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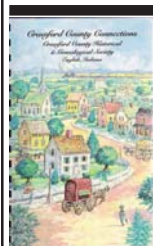
English native receives IHS Lifetime Achievement Award

Doris Byrd Leistner, a native of English and a former Tell City resident, was awarded the 2007 Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indiana Historical Society Board of Trustees. The annual award is given "in recognition of extraordinary contribution, over an extended period of time, in the field of history and/or the affairs of the Society."

Leistner, a professional genealogist, is well-known for her interest in genealogy and local history, and has published numerous resource books for Perry and Crawford counties. She has conducted genealogy workshops in many Indiana counties, taught classes for Vincennes University, Indiana University, Indiana Historical Society, local historical and genealogical societies and libraries, 4-H Family Tree projects, Boy Scouts, Senior Citizens groups, etc.

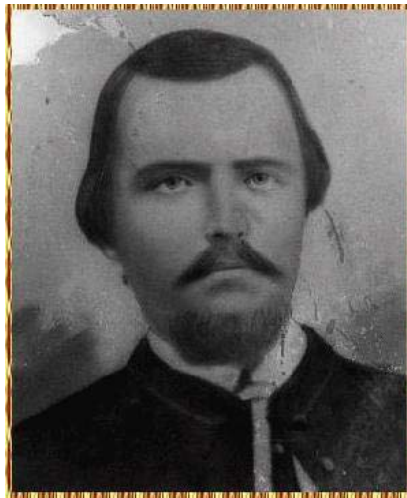
She was a former Perry County Historian, elected in 1981 to the Family History Committee of Indiana Historical (served 19 years, several terms as chair), and served on the planning committee for the National Genealogical Society Conference in 1982.

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The Crawford Co. Cookbook is available at \$10 each. Order from Betty Gunn, Priscilla Eastridge, or pick one up at the local library. Send \$3.00 for postage.

A Civil War Hero



**James Washington VanHoozer
1842-1887
Son of James & Sarah Ritchie
VanHoozer
Joined 49th IN Co H
Nov. 1861.
Re-enlisted in Feb. 1864 at
Indianola, TX and transferred
to Co E. Mustered out in
Sept. 1865.**

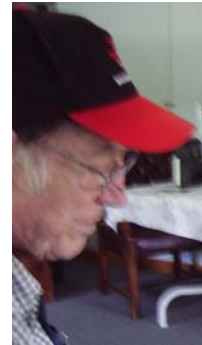
He married Nancy North on May 3, 1866 in Crawford Co., IN. They resided in Leavenworth and reared 7 children:

Rhonda
Charles
Alonzo
George
James Phillip
Jane
Riley

The 1870 census shows James to be living in Crawford County.

Buried in Riddle Cemetery, Ohio Twp., Crawford County.

From Our County Historian Richard Eastridge



Milltown Bridge

The Board of Commissioners of Crawford County in the January Term 1835 appropriated one hundred dollars for the purpose of

building a bridge across Blue River at Milltown. Harrison County was to appropriate the same amount. Libius Frisbie was appointed an agent to superintend the laying out of the said money for the bridge in conjunction with the agent appointed by Harrison County.

In the March Term 1836, the board authorized two hundred dollars from the three per cent fund to build a bridge across Big Blue River at Milltown. In the June Term of 1836, the board authorized one hundred

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(photo from Clarion News)
Doris Leistner

Leistner also served on the Northwest Ordinance Bicentennial Committee in 1987, was a long-time member of Board of Governors and membership chair of the Society of Indiana Pioneers, and was a founding board member of Indiana German Heritage Society, and past president of Tell City Historical Society. She is a member of Tri Kappa, Rebekah Lodge, Daughters of American Revolution, Daughters of Union 1861-1865, Colonial Dames of 17th Century, and Daughters of War of 1812.

Leistner has written genealogy columns for the old *Crawford County Democrat* and *Tell City News*. Her compilation of *Indiana Pioneer Stories, Vol. 1 and 2* are in many school and public libraries. As co-author of *Abstracts of Obituaries in the Western Christian Advocate 1834-1850*, she received the Solmon P. Chase Award 1981 from the Council of Ohio Genealogists. She was the recipient of the 1996 Honorary Member Award of Indiana Historical Society.

Leistner resides in New Albany and is still an active genealogist and researcher, publishing Perry County and Crawford County resource books.

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society is proud to count Doris Leistner among its members and looks forward to her future contributions.

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dollars from the three per cent fund to build the bridge across Big Blue River at Milltown.

In 1836, David Miller was appointed as agent for Crawford County in conjunction with the agent appointed by Harrison County to superintend the completion of the bridge across Big Blue River at Milltown. In the November Term 1837, David Miller was removed from his job and he was to hand over to Zebulon Leavenworth all monies and books and papers.

In the September Term 1844, the board authorized out of the three per cent fund one hundred dollars for the purpose of extending the abutment of the south side of the bridge across Big Blue River at Milltown. It is impossible to get tim-

repair and erection of the bridge across Big Blue River at Milltown. The bridge is to be repaired upon the self supporting or suspension principle and to be weather boarded and covered with a good shingle roof.

On March 7, 1860, the board appointed William Gibbs co-superintendent for the repair and erection of a bridge across Big Blue River at Milltown. Harrison County appointed Isaiah Berkshire as co-superintendent. The board required William Gibbs to employ an engineer to make survey and make estimates. The co-superintendents were to receive bids for the repair and erection of the bridge as per plan and specifications of the engineer.

William McKinley of Perry County contracted with the boards of Crawford and Harrison to build a wood-



Photo courtesy of Lance Stroud

1902 Photo of Milltown Covered Bridge and Mill.

ber of sufficient length. This is on condition that Harrison County appropriated the like amount.

The New Albany to Jasper Road passed over this bridge. The road was an early link in our expansion and the board had the road surveyed from the bridge at Milltown to the Dubois County line west of Wickliffe.

On Tuesday, March 6, 1860, the board appropriated five hundred dollars for

work or superstructure on the bridge across Big Blue River at Milltown. William McKinley gave as his security, Wilson H. Daniels, Ballard Smith and Job Hatfield. William McKinley was to receive seventeen dollars and sixty cents per running foot for the average length of the roof and floor at 194 feet. The work is to commence by July 1st

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History of the Tower Family

By William Ray Tower

Submitted by Roberta Toby

. . . . My Great Grandfather was Johnathan Warren Tower, the 9th child of this generation of the Tower Family in America. He married Sarah Vest Monroe, who was born July 10, 1811 and was a relative of President Monroe the 5th president of the United States. To this union was born eleven children.;

- 1-Matthew Tower born March 25, 1832
- 2-Louisa Caroline Tower (Bates) born June 22, 1834
- 3-Isabel Tower born October 18 1836
- 4-Abraham Bates Tower born October 16, 1837(My Grandfather)
- 5-Rosana Casida born May 10, 1840(m. a Christ)
- 6-Harriet Nevel Tower born November 16, 1842(died age 1)
- 7-Charlotte Temple Tower born September 3, 1843(M. Williams)
- 8-James Mortimer Tower born June 23, 1844
- 9-Johnathan Warren Tower born August 22, 1848
- 10-Sarah Jane Tower born September 17, 1853(m. Manger)
- 11-Levi Gifford Tower born September 27, 1856

My Grandfather was in this generation. He was the 4th child, Abraham Bates Tower who was born Oct. 16, 1837 in Crawford Co. Ind. He died February 8, 1930 in Tyro, Kansas at age 92 yrs-3months-22 days. He is buried in Robbins Cemetery west of Coffeerville, Kansas. He married Nancy Angleine Long October 28, 1858. She was born May 2, 1840. Two children were born to them before the Civil War. They were Laura A. Tower (Taylor) born September 29, 1859, Crawford County, Ind. And Erastus Laban Tower, born August 7, 1861, Crawford County, Ind.

Abraham Bates Tower Civil War Veteran

The Civil War came along and Grandpa fought with the Indiana Vol-

unteers, Company G 93. It was commanded by Capt. Jerome Spillman and Col.D.C. Thomas. He volunteered August 28, 1862 for a 3-year term.

Grandpa's first action was at Pea Ridge or Elkhorn Tavern in 1862. John R. Curtiss was given command of the Union forces in Southwest Missouri of which the Indiana Volunteers were a part. He moved from Rolla, Missouri and invaded northern Arkansas. He met Sterling Price, Carl Van Doren, Ben McCulloch, and Albert Pike at Pea Ridge or Elkhorn Tavern.

The Confederates were defeated in the battle. Ben McCulloch of the Texas volunteers was killed. Sterling Price withdrew his Confederate forces south toward Louisiana and Curtiss was left with the northern third of Arkansas as well as all Missouri. Curtiss pushed on across Arkansas taking Little Rock and moving on to join Grant and Farrigut at Memphis. The strategy was to cut the Confederacy in two by taking the Mississippi River. By doing this, Ark., Texas, and parts of Louisiana and Miss. would be cut off from the Eastern Confederacy, and could be more easily defeated. Curtiss joined Grant and Farrigut at Memphis and after that city had fallen, Curtiss was left in charge of the 'Army in Arkansas and Missouri.

Early in June 1863 Sherman sent a strong Calvary force under Maj. Gen. Samuel D. Sturgiss, backed up by Infantry, from Memphis down into Mississippi in hope that Forrest could be forced into a loosing battle. It did not work as hoped. Forrest ambushed Sturgiss at Brice's Cross Roads near Guntown, Mississippi on June 10th and routed him. Grandpa was captured here and spent the rest of the war in Andersonville prison in Georgia. He was mustered out of the service in 1865. Capt. E.M.Marybell 8th Ohio Inf. signed his discharge papers. He went back to Indiana and from there to Laclede in Linn Co., Mo.

It is interesting to note that Grandpa's move to Arkansas put him within 50 miles of Pea Ridge where he first saw

action in the Civil War. It was his love of this country plus free land offered to the soldiers that brought him back south.

Grandpa liked Kansas. It fit his Union background and had a climate similar to the one he was used to. So he moved to a farm on Onion Creek between Coffeerville and Tyro, Kan. where all of the younger children grew up. One of their neighbors on Onion Creek was the Dalton's. Dad grew up and played with Bob, Grat, and Bill Dalton when they were in their teens. He liked them but said they were always a bit rough and wild. The Dalton's later became the infamous Dalton Out-law gang.

Grandpa was in and out of Tyro, Kansas for the rest of his life but always called Tyro home. He and Grandma Tower along with Uncle Bill and Aunt Tilda are buried in the Tyro, Kansas cemetery.

Check on-line for more

Picket Family of Boone Twp.

In the cemetery box of the Crawford County Library I found the following: "SAM COX CEMETERY There was a family (Pickett) living on this farm, located near Turkey Fork; empties into Little Blue River. They drank some milk, father, mother, and daughter died that night. They were buried by the side of the barn, since then a shed has been built and the graves are under the shed and lost." I asked Richard Eastridge if he knew anything about them and he said he didn't. However that very afternoon while looking through a Commissioner's Record at the archives, he found the following on page 345: "Monday, Sept. 1, 1862. . . Ordered that Richard and J. G. Williams be allowed seven dollars for 2 coffins furnished for L. Picket's wife and child. . ."

March Minutes

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met March 10, 2008 in the media center at the Crawford County Junior-Senior High School. President Densil Wilson opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Roger Gleitz, our guest speaker, gave a demonstration on grave dousing. He used two wire coat hangers, straightened with one end bent as a handle. Gleitz remarked, "In order to douse a grave, one must know his directions, the burial must be a Christian burial (facing east) and the procedure doesn't work on cremated remains." The wires cross each other when a grave is discovered.

Hugh Jackson gave the financial report for the **Proctor House**, including February. The beginning balance Dec. 26, 2007 was \$8,708.90 and the ending balance Jan. 23, 2008 was \$8,722.66. Ending balance February 27, 2008 was \$8,669.59.

There was no Financial Report or minutes for the March meeting.

Priscilla Eastridge gave a report of the **Fund Raising Committee**. The cookbook from the publishing company was proof-read by Betty Gunn and mailed back to the publisher on Feb. 28, 2008.

Publications Chair Richard Eastridge stated that questionnaires have been sent to Amanda Jones of the Historical Landmarks Foundation of Indiana for the Survey of Crawford County publication.

Membership Chair Priscilla Eastridge reported that our membership total is 110.

Scrapbook Committee had no report.

Web Site: Roberta Toby brought up the subject of the society's website. She reports there were only two queries this past month and suggested we need more links that relate to genealogy and that we should think about linking the Ron Yates website with ours. He has all of the newsletters produced by Larry Burmeister (Crawford County Genealogy) on his site at www.yatesville.net.

Larry Burmeister asked for more information from members for him to put in the newsletter. So, if you have anything for him, please submit it to him.

The **Archives report** by Larry Burmeister was that there were 17 marriage records copied last month. The Archives will be opened, as people can help, April 3 through August 29 or by appointment. It was agreed that the



Some attendees at March meeting.

copier in the Archives can be used by society officers for purposes of the society without charge.

Vice-President Larry Burmeister reported that Ron Yates would like to be the guest speaker for the August meeting with the meeting to be held at the Sycamore Springs Park. He will talk about the Roberson, Yates and Sloan families. It was agreed to book him for that meeting.

Historian Richard Eastridge reported that the Ben Jones' buggy that was used on the Eckerty mail route has been offered as a donation to the society with the stipulation that the society has a place to store it.

The M. T. Publishing Co. of Evansville sent a copy of "A Pictorial History of Pike County, Indiana" to the society. They asked if we would like to have them publish one for Crawford County. It was discussed that if we want one, we can do it ourselves.

The society is planning to set up at the Marengo Alumni again this year to sell books and ornaments.

Bills were presented by Densil Wilson for \$31.38 for chicken and ice for the March 1 dinner and \$48.76 for flowers for Bob Gunn for a total of \$80.14. Priscilla Eastridge submitted a bill for \$5.25 for postage to mail the cookbook proof back to the publisher. Motion made by Doris Kaiser and seconded by Roger Gleitz to pay the bills. Motion made by Richard Eastridge and seconded by Jim Kaiser that in the future, instead of buying flowers for a deceased member, the society send \$50.00 to the Community Foundation of Crawford County. By doing this, the foundation will send a rose with a ribbon in a vase to the funeral home in memory of the deceased with the society's name on it and the rest (\$45.00) will be put into the Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society's account.

A motion was made by Jim Kaiser and seconded by Richard Eastridge to send

the \$300.00 that was donated to the Society in memory of Bob Gunn to the Community Foundation of Crawford County in his memory to be credited to the society's account.

Priscilla Eastridge **made a motion** that was seconded by Roberta Toby to donate a Crawford County Connections cookbook as a gift for the Taste of Home Cooking Show to be held at the Crawford County Jr.-Sr. High in the gym on April 17, 2008. If the cookbooks are not back by then, give a gift certificate for one. The society is planning a booth for this show to sell the cookbooks, ornaments and other books as well. Betsy Young is in charge of the ornaments and will sell them that evening, but will not be taking orders for them.

Priscilla Eastridge read a **request from the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU)** for permission to reproduce materials they purchased from the Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society who have the copyright on these materials. Betsy Young made the motion NOT to give them permission and was seconded by Richard Eastridge. Densil Wilson, President, signed the denial form and it was mailed back March 11, 2008.

The program for April will be Jim Kaiser speaking about the Ohio connections of the Kaiser family.

Hugh Jackson made a request from Evelyn Jackson to have her name removed from the Proctor House Committee. It was tabled until next meeting.

President Densil Wilson adjourned the meeting.

Members present were: Sandra Wilson, Priscilla Eastridge, Richard Eastridge, Roberta Toby, Ruth Terry, Helena Burmeister, Larry J. Young, Betsy Young, Doris Kaiser, Jim Kaiser, Larry Burmeister, Densil R. Wilson, Roger Gleitz, Don Standiford, William Piper, Robin Witt and Hugh Jackson.

April Minutes

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met April 14, 2008 in the media center at the Crawford County Junior-Senior High School. President Densil Wilson opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

The **guest speaker was Jim Kaiser** who spoke on the descendents of Samuel

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and to be completed by December 25th, 1860.

James Haney was contracted on May 15, 1860 for erection of the stone abutments for the bridge.

On June 5, 1860, William McKinley of Perry County presented and is entitled to draw the sum of five hundred dollars on his contract for building and repair of the bridge at Milltown. Harrison County to pay one half of the amount. But two members of the board of commissioners, Houston Miller and James Tadlock and William Gibbs, superintendent, refused to pay McKinley because the letting of the contract for the building of the bridge was in violation of the order and direction of the board.

When the board of commissioners refused McKinley's bill for eight hundred dollars, he brought suit in the Crawford County Circuit Court for his money.

On June 21, 1860, William McKinley and the board agreed to dismiss the appeals taken by him to the courts and a lawsuit brought by him against the boards of Crawford and Harrison for damages. The contract for the bridge was confirmed with the understanding that one-half of the cost of the erection of said bridge to be paid by the

County of Harrison. The board allowed two hundred and fifty dollars to William McKinley on his contract, it being equal to one half of the estimate made by William Gibbs.

The commissioners canceled the contract of James Haney and agreed to pay him five hundred twenty five dollars in court orders for the work already done by him and the stone on the ground and the stone on the hill above town but not delivered. This sum is in addition to the amount already paid him.

At a joint session of the board of commissioners of the counties of Crawford and Harrison held at Milltown June 13, 1862, the board agreed to build a good and sufficient bridge at Milltown. The building of the bridge will be under the supervision and direction of Benjamin P. Douglas of Harrison County and Ed C. Powers of Crawford County. They will have full power to draw upon the respective counties for sums of money on condition not exceeding two thousand dollars from each county.

This covered bridge was built and finished in 1862. It served the community until it was torn down in 1912. The covered bridge was replaced by the present bridge. It appears in 2008 this bridge is going to be replaced.

with an ad in the newspaper. It was decided the house needs to be cleaned first. Becky Hammond Stetter made the motion to have a clean-up day and a hot dog roast on May 17th at 9 a.m. with Sandra Wilson seconding the motion, the motion carried.

Hugh Jackson will also pick up and deliver the player piano on May 17th.

An update was given on the health of Bobby and Mary Wiseman.

Becky Hammond Stetter gave the **Fund-raising Report.** Seven new churches and five miscellaneous ornaments have been added for this year. Sandra Wilson gave a report on the booth that the society will have at the Taste of Home that will be held at the Crawford County High School gym. Betsy Young gave the ornament report: There was a total of \$110.00 turned in by April 14, 2008. It was decided that ornaments will be made with houses on them as long as the house is at least 100 years old.

Membership Report: There are now 112 paid members.

Archives Report: Larry Burmeister reported there were 4 visitors last month and a deposit of \$136.00 was made.

Web Site: Bill Piper is working with the web committee to improve the site.

Historian Report: Richard Eastridge reported an antique shop in Evansville is closing and they have 2 tombstones from Crawford County. They belong to the Shields family and go to the Riddle Cemetery. The stones will be shipped to Tell City and Richard will pick them up there. Richard has spoken with Amanda Jones and she still needs to get the maps in the book and there are over 100 pictures. Two mistakes were found in her history of the county, that being the "raid" of the court house records being taken from Leavenworth to English, and the whitecaps. Jim Kaiser made the motion with Larry Burmeister seconding to make a more accurate record of the above.

Bills were presented for \$829.50 by Betty Gunn for the cookbooks. The total bill being \$1,435.50 with a profit of \$1,864.00 if all of the books sell. Priscilla Eastridge made the motion to pay the bill with Becky Hammond Stetter seconding the motion, the motion carried.

A letter was read from Diana Enlow,

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Kaiser who settled in northern Ohio.

The March minutes were read and approved with one correction, the archives opened on April 1, not April 3.

The **Financial Report** was given by treasurer, Sharon Morris. The beginning balance as of March 11, 2008 was \$9,365.13 with an ending balance of \$8,272.55 on April 14, 2008.

The **Proctor House Report** was given by Hugh and Evelyn Jackson. The beginning balance on Feb. 27, 2008 was \$8,669.59 with an ending balance of \$8,650.09. Mary Lou Bell donated a picture of William Bird, who sold the Proctor house to the Dean family. The yard sale was discussed with many suggestions, one of which was having design-



Jim Kaiser speaks at April meeting.

nated days to drop off items.

Becky Hammond Stetter brought up the fact that **May is Historic Preservation month**, and asked if anything was planned at the Proctor House. Jim Kaiser suggested having the May meeting at the Proctor House and inviting the public

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enclosed was a donation to the Proctor House in memory of Bob Gunn for his work on the stairway.

Those attending were: Edith Key, Ruth Terry, Evelyn Jackson, Hugh E. Jackson, Robin Witt, William Piper, Densil R. Wilson, Larry Burmeister, Priscilla Eastridge, Richard Eastridge, Becky Hammond Stetter, Betsy Young, Sandra Wilson, Betty Gunn, Rose Mary Belcher, Helena Burmeister, Roberta Toby, Doris Kaiser, Harry Wood, Jim Kaiser, Larry Young, and Janice Eastridge.

May Minutes

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met May 12, 2008 in the media center at the Crawford County Junior-Senior High School. President Densil Wilson opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

There was no program planned for the meeting, so **Richard Eastridge** gave an update on the tombstones that were in an antique shop in Evansville. The stones were shipped to Tell City where Richard and Priscilla Eastridge picked them up. They belong to Addison Shields who died in 1845 at about the age of 3 and Mary Shields who died in 1841. They were the children of Louis and Sarah Shields. A ceremony has been scheduled for June 7, 2008 at 2 P.M. at the Riddle Cemetery to set the stones.

The minutes were read and the following corrections were made: The photo from Mary Lou Bell was of the Wm. Bird family, and Roberta Toby is also helping with the website. The minutes were accepted with the corrections.

The Financial Report was given by Treasurer, Sharon Morris. The beginning balance on April 14, 2008 was \$9,416.49 with an ending balance on May 12, 2008 of \$10,020.25. The report was accepted as given.

The Proctor House Report was given by the Jackson's and Wiseman's. Evelyn Jackson gave the financial report. The beginning balance on March 26, 2008 was \$8,650.09 with an ending balance of \$8,133.89 on April 23, 2008. Clean up day will be May 17 at 9 A.M. Brush has been burned, grass seed sowed, and there are two new flags to be put on the pole. Hugh Jackson and Glenn Toby are making saw horses for tables to use at the yard sale.

Designated days to drop off yard sale items will be every Monday in June from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. an ad will be placed in the paper with this information. The motion was made by Mary Wiseman to pay Hugh Jackson \$100.00 each time the yard is mowed. Becky Hammond Stetter seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Becky also asked if a dollar goal had been set for a shelter house on the Proctor House grounds. Different ideas for a shelter house were then discussed.

There still has not been anything heard from Laura Renwick concerning the house being listed as a historic landmark. Some suggestions were made to go ahead and start making improvements such as getting prices to have the whole house or just the old carport area tucked and have the doors and windows on the north side repaired or replaced.

Fundraising Report: New ornaments are ready to sell. At the Taste of Home, 2 ornaments were sold, 1 membership, and 16 cookbooks. Jeanie Melton purchased 10 ornaments for school children from Milltown, Wisconsin who came to Milltown, Indiana to help plant flowers and clean up from the recent flooding. Total monies turned in for ornaments was \$70.00. Jackie Bullington recently donated the last 24 books of the *History of Crawford County* by Whitey Jones. The price for the books will be raised to \$25.00. Betty Gunn reported a profit of \$690.50 has been made from cookbook sales. Priscilla Eastridge made the motion to give a free membership to a friend of Betty Gunn's who has sold about 60 cookbooks at her workplace. Becky Hammond Stetter seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Membership: Priscilla Eastridge reminded everyone that their membership dues need to be paid in June. There are also 111 paid members at this time.

Becky Hammond Stetter told of a **Genealogy Conference** that is going to be held in Indianapolis, and also gave everyone a Genealogical Source checklist.

Richard Eastridge read a letter from Amanda Jones, she has sent a draft of the history and needs any corrections back to her on or before June 2, 2008.

Bills were presented by Priscilla Eastridge for \$15.57 for postage and \$8.05 for gas. Becky Hammond Stetter presented a bill for \$31.50 for the printing of brochures. Larry Young made the motion and Doris Kaiser seconded the motion, and the motion carried to pay the bills.

Things have been slow at the **archives** and we might consider having it open on an appointment only basis.

The following were chosen to form the **Nominating Committee** for the elections next month: Richard Eastridge, Ruth Terry and Roberta Toby.

Those present were: Doris Kaiser, Priscilla Eastridge, Richard Eastridge, Betty Gunn, Edith Key, Evelyn Cochran, Larry Young, Betsy Young, Bobby Wiseman, Mary Wiseman, Robin Witt, William Piper, Ruth Terry, Harry Wood, Roberta Toby, Jim Kaiser, Evelyn Jackson, Becky Hammond Stetter, Hugh E. Jackson, Densil R. Wilson, Janice Eastridge, and Don Standiford.

Crawford July 4th Activities in 1872

From The Leavenworth Independent Submitted by Richard Eastridge

Coon Scott, Pankey Paxton, Mellie Breeden and a number of others went out late in the evening to drink buttermilk, eat blackberries and celebrate the Nation's birthday in regular country style. They celebrated.

Capt. J. H. Barker was at the cave and kept his fair reputation unsullied as the champion pigeon wing-cutter of Southern Indiana. He performed some gratitious gymnastic feats for the amusement of the party in the evening.

Uncle Jake and Dave Franklin went out to celebrate the fourth in the good old-fashioned way. They destroyed elbow grease and rosin and agitated feline intestine to the entire satisfaction of the merry dancers.

H. F. Conrad, the lessee of the cave, assisted by his accomplished wife and daughter, used every available means in their power to render the entire party comfortable and happy.

Pete Ouerbacker devoted his attention exclusively to French dances. The arduous duties worked him up to such a heat, that he went to sleep at the supper table with a large chunk of beef in his mouth.

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Photo from Lance Stroud & Janice Eastridge

EUB CHURCH IN MARENGO, 1890s—Front Row, Left to Right: Willard Key, Ernie Spencer, Cloe Spencer, Bill Lockhart, Fern Stewart-Taylor, Meridith Jones, Lillian Baylor, Jone Harris, Virgie Patrick, Aunt Jane Hall, Sallie Austin, Charlie Eddleman, Walter Austin, Earl Hanger. Back Row, Left to Right: Sylvia Goetz, Nettie Taylor, Flossie Bullington, Emma Taylor, Maudie Rawlings, Irene Stewart, Lena Crecelius, Ollne Stewart, Audrey Jones-Lindley, Edna Eddleman-Wynick, Birdie Merriweather-West, Emma Green-Taylor-Lockhart, Lola Baylor, Zona Byrum, Jessica Hanger.

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W. T. Zenor went out to clip the wings of the American Eagle so that the aforesaid bird could dart into the cave. He said his piece, and lit out on the wings of eloquence for the Louisville Library drawing.

Capt. Kline sought a secluded place, and fired a pistol all day at a tree, in order to be enabled to perforate his rival, "The Feather Dirt Cleaner."

John Duvol went out to take a quiet game of three-card moate. There was no bank, at the cave, and he came home without shaking hands with the tiger.

Mr. Peckinpaugh went out to the cave, in order to relieve the dull mo-

notony of every day business life. They got relief and came home.

George Peckinpaugh went in the cave, in order to slide down the north side of Monument Mountain with his girl. He slid.

Doak was there. He went out to regulate the culinary departments of the several hotels in town. He succeeded.

Charles Musgrove went in the cave on a Musquito bar, and came out on Soda Cocktails and repentance.

Lee Gilmore went in to show his lady friend the beautiful varied scenery, in "Lovers Retreat." They both retreated.

Dan McCullum wanted to get a peep at the blind crawfish in the cave. The

crawfish saw Daniel first and backed out.

Bill Bennett went out to get a little fresh country air. He got it.

**Membership Dues
Are Payable at
The June
Meeting.**

ANNUAL EVENTS

- March 1, 2008 ----- County Establishment Day Dinner and Program
- July 4th Weekend, 2008 ----- Fund Raiser at Proctorville
- July 28, 2008 ----- Riverfest at Leavenworth booth
- September, 2008 ----- Milltown Fest Old Eckerty Days booth
- October, 2008 ----- Sorghum Festival booth

Dates and times and additional events will be listed in the local newspaper *The Clarion* and on our website. Contact Densil Wilson at 812-338-4261 for information.

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 the website at www.chgs.org.

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

www.cchgs.org



Marengo Baseball Team 1910

Above photo of the 1910 Marengo Baseball Team sent courtesy of Lance Stroud. Identification of each player is printed on the person. But, just in case you can not read them, left to right are: Bill Austin, manager; Nolan Hammond, Arthur Miller, Guy Stewart; Busy Stewart, Ridge Sloan, Montee Crandall, John Key “Jespot”, Ed Weathers “Boodle”; Clod Specer “Unck”; Sam Parker and Leslie Bird.

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