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Official Newsletter of The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.



## Proctor House Yard Sale Set For July 2, 3, 4<sup>th</sup>

The Proctor House Committee has announced they will have their annual Yard Sale again this year. The hours are 9 A.M. on Saturday, July 2nd to 6 P.M.; On Sunday, July 3rd, the hours will be from 1 P.M. to 6 P.M. and on July 4th the hours will be from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. This year, none of the items will be marked, but purchasers will be asked to sign their name and state the number of items they have and then to make a donation to the Proctor House Fund. We are still in need of VOLUNTEERS to work this activity, especially on the July 1st set up. If interested please contact a society member, or better yet, a Proctor House Committee member!

## Preservation Month in May Celebrated by CCHS with a Weiner Roast at the Proctor House and our new Shelter House

At the March meeting this year it was decided by the Society to have our May meeting at the Proctor House and to have a weiner roast along with a pitch-in dinner.

The speaker for this event was Doris Leistner, a mem-

ber of the Society of Indiana Pioneers, and well-known genealogist and author from Southern Indiana. Following the blessing on the food by Jim Kaiser, we dined on hot dogs, potato salad, beans and bean salad and other offerings of the attendees. Following the

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### Doris J. Kaiser

Doris June Snider Kaiser, 80, Eckerty, died Sunday, April 24, 2011, at 2:28 a.m. at her home.

Born Sept. 7, 1930, in Crawford County, she was the daughter of the late Charley Snider and Verna Nell Zimmerman.

She worked as a secretary for many years, was a cook for Medco Nursing Home in French Lick, was a member of Wickliffe United Methodist Church, the Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society, Crawford County Farm Bureau Women's Leader, Crawford County Park board and the Order of the Eastern Star Lodge 246 in French Lick and was a leader for the Volunteer Member of the 4-H Adult

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#### **Doris Kaiser: Continued.**

Club.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Keith Snider, and a sister, Louise Smith.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Jim Kaiser; four children, Jacquelyn Sue Heisterberg of Colecamp, Mo., Katharine Ann Stroube of Evansville, Millicent Marie Kaiser of Murphysboro, Ill., and James Edward Kaiser of Eckerty; two sisters, Ruth Joyce Brown of Wilmore, Ky., and Iola Martin of St. Paul, Minn.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral: Wednesday, April 27, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home followed by burial in Wickliffe Cemetery.

Officiant: The Rev. Joe Hollen.

Pallbearers: Bryan Kaiser Stroube, Samuel James Stroube, John David Heisterberg, Rodney Lee Brown, Michael Ray Smith, Roger Dale Brown and Ryan Keith Brown.

The family suggests memorial gifts to the Community Foundation of Crawford County, Wickliffe United Methodist Church Endowment Fund or the CCFC Crawford County Historical Society and Genealogical Society Endowment Fund.

(From *The Clarion*.)

Doris Kaiser Service Denbo Funeral Home, Wednesday, April 27, 2011

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Soci-



Jim & Doris Kaiser attending the August 31, 2010 Anniversary Dinner for Hugh & Evelyn Jackson in Corydon.

ety expresses their sympathy and condolences to the Kaiser family in the loss of their wife, mother and friend.

Doris was a valuable member of our small group and will be missed. While she never authored a book or never served as an officer, she did many times serve us and the community in her acts of love and charity. For as William Wordsworth wrote:

"The best portion of a good person's life, Their little, nameless unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

Or as the Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Corinthians:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not evny, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

It is recorded in the Gospels, that Jesus in speaking to a group of people about doing good for others, they asked, "but Lord when did we do these things?" So, it is when doing good and having love in our hearts is an unconscious act coming out of the nature of our character and being that it is pleasing to God.

I believe that Doris Kaiser was such a person.

#### **Doris Kaiser: Continued.**

So, today we say goodbye to her. She will always be remembered for the person she was. And while it may be dark and gloomy outside, in this room we bask in the warm glow of the example and the life of this good Christian lady!

Larry M. Burmeister, President The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society

#### Preservation Month Cont.

meal, the society meeting was called to Order by President Larry Burmeister. Visitors were recognized and then Doris Leistner gave her presentation on the Society of Indiana Pioneers, giving the types of memberships, costs, etc. Anyone with an ancester in Southern Indiana before Dec. 31, 1840 is eligible for membership.

Following the program the Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society went into their regular May meeting. There were about 25 persons in attendance.

#### February 2011 Minutes.

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met on February 14, 2011 at the Crawford County Library at 6:30 P.M. The meeting opened with a moment of silence and the Pledge to the Flag.

County Commissioner Daniel Crecelius was present to talk about the present state of the archives and some possible solutions. After touring the old



Doris Leistner spoke at our "Preservation Month" meeting on May 9th at the Proctor House shelter house.

Court House he said he was very disappointed in the condition of the building and its contents. The county has been in contact with the owner of the old Dollar Store, and is trying to negotiate purchasing the building. The

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The **minutes** from the January meeting were read and accepted after the following correction: The beginning balance on the Treasurer's report should have been \$8,256.95 with an ending balance of \$13,249.59.

Sharon Morris gave the **Treasurer's Report**. The beginning balance on January 10, 2011 was \$13,249.59 with an ending balance of \$13,183.02 on February 14, 2011. Becky Hammond Stetter made the motion to accept the report as given with Priscilla Eastridge seconding the motion, and the motion carried.

#### Feb. Minutes Cont.

Larry Burmeister read the **President's report**, in it he states that he has been transcribing Probate and Civil Order books along with Patoka Schools. The Nomination on the Proctor House was mentioned along with festivals, fundraising, and the yard sale.

Roberta Toby gave the **Vice President's Report**. She noted that the time for the Establishment day Dinner had been changed from 6:30 to 6:00. She also mentioned that plat books are available for \$20. at the Chamber of Commerce.

There have been two new members added to the Society for a total of about 92.

Evelyn Jackson gave the Proctor House Financial Report: The beginning balance on January 9, 2011 was \$2,083.25 with an ending balance of \$1,994.49 on February 14, 2011. The doors will soon be installed at the shelter house along with toilets donated by the Jackson's and sinks donated by the Wiseman's. Word was received from Laura Renwick that the nomination had been received, but that she was disappointed in the documents received and had a lot of questions. There was nothing new to report as of tonight. Discussion on things that could be done at the Proctor House for Historic Preservation Month (May), included a Civil War re-enactment and/or dedicating the shelter house possibly to Harry Wood & Luke Wood.

Roberta Toby reported a \$6 deposit for copies from the

archives.

Larry Burmeister gave the **Newsletter Report** saying that it will be mailed out in March. A letter of confirmation has been received in the naming of Richard Eastridge as County Historian.

Helena Burmeister gave the **book sales** report. Total for books sold was \$148, postage \$12, one membership \$15 for a total of \$175.

The **Web-Site** Report was given by Bill Piper and Roberta Toby. There have been 7,900 visitors to the site since June 10, 2008. Bill has fixed the cemetery link that was not working.

Becky Hammond Stetter gave the **Ornament Report.** A deposit of \$72 was made, and it is included in the Proctor House financial report.

Robin Piper gave the **Scrapboo**k Report. She is adding more pictures and will bring the books to the Establishment Day Dinner.

In Unfinished Business the Establishment Day Dinner was discussed in more detail. Evelyn Jackson has arranged for the program speakers to be Priscilla Fikes, President General of the National Society Daughters of the Union. Also, Carol Seals, President of Indiana Daughters of 1812 will be speaking. A list of Crawford County Civil War Veterans will be read. They will also try to get someone from the Clarion to write an article about the dinner. Chicken will be ordered from the Jay-C and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish.

In New Business, Ruth

Terry's daughter has several genealogy books she will donate to the Society when there is a secure place to keep them.

Jim Kaiser then made the motion with Becky Hammond Stetter seconding to fill the request of Daniel Crecelius as to what the needs of the Society would be if the County is able to secure the old Dollar Store building. The motion carried. Roberta Toby will choose the members of the future Building Archives Committee which will address those needs.

In **Correspondence**, Evelyn Jackson has been contacted by someone looking for information on Henry Batman from the War of 1812. Becky Hammond Stetter had several copies of Hoosier Heritage Magazine which had a story on English. Larry Burmeister made the motion to pay for the postage and printing of books. The motion carried.

Jim and Doris Kaiser thanked everyone who was able to attend their Anniversary party. Evelyn Jackson asked the question of having the yard sale and picking up donations again this year. It is a great fundraiser, but very hard work as everyone is getting a little older. We need to find more help for this event. The subject was tabled until the March meeting.

The motion to adjourn was made at 7:43 by Larry Burmeister and seconded by Helena Burmeister. The motion carried.

#### Feb. Minutes Cont.

Those attending:
Roberta Toby, Hugh E. Jackson,
Evelyn Jackson, Jim Kaiser,
Glen S. Toby, Ruth Terry, Edith
Key, Doris Kaiser, Anita
Mitchell, Sharon Morris,
Daniel Crecelius (Guest
Speaker), Larry Burmeister,
Priscilla Eastridge, Janice
Eastridge, Bill Piper.

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#### March 2011 Minutes.

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met on March 14, 2011 at the Crawford County Library at 6:30 P.M. The meeting opened with a moment of silence and the Pledge to the Flag.

There was no program scheduled, so the meeting opened with the reading of the **February minutes.** After adding the word Public to Crawford County Library, the minutes were accepted with a motion from Jim Kaiser, seconded by

Roberta Toby.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Sharon Morris. The beginning balance on February 15, 2011 was \$13,183.02 with an ending balance of \$13,232.04 on March 14, 2011. The report was accepted as read.

Larry Burmeister gave the **President's Report** stating that the attendance for the Establishment Day Dinner was about 35 with several being Court House employees.

Roberta Toby gave the Vice-President's Report also commenting on the Establishment Day Dinner. She also stated that when the weather gets warmer there will be a tour of the old Court House including Daniel Crecelius and Sharon Wilson. Then the Future Building Archives Committee, which consists of Jim Kaiser, Becky Stetter, Hammond Burmeiter, and Roberta Toby, will have a meeting to discuss the needs of the Archives.

**Membership** is now at 96.

**The Proctor House Report** was given by the Wiseman's and the Jackson's. Evelyn Jackson read the minutes from the Proctor House Committee Meeting. An update was then given by Bobby Wiseman and Hugh Jackson on the shelter house. Insulation and drywall are still needed, but are on hold for financial reasons. Mary Wiseman stated that pedestal sinks will probably be installed because they would work well for the handicapped. Doors have been installed and a window has

#### **March Minutes-Cont.**

been bought for the kitchen. There has also been a security light installed. Evelyn Jackson then read the **Proctor House Financial Report**: The beginning balance was \$1,994.49 with an ending balance of \$1,854.33. There was also a \$20 donation made by Russ Bell.

Jim Kaiser asked Evelyn Jackson for an update on the **Proctor House nomination**. Evelyn has spoke with Laura Renwick who has agreed to help and keep in contact with Peggy Brooks. Peggy Brooks is doing what is asked of her and sending in the needed information and materials.

Evelyn Jackson applied for a Cemetery Maintenance Grant which had to be received by December 31st. The grants are given out early in the year around March. The following items pertaining to the yard sale were then discussed: We need the money, No one seems to be in charge, Pricing items or freewill offering. Jim Kaiser suggested that the Proctor House Committee hold a short meeting after the Society meeting to discuss if the yard sale will be held, and then go over the above items.

The Archives Report was given by Roberta Toby. The Library has donated a refrigerator to be used at the archives along with a magazine/book rack. Glen & Roberta Toby have donated a 4-drawer file cabinet. The Archives will be open on April 1st at 10:00A.M. mainly to clean and organize. Roberta Toby and Ruth Terry will then have the Archives open every

Tuesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. If anyone would like to volunteer to work at the Archives on a day that is convenient for them, please see Roberta.

The Newsletter Report was given by Larry Burmeister. The March Newsletter has been sent with 65 being mailed and 31 being sent via e-mail.

The Publication Report was given by Helena Burmeister. A 2-year membership and a book were sold with postage for a total of \$72.75.

The Web Site Report was given by Bill Piper and Roberta Toby. Bill is going to add photos and information from the Establishment Day Dinner. Jim Kaiser asked if anything about the Yard Sale would be added to the website. Bill will put the information on the site when decisions are made about the yard sale.

The Ornament Report was given by Becky Hammond Stetter. She asked about attending the area Alumni Banquets. Evelyn Jackson said it would be very beneficial to attend if enough help can be found. Becky Hammond Stetter and Larry Burmeister will work the banquet at English on April 16th. Leavenworth's will be held April 30th, Milltown on May 7th and Marengo on May 28th; and Patoka is undecided at this time.

In New Business: Items that were donated by Joann Poe were given to Larry Burmeister, and Becky Hammond Stetter has a file cabinet that she would like to donate to the Archives/Society.

**Bills Presented** were \$72 for the Establishment Day Dinner and \$14.75 for postage. Mary Wiseman made the motion to pay the bills with Marie Greathouse seconding and the motion carried.

Under Good & Welfare, Evelyn Jackson then brought up May being Historic Preservation Month and asked if we were going to do anything at the Proctor House. Having the monthly meeting and a wiener roast at the Proctor House was suggested, possibly with a guest speaker. Becky Hammond Stetter made the suggestion into the form of a motion with Helena Burmeister seconding and the motion carried to have the May meeting at the Proctor House with a wiener roast. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and lawn chair.

Larry Burmeister then passed around a W. F. Whitcomb, Leavenworth, IN clock that was purchased on E-Bay for \$29.00. He asked if the Society would like to buy the clock. Becky Hammond Stetter made the motion to buy the clock with Marie Greathouse seconding and the motion carried. The clock will remain with Larry Burmeister until we have a secure place to keep it.

Motion to **Adjourn** at 7:48 pm.

Those attending: Roberta Toby, Larry M. Burmeister, Sharon Morris, Becky Hammond Stetter, Marie Pond Greathouse, Evelyn Jackson, Glen E. Toby, Hugh E. Jackson, William Piper, Robin Piper, **Bobby** Wiseman, Mary Wiseman, Helena Burmeister, Jim Kaiser, and Janice Eastridge.

#### April 2011 Minutes.

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met on April 11, 2011 at the Crawford County Library at 6:30 P.M. The meeting opened with a moment of silence and the Pledge to the Flag.

Larry Burmeister read a portion from *The Patriot's Almanac* about the first shots fired on Fort Sumter starting the Civil War on April 12, 1861 at 4:30 A.M.

Recess was held while the Proctor House Committee had a short meeting.

The Society meeting was then called back to order.

The **March minutes** were read and Larry Burmeister made the motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Sharon Morris. The beginning balance on March 9, 2011 was \$13,232.04 with an ending balance of \$13,193.29 on April 11, 2011. The report was accepted as read.

No reports were given by the President, Vice President or County Historian.

The **Proctor House Report** was given by the Wiseman's and the Jackson's. Drywall has been hung, finished, and painted in the bathrooms and the hall of the shelter house. The kitchen window has also been installed. The pump for the well that was donated by Richard Eastridge is not in working order, so a new pump will have to be purchased. The ditch for the water line still

needs to be dug and a pressure tank purchased. Greg Qualters is going to donate a tri-axel of rock to put around the shelter house.

Evelyn Jackson gave the Financial Report for the Proctor House: The beginning balance was \$1,854.33 with an ending balance of \$569.09 on April 11, 2011. The total assessed value on the house is \$97,800. The question was asked about having the shelter house assessed, and it was decided that someone would report it to the Assessor's Office. Hugh Jackson then made the motion to move \$5,000 from the general fund to the Proctor House account. A discussion was held. Evelyn Jackson read a letter that she is sending to County Council member Jerry Brewer explaining how the \$5,000 from the County Council is being used and why the addtion to the house has yet to be removed. Becky Hammond Stetter then asked about waiting until after the yard sale before transferring the funds? If we wait until then, the shelter house will not be ready to use for the yard sale due to lack of funds. Hugh Jackson's motion was then voted upon with Jim Kaiser seconding. A vote by show of hands was taken and the motion carried.

Jim Kaiser then passed out the proposed operating procedures for the yard sale: Listed were the various jobs that need to be done, and the volunteer in charge of those jobs. Friday, July 1 will be set up day with no early sales. Saturday, July 2 hours will be from 9 am to 6 pm; Sunday, July 3 hours will be from 1 pm to 6 pm; MOnday, July 4 hours will be from 9 am to 6 pm; and Tues-

day, July 5 will be closing and clean up day. Donations will be taken this year with no pricing. A record will be kept of the amount donated, donor's signature, and the number of items sold. A blood drive will also be held on Monday, July 4th. Mary Wiseman asked about the Society paying for lunch for the yard sale workers on set-up day? Becky Hammond Stetter suggested everyone buy their own meals this year for financial reasons, and that is what was agreed on.

Jim Kaiser gave the **Audit Report.** We need to start getting things together, such as turning in the inventory sheets. We also need to find the starting and ending dates.

Items recently donated by the Guido and Nadine Hammond family were: a bench, two pedestals and two vases from the English Presbyterian Church. A typewriter from Lelah Austin, the counties' first librarian, and a dry sink and bowl & pitcher from the Stuart A. Beals family.

The **Archives Report** was given by Roberta Toby. The archives have been cleaned, the books re-shelved. and the water turned on. There were four visitors on opening day.

The Newsletter, Program, Publications and the Donations/Preservation Committees had no reports.

Web-site Report given by Bill Piper: Photos and video from the Establishment Day Dinner have been added along with Cunningham, Longest,

#### **April Minutes-Cont.**

Seaton Hill and up-dated Grantsburg Cemeteries.

Ornaments Report was given by Becky Hammond Stetter who reported sales of \$40 as shown in the Proctor House Financial Report.

Scrapbook Report was given by Robin Piper: Photos of recent Marengo and an obituary of a Crawford County native and an invitation from Jim & Doris Kaiser's wedding have been added.

#### **Under New Business:**

Marie Greathouse suggested publishing another cookbook. If everything is turned in to the publishing company by January, the book can be done at a reduced rate. Becky Hammond Stetter made the motion to form a Cookbook Committee, seconded by Mary Wiseman and the motion carried. Larry Burmeister chose Marie Greathouse, Becky Hammond Stetter, Janice

#### **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

Eastridge and Edith Key to make up this committee. Evelyn Jackson said she would like clarification as to where the profits from the cookbook sales will go. Larry Burmeister stated any profits would go in the general fund.

**Bills:** Larry Burmeister presented a bill for \$75.16 for the last newsletter. The motion was made and carried to pay the bill.

The May meeting will be held at 6:00 pm at the Proctor House with a cookout to be held before the meeting. Please bring

a covered dish and a lawn chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Those Attending:
Larry Burmeister, Becky
Hammond Stetter, Helena
Burmeister, Evelyn G. Jackson,
Mary Wiseman, Bobby
Wiseman, Hugh E. Jackson,
Glen S. Toby, Marie Pond
Greathouse, Edith Key, Jim Kaiser, Roberta Toby, Janice
Eastridge, Sharon Morris, William & Robin Piper. (16)

## **OUR ANNUAL MEETING**

The June Meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Society. It is a special time of:

Election of Officers;

It is the only time the By-Laws can be changed;
If you plan to vote or run for an office — Your
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