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Photo by Larry B. Harry Wood May 16, 2006.

Harry L. Wood Dies June 16, 2010, Age 103

Harry Wood, long time resident of Alton and Marengo, died on June 16 at a Corydon Nursing Home. He was a long-time member of the Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society and was our only Honorary Member, an honor bestowed on his 100th birthday.

Survivors include his daughter, Ruth Terry, six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were held at the Marengo Christian Church on June 19th.

He was buried beside his wife in the El Bethel Cemetery.

If You Haven't Renewed, This Will Be Your Last Newsletter.

PROCTOR HOUSE Yard Sale Report

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society held its 6th Annual Yard Sale on July 2-3-4-5 at the Proctor House in Marengo, which proceeds benefit the restoration of the property.

Read about the results of the sale in our July minutes on Page 3.

Everett S. Davis Dies. Early Member of CCHGS.

PAOLI—Everett S. Davis, 82, Paoli, died June 17, 2010 at Paoli Health and Living Community in Paoli.

Born March 27, 1928, in Fargo, he was the son of F. N.

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From Our County Historian Richard Eastridge



Archibald "Uncle Archie" Boon 1820 - 1910

Archibald was born in Kentucky to Silva Boon and unknown father. His mother, a slave for the Fullenwider family, was blind by the time she was four years old. She served as a nanny to the Fullenwider children.

Catherine "Katie" Boon moved to Crawford County during the 1830's and brought her slaves with her. In the 1840 Federal Census, twelve people of color were living in Crawford County. The Moore's and Bundy's had a total of seven, who were living in Sterling Township and five people

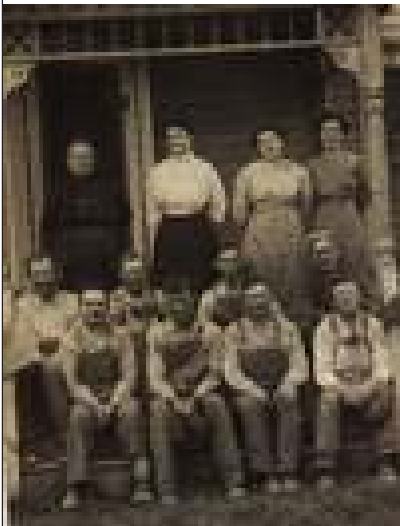
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Communications

Crawford Co. Newsletter
 From: Marilyn La Velle Poitras
 <lavelle@valornet.com>
 To: Larry Burmeister
 Hi Larry,

You do such a wonderful job! I am so glad I found the Society and the your yatesville website. My cousin Donald Roberts also is a member, I believe.

I perused through the June Crawford County Newsletter and low and behold there is the George Stroud family! I have, in my possession a picture from my Mother which says on the back "George Stroud Family



somewhere in Noble's (La Velle) line". Noble is my father. I don't seem to find any connection in my line to the Stroud's. There might be some of my LaVelle line in the picture but I have no way of knowing. I have tried for years to find this family so I could return the picture to it's rightful owner by posting messages on all the Genealogy sites but no takers. The rest of the notation on the back of the picture is: "Whalen Family Car-

penters". Not sure what that means.

When I saw the picture of the Stroud's in your newsletter, I knew immediately who the gentleman was! Someone in the Society might be able to identify the other people. If there are any La Velle's, Denton's, Gregory's, Sloan's, etc. I would surely appreciate knowing. Thank you again,
 Marilyn La Velle Poitras

The Crawford Countian
 From: Suzanne Sloan
 To: Larry Burmeister

Dear Mr. Burmeister, I will change Abe Lincoln's original quote "you can fool" a little by saying: You can please some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time. I compliment you on your work publishing the The Crawford Countian as well as the internet newsletter. You are doing a great job and I am pretty sure the majority of us appreciate your free work. I may not be interested in every families genealogy or information but once in a while something pops out that I can relate to my research because I read it all anyway. As for the using of others work, I guess that has been going on forever. People should not use or publish others hard work without their permission. We all need to keep that in mind when submitting information for publication. Keep up the good work Mr. Burmeister we wouldn't have near the information we have without your taking the time to give it to us. Suzanne Key Sloan Seymour, IN.

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MORE — Everett S. Davis

Searcy and Alice Staniford Searcy. He was adopted by George Thomas and Vevie (Searcy) Davis. He married Wilma Merry on May 1, 1948, and she survives.

He was cashier and director of Orange County Bank for 42 years. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps during WW2. He was a member of the Paoli Church of Christ, Orange County Genealogical Society, Orange County Historical Society, a lifetime member of Saving Historic Orange County, the Orleans American Legion and the Paoli Senior Citizens.

Surviving with his wife, Wilma Davis of Paoli; two daughters, Nancy T. Metz of Bloomington, and Kathy Roden of Campbellsburg, Ky.; one son, Danny Joe Davis of Fayetteville, Ark.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Newman of Archbold, Ohio; and four brothers, Marvin Searcy of Santa Anna, Calif., Paul Searcy, Aurora, Mo., Harold Searcy, Mt. Vernon, Ark., and Howard Searcy, North Lawrence, Ohio.

Funeral services were held at McAdams Mortuary and burial was in the Hamilton Cemetery in English. The Orleans American Legion provided a military service.

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

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met on June 14, 2010 in the Crawford County library with President Densil Wilson presiding.

With no program to be presented, the business meeting immediately began. The May minutes were accepted as read. The Wiseman's and Jackson's gave the **Proctor House report**. Bobby Wiseman has an estimate from Bolden Buildings for a 30x56x8 ft. pole type building not finished for \$14,904.00. That is with a 12x30 ft. portion enclosed to accommodate a kitchen and bath area. Maxine Redding suggested again that an architect be obtained to help with the design of the building, and also asked if this building would hinder getting on the historic register. Don Standiford suggested getting more information from Historic Landmarks before construction begins. Jim Kaiser said that a permit and blueprint approval must be given by the State of Indiana. Although there are two separate banking accounts, all monies belong to the one organization. Densil Wilson said he would like for the society to decide how much money from the society account would go to the Proctor House account toward a building. No amount was decided on, but Sandra Wilson made the motion that money from the society account go to the Proctor House account when it's the appropriate time. Roberta Toby seconded the motion and the motion carried. The amount will be put to a vote at a later date.

Jim Kaiser asked about the application to the Historic Register. Evelyn Jackson said the application had been turned in, and we should know something some time in July.

Kaiser was given the name of a person who helped establish the Dubois County Museum.

The **Proctor House financial report** was read by Densil Wilson. The beginning balance on April 13, 2010 was \$7,973.81 minus checks & debits of \$339.41 for an ending balance of \$7,634.40 on May 8, 2010.

In **Fund Raising**, Betsy Young could use some more home remedies and wives tales for the book, and reminded everyone of the bake sale that will be held the first day of the yard sale.

Becky Hammond Stetter suggested contacting the Cook Family once again for the Proctor House restoration.

Becky Hammond Stetter is now taking care of the **memberships**. After everyone paid their dues tonight, there are 33 paid members.

Roberta Toby gave the **web-site report**, saying that Bill Piper is going to day shift and will have more time to devote to the site. Evelyn Jackson brought up the fact that Bill has done this job with no pay. She made the motion to pay \$100 a year for keeping the web-site up and running. Sandra Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Larry Burmeister gave the **newsletter and archives reports**. 67 newsletters were sent by mail, 25 by E-mail,

and 3 hand delivered. The cost for stamps, paper, envelopes, labels, and ink for printing the newsletter was \$70.92.

At the **archives** there were 17 visitors, copy & research fees of \$67, membership fee \$15, for a total of \$82.

Roberta Toby and Becky Hammond Stetter gave an update on the Junior Membership. Several calls were made to Mr. Moe at the school with none being returned. Things are now at a standstill until school resumes in August.

Jim Kaiser asked once again for an inventory sheet if anyone has items that have been donated or loaned to the society.

The resolution concerning donated items to the society was read aloud. Maxine Redding then made the motion to adopt the Acquisition Resolution, Larry Young seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Donations, Acquisitions, and Gifts Committee will be made up of Chairman Larry Burmeister, Don Standiford, Maxine Redding, and Jim Kaiser.

Richard Eastridge has county books that he would like taken back to the archives along with personal items he would like to donate to the society, such as photographs.

In Old Business, the **only bill** presented was \$100 to Bill Piper for the web-site. Densil Wilsom made the motion to accept the bill, and the motion carried.

The Leavenworth Riverfest will be held on July 31st.

Correspondence was received from Rita Toney Sanders, Opal Kaiser, and Charles & Vivian Taylor. The Taylor's asked if there was, or if anyone was researching 1 & 2 room schoolhouses in Crawford County.

Jim Kaiser gave the **Nominating Committee report**. He went over the ballot explaining that there were 2 nominations for each office along

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with a space to write in any nomination from the floor. One name for each office was to be circled. Densil Wilson made the motion that the nominating report be accepted with Larry Young seconding the motion, and the motion carried.

The following nominations were made from the floor: Evelyn Jackson for President, Jim Kaiser, Larry Young and Evelyn Jackson as Vice President, all of whom declined. Roberta Toby was nominated from the floor for Vice President. Jim Kaiser then made the motion that the nominations be closed, Betsy Young seconded the motion and the motion carried. The votes were then counted by Teller-Helena Burmeister, Recorder-Mary Wiseman, and Judge-Hugh Jackson. **The following officers were elected:**

Larry Burmeister, President
 Roberta Toby, Vice-President
 Sharon Morris, Treasurer
 Janice Eastridge, Secretary
 Priscilla Eastridge-Director for
 Johnson, Patoka & Sterling
 Edith Key-Director for Boone,
 Ohio & Union
 Bobby Wiseman-Director for
 Jennings, Liberty & Whisky
 Run

Densil Wilson-Director at large

The ballots were then destroyed by Becky Hammond Stetter.

Maxine Redding expressed appreciation to the past officers.

Sharon Morris gave the **Financial Report**. Beginning balance on May 10, 2010 was \$19,997.68 plus deposits of \$674, minus disbursements of \$302.69 for an ending balance of \$20,368.99 on June 14, 2010.

Those attending were: Janice Eastridge, Densil R. Wilson, Larry Burmeister, Donald Standiforn, Maxine Redding, Glen S. Toby, Roberta Toby, Hugh E. Jackson, Becky Hammond Stetter, Evelyn G. Jackson, Bobby Wiseman, Mary Wiseman, Betsy Young, Sandra Wilson, Doris Kaiser, Anita Mitchell,

Helena Burmeister, Betty Gunn, Jim Kaiser, Larry Young, and Sharon Morris.

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

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met on July 12, 2010 in the Crawford County library at English with President Larry Burmeister presiding.

The meeting began with Roberta Toby showing a post card with a picture of English that was taken from the top of the old Courthouse hill. Becky Hammond Stetter also passed around a copy of Hoosier Heritage which has an article about English that was written by Jane Shields Clark.

After a recess for committee meetings, the society was called back to order.

The **June minutes** were read and accepted after the following corrections were made: Becky Hammond Stetter was also nominated from the floor for President, and Richard Eastridge will not be donating any pictures or other items if there is not a secure place to keep them, they will instead go to the state library.

The Wiseman's and Jackson's gave the **Proctor House report**. Total sales for the yard sale was \$3,364.18. Book sales were \$260, \$585 in donations and paid memberships, and \$171.50 from the bake sale. Evelyn Jackson gave the Proctor House financial report. The balance on June 13, 2010 was \$7,435.22 with an ending balance of \$8,271.95 on July 12, 2010. Jim Kaiser made the motion to accept the above report and the motion carried. Bobby Wiseman gave a report on the building at the Proctor House. An estimate of \$19,419 was given with \$2,355 of that already being spent on preparing the site, that includes electrical supplies, dirt work, and a perk test. Maxine Redding asked about the building being appropriate for the site and about blueprints. Richard Eastridge asked if

anyone had talked to Historic Landmarks, he then said he would get in touch with them. Jim Kaiser suggested waiting to see if the house is going to get on the National Register before starting on a building, and Becky Hammond Stetter agreed since we should know something in July. Mr. Kaiser also recommended calling Greg Sekula from Indiana Landmarks to get his opinion on what to do with the site. Evelyn Jackson said when she spoke with Laura Renwick about applying for a \$10,000 grant, Laura wanted to know what our greatest need was at the Proctor House. Evelyn stated that we needed to take off the addition to the house and then construct a building that would have restrooms, kitchen, etc. Laura never mentioned any restrictions or said that this could not be done on the Proctor House property or that it would interfere with getting on the Historic Register. After much discussion, Larry Burmeister then asked the question do we want to continue with the construction of the building at the Proctor House? A vote was taken of 8 yes and 4 no to continue with construction of the building. Then the question of "Are we going to transfer money to the Proctor House funds?" Again, after much discussion, Mary Wiseman moved to table everything until the August meeting.

Sharon Morris gave the **financial report**. The beginning balance on June 14, 2010 was \$20,368.97 minus disbursements of \$286.40 for an ending balance of \$20,607.57 on July 12, 2010. Richard Eastridge made the motion to accept the report as given and the motion carried.

Becky Hammond Stetter gave the **membership report** with 65 paid members at this time.

Robin Piper gave the **scrapbook report**. Roberta Toby gave pictures

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of Roberta, Becky and Edith that were taken at the Marengo Alumni Banquet in May, and a memorial card from the funeral service of Harry Wood.

On the **web-site**, Bill Piper has added a list of ornaments and an order sheet, the by-laws of our society and more veterans. The article that was in the Clarion about Harry Wood was also added to the site.

Jim Kaiser stated that they are still working on the inside audit.

Larry Burmeister gave the **Archives report**. There have been 17 visitors since last report and a deposit of \$65. Roberta Toby will now be the Archives Coordinator.

Larry Burmeister gave the **Vice President report**. On July 27, 2010 Historic Landmarks will be giving a window replacement seminar at the Proctor House. Maxine Redding suggested that would be a good time to set up a meeting with Historic Landmarks to discuss the building at the Proctor House. Jim Kaiser suggested having a separate meeting perhaps before the seminar with Greg and the Proctor House Committee members only.

The Riverfest at Leavenworth is July 31.

In **Correspondence**, the obituary of Robert Murphy who was born in Milltown in 1965 was received from Huntington Beach, CA.

Sharon Morris suggested something be put in the next newsletter about Everett Davis who passed away in June.

In **new business**, we need a file cabinet for the archives. Evelyn Jackson suggested contacting Fire King in New Albany.

Speakers were discussed for the upcoming months. Larry Bye for August to discuss facilities for the archives books, Victor Megenity in September to speak about Lucy Hicks, Judy Haendiges on the history of St. Joseph Catholic Church, and Maxine Archibald on Milltown.

The following **bills** were presented by Larry Burmeister: \$5 electric fee for Riverfest, \$10 for gas for moving books, and \$57 for printing books. Jim Kaiser made the motion with Hugh Jackson seconding to pay the above bills. The motion carried.

Two **donations** were made to the society, one being the pictures of the CCC Camp donated by Hansel Haycock, and the other a bowl from the G.S. Balthis Store that was in Marengo by Carol Shelton.

The August meeting will be held at the library in English.

Those attending were: Larry Burmeister, Roberta Toby, Janice Eastridge, Helena Burmeister, Richard & Priscilla Eastridge, Evelyn Jackson, Jim & Doris Kaiser, Glen Toby, Hugh Jackson, William & Robin Piper, Casey Blair, Clayton Blair, Michael Witt, Mary & Bob Wiseman, Sharon Morris, Ruth Terry, Edith Key, Becky Hammond Stetter, and Maxine Redding.



Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society Minutes for the Regular August Meeting.

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society was Called to Order on August 9, 2010 in the Crawford County Jr.-Sr. High School media center at 6:30 p.m., with President Larry Burmeister presiding.

County Commissioner Larry Bye was the **guest speaker**. Mr. Bye answered questions concerning trying to find better facilities to house the county records that still remain in the old court house. He also listened to suggestions from society members.

The **July minutes** were read and the following corrections were made: Becky Hammond Stetter brought the post card of English not Roberta Toby, and the total amount for the yard sale was \$3,364.18. After the corrections Evelyn Jackson made the motion to accept the minutes with Betsy Young seconding and the motion carried.

Sharon Morris read the **Treasurer's Report**. The beginning balance on July 13, 2010 was \$20,607.57, deposits

of \$695.00, disbursements of \$102.00 for an ending balance of \$21,200.57 on August 9, 2010. Priscilla Eastridge made the motion to accept the report with Hugh Jackson seconding, and the motion carried.

The **President's Report** was read by Janice Eastridge. Betsy Young made the motion to accept the report with Priscilla Eastridge seconding and the motion carried.

Roberta Toby gave the **Vice President's Report**. The window restoration program at the Proctor House was well attended. Greg Sekula was there and gave some recommendations concerning the shelter house and depot. At the Leavenworth River Fest one book, three memberships, and five ornaments were sold. The Milltown Community Festival will be held Sept. 17-19, and Old Eckerty Days, Sept. 24-25. The Sorghum Festival will be Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inside booth space is \$20 plus 10% of total gross sales to be paid at the end of the day. You must stay until close or you will not be invited back next year. Don Standiford made the motion to attend the Sorghum Festival with Richard Eastridge seconding and the motion carried. Larry Burmeister then made the motion to accept the Vice President's Report with Don Standiford seconding and the motion carried.

Becky Hammond Stetter gave the **Membership Report** with 72 paid members at this time. Larry Burmeister made the motion to accept the report and the motion carried.

The Jackson's and Wiseman's gave the **Proctor House Report**. Greg Sekula gave detailed information as to what kind of materials should be used on the shelter house. He said the materials from the Proctor house addition, when it is taken down, could be used on the shelter house.

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If the Proctor House gets on the Historic Register, it will be the first in Crawford County. Peggy Brooks did not send in everything needed for the application for the Historic Register. Greg Sekula is going to get in touch with Peggy Brooks and help us as much as possible. Evelyn Jackson gave the Proctor House Financial Report. The beginning balance on July 13, 2010 was \$8,135.95 minus debits of \$4,154.79 for an ending balance of \$3,990.16. Hugh and Evelyn Jackson are going to attend the County Council meeting on Tuesday, August 10 to ask for a \$5,000 grant that is available. They would like as many society members to attend as possible. Larry Martin of the Marengo Alumni asked permission to use a photo and information on the Proctor House for the next book they are putting together as a fund raiser. A discussion was held on transferring funds from the society account to the Proctor House account. Helena Burmeister made the motion to transfer \$10,000. Becky Hammond Stetter seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Roberta Toby gave the **Archives Report**. There have been 18 visitors, \$230 in book sales and \$45 in the copy fund. Tracy Underhill will be at the Archives on Monday, Aug. 16 to show how to repair old books. The archives is also in need of shelving and would like donations of concrete blocks and heavy boards.

In **Publications**, Richard Eastridge is working on the Sulphur Springs and Ruth Terry is researching doctors.

Helena Burmeister gave the Publication Secretary's Report. 14 books and one pencil were sold since the last meeting for a total of \$391.50.

Bill Piper and Roberta Toby gave the **Web-Site Report**. Pictures of Milltown will be added to the site, and the Commander of the English VFW has items he would like put on the site.

Betsy Young gave the **Fundraising Report**. There have not been enough items turned in to print the home remedies and wives tales book. Larry Burmeister made the motion to accept the report and the motion carried.

Becky Hammond Stetter gave the **Ornamnt Report**. Five were sold at the Leavenworth River Fest, one at the library and two are waiting to be picked up.

Roberta Toby turned in photos that were taken at the yard sale and window seminar to be added to the scrapbook.

On **Junior Membership**, Roberta Toby spoke with Karen Sheller, the new Jr. High Principal. Mrs. Sheller has agreed to mention this for anyone interested in the morning announcements.

In **New Business**, Priscilla Eastridge read information about the holiday Gift Show that will be held at the 4-H Building on Saturday, Dec. 11th from 9-5. The cost for inside space is \$10 plus \$5 for an 8-ft. table. Priscilla Eastridge made the motion to attend with Helena Burmeister seconding, motion carried.

Becky Hammond Stetter made the motion to have the monthly meetings at the library instead of the school. Ruth terry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

On Thursday, Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. there will be a meeting at Shakers Cafe in Marengo concerning the revitalization of Downtown Marengo. Greg Sekula will be attending and would also like for society members to attend.

Bills were presented by Helena Burmeister for 471.77 for the printing of books and postage. Priscilla Eastridge made the motion to accept the bill and Maxine Redding seconded and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Those attending were: Richard & Priscilla Eastridge, Helena Burmeister, Becky Hammond Stetter, Ruth Terry, Glen S. Toby, Larry Bye, Betsy Young, Larry Young, William Piper, Sharon Morris, Edith M. Key, Donald

Standiford, Maxine Redding, Hugh E. Jackson, Evelyn Jackson, Bobby Wiseman, Larry Burmeister, Roberta Toby and Janice Eastridge.

Thanks For Donations & Help on the Proctor House Yard Sale

Several organizations and individuals donated their own yard sale "leftovers" to us. We appreciate them all. I would expecially like to thank the Milltown Christian Church not only for their donations but for their help in moving the items to the Proctor House, especially: Marquita Spencer, Ray & Maxine Mehling, Tom & Carole Morgan on June 5th.

Also those who volunteered to help set up tables and put out the merchandise on July 1st who included: Elder Pedersen, Elder Jacobsen, Don Standiford and Maria Standiford of the LDS Church; Janis Kasserman, Kasey Kasserman, Gillion Hannah, Glen Toby, Roberta Toby, Larry Burmeister, Helena Burmeister, Jeremy Burmeister, Becky Hammond Stetter, Glenn Crecelius, Bobby Wiseman, Mary Wiseman and Janice Eastridge.

See the August minutes for our upcoming festivals and the activities of the society.

The society has already broken ground fora new shelter house on the Proctor House property. This facility will give us a dry place to meet with restroom facilities for us and our visitors. It will also allow us to begin tearing off the old addition to the original Proctor House — one of our restoration priorities.

Larry Burmeister.



All Photos from Richard Eastridge.
Fullenwider Cemetery, Feb. 17, 2004. Setting the Boon stones are left to right: Richard Eastridge, Densil Wilson and Tack Esarey.

Samuel Bowman — New Jersey To Indiana, To Crawford County

By Carolyn Fix Blount

Continued from last
edition:

Samuel Sr. died in 1813, and in 1832, 31 March his land is sold by his children: Samuel Boman, [2nd] and Margaret, his wife; William Malsbury, Elizabeth his wife; and Samuel Gravat, and Nancy, his wife, all of New Jersey, and "heirs of Samuel Boman, deceased of Monmouth" sell to John Runion of the Township of Freehold Monmouth [\$450] ...land on the north branch of Toms River ... Freehold [148.61 acres] being the same tract conveyed to Samuel Boman, Sr., now deceased...from Miles Snow 22 March 1808, signed: Samuel Gravat, Nancy Gravat, Samuel Boman, Margaret [by mark] William Malsbury, Elizabeth Malsbury, Samuel Wright, Sarah Wright; witnesses, Thomas DeBow, Elisha Kan; recorded 12 April 1832.8 Tom's River was in Monmouth County until the formation of Ocean County in 1850.

The family evidently moved west to Indiana that year, 1832, arriving ahead of John B. Anderson's eldest son, David, whose family stayed with Samuel and Margaret Bowman in Franklin County that fall, moving into a nearby empty cabin for the first winter. Family records claim they moved in the summer of 1830, it seems they did not move until after the census. They must have come to IN from NJ in a covered wagon on the National Road which was started in 1811 and in 1830 had 23 miles finished and 10 years later had well over 2,000 miles completed.

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of color were living in the Leavenworth area which would have been Silva, Archibald, Jane and Linda Boon.

On the 11th day of November 1845, the following case appeared on the docket of the Crawford County Circuit court with Elisha Embree, judge and Joseph Denbo and James Totten, associate judges. On the application of Archibald Boon, a man of color, and from the evidence from P. R. Fullenwider and William Fullenwider that said Archibald Boon is about the age of twenty four years, and has been blind for most of his life and that he has been a resident of Indiana for more than ten years in the family of Henry Fullenwider and that said Archibald Boon is a free man.

This is the only time a person has been manumitted in Crawford County.

Uncle Archie lived in Black Shanty Hollow, which was located on the Fullenwider farm and his mother could have lived there also. After Catherine Boon indentured



Archie Boon stone in the Fullenwider Cemetery.

Jane and Linda Boon in 1840, they are not mentioned again. In his mother's obituary published in the *Crawford County Democrat*, January 26, 1885, it mentioned that Archibald was her only living relative. Her obituary says "Aunt Pet (Silva) was one hundred years of age.

In 1910, Archibald was living in the home of Mrs. "Captain" J. G. Land near Cape Sandy, where he died. His funeral was conducted by J. Lincoln Sheckell. Uncle Archie was buried in Fullenwider Cemetery in Alton. The Crawford County Historical Society placed a marker for Silva and one for Uncle Archie on February 17, 2004.

Uncle Archie was allowed to vote in the elections in Crawford County, which would say something about the feeling of the local people.

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Bowman Cont.:

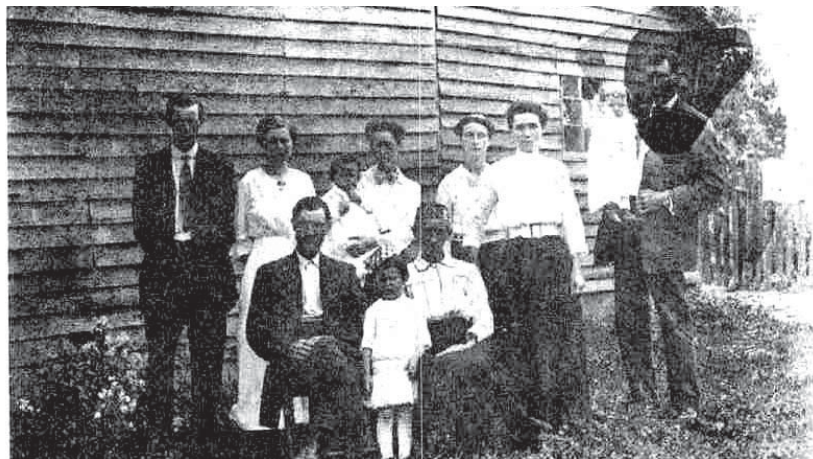
A Bartholomew County Indiana land warrant to Samuel Boman is listed on Feb 20, 1836 on page 71. Samuel had arrived earlier because John Anderson, s/o Daniel, s/o John B notes that the Anderson family spent the first winter with Uncle Sam and Aunt Margaret Bowman. Other Bowmans who arrived in the same area of IN about the same time include: Elizabeth, Daniel, William and Abraham who could be related, perhaps even Samuel's brothers. Samuel and Margaret brought children Nathaniel, Sarah, John, Nancy and Samuel III, born in the spring of 1830. Charles David, Mary, Margaret, and an infant son who died, Susan, Elizabeth, and Daniel were born there in Jackson, Decatur County IN.

In 1840 Samuel's family is listed as 1 male 40-50, 2 10-5, 2 5-10 and 1 under 5. The females are 1 30-40, 1 10-15 and 2 under 5.

The family is listed in the 1850 census in Jackson, Decatur County. Samuel's name is clearly spelled Bowman. Sam is 60, a farmer with \$1500 real estate. Margaret is 46, John, / Samuel, 20, all born in NJ. Charles, 28; David, 16; Mary, 12; Margaret, 11; Susan, 9; and Elizabeth, 5 in IN. The children aged 9-18 are in school. Margaret died on 21 Jan 1851, not two months after the 13th child, Daniel was born.

A year and ten months after Margaret Anderson died, in 1852, Samuel, about 65, married again, probably for the third time, Mary Ann Jones, so much younger than he that the judge wrote, "I swore Boman orally as to the age and residence of the gal." She was, however, 21 years old, according to census records. The marriage is dated 31 Oct 1852 according to the Bartholomew County Marriage Index. It is probably the license that was obtained on the 29th. Samuel and his eldest son, **Nathaniel, moved to southern Indiana, near English in Crawford County.**

On 21 March 1854 Samuel Boman



Nathan Bowman (son of James) and his family in this undated photo from the Pilot Knob Church History. Front, left to right: Nathan, Elizabeth Belviy, Lizzy Bowman. Second row: Roy & Sadie Bowman, Georgia B. Gibbs, Carrie Bowman, Fred Gibbs holding Lelah.

purchased from Marma D. [Marmaduke] and Elizabeth McCartny for \$2400 **Crawford County IN** land described as: the NW qtr of the NW qtr of section 13 in township 3 south of range one E containing 40 acres. also the west half of the NE quarter and the E half of the NW quarter and the NW quarter of the SE quarter of section 13 in township 3 south of Range one E containing 200 acres sold at Vincennes, IN.

On 23 November 1859 Samuel Bowman and Mary A. Bowman, his wife, conveyed to **Nathaniel Bowman** for \$3000 his land **in Crawford County** described as: the NW quarter of NW quarter & W half of the NE quarter and the E half of the NW quarter and the NW quarter of the SE quarter of Section 13, Township 3 South of Range one East in the district of lands formerly subject to sale at Vincennes most situate in the County of Crawford.

The Indiana relatives, in 1986 still felt superior to the Bomans who had moved "south" to Crawford County, and still wondered about the old rumor that Samuel had been killed by his brother, perhaps a "James" when we visited with them in the mid 1880s. However, no court records were found to substantiate that story. The story, and all the Nathaniel Bowmans in

Crawford County cemeteries do suggest that perhaps some of his family from NJ did migrate to southern Indiana, perhaps via Tenn. Bowmans buried in Pilots' Knob Cemetery include a James Bowman b. in 1796 and Thomas J. b. 6 Feb 1818 and Nathan, b. 1819, almost contemporaries of our Samuel. One James Bowman married Elizabeth Thorp 24 Dec 1795 in Monmouth County NJ, but no connection has been made to our Samuels.

From Pilot Knob cemetery it is possible to look south and see the barn that Samuel built on his farm, all hand pegged hickory, still standing and visited by Samuel's great grandson and GG granddaughter (this researcher, Carolyn Fix Blount) in 1986. Two grave diggers at the cemetery directed the descendants to the barn which they said had "S Boman" carved in the beam. The Blounts and Russ Fix visited it, and Russ noted that the boards were all sawed with a "misery whip" saw, the kid on the bottom would have gotten sawdust down his neck. The boards were 1 1/4 inch thick and 7" wide, used vertically, having a tongue on one end and a slot cut in

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the other. The boards were of hickory nut, and all built with doweled and morticed joints. The dowels were an inch through, probably of hickory or some tough wood. The land was lovely and rolling, just north of the hook of the Ohio, on the south slope of Pilot's Knob, 4 miles west of the Blue River and bordered by Jordan Creek. There were white sycamores in the low lands by the streams.

Sam's daughter, Elizabeth wrote that Samuel was buried in the Rev. Casper's cemetery, but in 1996 this writer is not sure which one that one actually is.

In 1860 Samuel Bowman (spelled with the W) age 65, [he has aged only 5 years since the 1850 census!] farmer, born in NJ with real estate worth \$3200 is living in Wabash County, Lancaster Precinct, IL with some of his new family by second wife, Mary Ann Crosby, age 30. The daughters, Ellen, 7; and Hannah, 5 are listed as born in IN, so he cannot have been in IL more than 5 years, and may have just gone to visit his daughter, Elizabeth Siebold who is also living in Lancaster, Wabash County, IL.

Samuel's estate was administered in Crawford County by his son John who filed suit against the eldest son, Nathaniel and his son in law, James J. Cunningham. The court found for Nathaniel in 1871 that he had evidently paid for the land purchased from his father. John's expenses were about \$600 and the remainder of the estate was never accounted for, providing ammunition for the Bartholomew County judgement of Nathaniel as the "black sheep."

Actually, Samuel's death appears to be of natural causes. He had been staying in **Douglas Co., IL** with his son, David and Annie, and his daughter, Elizabeth. Elizabeth wrote in 1866 to her sister, Susan of his death, that he was 40 miles from home when he became very ill. He

was ill for 2 weeks before he died.¹ The letter is reproduced in the notes for Elizabeth.

The following are data regarding other Bowmans who may, or may not connect with this family line.

A **James Bowman** b 1796, KY, lived in Whiskey Run, Pilot Knob, Crawford County in 1860, d 21 Feb 1873 who married Lydia Springer on 3 Feb 1817 in Harrison County IN, served in Robert Thurston's KY Militia and also lived in Crawford City, IN²⁴ (WC-8686, SC-1710) and was father of another Nathaniel, their eldest son, b 7 Oct 1819, d 2 May 1890. All are buried in Pilot Knob Cemetery. With all the Bomans who ended up in Crawford County, IN, it is wondered if they could have been related back in NJ, but there is no proof to that hypothesis.

Elizabeth (1845-1922)

Daniel (1850-1857)

Other spouses: Mary Ann JONES

1.1 Nathaniel BOMAN

Birth: 7 May 1821, Freehold, Monmouth NJ

Death: 12 Jan 1885, Crawford Co IN

Burial: 21 Jul 1910, Everdon Cem., Crawford Co. IN³⁴

Nathaniel, eldest son of Samuel, may have been named for his great grandfather. While he is thought to be the eldest child, born in 1821 by family records, prior to the marriage of his father, Samuel and Margaret, there is a gap in the family following the birth of his sister, Sarah, and it is possible that he was born in 15 Feb 1824 as the 1850 census and his tombstone, and one researcher's posting suggest. The 1850 census of Jackson Township, Decatur Co. IN list Nathaniel Boman, 26 years, born in NY, with real estate of \$400 with his wife Mary age 23, birthplace unknown; Samuel age 1, born in Indiana, Nicholas Crosby, age 15, b. IN, and Stay Stillo, age 66, born in NY, a shoemaker. Supposedly a

shoemaker accompanied the family to IN, and made shoes for the dog enroute. Nicholas is probably brother to Mary Cosby, Nathaniel's wife.

Also in Decatur County in 1849 are Nicholas Anderson, 36, b. in Y, and Richard Anderson, also 36, born NY. with their families. There is no proven connection.

Nathaniel Boman is 40, and Mary is 36 in the 1860 census in Leavenworth, Jennings twp, Crawford, IN. He is a farmer with \$3000 of real estate and \$800 of personal.

The children include Samuel 12, Daniel, 10, Nancy, 6, Charles, 4; and Albert, 2. Nathaniel is here listed as born in NJ, not in NY, and his wife and children are all born in Indiana.

He is listed as Nathan Bowman, with the "w" in the 1870 census, living in Leavenworth, Jennings Township, Crawford County., IN, he 49, and Mary, 46. The children are: Samuel, 21; David, 1; Nancy, 16; Charles, 14; Albert, 12; David, 10; George W, 5; William W., 5, Edward, 11, and Infant, 5 months. Nathan has \$2000 of personal property, \$1000 of real estate. He is listed as born in NJ, and his wife, and all the children in Indiana.

There is another large Boman family, spelled without the "w" in Mill Town, Whiskey Run Twp, Crawford County. Three of these families live next door to one another, so are surely related; They include James, a farmer, 74, born in Kentucky, and his wife, Lydia, born in Virginia, Nathan Boman, age 60, born in Indiana with his wife, Sarah, 48; and their children: John, 20; Irens, 15; Fidelity, 17; Nahan, 8; Shearman, 5; and next to them, Benjamin, 42; Mary, 38; David, 17; Mary T, 15; Lydia A, 13; Martha, 7; Jonathan, 7; LeRoy, 4 all born in Indiana except Benjamin's wife, Mary

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who was born in Kentucky. Thomas Boman also lives in Milltown, age 30, Elizabeth, 27; Alden T, 7; Willis, 5; and Harriet, 1, also all born in IN. James appears to be the father with Benjamin, Nathan and perhaps Thomas, sons. Are these families related? Most of this latter family appears to be buried in Pilot's Knob cemetery which the Blounts visited with Russell Fix in 1984.

In 1860 he is listed as age 40 which would suggest that he was born in

1820.

In 1870 he is listed as Nathan Bowman, 49, a farmer with \$2000 real estate, \$100 personal. He is living in Leavenworth, on the end of the Ohio, Jennings Twp, Crawford Co., OH [IN].

By 1880, he is indexed as Art Boman in the printed census, but the original does say Nat as suspected. A new daughter, Cora, was born since the last census, for a total of 11 children, though only 5 are currently living at home.

In Bartholomew County Indiana Nathaniel was considered "The black

sheep" of the family, and so described in a letter written by Irene Boman Stewart to Rosa Boman Reedy. The two ladies decided they would have nothing more to do with the Bomans living "down south" in Crawford County. When his father, Samuel, remarried, they went together to Crawford County in Southern IN. He spelled the name without the W, while his sisters, Susan, and Elizabeth seemed to maintain the "W" in the name. Family records say he was born 7 May 1821, while his tombstone in Everdon Cemetery, Crawford Co. IN says he was born 7 May 1824, agreeing with the 1850 census, while the 1870 and 1880 suggest the 7 May 1821 date is correct.

NOTE:

In order to finish this extensive genealogy, I have completed a "Supplemental" copy of this newsletter which can be sent to all e-mail members after this first part. If you wish to receive the supplement (9 pages) via e-mail, let me know. Members who wish a printed copy must send me \$4 to pay the printing and postage. —LMB

ANNUAL EVENTS

- March 1, 2011** ————— **County Establishment Day Dinner and Program**
- July 4, 2011** ————— **Fund Raiser at Proctorville**
- July, 2011** ————— **Riverfest at Leavenworth booth**
- September, 2010** ————— **Milltown Fest Old Eckerty Days booth**
- October, 2010** ————— **Sorghum Festival booth**

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