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## Proctor House Yard Sale



By Mary L. Wiseman.

The annual yard sale went GREAT! Our goal was \$3,000.00 and we almost made it, with a grand total of \$2,863.33. Not bad considering we were rained out on the last day — July 4th. The dedication of the town and workers shone through, while customers shopped in the rain and our cashier had to stay under an umbrella. What a sight we were, as we displayed true Crawford County perseverance. Much appreciation goes out to everyone who was involved at making this year such a success. The Proctor House group was very pleased at the overall outcome of the sale.

A large yard sale like this takes a lot of hard work, dedication and togetherness. It takes everyone to make a yard sale of this scale a great one. We see this annual event more like a big reunion and we love the people that come out to support us. It is such a wonderful way to stay connected with neighbors and to meet



Our three “little helpers” having lunch on July 2nd provided by the Proctor House Committee. Two of the above are grandchildren of Bob & Mary Wiseman and one is the grandson of Glen Crecelius.

new people just passing through.

Thanks to everyone for the donations! Our local people

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**From Our  
County  
Historian  
Richard  
Eastridge**

## Family Record of Wm. H. Tucker

by Wm. H. Tucker  
(1843 - 1931)

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William Harrison Tucker was born on the 16th day of November 1843 on a farm near English, Crawford County, Indiana.

His father, Archibald Sloan Tucker was born near Springtown, Crawford County, Indiana on June 26, 1812; and his mother, Nancy Brown Tucker was born in North Carolina about 1809.

About the year 1845 the parents moved onto their farm one-fourth mile west of Brownstown, Crawford County, Indiana. A small log house and a field of five acres of ground which had been cleared off from timber and brush were the only improvements.

A few years of my early youth were spent in living with my aged grand-parents, John and Susan Brown, of whom I learned many valuable lessons of morals and good-

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behaviour.

Archibald Sloan Tucker's grandfather, Larkin Tucker, was of the family of Randolph Tucker of Virginia, where the ancestry dates back to the earliest settlement of Virginia.

Three of Larkin Tucker's sons, Martin H., Fountain and David, had Thomas Valentine, Elizabeth, Matilda, Archibald Sloan, Reuben Dooley and David Stewart, they all grew up and were married and born in Crawford County, Indiana.

Archibald Sloan Tucker was born near Springtown, Crawford County, Indiana June 26th, 1812 and he and Nancy Brown were married by Elmer Stroud VanMeter, their loved friend. They had born to them as follows:

1. John Martin Tucker, Sept. 19, 1833.
2. an unnamed son who died in infancy.
3. John Brown Tucker, October 25, 1835.
4. Reuben Dooley Tucker, October 19, 1837.
5. James Samuel Tucker, October 1, 1839
6. Thomas Valentine Tucker, January 4, 1841.
7. William Harrison Tucker, November 16, 1843.
8. Mary Electa Tucker, December 30, 1845.
9. Zachariah Taylor Tucker, 1847.
10. David Stewart Tucker, January 10, 1849.
11. Nancy Jane Tucker, September 26, 1852.

**Dates of Deaths, as follows:**

1. Archibald S. Tucker, December 5, 1884.
2. Nancy Tucker, April 12, 1889.
3. John Martin Tucker, 1895, aged 62 years.
4. John Brown Tucker
5. Reuben Dooley Tucker, January 22, 1915.
6. James Samuel Tucker, March 12, 1911.
7. Thomas Valentine Tucker, November 22, 1843.

8. David Stewart Tucker
9. Mary Electra Tucker Law, May 13, 1901.
10. Zachariah Taylor Tucker, July 1864.
11. Nancy Jane Tucker, June 24, 1857.
12. William Harrison Tucker, December 8, 1931.

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Missing — we would enjoy receiving a copy from someone who hopefully also has one!

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As heretofore stated, I was born near English November 16, 1843 and my parents moved from near English to a farm one-fourth mile west of Brownstown about the year 1844. The farm had about five acres of cleared land in cultivation and a one story-one room log dwelling house as the only improvements. This section of the country was well covered with timber and under brush, causing hard work and slow progress in preparing the land for cultivation, but a few acres each year that could be made ready for the plow. In my early youth I learned to gather and pile brush to be burned and could use an axe.

Corn was all dropped in planting by hand and covered with a hoe. All seeding to wheat, oats, flax and grass was by hand. All cultivation of corn or tobacco was single shovel plow and hoe. The cradle was used in cutting wheat and oats. Flax was pulled up by hand. As conditions appear now in 1920, as compared with those mentioned, what great wastes were made in cutting such vast amounts of timber (of which there was none better than in the U.S.) rolling the logs into heaps or piles and burning them up in clearing the land. There were no saw mills in this section of the country up to 1857. Planks were sawed out from logs by hand using whip saws. The White Oak and Chinky Pin Oak and Beech trees, some seasons were loaded with mast (acorns and beech nuts) on which hogs were fattened and in due time the hogs were butchered for family meat, which was of an excellent quality. On several occasions or seasons when the yield of corn was very light the supply of mast helped tide over the short-

age of corn crop.

The writer remembers when wild meats, such as deer, turkeys, pigeons, squirrels and fish, largely supplied many families with all, or nearly all their meat. And from the sap of the sugar tree, or hard maple their only supply of sugar and syrup was made. In 1856 the wheat crop in the country was very light and the wealthiest families only had wheat bread about once a week; and in 1863 the same in Kansas and many other sections of the U.S. there was a great scarcity of flour.

In the times mentioned above 1856 and 1863, especially in 1856, cornbread, mush, milk, butter and meat were the articles of diet, and 25 cents was the wages paid a man for a days labor, which began near sunup and generally ended near sundown. Twenty-five cents would pay for one gallon of the best unadulterated whiskey.

The clothing as well as footwear was all practically home-made. While on the subject of home-made clothing, the writer has not only helped spin the wool into yarn (threads) weave it into cloth with a hand loom, but cut, fit and make (sewing with needle and thread) my own coat, vests, and pants, of which the last of this work done by the writer was 1860 and 1861 winter.

Will return to the year 1851 and 1852. At this time my great uncle, Fountain Tucker, taught a term of three months at the Franklin School, of which the writer made his first start at school in 1852. The teacher boarded among the scholars during the term and began first to board at my father's which gave me much help in taking an interest in my beginning in school, though I attended in this first term 15 days, but it was a start. There were too many big boys and girls, mostly boys, for the room, the small log house afforded, without

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children such as I and others not over 9 or 10 years of age who were generally considered too young to attend school in those days. Well, my next teacher, a very large portly and physically strong man, Mr. Jones, taught a three months winter term (no summer school there in those days) and the writer attended about 20 days during the school term. This term was

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quite unsatisfactory to the patrons and pupils of the school and though the large boys succeeded in compelling the teacher to give the school a big treat on the last day, it was quite a contrast with the actions of the teacher before, who cheerfully and willingly gave the school a big treat on last day without being ducked by the scholars. My next teacher was Hon. Houston Miller and my size (large for my age) gave me prestige somewhat and my attendance in the term better than before.

Though I had not before this term (3 months) been given any study except my A.R.C. and words of two or three letters in this school taught by said Miller, I made some progress in the First Reader (McGuffeys) and advanced in learning to spell many words of three syllables in Webster's Elementary Spelling Book. My attendance in this term of 38 days. Patrons and pupils well pleased with the school. The teacher rendered cheerfully the treat on last day.

My next teacher was a United Brethren preacher, William Highfill, who taught a subscription term of three months at Dumplin Creek Schoolhouse. The teacher, Elder Highfill was good in spelling, reading and writing but not qualified to give any instruction in Arithmetic which was not taught nor studied by the pupils in this term of school. The teacher gave the pupils frequent drills in Gentle Manners and introductions forming new acquaintances, visiting, making bows, removing or tipping my

hat, the "yes sir," and "no sir," to gentlemen or "yes madam" or "no madam" to ladies, etc., etc. I was taught in this school to an extent I have never witnessed since. We all loved that teacher.

My next teacher, Issac Tilman, taught a three months winter term in my school. He was a fine young man and managed his large school with good results. Learning to spell had been so far given my attention mainly. I made some progress in writing, reading and arithmetic, elementary principles.

In 1856 and 1857 Winter, no school at home and my persuasion induced my father to let me go away from home to attend school. I boarded with my teacher, Mr. Tape Temple and did the chores, feeding and taking care of his stock, milking cows, and feeding twice each day and other work usually done on a farm in the winter time. Had a good school, though a cold winter and many times we suffered from being too cold in the school house, with only a fireplace to warm the room and the scholars would some days change places often in sitting next to the fireplace to get warm. I had one of the best families in that section of the country to board with

and was treated with great kindness. In all the time I boarded there, not one meal with wheat bread, because of the great scarcity of wheat in 1856.

Well do I remember the Presidential campaign of 1856, Millard Fillmore the Whig candidate, James Buchanan, Democratic candidate, and J. C. Fremont, Republican candidate. I had strong feeling against the Democratic candidate and his party and I have not yet in 1920 changed those feelings.

I was requested to return home from my boarding place at Mr. Temple's on March 14, 1857 near sundown. I bid goodbye to my dear Temple family and started on foot for home, four and a half miles away, of which distance I did not walk one step, but ran all the way and to

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my surprise when I got home and found not a person there and now after dark. I quickly determined to make another run on foot (no other way to get there) about three miles to my brother Mart's. Before my start, many thoughts occurred to me of the dark and lonesome road, heavy timber and thickets of underbrush, no moonshine and not a dwelling house on the way, and some ghost stories came to my mind but love and honor to the memory of my grand mother, Clarissa Tucker, who often taught me that there were no ghosts, that only foolish people believed in such things, etc. So nerving up in a little time, I was making headway toward my brother Mart's, to which place I ran every step of the way and upon reaching my destination I was delighted to find mother and father there and much surprised to find a new born babe, my niece, Mathilda Tucker, who was born March 13, 1857.

Reverting back to school matters heretofore mentioned, will state that generally the scholars getting to school in the morning first, got to say

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their lessons first. School was taken up early in the morning and closed late in afternoon only about one hour by guess (no watch or clock) for dinner at noon and no recess. The schools were not silent schools. Pupils spelling, reading, etc. in an audible voice while preparing or studying lessons. The scholars seats or benches had no backs. Pens used in writing were made of goose quills with pen-knife. I never saw a steel pen in any of the schools I attended that have so far been mentioned.

First Sunday School. (Zion) In the year 1853, I walked five miles to attend my first Sunday School. My uncle, Thomas Tucker, was superintendent. The Union Bible Dictionary which I yet have was obtained in that Sunday School and in after years, was of much use to me.

In the fall of 1856, my brother Jehu and uncle Sam Brown with an ox team and covered wagon moved from Crawford County, Indiana to near Weston, Platte County, Missouri. This caused my parents to change their former plans of either moving to Arkansas or to Minnesota the following spring. In the winter my father sold his farm of 240 acres for \$1400.00 to his uncle James Sloan. (In 1893, when on a visit there I was offered this same farm of 240 acres for \$1000.00.

After my niece, Mathilda, got strong enough to travel, which was about March 27, 1857, my parents and family, together with my brother Martin's family, Uncle Sam Jenkins, in all four families, 26 souls, each family had one covered wagon with two horses to each wagon, except my father's wagon had three horses to it. Quite a number of friends came to tell us all goodbye and then the four wagons were started westward bound for Kansas. We crossed the Wabash River at Mt. Carmel, Illinois and on by way of St. Louis, Mo. and Weston, about five miles to James Welsh's farm

where my uncle, Sam Brown, my brother Jehu and cousin John Jenkins were living. This drive or trip took about thirty one days, making it about the last of April, 1857, and getting late in the season to begin farming. However all parties decided to put in a crop of corn and make gardens etc. and defer going on to Kansas, until next year. In moving west the writer can safely claim to have walked more than half the distance of 550 miles. Often the crowded wagon and alurements of hunting along the roadside etc. caused me to take a rifle gun, carry it and kill such game as wild ducks, squirrels, prairie chickens, etc. as I might be able to get. Often being far behind the wagons at noon or time to eat and sometimes reaching camp after dark and very tired as the rifle gun besides some game to carry, made it burdensome and the wagons did not stop for me to catch up, neither did any one ever go back to hunt for me.



**Roberta Toby poses before the flowers she planted near the entrance to the old Crawford County Courthouse, now the Archives in English. Through her efforts the outside of the building looks much better as the Commissioners had the large tree cut in front last year and this year has kept the lawn well mowed. We THANK YOU, Roberta!**



**Communications**

From: David Gambrel  
 bunkgambrel@earthlink.net  
 Friday, May 22, 2009  
 To: Richard Eastridge

Hi Richard,

I'll be sending you some more emails to illustrate this, but you could not have picked a better guide and friend than Henry Laswell to accompany us on our search for Doan Cemetery. Last Friday morning he met us at the old Crawford County court house in English and helped us find materials there. That afternoon he went with us to explore Doan Ridge. Due to an impending thunderstorm we had to leave before we reached the cemetery site, but Henry went back a few days ago and found it on his own. Getting to Doan Ridge is not an easy task from any trail taken so far. It is a two-hour hike one way, so the work Henry went to was far beyond the call of duty. In the year that Henry has been studying genealogy he has learned a lot. Moreover, he is surprisingly skilled in using the computer and the hand-held GPS receiver. More importantly, he is energetic and helpful, and certainly is a credit to the Historical Society.

Best Regards,  
 Dave Gambrel

The work Henry did at the Doan Cemetery will be placed on our cemetery web pages.

—Larry B.



**Henry Laswell**

**Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society Minutes for the May Meeting.**

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met on May 11, 2009. Due to May being Historic Preservation month the meeting was held at the Proctor House in Marengo.

The minutes were accepted as read. No financial report was given.

The Proctor House financial report was given by Evelyn Jackson. The balance to date is \$6,364.43. An estimate for a completely finished pole building (30x60) from Marengo Supply is \$38,000.00. In preparing for open house that is to be held on May 16th, today was also clean-up day. The house has been cleaned, the yard mowed, the front steps fixed, and new landscaping has been added to the front of the house.

The society has received the following donated items: a lap desk from David C. Kellems, a book from Mrs. Don Sloan that was published March 22, 1845 and written by John Proctor, and two poetry type readings from Mary Talmadge.

Becky Hammond Stetter gave the fundraising report. There have been twelve new churches and three gas stations added to the ornament collection.

Membership is at about 114, and membership dues are due in June.

There is now a profit of \$305.00 on the Survey book, with about 25 books left to sell.

Edith Key gave the scrapbooking report. She has been saving the Backward Glance articles from the Clarion, and asked if she should continue to do so. Ruth Terry suggested keeping the articles and storing them at the archives. Pictures from the Spirit of Generosity Program have also been added to the scrapbook.

Pictures of English being moved have been added to the web-site, and

concerns about pictures being on the web-site were also discussed.

Larry Burmeister gave the newsletter and archives report. The newsletter will be ready before the June meeting. At the Archives there were 5 visitors and a total deposit of \$91.00 was made. \$75.00 to the book fund and \$16.00 to the copy fund.

The children of Carl Chanley have asked if the society would be interested in receiving their late father's books.

Bills were presented by Priscilla Eastridge for \$18.65 for stamps and mailing books, \$4.00 from Becky Hammond Stetter for pictures that are in the scrapbook, and \$16.02 from Janice Eastridge for an ink cartridge.

The following were appointed to the Nominating Committee by Densil Wilson: Richard Eastridge, Ruth Terry and Roberta Toby.

Evelyn Jackson was given a photo of the entrance to the Foote Cemetery taken in 1927. The cemetery is located north on Highway 66.

Correspondence: Priscilla Eastridge had a letter from Historic Landmarks wanting a donation. Richard Eastridge made the motion to send \$25.00 with Roberta Toby seconding the motion, and the motion carried. She also had a letter from Mid Continent Public Library in Independence, MO. A list of books the society has for sale will be sent to that library.

Ruth Terry said we have no more copies of the 1915 maps. She had a copy of hers made so the society could have more copies made to sell. Roberta Toby made the motion to have 20 copies of the map made, with Becky Hammond Stetter seconding the motion, the motion carried.

It was decided not to set up a booth at this years English Reunion.

An error was found on April's financial report, it will be brought up at the meeting in June.

Those attending were: Jim Kaiser, Richard Eastridge, Edith Key, Densil Wilson, Hugh Jackson, Becky Hammond

Stetter, Roberta Toby, Ruth Terry, Evelyn Jackson, Doris Kaiser, Mary Wiseman, Bobby Wiseman, Helena Burmeister, Betty Gunn, Larry Burmeister, Priscilla Eastridge, Anita Mitchell, Bill & Robin Piper, Janice Eastridge, Glenn Toby, James Kaiser, Rachel Mitchell, Casey Blair, Clayton Blair, and Michael Witt.

**Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society Minutes for the June Annual Meeting.**

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met on June 8th, 2009 at the Proctor House with Densil Wilson presiding.

Peggy Brooks was unable to attend the meeting. She will e-mail the information she has to Evelyn Jackson for review and it should be ready to turn in sometime in July.

The program for the meeting was given by Betty Gunn, who gave the genealogy of the Gunn family.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The financial report was given and accepted as read. The beginning balance on May 11, 2009 was \$15,927.14



**Betty Gunn read a report on the Gunn Family at the June CCHGS meeting.**

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with an ending balance of \$15,006.18 on June 08, 2009. The correction was made to the April financial report. The beginning balance plus deposits should have been \$15,727.52 instead of \$15,677.52 with an ending balance of \$14,529.69 not \$14,479.69.

The Proctor House financial report was given by Evelyn Jackson. The beginning balance on April 27, 2009 was \$6,339.39 with an ending balance of \$6,078.14 on May 30, 2009. The yearly report was also given. Total income for the year was \$17,768.68 minus total expenditures of \$11,690.54 for an ending balance on May 30, 2009 of \$6,078.14.

Becky Hamond Stetter and Hugh and Evelyn Jackson attended the Marengo Alumni Banquet where Becky gave a short speech for the Historical Society. Items sold at the banquet were two books and five ornaments.

The Proctor House yard sale will be held Thursday July 2, through Saturday, July 4th. The Salvation Army of Corydon will be contacted first, New Albany second, about receiving the left over items. Sunday, July 5th will be pack-up day. It was decided to run the ad in the paper one more week asking for yard sale donations.

In fund raising, Becky Hammond Stetter asked to be replaced as chairperson. Betsy Young will take her position.

Dues of \$15.00 are due this month (June).

No report was given on the inside audit.

Bill Piper and Roberta Toby gave the web-site report. Ron Yates' on-line genealogy site has been added as a link to our site and also more cemeteries.

Larry Burmeister gave the newsletter and archives report. 84 newsletters were mailed, 22 delivered via e-mail and 9 hand delivered. Cost of printing was \$83.96, which included paper, ink, labels, envelopes and stamps.

In the Archives, a couple from Family Search.com photographed the Civil Order books and put them on microfilm. One copy goes to the state of Indiana. Visitors to the archives since last meeting was 12, and total cash on hand is \$37.00.

A 10x20 space with electric has been reserved for the Leavenworth Riverfest. A drawing will be held for an activity book for ages 6-12. Mary Wiseman suggested an adult drawing for an ornament. The winner will choose the ornament of their choice.

Roberta Toby spoke for the Nominating Committee. She asked if the voting could be done by ballot. After much discussion, Jim Kaiser made the motion to postpone the election until July's meeting. Bobby Wiseman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Becky Hammond Stetter then made the motion to vote privately by ballot. Jim Kaiser seconded the motion by stating that the nominating committee should have a written ballot prepared by next meeting. This ballot should include the names given by the nominating committee along with a blank space for write-in's. The motion carried.

Becky Hammond Stetter passed around a Tell City newspaper with an article about the Historical Society receiving the Shields tombstones. She also gave information about the Indiana State Genealogy Fair in Indianapolis on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009.

Hugh Jackson asked how Peggy Brooks is to be paid? Will she be paid from the Proctor House or society funds? [The secretary will look through past minutes to see if she can find this information.]

Evelyn Jackson also gave everyone present a copy of the Dean Family History. It was written by Diana Dean Enlow.

Those present were: Sandra Wilson, Robin & William Piper, Casey & Clayton Blair, Michael Witt, Evelyn Jackson, Hugh E. Jackson, Becky Hammond Stetter, Betty Gunn, Helena Burmeister, Jim & Doris Kaiser, Maria Standiford, Don Standiford, Glen Toby, Anita Mitchell, Harry Wood,

Ruth Terry, Larry Burmeister, Densil R. Wilson, Janice Eastridge, Sharon Morris, Bobby & Mary Wiseman, Edith Key and Richard & Priscilla Eastridge.

### Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society Minutes for the July Meeting.

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met on July 13, 2009 at the Proctor House in Marengo.

Peggy Brooks was present and went over everything she has compiled to nominate the Proctor House for the National Register. She had with her the house description, community history, maps, genealogies, plan views, floor plans, and a copy of the deed. She hopes for the work to be completed in about a month. At this time she has 40-50 hours in the project, and said she would work with the Society about the amount due.



**Peggy Brooks made a report on her progress with the application to the National Historical Register for the Proctor House at the July meeting.**

At this time there was a break for the committee meetings.

The meeting was called back to order and Richard Eastridge spoke for the nominating committee. The following nominations were made from the floor: Janice Eastridge as secretary, Sharon Morris as treasurer, Larry Burmeister as vice president and Densil Wilson as president. Jim Kaiser made the motion to close the nominations. Larry Young seconded the motion and the motion car-

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ried. Jim Kaiser then made the motion to re-elect the same officers by acclamation with Larry Young seconding and the motion carried. Richard Eastridge then nominated the following for directors: Anita Mitchell for Johnson and Patoka Townships, Ruth Terry for Liberty & Whiskey Run, Sharon Morris for Jennings, Boone & Ohio; Bill Piper for Sterling & Union and Don Standiford at large. Densil Wilson made the motion to accept the above as directors and the motion carried.

The minutes were read and the following corrections were made: Hugh and Evelyn Jackson and Edith Key attended the Marengo Alumni Banquet not Becky Hammond Stetter. Becky Hammond Stetter then spoke about the voting process, wondering why we didn't vote by ballot as was voted to do at the June meeting. The minutes were approved after the corrections.

Sharon Morris gave the Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance on June 9, 2009 was \$16,075.03 with an ending balance of \$15,904.16. The report was accepted as given.

Proctor House Financial Report was given by Evelyn Jackson. The beginning balance on June 1, 2009 was \$6,078.14 with an ending balance of \$7,918.97. Total receipts on the yard sale was \$2,536.83 with donations of \$326.50. The Goodwill from New Albany picked up all of the left over yard sale items.

A junior membership to the Society was also discussed. Jim Kaiser suggested a committee be formed for further discussion. Roberta Toby and Becky Hammond Stetter will make up that committee.

Richard Eastridge thanked Glen & Roberta Toby, Mary & Bobby Wiseman, Hugh & Evelyn Jackson and everyone else who worked so hard to make the yard sale a success. Evelyn Jackson



**Tim & Kathy Haines, winner of the ornament giveaway at Riverfest. They chose the Stephenson Store.**



**At Leavenworth Riverfest 2009 on July 25th. Thanks to Glen Toby, Hugh Jackson and Helena Bumeister for setting up and taking down the tent. Thanks to Betsy Young, Priscilla & Richard Eastridge and Helena Burmeister for working the booth. Thanks to Janice Eastridge & Roberta Toby for visiting.**



Photo by Becky Hammond Stetter.  
**Hermione Bean-Mills was the winner of the Crawford County Activity Book given away in a drawing at the Leavenworth Riverfest to ages 6-14.**

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asked if the general fund could be used to pay for the moving of the depot? Larry Young made the motion that the Society pay for the moving cost already spent on the depot, and Sandy Wilson seconded the motion. Jim Kaiser then asked who would have control and / or make decisions about the depot? Mary Wiseman suggested a committee to make decisions on the depot. After much discussion the vote was taken and the motion carried. Jim Kaiser again asked who would make decisions about the depot, and then suggested the Proctor House committee. A discussion was then held about future buildings that could be on the Proctor House grounds. Who would take care of them, the Proctor House committee or the Society?

Becky Hammond Stetter gave an update on the letter that is being composed to the Lucas Oil Corporation in hopes of a donation. Brochures about the Society, and Proctorville along with pictures of the house and grounds will be sent along with the letter.

Fund Raising Report was given by Betsy Young. Eleven ornaments were sold in May along with a two dollar donation and twelve ornaments have been sold in July for a total of \$186.00.

Inside Audit Report given by Jim Kaiser. The total net worth was \$138,484.61. Jim Kaiser read the motion to accept the audit report with Larry Burmeister seconding and the motion carried. Two recommendations were made by the audit committee. First to establish a common date for the ending of the operating year, and second to include the audit report in the Society newsletter. Larry Burmeister asked about the cost of adding six extra pages for the audit report in the newsletter. Evelyn Jackson made the motion to mail the audit report separate from the newsletter and by letter only. The audit

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is not to be included on the web-site. Priscilla Eastridge seconded and the motion carried.

The Archives Report was given by Larry Burmeister. There were ten visitors to the archives including one new membership. \$30.00 to general fund, \$20.00 to book fund and \$82.25 to copy fund for a total of \$132.25.

Historian Report was given by Richard Eastridge. Historic Landmarks asked if we would like to host a window workshop at the Proctor House on July 27, 2010. Hugh Jackson made the motion to have the workshop with Larry Young seconding and the motion carried.

Bills were presented by Priscilla Eastridge for \$28.74 which includes postage and supplies for mailing books. Densil Wilson made the motion to accept the bills and the motion carried.

Priscilla Eastridge read a Thank You note from the family of Carl Chanley.

Richard Eastridge and Larry Burmeister have recorded the Terrell Cemetery near Beechwood. There are two graves, William Terrell and a daughter.

Densil Wilson appointed a committee made up of Richard Eastridge, Larry Burmeister, Jim Kaiser and Roberta Toby to come up with five significant people from Crawford County for the Historic Pathways project.

Becky Hammond Stetter is going to the State Genealogy Fair on October 24, she will be taking Society information with her.

The Willard Library in Evansville is holding a genealogy workshop on August 22.

Edith Key announced she is stepping down as the scrapbook keeper. Robin Piper will be taking over that project.

The Riverfest at Leavenworth will be held July 25, followed by the Milltown Fest September 18-20 and the Sorghum

Festival in October. Cost for an inside space at the Sorghum Festival is \$20.00.

The August meeting can be held at the Proctor House or a classroom or the cafeteria at the school. Betsy Young made the motion to meet at the school with Priscilla Eastridge seconding and the motion carried.

Those attending were: Densil R. Wilson, Larry M. Burmeister, Richard Eastridge, Peggy Brooks, Michael Thomp-

son, Roberta Toby, Glen Toby, Anita Mitchell, Mary Wiseman, Bob Wiseman, Becky Hammond Stetter, Betty J. Gunn, Doris Kaiser, Jim Kaiser, Priscilla Eastridge, Betsy Young, Larry Young, Sandra Wilson, Hugh Jackson, Evelyn Jackson, Harry Wood, Edith Key, Sharon Morris, Robin Piper, William Piper, Casey Blair, Clayton Blair, Michael Witt and Janice Eastridge.

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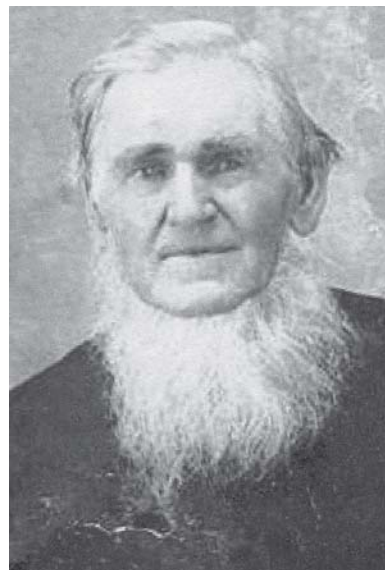
**Historic Pathways Commission**

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Bedford, Indiana 47421

Richard Eastridge, County Historian  
Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society  
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Re: Ms. Teena Ligan

As per your request for five persons of note from our county, we present these:



Lance Stroud Photo.

**Professor Johnson**

Professor John J. Johnson  
(1826 - 1918)

Mr. Johnson was ordained as a min-

ister of the United Brethren Church in 1853. In 1856, he received his master's degree from Indiana University. He was a minister and a teacher. In 1870, he was instrumental in establishing the first school of higher learning in Crawford County at Marengo. The school was known as the Marengo Academy and many local persons of note passed through the school. It was in operation until 1902 and Prof. Johnson was the main instructor. A historical marker was placed at the site by the Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society in 2004.



Stephenson's Store Photo.

**Seth M. Leavenworth**

Seth Leavenworth (1782 - 1853)  
and his brother, **Zebulon Leavenworth** (1792 - 1872)

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Photo and Caption from un-remembered Source.

**BALOCK, SPENCER, ELLIOTT & FLANEGAN FAMILIES: Back Row, Left to Right: Jim Balock holding son, Johnnie, Ida, his wife; Grandma Sarah Balock holding Bernie Spencer; Rachel Balock Spencer, Uncle Ron Spencer holding Bertha Spencer; Ida Balock Elliott and William Elliott. Front Left: Lola Flanegan & Mary Flanegan. Front Right: Sammy Flanegan and Myrtie Flanegan.**

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came to Crawford County about 1818 from Connecticut and settled on 400 acres at the Mouth of the Blue River at the Ohio River — the site of present day Leavenworth, Indiana. They were in the mercantile business and operated sawmills and grist mills on the Blue River. They were the founders of today's towns of Leavenworth and Milltown in Crawford County. They both served in the state legislature and were very civic minded.

**David Stewart  
(1775 - 1854)**

came to Crawford County in 1813 from North Carolina via Kentucky and settled at Big Spring (present day Marengo). He came to Indiana from Barren County, Kentucky because of the slavery issue. He was at his time of arrival a minister of the "New Lights" or Disciples of Christ church. He and the Kinkaid brothers were founders of the first church in

Crawford at Hartford (present day English) in 1819. He was instrumental in the establishment of several churches in Southern Indiana.



Richard Eastridge Photo.

**Thomas K. Van Zandt  
(1850 - 1875),**

born in Ohio, came to Leavenworth in 1871 and established the Leavenworth Independent, which he sold the same year and established the Crawford County Democrat in 1871 with Robert E. Ryan. He became sole publisher of the newspaper in 1872 and remained as

**Proctor Yard Sale:  
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contributed lots of great items and leftover yard sale items as well. Straw hats were donated to us and even worn when we went out to eat. All of the hats sold in the end, except for one, and it was mine (thank you Anita). A GREAT BIG THANK YOU goes out to the Milltown Christian Church and Liberty View, for remembering us every year. We appreciate everyone who has been involved to make our sale such a success.

If you have never been to our annual yard sale, you've missed a lot of bargains and lots of fun. We look forward to seeing you next year. When you travel west on 64, be sure to watch on the left for the Historical Proctor House with candles glowing in the windows. This Historical sight was once known as Proctorville, IN and is now our Marengo, IN. We are proud to be known as Crawford County Hoosiers!

editor until his death on May 2, 1875.

Sincerely,  
Richard Eastridge

P.S. Above was produced at the request of the Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society who appointed Richard Eastridge, Larry Burmeister and Jim Kaiser to select and send to you their selections. Subsequently, Richard and Larry met at the Archives on Thursday, July 16, 2009 and produced the above selections.



Swinging Bridge over Whiskey Run in Marengo before 1900s.

Photo from Lance Stroud.



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A picture of Alford Agan (1840-1915) and his first wife Mary Ann Kimbel. This picture was taken in 1865 at the end of the Civil War. Alford was 25 years old and Mary Ann 20 years of age. Alford Agan was my grandfather, being my grandfather Floyd Stroud's great grandfather. Alford Agan's daughter Emma Jane married Virgil Stroud (my great grandfather).

Lance Stroud

### ANNUAL EVENTS

- March 1, 2010** ————— **County Establishment Day Dinner and Program**
- July 4, 2010** ————— **Fund Raiser at Proctorville**
- July 25, 2009** ————— **Riverfest at Leavenworth booth**
- September, 18, 19, 20, 2009** — **Milltown Fest Old Eckerty Days booth**
- October, 2009** ————— **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.cchgs.org](http://www.cchgs.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](http://www.cchgs.org)

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#### Membership Form

New Member **\$15.00 Per Year Per Family**  Renewal

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