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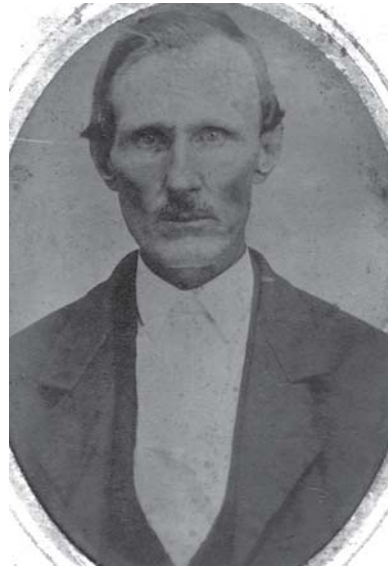


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## Letters From The Civil War

Isaac W. Lawrence enrolled in 53<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Infantry Regiment, Company E, on 23MAR 1865 and was mustered out on 21JUL1865. He was under the command of John W. Hastand. At the time, he left a wife and seven children at home in a little area called Wickliffe, Indiana. Isaac was born to Isaac William Lawrence and Catherine Rebecca Dickerson in 1823 in Kentucky and died Oct. 17, 1888 of consumption. He is buried in Wickliffe Cemetery with his first wife Elizabeth (Carroll). He married his second wife Catherine (Easley) in 1883; she collected a pension of \$12.00 per month.

I have a good friend and distant cousin Loren Brown who graciously loaned me some pictures belonging to his mother Rachel. Rachel was a granddaughter of Isaac



**Isaac W. Lawrence 1823 - 1888**  
**Buried Wickliffe Cemetery,**  
**Crawford County, IN**

and Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin "Pave" Lawrence and Rose Ann (King). One of his pictures was marked "my grandfather I. W. Lawrence." By that identification, we found a tin type picture of this man with a woman; I am assuming his first wife, Elizabeth, in records passed thru family. History can be so cool. 50 years ago, in the area where we live . . . we know what our gr . . . grandparents looked liked. Family civil war letters tell the different stories of friends and family (he had several nephews who enlisted) of what life was like as the war was beginning and in a different light as the war raged on.

Some of the letters are written over a period of time before

Our December  
12th Meeting  
Will Be Our  
**Annual  
Christmas  
Dinner**

at the English  
Senior Citizens  
Building  
at 6:30 P.M.  
Bring a Covered  
Dish and a \$1.00  
gag gift for the  
exchange.

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sending.

The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War makes a person think . . . It really wasn't that long ago. I've been out of high school for . . . many years. I've seen lots of new inventions/changes in my time. Think of a few years back further . . . our parent's time . . . their parent's time. Time goes by so fast and to think this war was here close with our loved ones fighting for their beliefs. It was a hard time back then.

H. Sellers a friend, writes from St. Louis to Paducah, Ky. On September 15, 1861.

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He writes he is forwarding the letter to Isaac knowing "you will gladly pay three cts to receive any intelligence from us boys." They left camp on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> taking passage on the *Aleck Scott* at Commerce 40 miles above Cairo; 900 volunteers formed us. We had on the vessel over 19 hundred. We got to Cairo Monday night. We left the 900 at Birds Point, MO. opposite Cairo at the mouth of the Ohio River.

We found this city almost destitute of inhabitants. What few that is left say that about two thirds of the inhabitants are gone. I see a great many vacant houses. I learn that about one thousand left this city and joined the southern army. A great many good union men left for fear. We are some 15 thousand strong and are in possession of Paducah. A great many of the soldiers are camping in the vacant houses. The union men burnt the railroad bridge and are throwing up breast works at the depot. Our company was out yesterday at work on the entrenchments. We get extra pay for all the work we do. Our regiment has a picket guard out all the time. We have strict orders as there is some danger of being attacked. We are ordered to sleep with our clothes on and with our cartridge belt and bayonet also our gun by our side that we may be ready at any given hour. I do not think they know about us though we are preparing for them. Got the battlefield cleaned off. There is several cannons here, it is getting late in the night so I will omit the balance. Until morning."

"Now this beautiful smokey morning I will finish my letter though I have to write on my

1860 Census, Crawford County, IN			
Name	Age	Occ.	Born
LAWRENCE, ISAAC W.	37	FARMER	KY
LAWRENCE, ELIZABETH	38		KY
LAWRENCE, MARTHA A.	17		IN
LAWRENCE, MALINDA J.	10		IN
LAWRENCE, MAHALA C.	6		IN
LAWRENCE, JAMES B.	4		IN
LAWRENCE, BENJAMIN L.	1		IN

knee, but I think you will excuse the spelling and penmanship."

We have a most beautiful camp at St. Louis and are now camped in a delightful grove and are well drilled. We have a dress parade everyday at 6:00 and sometimes have a platoon parade. It is delightful to see a thousand bayonets glittering at once. Everything indicates War. I see soldiers everywhere I go, gun boats sitting up on the river last week 20 miles below Cairo. Our union men bursted one of the enemies gun boats to atoms and taken the battery (?). I have seen a part of two regiments that was in the battle at Springfield, MO as we passed through the city of St. Louis. I seen Gen Fremont, four cheers for Fremont. He has a guard around him." "I am glad to hear that our boys are turning out to fight for our once happy country. I am glad to say that our boys are satisfied at least I think so." "I do not regret that I volunteered. I feel like fighting until I die and if you should hear of my falling in battle you may know that I died for my country, for my friends and for the Constitution". We have meetings often, some 80 or 90 joined the church and one conversion that I know of. I have written about all that is of note. Isaiah is well and appears to enjoy himself. Orders was given for all to sleep with all their apparatus on and Isaiah had gone to sleep. So we roused him up to see if he would fight. Some of the boys told him that the enemy

was on us and to make up that the camp was falling. Isaiah got up with no alarm at all and was ready. So we did some sport and saw that he was ready to push in battle. This leaves us fat and hardy.

Yours until death H. Sellers  
23<sup>rd</sup> Ind Reg't Company."

Isaiah Davis writes on stationary from Camp Noble in New Albany on July 12, 1861..

"It is with the greatist of pleasure that I write"

He goes on "Camp Noble is a fine place and we have plenty to eat. There is some 800 people in camp and about 700 camped 3 miles above this place. We was some what disappointed with the bounty money. It is not to be paid until the time is out or at the end of the war. The officers say we are to get \$100.00 bounty and 160 acres of land also \$15.00 per month."

"We can't get money or the boys say they would write often."

"Buford John Paterson and Will Curtis has slipped off. The boys say for you to get Bill Mc's drum and drum them out of the county. They come here and seen some 800 people and it alarmed them so much they left. Tell them not to start any more and not to brag so big. We have ?? plenty of it."

"Some rough fellows and some good ones. We all like our Captain. Some of us desire on coming home" He asks if they

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could borrow \$1.00 to buy postage, asking if Isaac could come to Camp Noble before they leave 1 mile from the city to bring their loan along with some tobacco. "Send me a letter and give us all the particulars about the order of the day. Yours & etc I Davis.

One letter from George Riley (b. 1841 - son of Isaac's sister Elizabeth and Thomas Riley) writes from Pittsburg Landing, West Tennessee on May 11, 1862. He writes "Dear Uncle, I one time more take the pleasure of writing you a few lines to let you know I am well. I received your letter that you sent by Salem Curtis. Uncle you wanted me to tell you all about the battle, that is more then I can do, I expect no more about it then I was in it and it was a hot place. If I was home I could tell more then I can write." He then goes on to tell Isaac about the war... "They are expecting battle every day and are about 9 miles from Corinth and I think that if we gain that victory the war will soon be over." "I want you to write what you think about it. Now uncle I can't get any postage stamps here, if I could pay the money to put them in the office I would do it, but I can't. We will get paid in a few days we will get \$.52 There is a rite smart of sickness here. Dick King is in the hospital sick. Tell all of the connection I want them to write to me; tell Joseph Carrel that I can hardly claim him for an uncle any longer if he don't write me a letter." Write soon, George W. Riley to Isaac W. Lawrence

Isaiah Davis again writes on union stationary from the General Hospital Corinth,

Mississippi.....

The letter looks like it has two burn holes?? bullet holes?? in it and some of the words are gone and can't be read..... I take my hand to inform you of my sorrow. I am in the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month We got march \_\_\_\_ and they just \_\_\_\_ sick on the cars and the regiment too and we went to Corinth and we staid there 2 days on the cars; the regiment left here the 16 and we was sent to the general hospital" "Isaac is ofal sicaly here in this state, the state of Mississippi, the ground is so \_\_\_\_ the water is so \_\_\_\_\_ there is 1250 men this hospital now \_\_\_\_ in form you that I am doing bedder to day, my leg and \_\_\_\_ is all swelled and I can't walk. I hope this will find you all well. I will now close. Write soon, I. Davis to Isaac Lawrance"

We have a letter written by Isaac or was he called William? Written November 16, 1864 from a camp near Pulaski, Tenn. "Dear wife and beloved children, It is with great pleasure that I am permitted to seat myself and take my pen in

hand in order to write a few lines which will inform you that I am in good health and spirits as usual and truly hope this will reach you safely and find you enjoying the same blessing." "We have come from Atlanta Georgia to near 400 miles and are now in camp and have been since last night and I expect will stay hear until we are payed off and draw clothing and some rations; to think that we will not have much more hard marching to do before we go in camp for the winter."

"But I think as long as the weather is favorable we will persue the enemy because we have them badly scattered and it would be improper to go in camp and let them recruit and fortify until spring." There is but little fighting going on at this time in this department and it is the opinion of most of men that there will be but little more hard fighting done, and I hope it is so, for I am longing to see the time come when I will be discharged and get home to my dear family. But one consolation is that 8 months more will discharge me whether the war is over or not and I feel able to stand it that much longer and not grumble. The weather has been very agreeable for a long time but it is raining now and getting very muddy. I expect we will draw money before we leave here which we are very needful of. But we are getting rations plenty. The boys is generally well and well satisfied, hoping our time to soon be over and we will get home.

"If so be that we are payed off here. It is my intention to send you some money rite away for I

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### August Minutes.

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met at the Crawford County Public Library on August 8, 2011. President Larry Burmeister opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the pledge to the flag.

New members Dewey and Todd Kost from Leavenworth and a visitor, Jim Culver from Alton were recognized.

Vice-President Roberta Toby introduced the speaker, bookbinder **Karen Dorrough** from Blue River Bookwright in Depauw, IN. She gave a history of the bookbinding as a handcraft art. She uses tools, not machines. She presented samples of repairs she had made and told of the processes, and showed samples of materials she uses. She recommended clamshell boxes for protection of special books. Karen can be contacted at 502-509-2463 for repairs.

The Secretary's reading of the **minutes of last meeting** was done by Becky Hammond Stetter due to the absence of secretary Tracy Underhill. The minutes were approved with corrections.

**The Treasurer's Report** was given by Treasurer Sharon Morris. She reported a beginning balance of \$9,262.79. Deposits of \$420 were made and disbursements of \$991 (\$56 to the Proctor House, \$85 to Larry Burmeister for printing, \$800 to Connie Ziegler for half of her contract fee for the National Registry application, and \$50 to the Community Foundation in memory of Richard Eastridge) leaving an ending balance of \$8691.79. The report was approved.

**President's Report:** Larry & Helena Burmeister, Glen & Roberta Toby and Marie

Greathouse hosted the society's booth at the Leavenworth Riverfest on July 30th. Book sales totaled \$60 and a new membership was taken. Larry noted that July 16 was the funeral for our Historian, Richard Eastridge. He thanked our ex-President, Jim Kaiser, for his excellent Eulogy given for the society at the funeral, and stated it was and remains a sad time for us all. Larry reported Richard's death to the Indiana Historical Society and is waiting for information before a new appointment will be named for Crawford County Historian. He contacted the Evansville Bindery for costs to reprint the History of Patoka and Johnson Township book.

**Vice-President's Report:** Roberta Toby noted we did very well at the second yard sale at the Proctor House. She praised the people of Crawford County for their generous donations. She shared a 100-year-old article she found on-line searching Google Books, entitled "Results of magnetic observations made by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey." It referenced a station marked by a marble slab in the northwestern part of a field belonging to Jerry Suddarth and which surrounds the statue of Congressman English, noting marks at the spir of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Top of a cupola on a schoolhouse, and ornamental point at the top of the clock window of the cupola of the county court house.

**The Proctor House Report:** Evelyn Jackson reported Ronnie Vanlaningham will be contacted for an estimate for work on the back of the house. She suggested renting the shelter house for yard sales and the committee will discuss the possibility further. Glen Toby had ob-

tained free railroad ties for use on the property.

**Audit Report:** Jim Kaiser stated he had received further inventories.

**Archives Report:** Roberta Toby stated things are looking better at the Archives. Dale Roll has cleaned up vines and weeds and is mowing regularly, and he intends to do some cleanup in the basement. Ruth Terry and Marie Greathouse donated a few more items that Roberta inventoried and labeled. She had taken 3 new memberships. A deposit of \$86 was made. She would like to post a notice on the outside doors of the library, Health Dept., and the current courthouse stating, "For further genealogical and historical research, the Crawford County Archives are open on Tuesday from 10 AM to 2 PM or otherwise by appointment for those searching for older marriage records, wills, etc. located in the old courthouse on Court Ave. in old English" because she feels a lot of people do not know of the archives. She spoke to Dan Crecelius that day and he said they had gotten two more appraisals on the Dollar Store. He was unable to attend the Aug. 8 Commissioner's meeting but said they are still trying to get the building.

**Newsletter Report:** It will be mailed before the next meeting.

**Program Report:** Roberta has contacted Maxine Archibald to speak on the history of Milltown. Jim Kaiser noted the Morey family house was moved to Patoka Lake visitors center and suggested we visit it. It is similar to the size of the Proctor House and they are trying to date the house. Jim will advise thm of our con-

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tact at Hanover College who dated the Proctor House logs. He will arrange a date for us to visit the Morey house.

**Publications Report:** Helena reported books totaling \$259 had been sold. She said we are completely sold out of the History of Patoka and Johnson Township book. Jim Kaser made the motion to reprint, seconded by Becky Hammond Stetter. The motion carried. She noted we are also out of the Survey books. Larry will research if it is possible to reprint.

**Donations Report:** No report.

**Website Report:** Roberta and Bill Piper had added a PDF file on Richard Eastridge, and a link to the Clarion regarding him. Also, reunions had been updated.

**Fundraising Report:** No report.

**Ornament Report:** Becky noted that 3 ornaments were sold at the 2nd yard sale, total \$24.

**Scrapbook Report:** No report.

**Unfinished Business:** The society will host a booth at the new Crawford County Community Fest to be held at the 4-H fairgrounds. Discussion followed regarding the Sorghum Festival fees versus profit for the society. Roberta made the motion to not attend the Sorghum Fest this year, seconded by Becky. The motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Bills:** Larry Burmeister presented a printing bill of \$93. Evelyn Jackson moved to remit payment, seconded by Jim Kaiser. The motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** Sept. 12 at the Crawford County Public Library. Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM

**Those present:** Larry &

Helna Burmeister, Hugh & Evelyn Jackson, Glen & Roberta Toby, Sharon Morris, Jim Kaiser, Dewey Kost, Todd Kost, Jim Culver and Becky Hammond Stetter.

(Minutes by Becky Hammond Stetter.)

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**September Minutes.**

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met at the Crawford County Public Library on September 12, 2011. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and the pledge to the flag.

**Guest speaker** was Maxine Archibald who spoke on Milltown and its history.

Due to the **minutes** being lengthy everyone was given a few minutes to read them to themselves. The following correction was made: Dale Roll is not the person who is mowing, the county has a contract with someone else to do that job. After the correction the minutes were accepted.

The **Treasurer's Report** was read by Sharon Morris. The beginning balance on August 8, 2011 was \$8,946.79, a deposit of \$349. was made, minus a check for \$93.82, for an ending balance of \$8,946.97 on September 12, 2011. The report was accepted as read.

Due to the absence of Larry Burmeister, Roberta Toby gave the **President's Report**. A hard copy and disc were taken to the Evansville Bindery to reprint the History of Patoka and Johnson Townships. Twenty-six books will be printed. The newsletter was printed and mailed. Connie Zeigler, who is now working on the Proctor House nomination application will be at the library on the 13th and at the Proctor House on the 14th. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

**The Proctor House Report** was

given by the Jackson's and Wiseman's. Evelyn Jackson gave the Proctor House financial report. The beginning balance was \$4,674.03, a deposit of \$24 was made and checks/debits of \$126.96 for an ending balance of \$4,571.07 on Sept. 12, 2011. Bobby Wiseman reported a bid of \$1,800 from Yoker Trim for installing the door and windows on the back of the house. Ronnie Vanlaningham had been contacted about doing the job, but had other commitments. Mary Wiseman announced that on October 7th at about 6 P.M. there will be live music along with chili, hot dogs and desserts at the shelter house. There will be no charge. Another yard sale will be held on Sept. 30th and Oct. 1 at the Proctor House. Please see Marie Greathouse if you are able to help in any way.

Jim Kaiser asked for a report on Connie Zeigler, who is now working to get the Proctor House on the Historic Register. She is gathering information at this time and will be at the Proctor House on Sept. 14.

**Vice President's Report** was given by Roberta Toby. She will be setting up a booth at the Crawford County Community Fest, while Larry & Helena Burmeister and Hugh & Evelyn Jackson will be at the Milltown Festival. The Society will be in the Lodge Hall for Old Eckerty Days. Roberta also spoke with Dan Creelius concerning the use of the old Dollar Store building for the archives. Dan said the bids were in and favorable, and we should have an answer soon. A short discussion was held on memberships. The motion was made to send postcard reminders

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to those who have not yet paid their dues for the year. The motion was seconded by Mary Wiseman and the motion carried.

**The Archives Report** was given by Roberta Toby. Activity has been slow, but two people have contacted Larry about coming to do research. Roberta has indexed the University Land certificates book and will index more books as time permits. A note was left on the desk from a lady from Arkansas wanting information on Sanders Shuck.

Thirty-seven newsletters were mailed and thirty-one were E-mailed with a total printing cost of \$37.11.

No one is scheduled to speak for next month's meeting so Jim Kaiser suggested going to the Visitors Center at Patoka Lake to tour a log home that has moved to that area. Everyone could meet at the Methodist Church and go to the Visitors Center together and then afterwards, have the meeting at the marina. Don Standiford then suggested touring the home and then having the regular meeting at the church.

**The Publications Report** was given by Helena Burmeister. Book sales of \$260, postage for mailing books \$24 and one membership for \$15 for a total of \$302. Total cost for printing books was \$102.69. Helen also reported that the web site has been extremely helpful in book sales.

**Donations** included a photo of David M. and Mary Proctor Stewart and family donated by Janice Eastridge. That photo along with another of David M. & Mary Proctor Stewart that was previously donated will be taken to the Proctor House by Mary Wiseman.

**Web Site Report** was given by Bill Piper and Roberta Toby. More WWII and Vietnam Veterans have been added to the site. With permission given by Becky Hammond Stetter, the calendar of events will be removed from the site and only upcoming events will remain. There have been

over 10,000 visitors to the web site in a little over 2 years.

**New Business:** Rita Toney Sanders contacted Evelyn Jackson concerning the Temple Family Cemetery. Lime dust from the quarry is destroying the tombstones. An Environmentalist, who also works for the Mulser Quarry suggested planting a hedge around the cemetery. Evelyn informed Mrs. Sanders that the society is always interested in the preservation of cemeteries. It was decided to have Mrs. Sanders forward her concerns and e-mails to the quarry and the Sterling Township trustee.

Also, Mary Wiseman said the shelter house has been rented for the third weekend in September. Becky Hammond Stetter asked if we also needed the approval of the society after the Proctor House Committee had made the decision to rent the shelter house? The question was also asked if the liability insurance would cover someone else renting the property? Jim Kaiser suggested renting the building as long as a call was made to the insurance company to make sure the liability insurance would cover a "renter." As of tonight, Mary Wiseman has resigned from being a contact for the renting of the shelter house.

**Old Business:** A discussion was held on the Sorghum Festival. The society is going to pay the set-up fee. Roberta Toby will not be available to set-up the booth, so volunteers are needed.

**Bills were presented** for \$37.11 for the newsletter, \$102.69 for printing costs and \$693.68 for the reprinting of the Patoka & Johnson Township books. The motion was made to pay the bills, with Marie Greathouse seconding and the motion carried.

**Those attending** were: Ruth Terry, Edith Key, Marie Pond Greathouse, Roberta Toby, Becky Hammond Stetter, Helena Burmeister, Evelyn G. Jackson, Priscilla Eastridge, Bobby Wiseman, Hugh E. Jackson, Glen S. Toby, Mary Wiseman, Maxine Archibald (Guest Speaker), Jim Kaiser, Janice Eastridge, Sharon Morris, Don

Standiford, Karen Dorrough, Robin & Bill Piper.

**October Minutes.**

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met at the Crawford County Public Library on October 10, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. President Larry Burmeister opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the pledge to the flag.

**The program** was presented by Becky Hammond Stetter with her report on a recent visit to the Civil War site in Mill Springs, KY.

**The minutes** were read by Janice Eastridge and accepted.

**Financial Report:** None due to absence of treasurer.

**President's Report:** Research done on the land records of William Proctor; all the tombstones at the Rothrock Cemetery have been photographed and will be placed on the internet. A small yard sale was held at the Proctor House, and on Oct. 7th a chili supper was held. Members have also been busy with the many festivals.

**Vice-President's Report:** The 1st Annual Community Fest and Old Eckerty Days's festivals were attended and the Sorghum Festival will be Oct 15th. Roberta also spoke with Dan Crecelius concerning the purchase of the old Dollar Store building in English. He suggested as many as possible attend the next County Council's meeting to let them know we are highly interested and to show our support for the purchase.

**Membership Report:** Janice Eastridge and Larry Burmeister reported there are about 90 paid members at this time. Fifteen renewals were the result of the postcard reminders being mailed.

**Proctor House Report:** Evelyn Jackson gave the financial report on the Proctor House. The beginning balance on Sept. 22, 2011 was

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\$4,571.07. A deposit of \$500 from the Kimbells, plus \$8 in ornament sales and \$2 from the yard sale for a total deposit of \$510, minus expenses of \$3,653.36 for work done to the back of the house and mowing, leaves an ending balance of \$1,917.71. A motion was made to accept the Proctor House report and the motion carried. The \$500 donation from the Kimbells is a very generous gift that we have now received for several years. A card of appreciation was signed by everyone in attendance to send to the Kimbells.

Loren & Eloise Hughes have offered to sell to the society for \$600 three oak display cases that are currently in the old florist building in Marengo. They were once owned by Cora Mae Conrad. Becky Hammond Stetter made the motion to purchase the display cases. Marie Greathouse seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Evelyn Jackson read a letter from Connie Ziegler who is working on the Proctor House nomination. There was some concern about the depot on the property and wanting to make sure that there are no plans for more buildings to be moved onto the property. The cemetery and the land between the cemetery and the house have been added to the nomination. More information is needed on the ownership of the house.

**Archives Report:** Given by Roberta Toby. A deposit of \$36 was made on Sept. 27, 2011. At the end of October the archives will be closed. A request to drop the price of copies from \$1 per copy to at least fifty cents was made. Most other libraries/societies charge only twenty-five cents or less. No action was made on this request.

**Newsletter Report** by Larry Burmeister. 16 more will be mailed for those who have recently paid their dues or are new members.

**Publications Report** by Helena

Burmeister. Total cost for the printing and mailing of books for last month was \$66.27. Ten books were sold at the recent festivals for a total of \$271.

**Recent donations** made by Becky Hammond Stetter were: a photo of English taken before the 1954 flood, which is now being kept at the archives. Two books: A Military Review of Dubois County, and The 1816-1899 Natural Features of Indiana. These two books are being kept in the home of Roberta Toby.

**Web Site Report** given by Bill Piper and Roberta Toby. The program that was given at last month's meeting by Maxine Archibald and a photo of her were added. The meaning of symbols placed on tombstones has also been added. Everyone is asked to complete a survey that is being conducted by the DNR. There is a link to the survey on the web-site. Evelyn Jackson asked about the motion that was made and passed in previous minutes about paying Bill Piper \$100 per year to maintain the web-site. The motion was made to pay Bill, with Jim Kaiser seconding the motion and the motion carried.

**Fundraising:** Marie Greathouse will have an article placed in the Clarion asking for items to be put in the cookbook.

**Ornament Report** by Becky Hammond Stetter: Six have been sold at the festivals. Becky made the motion to add Patoka Elementary School to the ornaments. The motion carried.

**Scrapbook Report** made by Robin Piper. Many additions have been made and she is searching for a specific type of paper before adding other items.

Edith Key asked about doing a booklet on the Sycamore items that were written by Richard Eastridge and published in the Clarion. Jim Kaiser suggested that decision be made by the Publications Committee.

**New Business:** The Sorghum Festival will be this Saturday and Larry and Helena Burmeister, Roberta Toby and Ruth Terry will be working the booth.

The Christmas party was discussed with Hugh Jackson making the motion and Roberta Toby seconding to rent the Senior Citizens Building in English for the party. The motion carried and Helena Burmeister will take care of renting the building. Helena Burmeister read a letter from Priscilla Eastridge asking if the society would like to set up a booth for a craft show at the Taswell Christian Church on Nov. 5th from 9am to 3pm. Jim Kaiser made the motion to attend with Evelyn Jackson seconding and the motion carried. The Holiday Gift Show at the 4-H building will be held on Dec. 10th. Evelyn Jackson made the motion to attend with Helena Burmeister seconding and the motion carried.

**Bills** presented for: \$75 to Erma Scott for renting the Senior Citizens building, Bill Piper for \$100; Janice Eastridge \$11.84 for reminders to renew memberships, Larry Burmeister \$66.27 for printing and mailing books, and \$600 to Loren and Eloise Hughes for the 3 glass display cases. The motion was made and carried to accept the bills as presented.

**Good & Welfare:** Ruth Terry asked how we go about electing a County Historian. Larry Burmeister said a form is available to send to the state, but there are no recommendations at this time.

Edith Key announced that the DAR is asking for items to be sent to the service men and women. No aerosol or glass items can be accepted. Items can be dropped off at the Library or with Edith before Oct. 27.

The **meeting adjourned** at 8:10 pm.

**Those attending** were: Roberta Toby, Janice Eastridge, Ruth Terry, Marie Greathouse, Edith Key, Bobby Wiseman, Hugh E. Jackson, Glen S. Toby, Jim Kaiser, Anita Mitchell, Helena Burmeister, Evelyn Jackson, Larry M. Burmeister, Robin Piper, William Piper and Becky Hammond Stetter.

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know you need it for you wrote so. I am sorry that I had none to send as soon as I heard you was in need. But when we was payed off before, I loaned my money to the boys and can't get it until we are payed again. I am almost sure that we will be payed in a few days and I will send you some in a letter rite away and all as soon as I can. I will now inform you that we was on a raid in Alabama since I wrote before. I have been compelled to sell stuff to get tobacco all summer, so being shifty I have kept up very well. So I am bound to close. Write soon and often. I remain your friend and husband until death. W.I. Lawrence

I will be pleased to write soon again."

All in all there is a lot of local history that is there for the telling. If you like this story, our family has another for you. Isaac W. and Elizabeth Lawrence had two grandsons Jacob and Grover Gottfried (sons of Conrad and Mahala

Catherine Gottfried) who left the area to go out west with the threshing machines early 1900's. Both were in WWI and were good about sending letters and pictures back home to their brother Pete... my great grandpa. Jake settled in Washington state and Grover in Longmont, Colorado. Grover and his wife had an adopted son, Bruce, who I have been searching

for years. Last spring I found Bruce's family. It was nice telling them about their Indiana family and sharing what had been passed down.

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**Crawford County Purchases The Old Dollar Store Building.**

*Site to become County Archives Building.*

The Crawford County Commissioners, under the leadership of Dan Crecelius, along with the County Council has approved the purchase of the old building, which has a convenient location near the present court house. The Crawford County Historical Society has been urging the Commissioners to take some action to move our old records from the unheated old court house building into a clean and more usable building for the past several years. Under the leadership of our Archives Director, Roberta Toby, we finally can look forward to such a place! Congratulations to all of Crawford County who benefit from this decision!!

**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 this page.

**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 Crawford County Library on Indiana Avenue in "new" English.

**WEBSITE**

www.cchgs.org

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