gave the society a locking display case that was donated by Roy

Bum.

Those attending were: Robin & William Piper, Bob & Mary Wiseman, Harry Wood, Richard & Priscilla Eastridge, Anita Mitchell, Glen & Roberta Toby, Ruth Terry, Jim Kaiser, Maxine Redding, Don Standiford, Betsy & Larry Young, Betty Gunn, Densil & Sandra Wilson, Larry & Helena Burmeister, Hugh & Evelyn Jackson, Janice Eastridge, Edith Key and Sharon Morris.

**Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society Minutes for the November Meeting.**

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met on November 9, 2009 in the media center of the Crawford County Jr-Sr High School with President Densil Wilson presiding.

All Veterans who were present were acknowledged.

Becky Stetter read a poem, "A Prayer For Our Soldiers," and passed a brochure from the Indiana War Museum in Indianapolis that she and Roberta Toby visited recently.

Richard Eastridge, County Historian, gave a brief history of the Sulphur Springs hotel that was located at Sulphur, Indiana.

President Wilson recessed the meeting for a 15-minute committee meeting.

After reconvening the meeting, President Wilson explained the committees responsibilities which are: Each committee is to take minutes of each of their meetings and make their own decisions.

**The Minutes of the last meeting** were read by Priscilla Eastridge. Evelyn Jackson asked about the obituaries that were donated from Mack Tucker. The August 8, 2005 minutes stated that they were to be kept at the archives, they are at the home of Richard Eastridge at this time. This should be corrected that these files are not obituaries, but are card files with death dates and marriage dates. They were not donated by Mack Tucker. Mr. Tucker had given these files to an individual who in

turn gave them to another person who later gave them to Richard Eastridge.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Sharon Morris. The beginning balance as of October 13, 2009 was \$17,899.79, deposits \$438.30 and disbursements \$87.00. Ending balance as of November 9, 2009 \$18,251.09. Jeff Mitchell has not been paid yet for the repairs of the Depot, but will be included in next

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storage sheds, office and a part of the mill of Messrs. Peckinpaugh, Harrison & Co., at Alton, Indiana. This mill has a capacity to cut twenty thousand feet of hard-wood timber per day, and is located on the Ohio River three hundred and eighty miles above Cairo and sixty miles below Louisville. The firm maintains an extensive warehouse in New Orleans in charge of Capt. T. A. Miller, where they carry at all times a full and complete stock of material.

The sugar plantation trade has always been the main field for the business of the Indiana Oak Mills. Especial study has been made of the requirements of the sugar planters, and nothing has been left undone in the effort to fill their requirements promptly and satisfactorily.

**Christmas Craft Events:  
Stephenson's Store  
December 5th.**

**Crawford 4-H Grounds:  
December 11th**

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month's meeting report.

President Densil Wilson told the society that all monies belong to the society even though we have two separate accounts.

**The Proctor House** financial report was read by Evelyn Jackson. The beginning balance Oct. 13, 2009 was \$8,409.80, disbursements were \$58.42, leaving an ending balance on Nov. 10, 2009 of \$8,351.38. Evelyn also announced that Bob Wiseman, Hugh Jackson and Glen Toby have cleaned out the building and winterized the house. There was a discussion on what color to paint the depot and what name to be put on it. Jim Kaiser suggested that the Proctor House Committee make that decision.

Jim Kaiser asked about the status of the **Historical Register** and if the Community Foundation Grant Committee had been informed of the house being painted using the grant from them. Evelyn Jackson has sent them that information.

**Fund Raising Committee Report** was given by Betsy Young, chairman. She gave a report on the ornaments sold at the Sorghum Festival. There were 22 ornaments sold at \$5.00 each and a booth fee of 10% of sales, which left the balance sold at \$99.00. Seven other ornaments were sold for \$8.00 each for a total of \$56.00. The net profit on ornament sales was \$155.00.

Motion was made by Priscilla Eastridge to change the price of the ornaments to \$5.00. Motion was seconded by Betsy Young. Motion carried. President Wilson put it to a vote and the outcome was 13 for and 4 against.

Betsy Young resigned from the making of the ornaments.

Larry Burmeister stated that Probate Book #2 has been transcribed by Roberta Toby, but it is too large to print for sale.

**Membership Report:** Priscilla Eastridge reported there are currently 82 paid members.

**Scrapbook Report** given by Robin Piper who said the project is going well.

**Website Report:** Bill Piper reported he has been adding a Veterans list to the site.

Larry Burmeister will have the end of the year **newsletter** out by the first of December. He also presented a printing bill for \$77.25. Motion by Sandra Wilson and seconded by Betsy Young to pay the bill. Motion carried.

**Report on Jr. Membership** was given by Roberta Toby. Jim Kaiser made a motion for her and Becky to talk to the Superintendent of Schools to explore the possibilities of the schools' help for this project. Motion seconded by Larry Burmeister. Motion carried. Maxine Redding made a motion for an amendment to this motion to ask the Superintendent to do a survey to see if students would be interested. Jim Kaiser seconded and the motion carried.

**Archives** are closed for the winter, as reported by Larry Burmeister.



**Vice President Report:** Nothing.

**Historian Report:** Richard Eastridge is planning to place a stone for an African-American who was killed on the railroad in 1885 and was buried outside the Potters' Cemetery at Eckerty, IN. He was called "N- - - - Jack."

President Wilson has been asked for the society's help in doing the 2010 census.

Evelyn Jackson reported that there had been \$600 made from the ornament sales and it was used to pay the insurance and

electricity for the Proctor House and asked for a hand of thanks for the girls who made them and sold them.

Motion made by Larry Burmeister and seconded by Roberta Toby to have the annual **Christmas pitch-in dinner** at the English Senior Citizens' Building on Friday evening, Dec. 11, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. Everyone who wants to participate, should bring a "GAG GIFT." Motion made by Doris Kaiser and seconded by Betty Gunn to get chicken at the Jay C Store and the society pay for it. Sandra Wilson will order and pick it up.

Betsy Young announced that the Fund Raising Committee is planning to put together a book of Old Wives Tales and Home Remedies with the proceeds going to the society.

Becky Stetter resigned from the Fund Raising Committee.

**Meeting adjourned** by President Wilson.



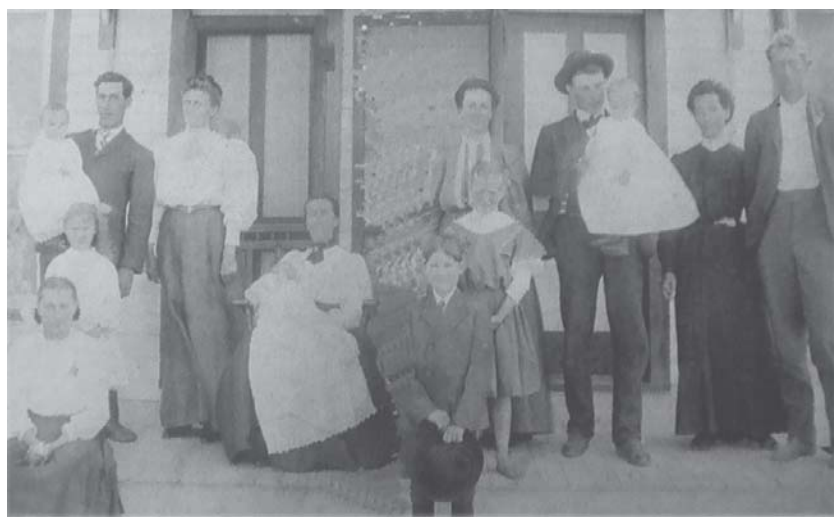
Those attending:

Densil & Sandra Wilson, Richard & Priscilla Eastridge, Larry & Betsy Young, Betty Gunn, Larry & Helena Burmeister, Bob & Mary Wiseman, Evelyn Cochran, Jim & Doris Kaiser, Maxine Redding, Don Standiford, Sharon Morris, Hugh & Evelyn Jackson, William & Robin Piper and sons: Casey, Clayton and Michael, Anita Mitchell, Edith Key, Becky Hammond Stetter, Glen & Roberta Toby and Ruth Terry.

**It's Not What You Get  
That Counts —  
It's What You GIVE!**







**BABCOCK, SPENCER, ELLIOTT & FLANEGAN FAMILIES:** Back Row, Left to Right: Jim Babcock holding son, Johnnie, Ida, his wife; Grandma Sarah Babcock holding Bernie Spencer; Rachel Babcock Spencer, Uncle Ron Spencer holding Bertha Spencer; Ida Babcock Elliott and William Elliott. Front Left: Lola Flanegan & Mary Flanegan. Front Right: Sammy Flanegan and Myrtle Flanegan.

### Correction Noted on Above Photo —

From Evelyn Jackson

What I am writing about is the picture on page 9 where you have Balock, Spencer and etc. This should be Babcock, Spencer and etc. I am sorry to say that I am old enough to remember most of the names in the pictures. Ida Babcock Elliott and William were the parents of Mary Flanigan (var. spellings) Crecelius; Lola Flanigan Baylor and Myrtle Flanigan Carter and Sammie Flanigan. I hated to say anything about a correction but knowing you, I know you appreciate doing everything right. I really thank you again and again for all you do to preserve your "adopted" county. — ej.

## Share Your Christmas Spirit This Year With A Veteran!!!

I know at this time of year that we all are bombarded by requests for Christmas items but I thought I would include one more and perhaps you can share this request with others that you may come in contact with.

For several years, the John Hay Chapter Sons of the American Revolution that Hugh Jackson is

Secretary of, have been gathering up Christmas things for patients at the Louisville VA Hospital. This has continued to be an annual affair. This year's deadline is DEC 12th when Hugh will be taking the gifts to the John Hay Center where Treasurer Roger Hauger and his wife Jane, who heads the drive, will be taking the items to the VA Hospital the follow-

ing week. In the summer, the chapter also takes fresh fruit to the patients as this is their only contact with fresh fruit and the patients look forward so much to these events. Chairman Hauger and wife personally passes out the fruit and has some remarkable stories to share with the chapter when they arrive back home.

### CCHGS CAN HELP!

This year we are making an appeal to the CCHGS members to consider sharing our abundance with these men and women, some of whom are permanent patients there and have no family. The things that are needed includes: Hygiene items such as denture cleaner, toothpaste, dental floss, shampoo, powder, hand lotion, hair picks, disposable razors, denture adhesive, deodorant, foot powder, combs, brushes, shaving creme and chap stick. Also, non-skid slipper socks, underwear (both men and women), pj's and white socks. Also you may include word puzzles, reading material such as current magazines and paper backs in good condition; also snack crackers (individually wrapped); Nutri-grain bars; fruit cups; dried raisins or individual packets of trail mix.

Don't forget to include personal items both for our lady veterans as well as the men. They prefer that gifts not to be wrapped; so bag them in plastic bags. Hugh and I are thinking that, a good opportunity for collection is our annual Christmas dinner meeting. So bring your items to that meeting and share this email to anyone that I may have forgotten or does not have email.

Thanks for your caring. Without our soldiers, freedom would not be free!

(Submitted by Evelyn Jackson)

**From Historian: Cont.**

six in Alton, about one hundred feet from the Ohio River. He had one legal suit against him for selling a drink to a drunk, but otherwise it was a good business.

The 1880's were more difficult. In 1881, his saloon was destroyed by fire and he moved to the west half of lot No. 7. In 1882, his mother became insane and he had to send her to the Insane Hospital at Indianapolis. She was shortly released as being cured. John had to send her back because she had a relapse. After recovering from the fire and his mother's illness, John was ready to get on with his business. But that was not to be. From the *New Albany Ledger*, 1883: "The terrific gale rolled the waves along a three mile stretch of the river, roaring like distant thunder. To add to the terror of the scene, the great barrel depot, filled with barrels, was dashed to pieces by the waves at the beginning of the storm, and thousands of barrels started off on the faming tide through the town, crushing through doors and windows and against chimneys like cohorts of a city sacking. It was a fearful sight. The town [Alton] looks like it had been stormed and sacked by an Army."

John did the only thing he knew to do, and that was to build back his establishment, but he should have listened to the new "buzz" in town. That "buzz" was the formation of a local chapter of the W.C.T.U. [Women's Christian Temper-

ance Union]. The ladies of Alton had enough of drunk men in the streets and husbands coming home at late hours. They banded together and decided to do something about the drinking in Alton. On November 13, 1883, armed with sledge hammers, axes, and crowbars and marched to the saloon. They met in the street and demanded that John sell his spirits to them and to sign a bond that he would not sell intoxicating liquors in the corporate limits of Alton. John agreed to these two demands because of the threat of bodily harm and many insults he received from the ladies. They removed the barrels, jugs and bottles of liquor into the street and broke and poured out the spirits over the bank into the Ohio River to the disturbance and terror to the said John Atwood.

After the ladies left John's, they went to the store of Mr. Franklin and found only cider and they went to their homes.

John waited, for obvious reasons, until March 21, 1885 to file charges against the women in the Crawford County Circuit Court. The witnesses against the women were: John Atwood, O. L. Mylin, John Brown, Frank Johnson, Mat Ropp, Henry Shaffer, Charles Atwood, Abraham Atwood, Peter Johnson and H. B. Mylin.

The women were tried for malicious trespassing and found guilty and were fined one cent each by the court. The women were: Mary A. Hollcroft, Jennie Roberts, Hattie Gaither, Susan Roberts, Mrs. Wm. Riggle, Martha Dunn, Emma Roberts, Clara Hollcroft, Mariah Thom, Mary A. Jenkins, Sharlotte Williams, Eva Boyd, Lila Gaither, Julia Murphy, Lou Castleman and Marady

Seacat.

Abraham Atwood joined his father in the saloon business and they opened in 1884.

So, John was back in business with Abraham, his son, on property owned by Rebecca Sheckells Atwood. In 1884, another flood occurred on the Ohio River which was the highest ever noted along the river. John's saloon being only about a hundred feet from the river, was wiped out again. In 1885, back in business, they forgot one small item—the license! John and Abraham were both indicted for selling spirits without a license, not once but seven different cases. After this, John went into the mercantile business and was out of the saloon business. John and Rebecca sold the west half of lot No. 7 to George Turner March 15, 1887 for one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Dues for the Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society are \$15.00 per year. These dues are due in June. The new year starts on July 1st. A renewal form is available on our web site.

**MEETINGS**

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Media Center of the Crawford County High School, located South of Marengo on Highway 66.

**WEBSITE**

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