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ALTON BRIDGE

The Contract Let to the Lafayette Co., For \$7,300.

(From Crawford Co. Democrat, 1897.)

The letting of the contract for the new iron bridge across Little Blue river at Alton was attended by a large number of bridge men. The bids ranged from \$4,000 to \$12,000. The contract was let to the

LaFayette Bridge Co., for \$7,300 and \$4.25 per cubic yard for the masonry, which will be used in the approach abutments only, tiling used in place of masonry as in other former bridge work in the county.

The bridge will be 420 feet long and the best in the county.

(Submitted by Henry Laswell.)

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Proctor House Extended Yard Sales

In the last edition, we reported on the Proctor House Yard Sale, however, some of the committee decided to extend the sales into October. (See Report of Proctor House on Page 3.)



Christmas Meeting.

The December meeting will be a Christmas Pitch-In Dinner at the Senior Citizens Building in English on Monday, Dec. 10th at 6:30 PM. Everyone invited for an evening of fine food, good eating and good Holiday music!

Working in the Archives July 24, 2012. Roberta Toby, Henry Laswell, Bill Piper and his sons.



October 5, 2012, working the Fall Festival at the 4-H Fairgrounds. The next weekend we worked at the Sorghum Fest at the high school.



September 9, 2012, Yates Cemetery, Rededication of tombstone of James B. Yates, Veteran of War of 1812 and his wife.



September 9, 2012, Yates Cemetery, ancestors of James B. Yates.

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Feb. 12, 1889.

Notice is hereby given that parties interested of all Religious Demominations will meet at the Roberson School house in Union Township, Crawford County, Indiana for the purpose of electing trustees for a church house and burial ground situated at what is known as the Yates Graveyard. Said Church house to be used by all religious orders who may wish to use the same. Said meeting will meet at 9 o'clock A.M. Feb. 22, 1889.

Feb. 22, 1889, at 9 o'clock A.M. Parties interested met pursuant to said notice.

The following named persons present:

1. C. C. Rhoads
2. W. W. Riley
3. Geo. Goodson
4. F. W. Breeden
5. T. T. Breeden
6. Ilias Huffer
7. Geo. W. Roggers
8. Bryant Bird

9. Thom J. Roberson
10. J. W. Tubb
11. William Huffer
12. H. W. Harris
13. S. H. Miller

Persons elected:

- T. J. Roberson
- F. W. Breeden
- Geo. Goodson
- John Tubb

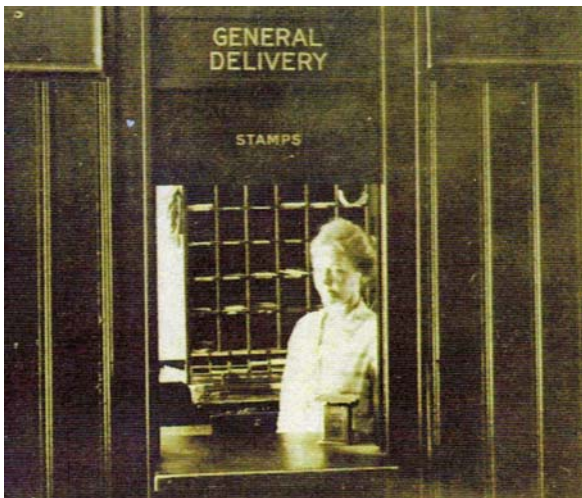
State of Indiana
Crawford Counts, S.S.

I, Samuel H. Miller, Clerk of said election hereby certify that Thomas J. Roberson, Francis W. Breeden and George Goodson was duly elected trustees of aforesaid Church house and Burial Ground.

Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of Feb. 1889. Samuel Miller, Clerk.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the original instrument and recorded the 1st day of March, 1889 at 4 o'clock P.M.

Isaac F. Johnson,
Recorder, CrawfordCo.
(Submitted by Henry Laswell.)



Thelma Sloan, 1924, in Post Office in Marngo, from Lance Stroud. The Historical Society is interested in other photos of Post Offices in the county. Do you have any?

Report of Proctor House Committee on All Yard Sales

To Marie Greathouse: "For my bookkeeping (for the yearly JUN auditing) , this is what & how I will have to report from your figures that you emailed me; then you may (as chairman of ways & means) make the report at the meeting".

YARD SALE EXPENSES:

Tarp	26.66
Rope	7.49
Hangers	13.00
New Inventory/Expenses	
Total:	\$47.15

YARD SALE DONATIONS:

Total Volunteer Hours: 562
 Donors:
 Bill, Bobby, Mary, Edith, Elijah, Janice, Curt, Marie, Hugh, Evelyn
 Gift for drawing (donated by Marie) : Value \$16.95
 Tarp; 30'x40' by Jess Hunt—value \$50.00
 2 cases water \$6.00

YARD SALE MONEY PROCEEDS:

Deposit	OCT	12	-----	
				\$506.00
(this does not include the ornament sale deposit made at the same time)				
Deposit	OCT	15	---	\$546.00
Deposit	OCT	22	---	\$371.85 ***
****Includes monetary donations: \$35.05				
Cash On Hand: \$8.76				
Total: \$1423.85				

ADDITIONAL DONATED INVENTORY

Toaster

Baking dishes
 Tableclothes
 Electric cooker

Thanks to the yard sale, our bank balance, after the yard sale, was \$3239.57. Then with Roberta's deposit of ornament sales at the Festival at the 4-H grounds, it is now \$3,384.57. This total also includes the \$500 grant money for cemetery maintance that we received and have to give an accounting of before the middle of June.

There may be additional inventory donations that you or Mary may know about that I do not.. I could not remember when the guys picked up those tables & chairs at Hugh's sister's in Clarksville. (before or after the yard sale?)They need to be added to the Proctor House inventory list that Mary has prepared in the past. Also, didn't Mary purchase some additional things that I don't have any idea such as that floor lamp or were the items donations? Also, you have yard sale proceeds as being \$1,540.71 & mine is \$1,423.85 so I will have to find out where the difference is.....probably you have included in the total, donations that I have not counted. Hopefully, you can help me on this. This book keeping is "something else" and I am always teasing the Wisemans about them not allowing me to quit.

Of interest is the fact that our JUL yard sale proceeds were \$2,312.31 & \$461.32 of that was donations. Conclusion: this last yard sale far exceeded the expectations, even though you all worked really hard and long hours in making it successful. I

am so thankful for Bill Piper as he has helped so much in relieving Bobby of the work involved.

If we are not at the meeting, would you report the bank balance for NOV as being what I have listed above — \$3,384.57. Thanks—Evelyn Jackson.

August Minutes.

The August meeting of the Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society was held at the Proctor House shelter in our new kitchen area. The meeting was opened by President Larry Burmeister at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, August 13th, 2012. Since no flag was present, the opening ceremonies were dispenced with. Sam Kaiser was recognized, a member from out of state and brother to Jim Kaiser, and everyone went around and introduced themselves.

The Program was presented by Historian Roberta Toby. She and Becky Stetter had recently attended the Midwestern Roots Conference, and she reported on that. She also reported on several web sites she had recently been on and passed out that information for all to use in their research.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by all present and approved as the Secretary was absent.

Sharon Morris presented her **Treasurer's Report**, with a final balance as of July 11, 2012 of \$9,262.79.

The County Historian, Roberta Toby, reported on work

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in researching Chief Ouiska while in Indianapolis. She also reported on an invitation to join other societies in our area for a get-together at the Lincoln Pioneer Village Community Building at Rockport on Aug 21st. She has also been contacted by others for materials for Indiana teachers at an upcoming workshop in October for the 3rd & 4th grade students on Indiana History, the theme being "Indiana Pathways."

The Proctor House Financial Report was given by Evelyn Jackson, with an ending balance of \$2,038.23. She said the committee had spent a little over \$1,000 on the new kitchen, and it could not have been done without all the labor of the committee plus that of all those who had helped with the yard sale last month. She announced the following donation made: Refrigerator: Becky Stetter and son; Stove & Rocker: Bobby & Mary Wiseman's daughter, Stacy; Cabinet: Glen & Roberta Toby; Coffee Pot: Hugh & Evelyn Jackson; stove and rocker donated by Paula and the electric water heater by Stacy, both Wiseman daughters; Cabinet: Marengo Christian Church / Janice Eastridge; Also donations of time and work by: Mary Wiseman, Bobby Wiseman and Glen Toby.

Evelyn also announced that the Proctor House Committee will hold a **Tea Shower** on September 8th at 10 A.M. in the new kitchen requesting items be brought for the new kitchen. She also announced that a **Dedication** of a new stone

for an 1812 soldier (James B. Land) will be held at the Union Chapel Church at the Yates Cemetery near Grantsburg will be held on September 9th at 2 P.M.

Report of the Archives Chairman, Roberta Toby—All of the books in the old courthouse have been brought to the Annex building with the exception of what we have in cabinets there for safe keeping and in boxes. These will be brought down as soon as the floor is cleaned and the room ready to move into. I need to have more cabinets that will lock. I want to thank Dan Crecelius and Jim Montgomery for all their hard work. These two men have worked extremely hard to help us. I would like to recommend that the Society give them a year membership for their hard work and dedication in getting things moved. Also, my husband, Glen, helped along with Henry Laswell as much as he could, and Bill Piper and his sons for all their hard work. I also did get some help from a lady from the Probation Office who was a good worker. Dale Roll fixed a rain or drainage problem around one of the doors and he has installed new tiles on a bathroom floor. (Roberta has suffered from back pain the past week and has made several trips to the doctor—all because of her efforts at the Archives!)

She also reported on the Donation of the bell that was on our first court house at Mt. Sterling has been donated to the Society by Iven Ray Beals and his sister, Gloria Beals Belcher.

She made a \$20.00 deposit on July 26th for copy fees she has sent to others.

Memberships for Jim Montgomery and Dan Crecelius were voted on and approved.

Publications Report given by Helena Burmeister. She sold \$218 in books with a bill for printing and shipping costs of \$88.99.

Fund Raising Chairman Marie Greathouse reported on her lack of progress with the proposed cookbook and requested more help from our membership.

Communications: Received request from Sorghum Fest for a booth and we agreed to attend the October 29th event from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Bills: Presented by: Larry Burmeister, \$88.99 for printing and shipping books. Becky H. Stetter, \$20.49 for printing of new brochures. Approved to pay the bills.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Larry M. Burmeister,
Acting Secretary

In Attendance: (13)
Larry & Helena Burmeister;
Glen S. & Roberta Toby; Hugh & Evelyn Jackson; Marie Greathouse; Ruth Terry; Don Standiford; Edith Key; Sam Kaiser; Jim Kaiser, William Piper.

Sept. 10, 2012 Minutes.

The Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society met on September 10, 2012 at the Crawford County Public Library. After a moment

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of silence and the Pledge to the Flag, **guest speaker Mike Bockting** presented the program. Mr. Bockting spoke about the fall gathering that will take place on September 22 and 23 at Sycamore Springs in English. The event will be hosted by the Cherokee Spirit Sisters. On Saturday, the 22nd, there will be a re-dedication ceremony of the Ouiska monument at the Marengo Legion.

The August minutes were read and the following corrections were made: Dale Roll needs to add a splash guard, the ending balance of the Treasurer's Report should have been \$8,876.21, and the Sorghum Festival will be held October 20. One addition was also made; the air conditioner at the shelter house was donated by Hugh and Evelyn Jackson. After the corrections and additions, Don Standiford made the motion to accept the minutes with Helena Burmeister seconding, and the motion carried.

Sharon Morris gave the **financial report**. The beginning balance on August 14, 2012 was \$8,876.21 with an ending balance of \$9,293.22 on September 10, 2012. Becky Hammond Stetter made the motion to accept the report with Evelyn Jackson seconding and the motion carried.

Larry Burmeister gave the **President's report** in which he spoke about the stone dedication ceremony that was held at the Yates Cemetery for James B. Land.

Becky Hammond

Stetter gave the **Vice-President's report**. She announced the birth of her granddaughter, Elizabeth Claire Winkler. Becky's son, Brian, has been deployed and she would like for you to keep him and all the troops in your prayers. She also thanked everyone for their work at the James B. Land stone dedication, and the tea that was held at the Proctorville shelter house. Myron House, a Crawford County native, contacted the library wanting to donate 2 + file cabinets of local research covering 1800-1900. Barbara Denton has contacted Thomas Ellsworth Kirkman, curator of exhibits for Indiana University's Museum of Anthropology Forklore History for information on Chief Ouiska. The Wollenmann House in Ferdinand has received a \$400,000 grant from the Community Focus Fund, maybe the Proctor House will get lucky.

Roberta Toby gave the **County Historian report**. Indiana Pathways has asked for stories for a teacher's workshop to be held in October. The stories are to be one page and include a photo if possible. This is for 3rd-5th grade students. Still searching for information on Chief Ouiska with no luck. It has been suggested that more historic markers be placed in Crawford County. Possible sites could be The White Sulphur Well, curved bridge and lime kilns at Milltown, and the site of the first courthouse.

Membership is at 75.

Evelyn Jackson gave the **Proctor House financial report**. The beginning balance on Aug. 14, 2012 was \$2,038.23 with an

ending balance of \$1,425.92 on Sept. 10, 2012. She suggested purchasing a freestanding flag-pole and flag for the Proctor/shelter house. Jim Kaiser also suggested adding the Indiana state flag. Becky Hammond Stetter made the motion to purchase the flags and stand with Marie Greathouse seconding, and the motion carried. Hugh Jackson then made the motion to purchase fire extinguishers for the shelter house kitchen. Becky Hammond Stetter seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Roberta Toby gave the Archives Report. A deposit of \$98 was made on Aug. 27th and one for \$54 on Sept. 10, 2012. No cleaning has been done except for the two extra offices. Marriage book D, and the metal file on estates #207 have been missing for about two weeks. The marriage book was found in the courthouse along with two other books that belong at the archives. The estate file is still missing. Edna Brown made signs to post on the doors that nothing is to leave the building. There needs to be a meeting with the Commissioners and courthouse staff to make some rules concerning items stored at the annex building. Help is needed with organizing books and other items. If you can help, please see Roberta. Jim Kaiser suggested we see who is on the committee that is responsible for the county archives, which would include County Historian, Roberta Toby.

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Larry Burmeister gave the **Newsletter report**. There were 68 mailed and 39 e-mailed in September at a cost of \$96.60.

The Program Committee discussed history markers and the statue of Mr. English at the old 4-H grounds.

No report was given for publications, donations or the web-site.

Marie Greathouse gave the **fundraising report**. The Fall Yard Sale will be Oct. 11-13th. Wednesday and Thursday will be set-up days and sales will be accepted on Thursday. Recipes and stories to go along with them are still needed for the cookbook which will start being organized in January. Some new suggestions for fundraising are a hobo dinner and some kind of event with vendors in warm weather. Two ornaments were sold, and two new ones including dam 44 and sesquicentennial seal of Crawford County.

No report was given for Scrapbook and no unfinished business.

In **New Business**, a discussion was held on two 1812 soldiers buried at the Gott Cemetery in Milltown. Evelyn Jackson has been communicating with a family member, Margaret Klaphaak about getting stones for these Funk men. These now have to be ordered by a family member. Roberta Toby made the motion that the Society be involved with the setting of these stones, with Becky Hammond Stetter seconding the motion and the motion carried.

Jim Kaiser asked that a report from the Veteran's Monument Committee be added to the Agenda.

Marie Greathouse also asked for everyone to please keep track of their volunteer hours as this can be useful when applying for grants.

The possible closing of the Riddle Church was also discussed.

In Correspondence, the Indiana Genealogy and History Fair will be held Oct. 27 in Indianapolis.

Bills were presented by Larry Burmeister for \$96.60 for printing the newsletter. Becky Hammond Stetter made the motion to pay the bill with Edith Key seconding and the motion carried. Hugh Jackson presented a bill for \$37.45 for metal identification plates to attach to property that belongs to the Society that is in the county annex building. Becky Stetter made the motion to pay the bill with Helena Burmeister seconding and the motion carried.

In **Good & Welfare**, Becky asked for prayers for her son who was recently deployed and for all the military. She also thanked everyone for their prayers for her "miracle" granddaughter. Rita Eddleman announced that her son Donald has retired from his military career, but she still has a grandson serving.

Sharon Morris made the motion to Adjourn, seconded by Becky Stetter. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Those attending were:

Larry Burmeister, Sharon Morris, Roberta Toby, Ruth Terry, Evelyn Jackson, Rita Eddleman, Edith

Key, Hugh Jackson, Glen S. Toby, Bobby Wiseman, William Piper, Anita Mitchell, Jimmy Mitchell, Helena Burmeister, Marie Greathouse, Janice Eastridge, Mary Bockting, Michael Bockting, Becky Hammond Stetter, and Donald R. Standiford.

Minutes OCT. 08, 2012

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met on October 08, 2012 at the Crawford County Public Library. After a moment of silence and the Pledge to the flag, **guest speaker Mike Peake** of Corydon was introduced. Mr. Peake spoke on the 23rd Regiment of Indiana Volunteers in the Civil War.

The **September minutes** were read and the following corrections were made: It was not Myron House, but his parents who were Crawford County natives, and Mrs. Klaphaak's name should have read Margaret Funk Klaphaak. Larry Burmeister made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections seconded by Helena Burmeister, and the motion carried.

No financial was given.

Larry Burmeister gave the **President's report**. The Veterans Memorial meeting on September 24th discussed fundraising, and the next meeting is October 22nd. Those working at the Crawford County Community Festival were Larry & Helena Burmeister, Roberta Toby, Becky Hammond Stetter, and

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Hugh and Evelyn Jackson.

Becky Hammond Stetter gave the **Vice President's report**. Becky along with Glen and Roberta Toby attended the re-dedication of Chief Ouiska on September 24th. The Veteran's Memorial and various fundraisers were also reported. She suggested the Society donate Pleasant's History of Crawford County. Becky thanked our members who setup and work the festivals, and she also reminded everyone to exercise their right to vote.

Roberta Toby gave the **Archives report**. Visitors this past month were from New Hampshire, Wisconsin, North Carolina, and G.L. and Lois Jackson from Shepherdsville, Ky., who donated two books and file on the Allgood & Miller families. Genevieve Montgomery is going to donate new metal bookshelves. Two showcases have been brought to the archives/county annex building, but they need some work. Bill Piper has assembled the desks that were donated by Kimball's. More file cabinets and shelving are needed. \$40.00 in donations, \$7.75 for copies, and one membership \$15.00 for a total deposit of \$63.00

Membership is at 83—77 are paid and 6 are complimentary.

Evelyn Jackson gave the **Proctor House** financial report. The beginning balance on September 24, 2012 was \$1,925.92 with an ending balance of \$1,822.06 on October 08, 2012.

The house was recently broken into with the window in the back being broken out. No damage other than the window was reported. Jeff Howe from the Sheriff's Dept. made the report, and also suggested installing security cameras. Becky Hammond Stetter made the motion to purchase security cameras, and Marie Greathouse seconded the motion. Larry Burmeister amended the motion to first get prices for the cameras. Hugh Jackson suggested buying two cameras and Bill Piper will get prices and purchase the cameras. Marie Greathouse seconded the motion and the motion carried. Glen Toby and Bobby Wiseman donated the fuel for mowing the grounds. Evelyn Jackson strongly suggested they turn in a bill for the fuel purchase. Jim Kaiser asked about the grant that was obtained for the cemetery. Evelyn explained that the grant was to be used for maintenance. The report was approved as read. Evelyn also reported another \$500 donation from the Kimbells was received.

Becky Hammond Stetter gave the **Program report**. After attending the re-dedication of Chief Ouiska she said it would have been nice for someone to explain the rituals that were performed. It was suggested she contact Mike Bocking to attend the November meeting to explain those rituals.

Helena Burmeister gave the **Publication report**. \$163.00 in books sales, \$53.00 in printing cost, and \$2.89 for postage.

Bill Piper gave the **Web-Site report**. Photos from the

Chief Ouiska re-dedication ceremony were added.

Marie Greathouse gave the **Fundraising report**. There is a \$500.00 grant available from the Indiana Genealogy Society, and the fall yard sale and cookbook were discussed.

Becky Hammond Stetter reported 9 **ornaments** being sold.

Pictures from the ladies tea were added to the scrapbook.

In **New Business**, Don Standiford made the motion to donate Pleasant's history of Crawford County to the Veterans Memorial auction. Becky Hammond Stetter seconded the motion and the motion carried. Due to Becky Hammond Stetter leaving the library on October 31st we need to find a new place to hold our monthly meetings. **Jim Kaiser made the motion to hold the meetings in the county annex/archives building**. Becky Hammond Stetter seconded the motion and the motion carried. Marie Greathouse then made the motion to check with the county about the use of the building, the motion died for lack of a second.

Myron House was in attendance and spoke briefly about the files that he was donating to the Society. They are on Crawford County families. He did ask that no other information be added to his files unless a mistake was found and then a note may be added to the file.

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Bills were presented by Helena & Larry Burmeister for \$55.89 for printing and postage cost. Jim Kaiser made the motion to accept the bills with Ruth Terry seconding, and the motion carried.

In **Good & Welfare**, Becky's leaving was discussed. She will be babysitting for her new granddaughter Elizabeth Claire. Evelyn Jackson was recently presented with the Spirit of 1812 Award from The National Society United States Daughter's of 1812.

Jim Kaiser then made the motion to **Adjourn** the meeting with Don Standiford seconding, and the motion carried. The meeting closed at 8:13 p.m.

Those attending were: Larry M. Burmeister, Becky Hammond Stetter, Marie Pond Greathouse, Helena Burmeister, Evelyn Jackson, Hugh Jackson, Glen Toby, Anita Mitchell, Don Standiford, Jim Kaiser, Jimmy Mitchell, Ruth

Terry, Roberta Toby, Vickie & Michael Peake (guest speaker), William and Robin Piper, Janice Eastridge, Myron House, and Sharron Best.

Debbie Eastridge and I are interested in finding photos of the Post Offices of English. There were 4 according to her and her husband's ancestors were once Postmasters in English.



Suddarath House in English.

The Crawford County Veterans Memorial Association is currently selling RAFFLE TICKETS for a new Remington Shotgun Combo. Tickets may be purchased for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 from any CCHGS member, VFW or Legion Post in the county. Help us build a memorial for Crawford County Vets at the Court House!

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 Archives in "new" English.

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Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society
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