

# The Crawford Countian

A large steel truss bridge spans a wide river. The bridge features a complex network of steel beams and cables, supported by several concrete piers. The water is calm, reflecting the bridge and the surrounding greenery. In the background, a dense forest of trees with vibrant autumn foliage lines the riverbank. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

Fall 2022

Welcome to the Fall edition of The Crawford Countian!! I want to thank all of you who have supported us this year, it is greatly appreciated! If you live here locally, we are doing a “Trunk ‘R Treat” at the Proctor House on Saturday, October 22, from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. Since we did not have enough stuff to do a fall yard sale, we decided to try this instead to help bring awareness to the property. Stop on by if you can! (And if you want to pass out candy here, you are more than welcomed to!!)



On a sad note, the CCHGS was not awarded the historical marker sign for the Proctor House. I will pursue an alternate plan for that through a private company.

-Bill Piper, President of the CCHGS  
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*Cover photo: Bridge east of Alton*

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## Excellence in Community Service award!



On September 13, 2022, the D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) held an award ceremony for county historian, Roberta Toby, at the county archives. In attendance were members from Roberta's family, the DAR, the CCHGS and others. This special event was to acknowledge Roberta's community service that she has provided to Crawford for over a decade! Various people spoke at the event, highlighting various aspects of Roberta's service. The CCHGS also presented Roberta with an award as well, thanking her for her service.



## *My Mother's Family*

### *Luke Wood and Harriet McIntosh Wood*

*This is a transcription of a photocopy I obtained of a piece written by John Frank (or J. Frank) Jenner. It's undated, but was probably written in the late 1930s or early 1940s. It was given to me by Sue (Jenner) Kramer, one of J. Frank Jenner's granddaughters, in the 1990s.*

*I descend from Luke and Harriet Wood, some of the earlier settlers in Crawford County. My great-grandfather, J. Frank Jenner, was one of Luke's grandsons. In his later years, Frank hand wrote a few memories of his family history.*

*I recently ran across one of those writings, this one about his mother's side of the family -- Frank's mother, Mary E. Wood, was one of Luke and Harriet's daughters. He writes about his grandparents, and his aunts and uncles. He starts with them arriving in Crawford County around the same time as the Proctors and the Bayers, and how three houses were built. As this was mainly from Frank's memory, there are a few inaccuracies and a few missing dates and names.*

*I transcribed it verbatim as well as I could. Fortunately he had fairly good handwriting and seemed adept at spelling. That is what's attached. If it's worthy, feel free to publish any or all of Frank's memory in an upcoming newsletter. I also have a scan of the copy of the handwritten piece I'd be happy to send.*

*There was actually a nice article about Luke and Harriet Wood with a great picture of the family in your July, 2007, newsletter. I've been a member of CCHGS for a few years now, and enjoy reading about the world several of my ancestors lived in. I also submitted an application for First Families of Crawford County a couple years ago, I'm not sure you still have that program.*

*Anyhow, I hope you or someone in the society finds the attached memoir of interest.*

*Best Regards/*

*-- Chris Jenner cjenner00@yahoo.com*

Luke Wood, my maternal grandfather, was born in Virginia in 1833. In an early day his people migrated from Virginia to a farm about one mile east of Marengo, Indiana. Two other families came there about the same time – the Proctors and the Bayers. The three families together established a brick kiln, and burned the bricks from which they erected commodions & substantial brick residences. The three residences are still standing, in a good state of preservation, and are occupied. The Wood residence is now owned & occupied by the widow of the late Wm J. Hawkins; the Baylor residence is owned & occupied of J. Ed Ross & family; the Proctor residence was, the last I knew, owned by the late J.W. Bird.

The Woods built a dam across Whiskey Run Creek, near their residence, to furnish water power to operate a gun factory. There they manufactured guns to supply the surrounding settlers with firearms to be used mostly for hunting.

I know little or nothing of other members of the Wood family of that time, except of my grandfather, Luke Wood, his brother Eli Wood, & his sister Eliza Wood Murphy. My grandfather has told me of a trip back to Virginia on which his father took him, when he was 6 yrs. old. They made the trip to visit the old Virginia home and relatives still remaining there. They were taken to Leavenworth to take a steamboat to Pittsburg. They changed boats at Louisville & Cincinnati. After leaving Cincinnati another steamboat came along and offered to race the boat my grandfather was on. He said the [?]ferrier[?] on his boat knocked the heads out of barrels of resin, & shoveled the resin into the furnace. This made an extremely hot fire, & the black smoke & flames rolled out of the smoke stacks. This race continued for sometime & his boat finally won. From Pittsburg they went by boat on the Allegheny ? (or Monongahela) river to the furthest point the boat could take them. They then walked overland for more than 100 miles to the old home. They traveled mostly over trails & early roads, & saw numbers of deer, bears, & other wild animals on the trip.

In his young manhood he married Harriet McIntosh, of Hardinsburg, Ind. They resided in the old Wood homestead. To this union were born, John Enoch Wood, Martha, Susan, Mary E Lizzie & Frank Paris(?) Wood. There was another girl born, whose name I do not recall. Luke Wood entered the Civil War on the side of the Union in '63 or '64. He served with Sherman, on his march to Savannah & to the sea. He belonged to the 57th Ind. Regiment, which mostly built pontoon bridges for the army. While in the service, his left leg was injured. Caries of the bone set in & it was with difficulty that he could march with the army, at times. He was mustered out at the close of the war at or near Washington, D.C. While there he visited Mt. Vernon, Va., where he made a very good painting of General Washington's Mt. Vernon house. I have this painting framed by him, & prize it highly.

*<Transcriptionist's note: This painting was handed down to me by my grandmother, wife of one of J. Frank Jenner's sons. It's hanging on a wall in my den, and I also prize it highly.>*

After returning to his house at Marengo, his limb became worse, & he was compelled to have it amputated. He recovered from the operation, but had to use a pegleg. He tried an artificial limb, but never found it satisfactory. He was an honored member of Hammond Post, Grand Army of the Republic at Marengo. He was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Marengo (My Grandmother Wood was originally of the Baptist Church but when she was married she too, became a member of the Methodist church.) When I was a small boy, I well remember going to class meetings with my parents, and having Grandfather & mother Wood give their Christian experiences. The relation of their experiences of Conversion and their experiences of fellowship with God, made a

profound impression upon me. I can recall using all my powers of inhibition to keep from weeping, & yet the tears would flow down my cheeks. I was ashamed for anyone to see me, a boy,-- weeping. I could never get away from the genuineness of their experience of God. It is my opinion that more people in that day, in proportion, had a real personal experience of God, which was as real as breathing to them, than we find today.

While grandfather was away at war, grandmother & the children did the farming. I have heard my own mother tell how she and the other girls used to take the place of men on the farm, in doing all kinds of farm work during & after the war. Those were hard and trying days for the families of soldiers. After the war my grandfather established a nursery, where they grew fruit, & other trees, from the grafts up. I have seen them make grafts during the winter months and plant them in the spring. After preparing the ground in a very fine way, they set the grafts with dibbles. My younger Uncle Frank was the junior member of the firm of L. Wood & Son, Nurserymen. The old family cemetery located across the railroad from the residence, and at the very corner of the old farm, contains the remains of grandfather & mother Wood, & their parents, of Uncle Melville Esaney, of Uncle John Enoch Wood, and a number of other early members of the family. That part of the farm was sold a number of years ago, and the last I knew, the fences around the cemetery were torn down & the cemetery was a part of the cow pasture. I suppose in time all the markers of graves will be removed, & no one can locate the graves.

I can recall that to me, that old family cemetery was a hallowed place. I had seen a number of my relatives planted there. On the Sunday morning I was to try to preach my first sermon at night, I vividly recall going all alone to that spot, beside my grandparents graves, and praying for strength to perform that, which seemed to me then, a herculean task. Then, I had done little public speaking, and dreaded the ordeal.

The old home place of my grandparents & my mother is yet a dear spot to me, for it was there, many of the happiest, most meaningful moments of the formative period of my life were spent. How much I love those valuable experiences! Late in life my grandparents left the farm, & resided in Marengo, across the street & one house to the right, of where Alpheus & Harriet Batman now reside. Both were along in their eighties when death came along about 1904 or 1905. Grandfather had become quite deaf, & grandmother less deaf than he. Both were rather remarkable and influential pioneer characters. They had outstanding ethical & religious convictions & were unafraid to stand by them. Grandmother Wood, of whose relatives I knew very little, had a deep thirst for literature. She had memorized much poetry and for almost any occasion, or on any subject, she could

reel off appropriate verses. She had a Brother John McIntosh, who for many years operated a hotel in New Albany, Ind, not a great ways from the old Air Line, & later Southern Ry. depot. Another brother Eli, went to California in his young manhood during the gold rush. He remained there until late in life, never marrying. A man representing himself to be Eli McIntosh came to visit my grandmother & other members of the family, & after securing considerable money, & Uncle John McIntosh's gold watch, disappeared. He proved to be an imposter. When they wrote to Uncle Eli, then at Pomona, Calif., asking if this visitor was he, he wrote back, No. And to prove it was not he, came back to his brothers & sisters, & later died in the family fold. Grandmother had another brother George Who lived at Rego. Grandfather Wood had at least one sister. Her name was Eliza Wood. She married Isaac (Bud) Murphy and lived near Hardinsburg. They had a son, Dr. Chas. Murphy, who practiced medicine for many years at Salem, Ind. They also had a daughter who married a man at Salem by the name of Coombs. Grandfather Wood also had a brother Eli Wood. He went to Nebraska near Nemaha in an early day & lived there many years. His wife's name was Martha? They had three children, Wallace, who was married & had some children, and Eunice, who married Ed Holler, & had some children. They lived in Custer County, Okla., where Uncle Eli had moved from Nebraska. The third daughter was Tiny. She married a man by the name of Leeper. They resided in Nebraska, near Nemaha. They had a daughter by the name of Vida, who married a doctor. The last time I saw her, she & her husband were in Boston, Mass. where her husband was completing his internship, after graduating from Harvard Medical School. I think Vida had a brother or sister, or both, but I never saw them. I saw Vida in Boston in the fall of 1916.

Uncle Eli Wood, when I knew him, lived about six or eight miles north west of Weatherford, Oklahoma. He served for sometime as County Commissioner of Custer County. Wallace & Eunice both lived perhaps 8 or 10 miles, more or less, north west of their father's home, on toward Custer City. John Enoch? Wood was the oldest child of Luke & Harriet Wood. He attended the public schools of his time, and then attended Indiana University for a time, preparing to teach. He taught school in Crawford County near his home. He was quite an orator, my mother has told me, with rather ugly mouth and & rugged features. He died while young, & was never married. Martha Wood was perhaps the second child of Luke & Harriet Wood. She married James H. Weathers, who founded the Marengo "Observer" in 1886. He published the paper until about 1905 or 6. I was in partnership with him for a time. He died about 1915 or 20. Aunt Mattie died about 1930 or 32. Uncle Jimmie was a very influential man. To them were born three children: Curtis E., Olive O., and Harriet (Hattie).

Curtis published the Marengo Observer for a number of years, until his death, with his father. He was engaged to marry my cousin Ola Jenner, but she died before

the marriage. He later married the eldest daughter of W. A. Cook. He died early in the century. He was active & influential in Republican politics. Olive worked in the "Observer" office & was assistant postmaster when her father was postmaster at Marengo. She later married Charles McDonald. To them was born one daughter, Martha. She lives with her mother in Pomona, Calif. Harriet also worked in the "Observer" office until her marriage in 1903 to Alpheus Batman. Alpheus & my uncle Frank Wood were partners for several years, in the hardware business in Marengo, under the firm name of Wood & Batman. Alpheus is still proprietor of a hardware store in Marengo.

To Harriet and Alpheus two children were born: Oneida and Robert. Oneida is married and lives in California. She graduated from a business college in , and worked as an office secretary for some time before her marriage. Robert graduated from Indiana University, and is editor & publisher of the Marengo "Messenger," following his grandfather Weather's career. He married Anita Flanigan, daughter of Arthur? Flanigan, publisher of the English News & Crawford County Democrat. They have two daughters, (names I have forgotten) Susan Wood was born in to Luke & Harriet Wood. She married Melville Esarey, a United Brethren minister of Marengo. To this union was born one son, Woodie, who died in infancy. Melville also died soon thereafter, leaving Aunt Sue a widow. She devoted herself thereafter for many years to the care of her father & mother. She was for many years active in Sunday School work. She gave a religious foundation to many a boy & girl who grew up in Marengo. She was one of those persons who thought more of the happiness & welfare of others, than of her own. Indeed doing for others was what furnished her the most joy in life.

After her father & mother were both gone, she married Kelby Jenkins of Curby. Some years later she died, after a lingering illness. My mother stayed with her during her illness, Mary Emogene Wood, daughter of Luke & Harriet Wood was born May 13, 18\_\_ She was married to Horace Graves Jenner about 1879 or 80. To them were born two sons, John Frank, and Charles Luther. Mary E. Jenner was my mother. She was a devout Christian, a devoted mother, having the highest aspirations for her children. She was a great reader of the Bible, and of religious literature, and was thoroughly devoted to Kingdom work. Her son Frank desired to be a lawyer, and read law under Attorney Phillips, the father of Leon Phillips, the present Governor of Oklahoma. While teaching school at Lone Star, Okla. His mother consistently and persistently opposed his becoming a lawyer, & he dismissed that profession as a career because of her logical & persistent opposition. After my father's death in 1911 or 12, May 18, she spent part of her time with Frann[?] in Maine, part time with her sister Sue in Marengo, and part time with her sister Lizzie in Oklahoma. She married again on May 18, about 1922 or 23 to



William T. Bates of Marengo. She and her second husband lived happily together, until her death, of pneumonia in the spring of 1932?

Lizzie Wood was the last daughter born to Luke & Harriet Wood. She married Chas. R. Schoonover, the son of Edward A. Schoonover, who resided in the neighboring Proctor house, before mentioned. To them were born a son & a daughter, Arthur & Sarah Schoonover. Arthur was an abnormal and deformed child, who grew to manhood, but died sometime after his mother's demise, at the age of 44. He was a great care to his parents, and only her tender care & affection enabled him to grow to manhood. After her death he was cared for by strangers, and he did not survive her very long.

Charles R. Schoonover & family moved from Indiana to a farm in Oklahoma, 4 miles west of Weatherford. He was plowing one day on the farm when a heavy storm approached. He put his team in the stable and came to the house about the time the storm struck. He shut the kitchen door, & was looking out thru the glass in the door, when the lightning struck the chimney, ran down the guy wire to a point over the door, & jumped from the glass to his shoulder, killing him instantly. (Later she married HC Ramsey) His daughter Sarah married a minister by the name of Williams, & lives at El Reno, Okla. She has a nice family of children. I do not know their names or number (5), but one of the sons is a minister, & I think graduated from Chicago University. I am sorry I do not know more about Sarah, for I thought she was a very sweet little[?] girl. Frank P. Wood was the youngest child of Luke & Harriet Wood. He grew up on the old homestead. When a young man his father made him a partner in the Nursery business. In he married Ella Garrow of Marengo. Soon thereafter he entered the hardware business with John D. Hedrick, under the firm name of Hedrick & Wood. Later Hedrick sold his share to Perry V. Sloan & the firm name became Wood & Sloan. Still later Sloan sold to Wood. I worked for Uncle Frank for sometime, & when my parents moved to Oklahoma in 1901, he offered me a half interest in the business, to be paid for out of my share of the profits. I was dead set on going to Oklahoma & thus missed a fine opportunity. When Harriet & Alpheus Batman were married, Alpheus purchased a half interest in the business from Uncle Frank, & the firm of Wood & Batman continued for several years, until Uncle Frank sold out to Batman, & went with his family to Wilmore Ky, to educate his children in Asbury College. There he engaged in business for a time, but later sold out, and went to Madison, N.J. to work for Drew Theological Seminary. In the early '30's he returned to Wilmore, & suffered for sometime of Siatica Rheumatism. He recovered somewhat from that, but died in Sept, 193\_, and is buried at Wilmore, Ky.

Uncle Frank was a careful & successful business man. He was a conscientious & devoted Christian and a loyal member of the Methodist Church. As stated before, he went to Wilmore to give his children the advantage of being educated in a thoroughly Christian college. Two of his three sons became ministers. His three daughters each married a minister. The husband of one later left the Ministry & entered business. He was happy to have his children engaged in Christian service. Uncle Frank Wood was a favorite of mine. He was my boyhood hero, and always thought a great deal of me, I think, as well as I of him. He was always found on the side of righteousness and of the highest & best interests of the community, & the nation. I was named for him. He and Aunt Ella had a fine family of children born to them, Grace, John Ralph, Kate, Esther, Paul Garrow, and Jarvis Temple. Grace graduated from Asbury College & married Benjamin Baggett. He was then a minister. He later entered business & still later farmed in Tennessee. They now live in Tennessee. They have a son & a daughter at least, I think perhaps more. John Ralph also graduated from Asbury College and entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church in Kentucky. He served at Maysville, Ky, for a number of years, & was then appointed Superintendent of the Ashland District. When the Methodist unification program was completed, he was appointed Superintendent of the District in the new church. He is still Superintendent of that district. Before entering the ministry, he taught school in Kansas for a time (or was it preached.) He also served as Assistant Pastor, for several years, of the Trinity First Methodist Episcopal Church in Louisville, Ky. He was a talented musician, and had a ministry of music, as well as a ministry from the pulpit. He is a successful winner of souls, as well as administrator in the church.

Kate Wood also graduated from Asbury College, and from Drew Theological Seminary. Upon graduation from college, she taught school at [?ison], Kans. for a time. She then married Rev. Henry T. Miller, also a graduate of Asbury. They attended Drew together, preparing themselves to be missionaries in Africa. Upon completion of their Seminary training, they were assigned to a field in Liberia, Africa, where they served five years as missionaries. The Board did not have funds, as was the case with many other missionaries at that time, to return them to the field, after their year's furlough. Her husband then became a member of the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist church, & was assigned to Claypool, where they served 6 years. They served Wolcottville one year, and are now serving at Saratoga. From early girlhood, Kate was interested in becoming a missionary to Africa, and apparently steered her course in that direction so accurately, that she reached her goal.

They have two daughters, Betty Jean born in Africa, and Clare Anne, born in Wilmore, Ky soon after their return from the mission field. Esther Wood, was a graduate of Asbury College. She had wonderful talent along musical lines, both

vocal and instrumental. She developed these talents to a high degree of effectiveness. She married a young minister by the name of Stockinger from New Castle, Ind. He became after his graduation from Theological Seminary the assistant pastor of the Central Methodist church in Richmond, Indiana, under Rev. J. Ina Jones. Here Esther had opportunity to use her musical talents, until she was stricken with a tubercular kidney ailment that eventually resulted in death in Colorado, where she had gone in the interests of her health. Her husband today is the pastor of a church in an Ohio Methodist Conference.

Paul Garrow Wood also attend Asbury College. He prepared himself to be a chemist, and occupies such a position in a Silver plant in New Jersey. His first marriage proved to be unhappy. One daughter was born. Some years after legal separation he married again in New Jersey, and the union proved happy. They have a son. Jarvis Wood, the youngest child of Frank P. & Ella Wood, also graduated from Asbury College. He graduated also from the Theological department of Asbury. He taught in Asbury College for a time, and then entered the Methodist ministry. He is now serving as pastor at Ky. His mother keeps house for him. She is very efficient in church ways herself.

This about completes the generations of the Luke Wood family. It will be observed that this family has been rather outstanding in its devotion to morals & religion, and to a loyal support of the programs of the church. It has also been interested in education. None of the family has devoted itself primarily to the making of money, although all have been thrifty & self-sustaining, but they have shown more interest & devotion, to the more substantial and eternal aspects and values of life, namely the moral and spiritual values.

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## *Query:*

Hello I am looking for any information about my grandfather grandmother. Her name was Malinda or Melinda Anderson. She was born about 1800 in Crawford's Indiana. I am told, maybe Harrison county at that time. She married my ancestor John Sturgeon 1827

From: Marilyn MacDonald,  
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*From the County Historian's Desk....*

## **Barnett Store**



**Garnet Barnett in front of her dad's store.**

**This store that was owned by Nolan Barnett, was located at the corner of Phillip's road and highway 37, about four miles north of English, Indiana. I was told it used to be called a "road house". The store burned in the late 50's and a concrete block store was built in its place. The old block structure is still standing.**

**I walked to this store many, many times and carried groceries home. I can remember when the gasoline sold for .25 a gallon. You could get a coke or an ice cream for a nickel, and they also had lots of different candy for one cent a piece. People could get groceries on credit and pay when they got the money to do so.**

**The Civilian Conservation Corp Company 2583 was located just north of the store before it was moved to Tell City, Indiana.**

**Roberta Toby  
County Historian**



## Previous Meeting Minutes

### **CCHGS MEETING July 12, 2022**

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No program, but a sharing time

Roberta shared her research on William Proctor and Absolom Woods. She went on the Kentucky Rifle Foundation web site and found a reference. She thinks it pertains to them because it was the right time frame. But the practice then of naming the first son after the father makes it harder to get the correct one." Roberta also told about a web site called "Unidentified Photos from Crawford and Harrison Counties". You have to go on Facebook to access it.

Louie shared a copy of Southern Indiana Living magazine that featured info on Harrison County. He thought it would be great if the editor, Karen Hanger, would do a feature article on our Veterans Memorial in English.

Bill made a follow-up visit to Hillview Christian Church to inquire about the paintings of the old English Christian Church that Mike Gillespie brought to our last meeting. Mike had borrowed them from their storage room, and thought Hillview might be willing to donate them. Bill talked to Bruce Hawkins who said that he would check with the board and get back to him.

Minutes were read and one correction of a name was made. Louie made a motion to approve them, Roberta seconded, and the motion passed.

President's Report Bill is working on the next newsletter. He has submitted the application to the state for an historical marker for Proctorville, but won't know anything until September. Some discussion about its placement, and a suggestion was made to put it on the old depot. The old sign will be torn down when the new one arrives.

Financial/Membership Report - The beginning balance was \$8,708.08. After deposits and disbursements, the ending balance is \$8,230.96. Total membership is 39

Archives Report - Roberta deposited \$80 from book sales and a donation.

Proctorville Report - Jason is holding it open every other Saturday.

Bill mentioned that he located the old Moore Cemetery near the Crawford/Orange County line, but it was so grown over with thick vegetation that he couldn't access it. Some black people are thought to be buried there as there may have been a small community of colored families living nearby.

Maxine Redding, a former member of the Historical Society, has passed away. Carol made a motion to send a Memorial Rose to her service at Denbo's Funeral home on July 18th. It was seconded by Louie, and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attending were Cheryl Allen, Kathy Stroube, Jim Kaiser, Judy Faith, Roberta Toby, Louie Mitchell, Diane Mitchell, Angela Thompson, Jason Froman, Tyler Gallien, William Piper, Bob Roberts, Sharon Morris, and Carol Tomlinson.

### **CCHGS Meeting August 9, 2022**

The meeting opened at 6:30 pm, with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No program

Minutes were reviewed which prompted a discussion of the old Moore Cemetery as some had questions about it. As no corrections were noted, Bob Roberts made a motion to approve. Louie Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed.

President's Report - The newsletter is out. Bill has not yet heard anything about our application for the historical marker for Proctor House. Nor anything from Hillview Christian Church about the paintings of the old English Christian Church that Mike Gillespie had shared at our June meeting.

Financial Report The beginning balance as of July 1, 2022, was \$8,230.96. Deposits from donations, book sales, and memberships totaled \$495.00. Disbursements for insurance, utilities, security system, CFCC, and Indiana Historical Society dues totaled \$1,056.36. The ending balance is \$7,669.60. Membership is 43. Louie Mitchell informed us that Roberta Toby, our county historian and archivist, had broken her ankle in an accident. She will be unable to work in the archives building for awhile. We wish her a speedy recovery

Proctor House Report. Jason Froman reports there have been no visitors during open house times. There was a discussion about having fourth graders tour it as they study Indiana history this year, and many agreed with the idea.

Angela Thompson asked if anyone knew the location of the first English Christian Church which was a log cabin, She had looked at an old map and thought it was probably on the old Bill Boss farm. A discussion followed, but no one was really sure.

Meeting adjourned.

Attending were Carol Tomlinson, Cheryl Allen, Andy Laswell, Glenda Laswell, Louie and Diane Mitchell, Sharon Morris, Angela Thompson, Bob Roberts, Bill Piper, Robin Piper, and Lance Stroud.

### **CCHGS MEETING September 13, 2022**

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Program Lance Stroud talked about the Jenner family of Marengo. He had a wealth of information and pictures about the family. William Ezra Jenner (1839-1915) was a dentist and a self-made man. He settled in Marengo and married Sarah Jane (Sallie) Walts whose family had wealth from owning land. They had four children - James, Harry, Lynwood, and Gertrude. Lynwood (1877-1950), nick named Woody, married Leota Jane McDonald. They had three children-Donald, William Ezra, and Loren. Donald ran the family business. William Ezra, (1908-1985), was a U.S. Senator. The Jenners built the first tennis court in Marengo, had a car dealership, and also sold farm equipment. They provided the cars for the driver's ed classes at the Marengo High School. They had quite a presence in the county.

Bob Roberts told a funny birthday story and also shared a Boy Scout camping event held at Leavenworth. Some of the Boy Scouts attending were John and Mike Flanigan, Donnie Standiford, and other local boys.

Carol Tomlinson donated a Boy Scout flag from Troop 127 at Marengo. Certificates for the Troop were dated 1963. Roy Wayne Vance was one of the leaders. Debbie Oxley shared info about a box of letters. Some were written from the Columbia Hotel at West Baden. Some were from the Allens of Magnolia. He was an astrologist. Angela Thompson shared a calendar from the English State Bank celebrating 75 years in 2000.

The bank was started in 1925. She also had a postcard. Minutes were reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve. Louie seconded, and the motion passed.

President's Report - Bill is starting work on the next newsletter. He was expecting to find out soon about our application for the historical marker. He told about the event earlier that day where the DAR presented Roberta a community achievement award for all her years of service to the community. The Historical Society also presented her an award of appreciation and a gift card for Cracker Barrel.

Financial/Membership Report The beginning balance as of August 1, 2022, was \$4,669.60. Deposits from memberships, donations, books, and interest on our fund at CFCC totaled \$1,642.16. Disbursements for utilities and postage totaled \$420.50. The ending balance is \$5,891.26. Membership is 51.

Veterans Memorial Report - Roberta reported that all of the dead trees around it will be removed soon.

No report on the Proctor House.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Attending were Carol Tomlinson, Sharon Morris, Angela Thompson, Cheryl Allen, Glen and Roberta Toby, Kathy Kaiser Stroube, Jim Kaiser, Bob Roberts, Lance Stroud, Louie and Diane Mitchell, Tyler Gallien, Jason Froman, Chris Issacs, William Piper, Elmer and Glenda Laswell, and Debbie Oxley.

From The Mitchell Commercial, July 22, 1915:

### **Tuberculosis Germ Faces Great Battle.**

Tuberculosis germs, more deadly than war, may be driven from their intrenchments in Crawford County, where they long have maintained a stronghold, as a result of a siege to be carried out by representatives of the Indiana Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis and the state board of health.

Statistics show that there are more deaths from tuberculosis in Crawford County, population considered, than in any other Indiana county. The health authorities propose to determine why this is true and then take steps to reduce the mortality rate. The reports show that of 841 deaths in Crawford County in the last six years 202, or more than 20 per cent. were caused by tuberculosis. This percentage is more than twice as large as the percentage for the state.

W. D. Thurber, secretary of the state anti-tuberculosis organization, will go to Crawford County today to begin a tuberculosis survey. In a few days he will be joined by Severance Burrage, president of the state society; Dr. W. F. King, assistant state health commissioner and A. Bruner, an inspector of the state board of health. A local anti-tuberculosis society also will assist in the work.

The names, ages, occupation, etc., of all persons dying of tuberculosis in Crawford County in the last six years have been obtained and an effort will be made to determine what living conditions caused the disease to attack these persons. A survey will be made of all premises where the disease has existed. The state authorities are to offer assistance upon a request from Crawford County, where the people are said to be thoroughly aroused to the necessity of a campaign against the "white plague." When once the general cause of the disease in this particular county is established the health authorities will take steps to eradicate the disease so far as possible.—Indiana Daily Times, July 14.

Thanks to Roberta for providing this article!

### **Membership Dues**

Dues for the Crawford County Genealogical and Historical Society are \$15 per year for single memberships, \$20 for family or \$25 for corporation/businesses. The fee is due each June as the new year starts in July. A renewal form is available on the website, [www.cchgs.org](http://www.cchgs.org).

Send your check to:  
Sharon Morris  
CCHGS Treasurer  
P.O. Box 162  
Leavenworth, IN 47137

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### **Meetings**

The Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm, at the CCHGS Headquarters (310 Oak Circle, English IN). You can call 812-338-2579 to confirm.

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### **Website:**

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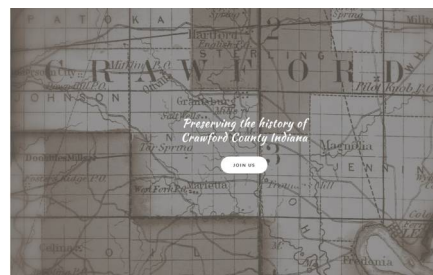


### **Books for sale**

Our book list has been REVISED!!  
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