

# The Crawford Countian



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Welcome to the Summer 2015 edition of the CCHGS Newsletter! This issue features a story on the "World War II Homefront" event by James H. Madison of IU. Our annual meeting was held last month resulting in new officers and By-Laws.

The cover of this issue is of the Odd Fellows building in Leavenworth (with an added sepia tint). You will notice that the building has received an exterior makeover. It looks really nice and I recommend everyone heading down there to check it out. Missi Bush-Sawtelle of Corydon, Indiana is in charge of that project.

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# America's World War II Homefront

On May 18th, at the Hillview Christian Church in Marengo, Dr. James H. Madison was a guest lecturer speaking on the subject of the effects of World War II on the American home front. The hour long program was co-sponsored by the CCHGS and the CC Veterans Memorial Association. This was used to bring awareness to the upcoming Veterans Memorial being erected in English, IN, next to the Annex building.

Being a historian of WW2 (as well as Indiana history), Dr. Madison had no problem speaking about the different aspects of how the war affected the home front. His program emphasized the importance of production on the home front and the sacrifices made by everyday citizens that help contribute to winning the war front abroad. He also stressed the importance of women as well as African Americans roles during the war. Everyone had to help in order to win the war.

In the audience was several WWII veterans including E.K. (Duke) Roggenkamp Jr. (pictured to the right) and Kenneth Speedy.



Both spoke briefly to the audience. The CCHGS and the Veterans Memorial Association greatly appreciate Dr. Madison taking some time to come to our county for this program!

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## Annual Meeting Results

At the June 2015 CCHGS meeting, new officers were elected as well as some new By-Laws. The officers for the 2015-2016 year are:

- William Piper Jr - President
- Stan Faith - Vice President
- Carol Tomlinson - Secretary
- Sharon Morris - Treasurer
- Roberta Toby - County Historian
- Louie Mitchell - Director (Sterling-Patoka-Johnson)
- Tammy Hooten - Director (Union-Boone-Ohio)
- Dan Crecelius - Director (Jennings-Whiskey Run-Liberty)
- Janice Eastridge - Director (Crawford County at Large)

The By-Laws changed were

1. Article 3, section 1, which now includes "businesses, organizations, and corporations" as being open to membership.
2. Article 3, section 2, now states these types of memberships: "single, family, organizational, and honorary. Single membership is for an individual and has the privilege of one vote. Family membership is for a household and has the privilege of two votes, which must be assigned at the time of joining. Organizational membership is for businesses, organizations, and corporations and has the privilege of two votes, which must be assigned when joining. Honorary membership is a free lifetime membership and has the same privileges as a single membership. All memberships receive a single newsletter quarterly."
3. Article 3, section 3, changed the wording to state that dues shall be paid before the first day of **July** and if not paid in **thirty days**, membership will be dropped. This is a simple re-wording and was made to clear up any confusion regarding voting at the annual meeting.
4. Article 4, section 3, had this phrase added: "Directors shall meet and plan activities that are especially pertinent to their districts, such as the preservation of cemeteries, old schools and other historic sites or materials."
5. Article 7, section 5, has incorporated the resolution that was passed in 2010. This was an overlook at previous annual meetings and now that particular resolution is officially included.

As always, the By-Laws can be downloaded in PDF format on our website at <http://www.cchgs.org>.

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## *From the Historian's Desk...*

Crawford County will be celebrating its Bi-Centennial in 2018. The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society would like to have a book ready and published by the fall of 2017 to pay tribute to the pioneers of our county. We need your help in order to accomplish this. We are asking for anyone who has an ancestor who was living in Crawford County by Dec. 31, 1840 to contribute information on them. They would need to be listed in the 1840 or prior census. Marriage and land records are other good ways of knowing if they lived here at that time or earlier. Some that were here before 1840, may have moved on to other counties or states, but can be included if they resided here by 1840.



We would like to make a nice coffee table type book and we need your help to accomplish this. This would be a very nice book to hand down to family members through the generations. We have a form on our website to fill out- [www.cchgs.org](http://www.cchgs.org) plus, we would also like to have stories, photos etc. to go with the information about the person or family. If you know details such as where they migrated from, how they traveled, their occupation, military service, etc. The submitter may just tell about the pioneer ancestor or include how you descend from that pioneer.

You can submit as many ancestors as you like as long as they were living here by Dec. 31, 1840.

As your County Historian, I am also a member of the Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society and would like very much to see this book become a part of the history of Crawford County for future generations.

Let's all work together to come up with a great pioneer history book. My address is on the form.

Thank you very much.

Roberta Toby  
Crawford County Historian

## The Lady Who Named Pretty Prairie, Kansas

Mary Collingwood, a former resident of Fredonia, Crawford County, Indiana gave the town of Pretty Prairie, Kansas its name.

Mary Newman was born on Aug. 24, 1826 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Abner & Elizabeth (Arbogast) Newman. Her father was a prominent building contractor in Cincinnati. He was born in Ripley Co. Indiana. She married Daniel Collingwood on April 23, 1842 in Cincinnati. Daniel was born in Wigham, England. After their marriage they lived three years at Connersville, Indiana and at the end of the three years they moved to Fredonia on the Ohio River in Crawford County, Indiana. Daniel had a shoe factory and a tannery there in Fredonia, and continued making shoes until the end of his life. He was born on Dec. 9, 1817 and died on April 25, 1866. He is buried in Fredonia Cemetery.

According to the 1850 census for Ohio Twp. Daniel's brother John, was apparently helping him in the shoemaking business, as John, age 34 is listed as shoemaker and Daniel, age 32 is listed as tanner. Both John and Daniel are listed as being born in England and they both have children born in Ohio, Lafayette, Indiana and Crawford County. In the 1860 census Daniel and John are both listed as shoemakers and in both census's they are next door neighbors. Daniel and Mary had 10 children:

William James, born at Cincinnati on May 14, 1844, and died on June 17, 1845.

Abner, born on February 12, 1846 at Connersville, Indiana. One census says Lafayette.

Jane Elizabeth, born December 1, 1847 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Thomas, born May 9, 1849 at Fredonia, Indiana.

Joseph Gates, born November 9, 1852 at Fredonia, Indiana.

John Alfred, born July 18, 1857 at Fredonia, Indiana.

Clara Isabella, born November 27, 1859 at Fredonia, Indiana.

Daniel Franklin, born Oct. 14, 1862 at Fredonia, Indiana.

Sarah Ellen, born January 27, 1866. Notice she was just three months old when her father died.

Mary left Crawford County in 1872 for Kansas with her six sons and three daughters, the youngest of which was just six years old, in two horse drawn Prairie Schooners (covered wagons). Kansas was offering "free land", of which she wanted to obtain for her sons and herself.

Mary arrived in Hutchinson, Kansas on Nov. 18, 1872 and stayed there for about two weeks while looking for where she wanted to settle. It is said that Mary came upon a beautiful area in Kansas and remarked, "oh what a pretty prairie".

She homesteaded the northeast quarter of section 18, township 26, range 6. She, along with the children, built a house, 14x16. It was boarded up and down with strips and had a shingle roof. There were no other houses at that time between her and the Texas border. Times were very hard for Mary and her children, the only luxury she had was seven bushels of dried apples that she took with her when she left Fredonia.

Mary's home later became a stage stop and a post office was added onto the front of her home. She served as the postmaster. When the stage stop and the post office went in, the owner of the stage line wanted to name the new town after Mary. She would not allow that to happen. She named it Pretty Prairie.

It is truly remarkable what this woman accomplished. She had always been a city girl, no farming experience, a widow with nine children. She took a chance and it paid off. She and her family worked very hard and they became prominent, well liked citizens of Pretty Prairie. Her son, John A. Collingwood, was the president of the State Bank of Pretty Prairie and several years later his sister Ellen became president. All references to this family hold them in high regard.

Mary died at her home on February 12, 1916 and is buried in a mausoleum in Hutchinson, Kansas.



MRS. MARY COLLINGWOOD

Some sources:  
History of Reno County, Kansas; It's People, Industries & Institutions.

1850 Census of Ohio Twp. Crawford Co. Indiana

1860 Census of Ohio Twp. Crawford Co. Indiana

A Biographical History of Central Kansas, Lewis Pub. Co.

1900 Albion Twp; Pretty Prairie village, Reno, Kansas

1910 Census Reno Co. Kansas; Also I recommend checking out info on findagrave.com

-R. Toby

# Queries

I am looking for the burial place of my Great Grandmother Leticia E Byram (Byrum). She married Goddfried Frederick Bergmann 06 Jul 1871, He was a shoe maker in English. She died about 1884. They had four children. William Simon (my grandfather) 11 Jun 1872, Sophia Monzell 02 May 1875, Charles Robert Apr 1876, Arthur S May 1879.

He married Mary Gresham 06 Aug 1886. They had three children, Ida Apr 1887, Fredrick Feb 1889, Lula Agnes Jun 1890. He died 20 Sep 1902 and is buried in the Marengo Cemetery.

I would appreciate any info. Email LKYTHOM@BELLSOUTH.NET or Don Thom, 7802 Crown Top Road, Louisville, KY 40241-2702.

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***From an old issue of the Crawford County Democrat newspaper:***



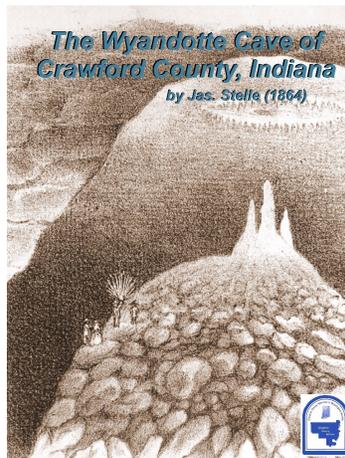
## Crawford County Veteran Spotlight

### Harry "Punkin" Cummings

Harry was a Pvt. in Co. C. 6th Armored Infantry; 1st Armored Division-Group called "Old Ironsides." He entered service on Oct. 3, 1943 and was discharged on May 5, 1945. He served in Italy at Anzio. He was shot in the leg, 60 miles North of Rome, Italy and was in the hospitals at Rome and Naples. Harry spent 11 months in rehabilitation. His basic training was at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Georgia. He is a member of American Legion at Alton, Indiana and a lifetime member of the VFW in English, Indiana and the DAV in Cincinnati, Ohio. The current Fredonia community center (a replica of the old courthouse) was named in his honor.



## New Book Alert!



The CCHGS has brought back into print, the 1864 book  
**"The Wyandotte Cave of Crawford County, Indiana"**  
by James Stelle!

The book recounts a trip through Wyandotte Cave and has several illustrations. The CCHGS obtained a first edition copy of the book that was in great condition. That particular book was then digitally scanned and is now available to everyone.

***Cost is \$15 (+\$3 shipping).***

Email [billgpiper@hotmail.com](mailto:billgpiper@hotmail.com) if interested. Local folks can pick up copies of the book at the County Archives, The Stephenson General Store or the Crawford County Tourism Bureau. The book features a glossy color cover while the inside pages are black and white, similar to how the 2014 Yearbook was printed out.

## **Minutes from the Previous 3 Meetings:**

### *Minutes from June 09, 2015*

The CCHGS met at the Archives building in English at 6:30 p.m. President Don Standiford welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Charles Goldman, a long-time member from Evansville, was a visitor. He has researched his family's history back to 1709 when the first Goldman arrived from Germany. Goldman was spelled and pronounced the German way, not the way it is today.

The minutes were read silently. A motion was made by Marie Greathouse to approve them, and was seconded by Jim Kaiser. The motion carried.

There was no Financial and Membership report due to the illness of the treasurer.

Don Standiford gave the President's Report. He announced the USA Flag Presentation and Pole Dedication at the Fredonia Cemetery on Flag Day, June 14, 2015. This event is sponsored by the Ouiska Run Chapter, DAR under the direction of the Everett Mason Post 6160 Veterans of Foreign Wars, English, Ind. The ceremony begins at 2 p.m. and the public is invited. He reported that Dr. James Madison's presentation was well-liked by all who attended.

Bill Piper gave the Vice-President's report. He has formed a partnership with Stephenson's General Store in Leavenworth to sell the Wyandotte Cave book. He reported that sales are very good, and that the store has reordered more of the books from us. The books are also available at the Welcome Center in Leavenworth. He also showed us a big video picture of Odd Fellows Hall or building in Leavenworth which is being restored by a Mrs. Bush. It looked great.

Roberta Toby gave the County Historian's report, the Veterans Memorial Association and the Archives reports. She has found good info on ancestry.com and familysearch.org and is printing it out. She found the 1900 census book that was done by Hansel Haycox, a former countian. She has been printing out Applications for Veterans Headstones and compiling them in a binder.

Roberta reported that the plans for the Veteran's Memorial is moving right along. Flagpoles have been ordered and construction should begin soon. The Memorial will have 6 black granite tablets. See attached report.

The Archives has a new janitor, Norman Longest. A couple of small metal racks and a few books were brought over from the Clerk's office. Roberta reports that Bill has sold books, memberships, and t-shirts this month for \$370.00. She received an order of 43 books from the St. Louis Library which amounted to \$1,132.40. Altogether a grand total of \$1,643.40 was deposited for the month. See attached report.

Rita Eddleman gave the Proctorville Report. The Restoration Matching Funds account has a balance of \$9,066.67 as of June 9, 2015. A plumber has been contacted to come to fix some small leaks under the sink in the shelter house. Rita and her son have been leveling dirt which was donated by Roberta's son, creating flower beds, and cutting railroad ties so they can be moved. Becky Stetter has donated many items for our annual yard sale over the 4th of July. See attached report.

The proposed amendments to the By-Laws were adopted by a two-thirds majority vote on each of the proposed revisions or changes. New membership dues were proposed as follows - \$15 for single memberships with one vote, \$20 for families with two votes, and \$25 for businesses, organizations, corporations with two votes. Rita made a motion to approve these dues, and Marie seconded it. The motion carried.

The annual election of new officers was held. The nominating committee presented their slate of candidates which were approved. There were no other nominations from the floor. Jim Kaiser moved that the nominations be closed, and Don seconded it. The motion carried. Jim then made a motion to vote by acclamation, and Marie seconded it. The motion carried, and the ballots were then destroyed.

The new officers are: Bill Piper, President; Stan Faith, Vice-President; Sharon Morris, Treasurer; Carol Tomlinson, Secretary; Louie Mitchell, Director (Sterling-Patoka-Johnson townships); Tammy Hooten, Director (Union-Boone-Ohio); Dan Crecelius, Director (Jennings-Whiskey Run-Liberty); and Janice Eastridge, Director (Crawford County At-Large)

Bills were presented and approved to be paid. The next meeting will be July 14.

The meeting adjourned.

Those present were: Carol Tomlinson, Don Standiford, Glen Toby, Roberta Toby, Rita Eddleman, Ruth Terry, Charles Goldman, Marie Greathouse, Rebekah Atkins, Ruth Atkins, Jim Kaiser, Louie Mitchell, Bill Piper, and Robin Piper

*Minutes from May 12, 2015*

The CCHGS met at the Archives building in English at 6:30 p.m. President Don Standiford welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Elaine Stephenson was a guest.

There was no program, so the adoption of the order of business was approved.

The April minutes were read silently. As there were no corrections, Rita Eddleman made a motion to approve them. Roberta Toby seconded the motion, and it carried.

The Financial and Membership report was given by Sharon Morris. The beginning balance on April 15th was \$12,268.70. Deposits totaled \$432.75. There was one disbursement to Roberta of \$66.41 for ink and supplies, which leaves an ending balance of \$12,635.04. The beginning balance for the Proctor House account was \$6,096.89. One disbursement of \$45.68 for electricity leaves an ending balance of \$6,051.21. We have 91 regular memberships, three free memberships, and one life membership for a total of 95 memberships.

Don gave the President's report about the many up-coming events, such as the Annual meeting, Dr. James Madison's presentation on WWII, and the July 4th yard sale. He concluded by reading a poem called Summertime. Bill Piper gave the Vice-President's Report. He has made 20 copies of the Wyandotte Cave book which he plans to sell for \$15. Sharon Wilson will sell them at the Welcome Center also at no cost to us. The Cave is going to reopen after some renovation of the Lodge. He attended Harrison County's Historical Society meeting. The program was on the Harrison County/Crawford County State Forest. He also informed them about Dr. Madison's presentation.

Bill informed us that money or a grant might be available from his work place. He would like to set up a template that is very professional that can be used to obtain money or grants from other sources as well to aid us in the restoration of Proctor House. He wants to redo the cemetery there this year with the grounds to look like a park. A plaque with the names of who's buried there can be put up.

Bill also does another newsletter which is on the Crawford County Indiana.Com website. He showed it, and briefly told about several articles in it such as one on the Marengo School 1903.

Roberta gave the County Historian's report, the Veteran's Memorial Association and the Archives reports. She and Sharon Wilson worked on our county's entry for the Indiana Bi-Centennial Coffee Table Book. They selected photos for it, and have submitted everything to the state. Roberta is still gathering Veterans' names from old newspapers, obits, internet, etc. She is considering working with Sharon to arrange a County Historian Roundtable meeting next year for our county. The Welcome Center Conference room is available for it.

Roberta reported that the Veterans Memorial Association has voted for seven flagpoles. The combination of black granite tablets, gray sidewalks, and red bricks will look very nice. Construction is to start soon on preparing the ground. The yard sale was successful.

Roberta deposited \$138.00 on May 11 from her work at the Archives where she sold books, T-Shirts, copies, and memberships.

Rita gave the Proctorville report. There is a balance of \$8,066.46 in the Matching Funds Restoration account. Water is now back on at the shelter house. Cut-off valves have been put on the pipe leading to the outside water faucet and on the pipes leading to the kitchen sink. The old privy is back up but needs work. Signs have been posted for no trespassing and for security cameras. She plans to buy some battery operated cameras to give us some protection. Rita discussed redoing the cemetery by putting railroad ties around it, and then weeding or mulching it. A plaque listing names of known grave sites should be put up.

Carol made a motion to go ahead with the cemetery project. Marie seconded it, and the motion carried.

Elaine Stephenson shared several good ideas about Bi-Centennial activities, such as interviewing Richard Carter, inviting Kathryn and Tim Haines to do a musical on historical drama, and having grade school children write something about Indiana history.

The revised Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws were handed out. They will be voted upon at the annual meeting in June.

Don appointed a nominating committee to select candidates for the election of new officers at the annual meeting. The nominating committee is Roberta Toby (chair), Marie Greathouse, and Rita Eddleman.

The bills were presented, and Rita made a motion to pay them, Carol seconded it, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is June 9.

Those attending were Stan Faith, Judy Faith, Rita Eddleman, Marie Greathouse, Don Standiford, Carol Tomlinson, Roberta Toby, Bill Piper, Casey Blair, Clayton Blair, Mike Witt, Sharon Morris, Rebekah Atkins, Ruth Atkins, and Elaine Stephenson, guest.

*April, 2015 MINUTES*

The CCHGS met at the Archives building in English at 6:30 p.m. President Don Standiford welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors and new members were introduced.

Bill Piper presented a video on the West Baden French Lick Museum which features the largest circus diorama of its kind based on the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus. This diorama took over forty years to build and covers 1100 sq. ft. It's an amazing display with details that are quite impressive. A very interesting history of the Hagenbeck- Wallace Circus was given. In 1934 it was the largest circus ever to be on the road. The Circus moved everyday by rail, and once suffered injuries in a train wreck, but did bounce back. Bill mentioned that the museum is open most days and cost \$8 per person which helps to maintain the museum.

The March minutes were read by Carol. Rita made a motion to approve them which was seconded by Marie, and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Sharon. The beginning balance was \$12,491.69. There were deposits of \$68.00 and disbursements of \$290.99 which leaves an ending balance of \$12,268.70. The Proctor House had a beginning balance of \$6,127.85 with a disbursement of \$30.98 which leaves an ending balance of \$6,096.87. Rita made a motion to approve the report and Ruth seconded it. The motion carried. We have 88 regular memberships, 3 free memberships, and 1 life membership for a total of 92.

There was no President's Report, but Don reminded us that it was the 150th anniversary of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Bill reported that the purchase of the Wyandotte Cave book was completed and he had received it. It is 150 years old and is in good condition. He passed it around for everyone to see it. He will make copies of it to sell for \$15 each.

Roberta gave the County Historian's report, the Veteran's Memorial Association and the Archives reports. She had attended the County Historian Roundtable in Indianapolis on Friday. All the Historians present received a book authored by Dr. James Madison who will be here in May to speak about WWII. She passed the book around for all to see. She is interested in having an historical marker placed where the actual Buffalo Trace went through our section of the county. She and Bill are working on identifying some more cemeteries that are unmarked or undocumented.

Roberta reported that the Veterans Association is having a yard sale this Saturday and donations can be dropped off after 3 p.m. on Friday at the VFW in English. Some design changes to the Memorial have been made. There will now be 7 flagpoles. Bricks are still being sold, and work is expected to begin this summer.

The Archives now has internet capability and a new janitor. Roberta has made several deposits from new memberships, book sales, copies, and donations which total \$377.75.

Rita gave the Proctorville Report. There was a \$500 donation from Lynn Kimble to the Restoration Fund which now has a balance of \$8,066.26. Bill Breeding is willing to move the milk house from the old Taylor house to the Proctorville property. It might fall apart or not. No price was quoted for this task. There will be a Proctorville Board meeting, April 20th, at 2 p.m. at the Archives.

The spring edition of our newsletter has just come out. Information about Dr. Madison's talk has been posted on the website.

William Stroud donated some maps of the Milltown's old lime kilns. Eddie Huff donated an old album of school children from the areas of Taswell, Eckerty, and Wickliffe.

The proposed amendments to the By-Laws were discussed. It was suggested to add a new Article to incorporate the resolution passed in 2010.

Copies of the revised proposed amendments will be available at the next meeting in May for the members to take home to read and reflect upon before voting at the annual meeting.

Bills were presented. Rita made a motion to pay them which was seconded by Janice. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is May 12.

Those attending were Rita Eddleman, Carol Tomlinson, Marie Greathouse, Judy Faith, Stan Faith, Diane Mitchell, Louie Mitchell, Henry Laswell, Janice Eastridge, Helen J. Byrn, Ruth Terry, Sharon Morris, Roberta Toby, Jim Kaiser, Rebekah Atkins, Ruth Atkins, Don Standiford, Bill Piper, Robin Piper, Casey Blair, Amber Busiak, Clayton Blair, and Michael Witt.

### **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).

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### **Meetings**

The Crawford County Historical and Genealogical Society meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Crawford County Annex building @ 6:30pm. You may call 812-338-2579 to confirm.

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