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Establishment Day Celebration Thursday, Mar. 1

The Annual Establishment Day Celebration will be held on Thursday, March 1st at 6:30 P.M. at the English Senior Citizens Center.

The speaker will be Lance Stroud, speaking on the early Stroud Family in Crawford County.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

All residents of the County are invited to attend.

This celebration is held to commemorate the birth of the county on March 1, 1818, and is our 194th. Also being the 150th year of the Civil War, a list of veterans who died in 1862 will be read

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Action Begun to Establish a Monument to the Veterans of Crawford County

At the Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society on November 14th, the motion was made and passed that we select a committee to check into the possibility of establishing a Crawford County Veterans Memorial which would honor the veterans of the county in cooperation with other non-profit organizations of this county. Vice-President Roberta Toby and Becky Hammond Stetter were appointed to this committee by President Burmeister.

Roberta contacted the other veteran service organizations of the county and other service organizations and set up a meeting at the English VFW at 10 AM on Dec. 5th. Attending this meeting were:

Larry Burmeister, 411 S. Redbud Ct., English, 47118 for the Crawford Co. Historical Soc.

Marc Lewis, P.O. Box 4, Henryville, 47126, from Scottsburg Legion.

David E. East, also from Scottsburg Legion.

Eddie Wetzel, 168 E. Old Water St., Marengo, Adj. Legion Post 332 at Milltown.

Membership on December 30th.

Abell, Brett Jr.	Evansville IN
Adney, Mary Alice	Richmond IN
Ahrens, June A.	Saginaw TX
Allen Co. Library	Fort Wayne IN
Alstott, Louie	Taswell IN
Archibald, Gary R.	Louisville KY
Baker, Craig M.	Indianapolis IN
Ballard, Dennis W.	English IN
Beringer, Carol V.	Costa Mesa CA
Billings, David	Carmel IN
Bradshaw, Elbert	Indianapolis IN
Brightwell, Maxine	Milltown IN
Brown, Robert L.	Taswell IN
Burmeister, Larry M.	English IN
Brown, Ryan	Normal IL
Byrn, Bord	Milltown IN
Byrn-Sadler, Helen J.	Zapata TX
Chanley, E. K.	Leavenworth IN
Chism, John E. & Suzann	English IN
Cochran, Evelyn	Leavenworth IN
Colvin, Shirley Mt.	Washington KY
Crecelius, Glen	Milltown IN
Davis, Laura	Louisville KY
DeFrance, Laurie	Riverside CA
DeLullo, Nancy P.	Noblesville IN
Demettos, Joseph	Marengo IN
Dorrough, Karen	Depauw IN
Eastridge, Janice	Milltown IN
Eastridge, Priscilla	Taswell IN
Fields, Richard	Bolder Junction WI
Fritts, Margaret L.	Murray KY
Klaphaak, Margaret	Charlestown IN
Garland, Dr. Joan	Boca Raton FL
Gilmore, Randy	Birdseye IN
Goldman, Charles W.	Evansville IN
Greathouse, Marie Pond	Marengo IN
Grunden, Philip L.	Lebanon IN
Gunn, Betty A.	English IN
Gyarmati, Doris	Mishawaka IN
Hall, Anita L.	American Fork UT
Heady, Nancy	Terre Haute IN

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Membership: Continued

Hooten, Roscoe J.	Marengo	IN	Oxley, Debbie	Eckerty	IN
Jackson, Hugh E.	Depauw	IN	Ridenour, Gary	Indianapolis	IN
Johnson, Janet Crecelius	Milltown	IN	Piper, William	English	IN
Jones, Carla Beth	Marengo	IN	Poitras, Marilyn L.	Hillsboro	NM
Jones, Ronald C.	Carmel	IN	Sanders, Rita Toney	Ellettsville	IN
Kaiser, Jim	Eckerty	IN	Seaton, Walter	Jasper	IN
Kaiser, Opal	Mequoin	WI	Sloan, Suzanne	Seymour	IN
Kaiser, Samuel E.	Belton	TX	Smith, Dannie	Bedford	IN
Keeling, Nancy A.	English	IN	Smith, Doyle T.	Sedona	AZ
Key, Edith	Marengo	IN	Snelling, Mary E.	Birdseye	IN
Key, Judeth	Marengo	IN	Snider, Sidney O.	Lawrence	KS
Kimble, Donnie	Baton Rouge	LA	Spears, Carl	Greenwood	IN
Kirksey, Sherry L.	Lake Providence	LA	Spears, Norma L.	Eckerty	IN
Kost, Todd S.	Leavenworth	IN	Spears, Robert E.	New Whiteland	IN
Leistner, Doris	New Albany	IN	Standiford, Donald	English	IN
Linthicum, Terry	Green Valley	AZ	Stetter, Becky Hammond	English	IN
Longbrake, Doria	Medway	OH	Stidham, Brian	Pekin	IN
Manion, Don L.	Trilla	IL	Stroud, Betty	Marengo	IN
Mayfield, Keathan Jr.	Lanesville	IN	Taylor, Charles E.	Evansville	IN
McClain, Larry L.	English	IN	Terry, Ruth	Marengo	IN
McClary, Cecil J.	Indianapolis	IN	Toby, Glen & Roberta	Marengo	IN
Miller, David E.	Indianapolis	IN	Underhill, Christopher	Corydon	IN
Miller, Joseph	Rimforest	CA	Vanmeter, Charles	Marengo	IN
Minton, Phillip W.	Louisville	KY	Volpe, Margaret	Clifton	VA
Mitchell, Anita	Eckerty	IN	Weston, Peter F.	Marshall	MI
Mitchell, Louie	Birdseye	IN	Wheeler, Wanda	Alamo	TX
Moll, Karen	Edwardsville	MI	Wiseman, Gary	Leavenworth	IN
Morris, Sharon	Leavenworth	IN	Wiseman, Bobby	Marengo	IN
Neese, Judith	Enid	OK	Wolinoski, Stanley	Big Horn	WY
			Yates, Ronald	Charlotte	NC

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Our Annual Christmas Dinner was held at the English Senior Citizens Building on Monday, Dec. 12th at 6:30 PM.

The meeting began with a welcome to everyone from President Larry Burmeister and Jim Kaiser then was asked to give the blessing on the food.

The food was plentiful for the few that were present and there wasn't much left "for the buzzards."

Following the meal, Priscilla Eastridge led us in some Christmas songs, which I believe everyone enjoyed. The meeting ended with a gag gift exchange which everyone got a laugh or two out of. All in all, I believe we all had a GOOD TIME!! Here is a photo.



Lois Blevins, 93, opens her gag gift — a cow pie!

Veterans Memorial Continued

C. J. Kaiser, 1296 N. Williams Ridge, Eckerty, Hist. Soc. & CFCC.

Roberta Toby, 4308 E. Temple Rd., Marengo, Hist. Soc.

Sharon Wilson, 251 E. Seaton Hill Rd., Grantsburg, Crawford County Council.

Becky Hammond Stetter, 512 W. 5th St., English, Hist. Soc.

John Van Pelt, 6504 E. Hogstown Rd., Marengo, Legion Post 84 at Marengo.

Eddie Hammond, 7132 S. Schalf Circle, English, 47118, Post Adjant.

Clayton East, 308 S. Court Ave., English, Legion.

Allen Carter, 407 E. Frog St., 47137.

Dan Crecelius, Crawford Co. Commissioner.

The name of the organization is set as: "The Crawford County Indiana Veteran's Memorial Association."

Most of the meeting was spent listening to the vets from Scottsburg and how they handled the building, fund raising and establishment of their memorial. It was recognized by all present that this endeavor will be an on-going project that may take several years, but we hope to have it done before our 200th birthday (2018)!

An Organizational Meeting was held last month at the VFW in English our next meeting is Feb. 27th at 7 P.M.

Civil War Letters: From William H. Ballard

Barbara Dillman Jones gave me these letters some time ago.

First Letter:

Camp New Edgefield, Tenn.
Dear wife,

It is with great satisfaction that I seat myself to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well at this time and I truly hope that when these few lines reach you that they may find you and our dear little children in the same good health.

Rany, we are at a place called Edgefield Junction, just ten miles this side of Nashville on the railroad and hit is the supposition that we will stay about Nashville this winter, but how it is I don't know and Rany, I haven't had any letter from you since the 15th of this month. I haven't got any letter from you this week and I answered that letter and put a gold pinpoint in hit for you, maybe you can rite better with that than a steal pen and rite if you get it or not, if you get the letter you will get the point, I recon and Rany, the boys is agoin to rite for Wm. Summers to come after our money and then you can put what you want to send me in a little box and give him the money to pay the freight and he certainly will bring them to me; put 3 or 4 prs. of socks in hit and that tobacco and boots and as much other things as you can for every thing is



William H. Ballard.

tremendously high here and nothing to be had at that; butter is worth \$4 a pound here. Rany, if you think you can leave home you mite come too, but hit is an uncertain thing whether we will be here or not and hit may be that we will stay here all winter. Rany, how I want to see you and the little children, but Rany, I don't think that hit can be long till this thing will be closed and I will be so glad when that time makes its appearance in this grand army for I am tired of soldiering. I would be so glad if I could be at home with you

again, I think that if I ever do live to get home again, I will stay with you till death parts us, for I am so tired of staying from home that Iam entirely broke. Rany, rite how much you hogs weigh apiece and if you have any more young ones coming for another year and if you have bought any sheep yet; you had better get you three or four young ones and put them in the pasture and Rany, rite if you got any wheat or not for wheat will be high next year and every thing else will be high too; So I have rote all I believe, but give my love to the old man and tell him to content himself the best he can and tell him to rite. So good by for this time; from William Ballard to Lurany Ballard.

Second Letter —

Camp Mundy,
Johnson, Tenn
December 12, 1862
Dear Wife,

It is with great satisfaction that I seat myself to write you a few lines to let you know that Iam well at this time and I truly hope that these few lines may find you in the same good health and the dear little children. Rany, I received a letter from you last Sunday, the date of the 30th of last month and was glad to hear from you and the little children and father too, we are about three miles from Nashville, a little further and along the pike and on the rite hand of the pike than we were last

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November Minutes.

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met on November 14, 2011 at the Crawford County Public Library.

After a moment of silence and the Pledge to the Flag, **the minutes were read** and accepted.

There was no speaker for the evening.

The **Financial Report** was given by Treasurer Sharon Morris: Beginning balance was \$8,561.49. Deposits were \$554.00 and Disbursements totaled \$873.11. The ending balance for Nov. 14, 2011 was \$8,242.38.

The **President's Report**: One booklet was sold for \$4 at the Taswell Christian Church. Brief meetings were held with the Archive Committee about the move to the old Dollar Store building. Dale Roll will be in charge of the move. Notice was received from Connie Ziegler that the Proctor House nomination was submitted along with an invoice for the final payment of \$800. She will not receive the matching funds of \$1,600 until the nomination is approved.

The **Vice President's Report**: Ruth Terry, Larry and Helena Burmeister and Roberta Toby worked the Sorghum Festival. Janice Estridge and Hugh and Evelyn Jackson also helped. Fourteen ornaments were sold. One ornament was sold at the Taswell Craft Show. The next event is scheduled for the Christmas Gift Show at the Fairgrounds on Dec. 10. A number of ornaments were repaired. Dan Crecelius has been work-

ing with members in the preparation on the move to the old Dollar Store. Articles are being collected for the book Roberta Toby is working on about Lock and Dam 44. Several clippings were obtained from the New Albany-Floyd County Library.

Membership Report: No report.

Proctor House Financial Report: The beginning balance was \$1,917.71. The deposits were \$2,285.71 and the expense distributions total was \$640.96 with an ending balance of \$1,644.75.

Audit Committee: No report.

Archives Report: Three deposits were made for a total of \$198. Larry Burmeister, Jim Kaiser, Rebecca Stetter and Roberta Toby met with Dan Crecelius and Dale Roll at the Archives to estimate how much space would be needed in the new location. A floor plan was provided. As soon as paper work is signed, then work on building the vaults can begin and three would be needed; one for the Treasurer, one for the Clerk and one for the Archives. Floors will be cleaned with minor repairs. Roberta will be preparing books, tables, chairs, etc. for the move. The Archives were closed on Oct. 25th for the season.

Newsletter report: No report.

Program Com.: No report.

Publication Report: Delivered to Sharon Morris, treasurer at the meeting \$150.

Website: No report.

Unfinished Business: Christmas Party to be held at the Senior Citizens building on Dec. 12. Baked ham and chicken to be provided and members to bring side dishes.

New Business: Roberta Toby was nominated and voted to be the County Historian. Roberta Toby proposed the Historical Society should obtain a veterans memorial dedicated to all veterans of the county. The President appointed Roberta Toby and Becky Hammond Stetter as a committee to check into the possibility of establishing a county-wide group to accomplish that goal.

Meeting Adjourned.
Tracy Underhill, Sec.

December 2012 Minutes.

No business meeting.
Christmas celebration.

January 9, 2012 Minutes.

The Crawford County Historical Society met on January 9, 2012 at the Crawford County Public Library.

After a moment of silence and the Pledge, the **minutes** were accepted as written. There was no speaker or special presentation for the meeting.

The financial report was presented: Beginning balance was \$7,227.88. Deposits from dues and books were \$383.28. Reimbursements were \$118.13. The ending balance for January 9, 2012 was \$7,493.03.

The President's Report: Dinner was held at the Senior Citizens building in English with an attendance of 16, and all members had an enjoyable evening. A collection of \$23.30 was received to cover cost of the meat provided. Another \$50 was spent on use of the build-

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ing. A request was made to secure a person with grant writing experience to accomplish the goals envisioned for the Proctor House was made. The Archives will be in the process of moving this Spring to its new home. A proposal was made to commit \$100 for the new Veterans Memorial. The society later discussed and approved the commitment of money for the Memorial.

Vice President's Report:

Turnout at both the Taswell Christian Church and the Holiday Gift Show at the 4-H Fairgrounds was met with mixed success. An effort to encourage community members to join the society was stressed. A letter from the Indiana Historical Society was received on December 13, 2011 asking to accept the nomination of Roberta Toby as the Crawford County Historian. Ms. Toby accepted the position. The position will be up for re-appointment in 2013.

The next meeting for the establishment of the Veterans Memorial group on January 16, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at the VFW. All Society members were invited to attend.

Membership Report: As of January 9, 2012, there are 109 members.

Proctor House Report:

Given by Roberta Toby for Evelyn Jackson — The beginning balance was \$1,644.75. Total Sales for ornaments were \$66. Expenses for kitchen items totaled \$441.66 with an ending balance of \$1,269.09.

Archives Report: The report

given by Roberta Toby. Two deposits were made in December: one for \$52 and another for \$6.28 for a total of \$58.28. A new ink cartridge had been ordered and the bill has been paid. Glenn and Ms. Toby have begun to box up the Archives items to be moved to the new building. All papers for the old Dollar store have been signed and locks have been changed. The new vault has not yet been built. Ms. Toby will speak with Dale Roll about its progress. Newsletters received from various Historical Societies in Indiana are being punched and placed in ring binders for easy access and preservation. A letter was received from Doris Leistner dated January 31, 2011, stating that she is in the process of sorting historical items. She will try to identify what will be appropriate for the Crawford County Archives and asked us to reserve space for these items.

Newsletter Report: Fifty-one newsletters were mailed and forty-five were emailed at a cost of \$56.93.

Publication Report: Total deposited in bank on Dec. 27, 2011 was \$325. Total costs for printing and shipping was \$114.90. A motion was made to repay Janice Eastridge \$16 for books and resale was made and approved.

Fund Raising: Cookbooks are in beginning stages and any help is appreciated.

Ornaments: one ornament sold at Taswell on Nov. 5, 2011 for \$8. Eleven ornaments were sold at the 4-H on Dec. 10, 2011 for a total of \$88. Total sales were \$96. The ornament committee has agreed to make five ornaments for someone and they will

provide the picture.

Other business: Minutes of the informational meeting held at the VFW about the Veterans Memorial were presented.

Correspondence was received from the Transportation Department in regards to the bridge 129 in Milltown. The Historical Society was invited to be a consulting party to participate in the identification of historic properties in relation to the bridge. Members suggested passing this matter to Greg Sekula for advice.

All bills were approved and paid.

Our New Crawford County Historian.



Roberta, November 14th.

Roberta Toby is no stranger to Crawford County, having lived here her entire life.

I became involved in this organization when I moved down here from Indy about 2005. After about 6 months here, I was appointed as the head of the Archives, replacing Densil Wilson, later becoming Vice President under Densil Wilson and

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finally President in 2010. Since I have been down here, Roberta and her husband, Glen, have been very active in the Society. She was a big help while I was the Archives Director and she still keeps busy as the current Archives Director and Vice President of the Society. Her additional title as "Historian" will not add to her work-load, as she has always been busy helping others with their family trees, but will give her recognition for that work. She also is active in all the labor for the Proctor House during our annual yard sale and other activities. We also appreciate the help of her husband, Glen, where he spends most of his time on projects at the Proctor House, where he has largely renovated the old Riceville Depot and was lastly working on fixing up the old storage shed on the property; all this in addition to assisting in the construction of the new shelter house on the property last year along with Bobby Wiseman and his son, Gary, Hugh Jackson, Glen Crecelius and others.

This organization could not survive without such people as these!!!

By Larry M. Burmeister, Pres.

**Establishment Day
Celebration!
See You On Thurs-
day, March 1st at the
Senior Citizens Bldg!**

Ballard Letters: Cont.

Spring . . . call hit camp Andy Johnson yet and Rany I heard that James Adkins had started to come to the regiment and could not get through but he had a good chance to send them to me by George Roberson and I wish that he had sent them to me, I could have had them now; I am afraid that the . . . I get to come through and there won't be any more chance to get the . . . and Rany, you also rote that you had bought Henries part of that piece of corn and that was a good trade; If you make some more such trades you can get along, if the corn is worth anything; but James Riggle said that Henry did not plough hit but twist and he ought not to have had any thing for such trifeling work; Rany, I haven't got much of importance to rite more than to let you know that I am well and Rany, I sent five dollars in the last letter that I sent to you and if you get hit rite in the first letter that you rite after you get hit and Rany, I rote in one letter that I put one dollar in hit and I forgot to put hit in, but I sent five in the place of hit and Rany, that side of leather that Collinwood and on the shares, I want to know if you have got it or not; and if you got the rest of that money from Gleason or not and that from W. Seaton or not; Rany, give my best respects to father and tell him to content the best that he can for all of the contented . . . that there is here haven't much for we have three days rations in our haversacks all the time and lookin to get in to a fite every day, but we will get through

without any, but the prospect looks favorable at this time for a fite and Rany tell Sarah Austin that them likeneses of James Austin is in lieutenant . . . trunk at Louisville and his knapsack can't be found, hit has been lost and can't be found.

I have riten all for this time, I believe, so good bye for this time. From Wm. Ballard to Lurany Ballard his ever loved and affectionate wife, farewell.

P.S. Rany, send my old silk handkerchief if hit is worth anything; Rany if hit..(end of letter)

William Ballard.

Born: 1833 in Rhea County, TN.

Married Lurana Riggle on Dec. 9, 1852 in Crawford County.

He joined the Indiana 38th Infantry, Company K in September of 1861 but put off leaving until his fourth child was born on October 6th, then he traveled to Camp Nevin, KY to join his regiment.

He died December 31, 1862 at Stone River, TN where he is buried.

—from Barbara Dillman Jones.



**William Ballard
Stone at Murphysborough,
TN.**



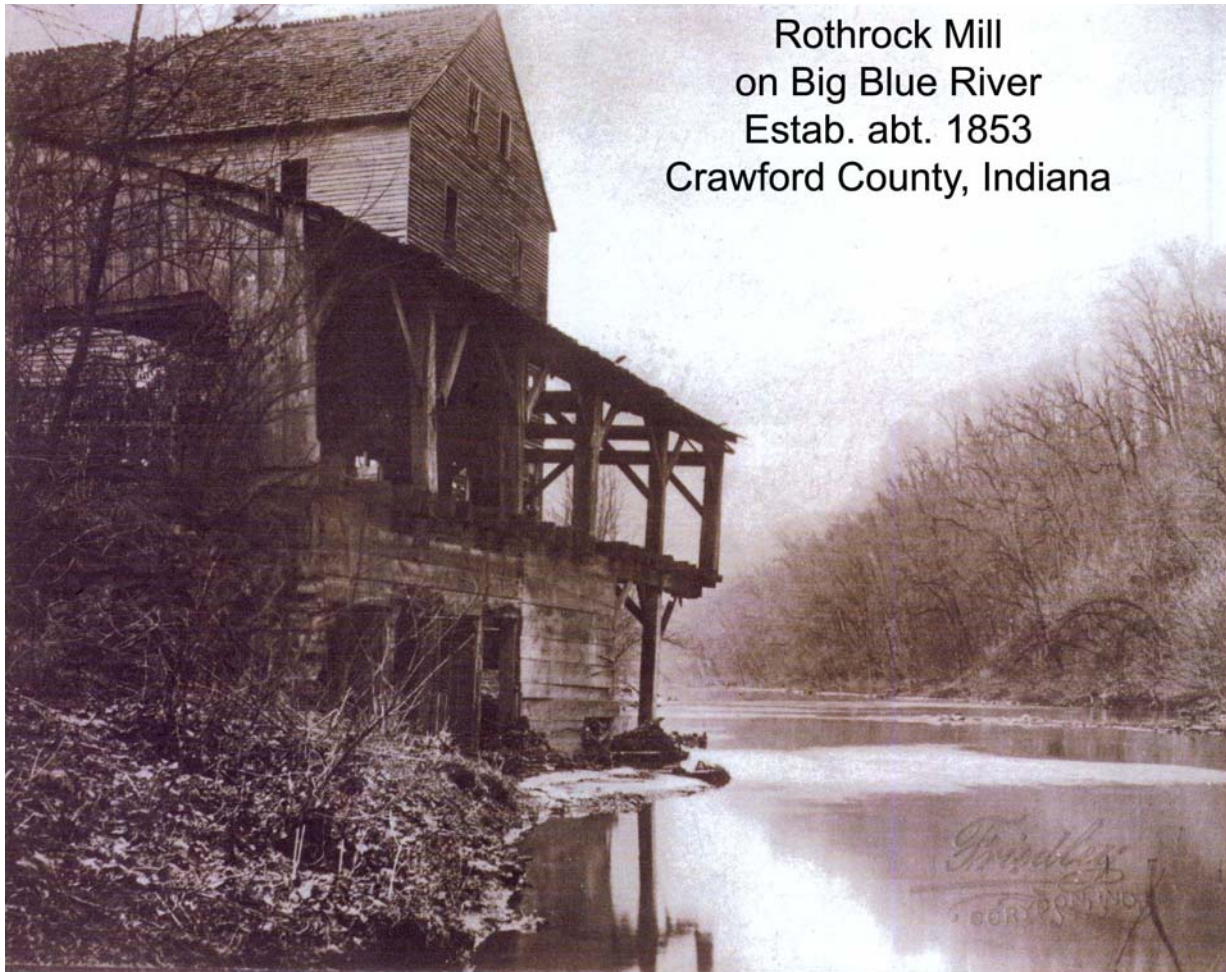
Photo from Deanna Frye.

Bill Reasor's Saw Mill at West Fork, Indiana, circa. 1933-1935.



Photo from Randy Gilmore.

Photo from Randy Gilmore last year at one of Richard's breakfasts in Eckerty or before that. Randy says Sherman Mitchell is in the photo, to the right. Does anyone know any more? Nine men with number one to the left. Let's see if we can get some names. Call or email me or Randy. Larry B.



Rothrock Mill
 on Big Blue River
 Estab. abt. 1853
 Crawford County, Indiana

Photo from Janice Eastridge.

Henry P. Rothrock made application to the Crawford County Circuit Court to build his mill on May 2, 1849, at the courthouse in Leavenworth, Indiana. (Page 26 of Transcription of Order Book C)

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.

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Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society
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