

# Crawford County Genealogy

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## Robert Henry Everdon Family

By Karen Everdon  
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Robert Henry was the son of Ira Everdon born 1797 in New York, probably in Nelson, Chenango, now Madison County. He is believed to be buried in Everdon Cemetery although there is no tombstone found for him. He married April 13, 1820 in Jefferson Twp., Mt. Sterling, Switzerland Co., IN **Mary "Polly" Teague or Tague**. She was born June 1804 in Switzerland County and died August 23, 1872 in Crawford County, IN. She also is supposedly buried in Everdon Cemetery, but no tombstone found for her.

Robert Henry Everdon was born in 1835 in Switzerland Co., IN and died from wounds received in the Battle of Stones River during the Civil War after December 31, 1862. Actual burial site is unknown, but he has a marker in the Everdon Cemetery.

Robert married **Susannah "Susan" Hedden** on March 4, 1855 in Crawford Co. From 1870-1927 she lived in Ohio Twp., Fredonia, on a farm. She lived with her son, Robert Henry, in 1910 and from 1921-1927. She was born April 3, 1839 or 1836 in Perry Co., IN and died Dec. 26, 1927 at the home of her son Robert H. Everdon, Fredonia, Crawford Co., IN. She is buried in Everdon Cemetery, near Carefree, IN. Her father was **Daniel Hedden**, born 1807 in Kentucky and died after 1864, by 1880, probably in Crawford Co., IN. Burial site not known. The first wife of Daniel Hedden and mother of Susan Everdon, was **Sarah "Sallie" Davis**, born about 1810-1815, prob. in Perry Co., IN and she died prob. by 1840 in Perry Co., IN. Burial site unknown.

Children of Robert Henry Everdon and Susannah Hedden Everdon were:

Mary Louisa or Louise born Dec. 18, 1855 in

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## Verner Clay Austin

By Richard Austin

Born: 6 Jan 1902 in Crawford Co.,IN  
Died: 15 May 1982 in New Albany,Floyd,IN  
Buried: 17 May 1982 in Birdseye,Dubois,IN  
STAT: LIVE

### Family:

Husband: Verner Clay Austin  
Wife: Hazel Vivian Gilmore  
Child: Dallas Gilmore Austin  
Child: Kenneth Gillmore Austin  
Child: Aleeta Marie Austin  
Child: Billy Gene Austin  
Child: Carl Ray Austin  
Married: 28 Dec 1920 in Jeffersonville,Clark,IN  
Marriage License: 1920 in Crawford Co.,IN

### Parents:

Father: Pulaski D. Austin  
Mother: Rebecca Anna Nelson  
Census: 1920

BIRTH-RESIDENCE-DEATH: Social Security Death Index. NOTE: Last residence: 47122 Georgetown, Floyd, IN. Died in Floyd County Memorial Hospital, buried at Birdseye Cemetery.

BIOGRAPHY: From a brief biography note written by Verner about the time of his retirement:

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**Everdon Family Continued:**

Crawford Co., died Dec. 28, 1928 in Crawford Co, buried in Wiseman Cemetery SW of Beechwood in Crawford Co. She married **Jacob Thornton Wiseman** on June 24, 1875 in Crawford Co. He was born Feb. 21, 1848 or 1849 in Crawford and died April 27, 1924 in Crawford and is buried in the Wiseman Cemetery. Parents of Jacob Wiseman were Jacob Wiseman and **Sarah Abell**. They had 6 children who survived: Nora Grace Everdon (1876-1957) who married **Fred W. Dickmeyer**; William C. Everdon (1878-1958) who married **May Goldman**; Arthur Lee Everdon (1880-1904) never married; Elmer Thorton Everdon (1883-1954) married **Mary Belle Martin**; Anna Susan "Amelia" (1886-1940) never married; Lula A. Everdon (1891-1933) married **George W. Roberts**; and Delta "Della" Fern (1893-1893).

Harriet M. Everdon (1859-1859) buried in Everdon Cemetery.

Sarah Isabella "Belle" Everdon was born Sept. 13, 1860 in Crawford and died May 16, 1902 in Crawford of childbirth. She is buried in the East Cemetery at Cape Sandy. She married twice, 1st **James M. Peters, Jr.** in 1880 and 2nd to **James A. Shea** on April 13, 1899 both in Crawford Co. Children of James and Belle Peters: Luther Peters (1880-1970) married 9-26-1912 in Crawford to Anna Turner; Maxine C. Peters (1882-1937) married **Sherman Bradley** in Vincinnes, IN; William Peters (1885-1971) married Beulah Zinser; Brittie L. Peters (1887-1970) married Thomas U. Myers.

Robert Henry Everdon "Bud" was born Feb. 20, 1863 in Crawford Co. and died March 11, 1943 in Crawford Co., buried in Fredonia Cemetery. He married **Lorena Rebecca Stevens** on Dec. 12, 1888 in Crawford Co. Lorana was born Dec. 14, 1866 in Crawford Co. and died Feb. 3, 1946 in Crawford Co., buried in Fredonia Cemetery. Their children were: Berney Edmond Everdon (1889-1974) married **Della Kellums** and they had 2 children; Grace V. Everdon (1892-1926) married **Lloyd S. Ruby**; Ethel Maud (1893-1949) married Eldon Herbert Ewing and had 4 sons; Conley Joseph Everdon (1895-1974) married **Sarah Sullivan** and had 4 children. He died in Logansport, IN; Roscoe Everdon (1896-1975) married Ada Evans, died in Akron, OH.

[Civil War Record for Robert Henry Everdon: Co H, 81st Regt. IN Inf. Vol., Age 28 at enrollment on 14 Aug 1862 at Camp Noble, IN; mustered in on 29 Aug 1862

at New Albany. Died at Nashville of wounds received at Stone River, TN. Buried at Everdon (aka Old Tower) Cemetery. Born 1835 and died 8 Mar 1863. Susan Everdon applied for widow pension on 22 June 1863. - from *Crawford County, Indiana Civil War Veterans*, 2005, by Doris Byrd Leistner.]



Mary Hedden



Daniel Hedden?

**Verner Clay Austin: Cont.**

Crawford County Schools  
 Verner C, Austin, Superintendent  
 English, Indiana

Torrence: June 2, 1969

Here is a short biography of me.

I have spent forty seven years in the school systems of Crawford County, Indiana.

Thus:

Taught in the Elementary schools twelve years.

Taught in The Secondary Schools fifteen years.

County Supt. For an eight year period.

City Supt. for three years at English, IN.

City Supt. for three years at Milltown, IN.

Again for one and one-half years, then to serve again as, County Supt. of Schools four and one-half years.

I am retiring June 30th. and shall be at home not far south from Eckerty, Indiana.

Hope to see the class June 21st.

CENSUS-RESIDENCE-OCCUPATION: 1920 Johnson Twp., Crawford Co., IN; 1930 Jennings Twp., Crawford Co., IN, school teacher.

Submitted by Roberta Toby

## Dies of Typhoid Fever

### Funeral Services for Deputy Resident to be Held Tomorrow

Mr. Elijah Roberson, 56 died Saturday At 5:00 p.m. at his home Deputy, route 1 Of typhoid fever from which he had suffered for on week. His wife Viola Mae Is also ill and it is feared she also has Typhoid fever.

Roberson, a native of Grantsburg, has Been living on a farm near Deputy for 25 years. His only other work was on The proving ground this summer.

Surviving besides his wife are five sons, Edwin at Buda, Ill.; Goble, New Albany; Roy, New York, and Arnold and Morton Roberson, Deputy; two step-children, Robert and daisy Austin, and a brother and two sisters, at English.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday At 2:00 p.m. (CST) at Liberty M.E. Church, and burial will be in the church Cemetery. Friends may call at the Harry Taff funeral home at Deputy, until noon tomorrow



## Crawford Native W. A. Scott Has Monument in Iowa

Posted by: Deborah Brownfield - Stanley

Date: November 21, 2003

Mr. R. T. H. Gilmer has given some information concerning his SCOTT ancestry as follows:

**ANDREW SCOTT** emigrated from Scotland and settled in Pennsylvania about 1725.

A son, **JOHN SCOTT**, was born about 1734 in Pennsylvania. John SCOTT was a soldier in the American Revolution, and married, 1st, about 1756 Anna CRAYTON. They had one child, Elizabeth. Anna (CRAYTON) SCOTT died, and John Scott married, second, Nancy KEITH. They had twelve children. The family moved to Sangamon County, Illinois, in 1824, and settled in Island Grove.

**REV. ANDREW SCOTT** (Minister of the Christian Church), son of John and Nancy (KEITH) SCOTT, was born Nov. 21, 1786, in North Carolina; married May 28, 1808, in Jackson County, Tenn., Anna LONGEST, who was born in 1791 (Oct. 18, 1789?) in South Carolina, near the sea coast...Of their children:

**JAMES LONGEST SCOTT**, born Jan. 12, 1813, Giles County, Tenn., ("Pigeon Roost, water of Elk") came to Sangamon County (Ill.) in 1824, and was married in Iowa to Mary A. GILMER. Had eight children; lived near Des Moines.

**ANNA SCOTT**, born Jan. 21, 1817, in Orange County, Ind., ("3 forks of little Blue") [after March 1, 1818 Crawford County], married Tilford GILMER, lived near Glasgow, Jefferson County, Iowa.

**CALEB LONGGEST SCOTT** fourth son of Rev. Andrew and Anna SCOTT, born at Richland, Sangamon County, Ill., Dec. 14 (22nd), 1821. Entered Jacksonville college at Jacksonville, Illinois, but before graduation took the "gold fever" and with the party of 1850, crossed the plains, and commenced explorations in the gold fields of California...On Feb. 21, 1860, married Charlotte King TEMPLETON at the home of her mother at Wooster, Jefferson County, Iowa. Six children. He died Feb. 29, 1892 at Larned, Kansas; buried at Little River.

**WILSON ALEXANDER SCOTT**, born Nov. 20, 1818, in Crawford County, Ind. (3 forks of little blue"); came to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1824, was married in Iowa to Mrs. Louisa JAYNE. Went to Fort Des Moines and traded with the Indians there until they removed west. He accompanied them but returned to Des Moines, laid out the town on the east of the river, and it was largely through his influence and contributions that the capital was built on that side. He went to California, returned to Des Moines and contributed two or three years to the building up of the city; started up Pike's Peak and died at Fort Laramie in 1859. His remains were buried at Des Moines.

(The preceding SCOTT records were taken, in part, from "History of the Early Settlers of Sangamon County,

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Illinois,” by John Carroll Power... 1876)

Jefferson County, Iowa, Deed Book “A” page 230. Bond recorded Aug. 4, 1842, John A. Pitzer & James L. & Alex Scott, from Board of Commissioners, Lot 7, Block 12. (Block 12, Old Plat, is the block just east of Central Park. Lot 7 is in the SW corner of the block.)

Clipping from the collection of Mr. R. T. H. Gilmer, probably from a Des Moines newspaper, about 1913.

### **MAN WHO BUILT FIRST STATE HOUSE LIES IN UNMARKED, NEGLECTED GRAVE**

Memory of Alexander Scott Revered at Annual Meeting of Pioneers' Association. Effort will be Made to Have Legislature Mark Resting Place...

Above an unhonored grave in a neglected spot in Des Moines with neither stick nor stone to mark its location, may be reared a noble monument to commemorate the life and deeds of Alexander SCOTT. Mr. SCOTT built and paid for the first state house in Des Moines and gave to the state of Iowa later a part of the ground upon which now stands the present capitol. Fifty-four years after his burial the pioneers of Des Moines ask that the citizens of Iowa honor the man who made the erection of the magnificent capitol possible...

Alexander SCOTT'S grave, according to statements of the pioneers, is located at a place never to be guessed as a burial place. It lies just south of Vine Street, midway between East Eleventh and Twelfth streets. Unsightly outbuildings are crowded around it. There is nothing there now to mark his burial place. Once there was a fence about the grave placed there by a brother, long since dead, but it has been torn down. A friend planted a tree by the side of the grave, but several years ago this too was cut down. All that remains now to mark the grave is a shattered stump.

SCOTT was the pioneer of pioneers of Des Moines... Because of his great love for the Des Moines river valley, he asked that his body be buried on a knoll overlooking the wide sweep of the prairie and on a spot designated by him. It is the hope of the remaining pioneers of Des Moines that public spirit will prompt the citizens of Iowa and Des Moines generously to do honor to the man who made the location of the capitol possible for Des Moines... As the result of his generosity to Iowa, Alexander SCOTT died penniless...

Des Moines Capital  
Friday, December 6, 1918

### **PIONEER MONUMENT WILL BE ERECTED AT GRAVE OF SCOTT, DONOR OF STATE HOUSE TRACT**

After more than half a century the state of Iowa has made provision to honor the hardy old pioneer who made the present location of Iowa's state house possible by donating a portion of the grounds and helping to build the first build-

ing. His remains lie buried on a high bluff near the southeast corner of the capitol extension grounds, which he himself chose as his last resting place, which choice his relatives and friends respected when he died. Now the state executive council... is arranging to have the pioneer's monument, which stands in the center of the Locust street entrance to the capitol grounds moved to the grave of this man whom local historians record as the pioneer of pioneers.

To the present generation this lonesome, out-of-way spot seems a queer location for a grave. But SCOTT came to Polk County with the Indians in 1843 and his wife was an Indian girl. It was the custom of those early old timers to satisfy their adventurous and romantic natures by choosing a picturesque spot for their last resting place. And SCOTT picked out the high bluff overlooking the great river valley which in those days was virgin valley farm land but which advancing civilization has made a network of railway and the last L. F. ANDREWS, an old time newspaper man, in his "Pioneers of Polk County" tells it:

"One day, years ago, SCOTT was standing with some friends on the point of the bluff south of the present capitol overlooking the grand view of the river valley and his fine farm on the plateau. He said, in a very impressive way: 'When I die I want to be buried here where we stand.' In accordance with that desire his body was brought here by his brother John followed by a cortege of his loving friends and citizens and there buried. The burial plot was purchased and deeded to Lee Township. A tree was planted and for a time friends, now dead, maintained a cheap board fence above the grave. Now it is marked only by gross neglect, to the shame and ingratitude of the richest state in the union and of a people who profess a love of justice, of patriotism, of public spirit and the exhalation of the righteous."

That was written almost fourteen years ago. The neglect and ingratitude which the old historian scores is about to give way to recognition and honor tho long delayed. "

"Alec" SCOTT, as he was called, came to Iowa and Polk County in 1843 with the dragoons and furnished products for the garrison located at the mouth of the Raccoon River known as Ft. Des Moines, from the section of land he cultivated. When the Indians left Iowa he went with them to Kansas as an Indian trader, but came back in 1846 and purchased 500 acres along the Des Moines River, comprising a portion of what is now the capitol grounds. He built a double log house to the southeast of the present location of the soldier's monument. Being across the river from the settlement of Ft. Des Moines, with no bridges, he established a ferry. This was in 1846 when there was considerable emigration westward, and SCOTT is reported by Mr. ANDREWS to have done a lucrative business. In 1849, during the California emigration, over 600 horses and as many people were ferried across in a single day.

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His connection with the donation of a portion of the state house grounds is recorded by Mr. ANDREWS: "...SCOTT executed his agreement to the very letter at a great loss to himself, carried the first state house to completion, donated the site for it and also most of that on which the state house now stands, tho then quite unlike what it now is. It was covered with forest trees and dense underbrush...When the state house deal was over SCOTT had little left."

Des Moines Register  
Monday morning  
Dec. 16, 1930  
pp. 1-2

### CITY'S RULER RESTS UNDER LONELY SLAB

By Donald Grant

On the windswept brow of Capitol Hill, overlooking the railroad tracks and the southeast bottoms, is the grave of Willson Alexander SCOTT, Des Moines' first citizen. The lonely slab of granite which marks the grave of Mr. SCOTT is muddy around the edges, where urchins of the neighborhood have wiped their shoes...It is alone on the grassy bluff at the southeast corner of the state house grounds...

Early in 1857 Mr. SCOTT reached the pinnacle of his career. He was the most influential man in the community, himself possessor of the most community...The came a series of events which spelled financial ruin and death to Des Moines' first citizen...Mr. SCOTT, known as the man who built the state house, became a bankrupt homesteader. Finally, in 1859, he joined the rush for gold in the west, traveling under the banner, "Pike's Peak of Bust." Seeking to recoup his fortune, the first white man to come to Des Moines started across the prairies.

June 23, 1869, in a tent on the barren plains near Fort Kearney, Neb., Willson Alexander SCOTT, 41, died. They brought his body back to Capitol Hill and buried it on the only piece of property left of Mr. SCOTT'S formerly vast holdings. He was buried at the place he had requested to be laid on Capitol Hill, where he could see the city of Des Moines, a little village of log houses. There the grave still lies, overlooking the smoking city that grew where he first stood

Loose clipping in Mr. GILMER'S collection:

On a knoll southeast of the state house in Des Moines is a large granite slab which marks the grave of the pioneer who pre-empted the ground upon which the capitol building now stands and donated it to the state. The inscription upon the slab reads as follows:

"Sacred to the memory of Wilson Alexander Scott who gave to the State of Iowa the greater part of the land where stands the Capitol. Born in Crawford County, Indiana, Nov. 20, 1818. He acquired some 500 acres of Land hereabouts and settled

on the site in 1846. Over-Whelmed by the financial crash of 1857, he died near Fort Kearney, Nebraska Territory, enroute to Pike's Peak, June 23, 1859. By his expressed wish his body was returned and on Nov. 1, 1859, interred in earth, which as his homestead, had been exempted from seizure for his debts. Erected in 1925 by the State of Iowa."

Clipping from Mr. R. T. H. Gilmer's collection. Probably from a Des Moines newspaper, Second Edition, 4:00 o'clock, 2 Oct. 1889.

**HONORED OLD AGE** – The Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. SCOTT of University Place. Fifty Years Together in Iowa. A Comfortable Home for Their Declining Years – A Happy Couple.

Yesterday was the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. SCOTT of this city and the event was celebrated last night by a most enjoyable reception and social at their new home on West Twenty-Sixth Street. A large number of relatives and friends were present...A fine supper prepared and served in a most hospitable way, was one of the treats of the evening...

This worthy couple came to Des Moines in 1856 from Jefferson County, where they had been married in 1839, coming to Iowa from Illinois in 1836. Mrs. SCOTT'S maiden name was Mary Ann GILMER and she was born in Kentucky in 1818. Twelve children were born to them, seven of whom are still living and all but two, Richard and Frank, were present last night. Mr. and Mrs. SCOTT were charter members of the Christian Church of this city, of which they are now most valued members.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~iajeffer>

submitted by Roberta Toby



**Order Book A — Continued:****October Term 1822 — 3rd Day: Cont.****Seth M. & Zebulon Leavenworth vs. Asa Davis — Seine Facias.**

And now to-wit: At a Circuit Court began and held for the County of Crawford at the court house in Fredonia on the fourth Monday of October in the year of our Lord 1822 being the third day of this term of said Court came the above cause to be heard, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the Sheriff returned the second writ of *seine facias* “not found” on motion of the Plaintiff by Henry Stephens, their counsel, it is considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover of said Defendant the sum of \$300 and interest on that sum from the first day of November 1820 until paid, also his costs by him expended in this suit.

And it is further ordered . . . and decreed by said Court that the Sheriff of Crawford County expose to Face as the law directs the said Lot in the Town of Leavenworth, known in the . . . of said town by number 27 with the appurtenances to . . . the aforesaid sum of \$300 and interest on that sum from the first day of November 1820 until paid, together with the costs.

**James Vanwinkle & Frederick Brown vs. John Randlett — Debt.**

On motion of the Plaintiff by their counsel leave is given them to amend their Declaration on or before the first day of our next term and this cause is continued until next term.

ON THE petition of James Barker leave is given him perpurtrate the testimony of Caleb Harrison, John Dawson, Thomas C. Davis and Thomas Roberts to be read as ebidence on the trial of a case if brought into this Court, wherein John T. Jamison, assignee of John Findley is Plaintiff, and James Barker & Others, Defendants, to give said Plaintiff Notice of the time and place of taking said depositions.

ORDERED TO be certified to the Commissioners of Crawford County that the clerk and sheriff of said county be allowed \$50 each for their extra services to the Circuit Court for the year 1822.

ORDERED AS above that Henry Stephens be allowed the sum of \$25 as Prosecutor in the case of James Miller.

ORDERED AS above that Harbin H. Moore be allowed \$40.62 as Prosecuting Attorney at the June and October Terms.

ALL OTHER cases not otherwise disposed of stand continued until next term of this Court.

ORDERED THAT Court be adjourned until Court-in-Course.

J. R. E. Goodlett.

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**December Term 1822 — 1st Day  
Thursday, December 5, 1822,  
Fredonia Court House.**

AT A Court held by the Associate Judges for the County of Crawford at the Court House in Fredonia in pursuance of an Act of The General Assembly approved January 2, 1822 for the Special Purpose of Investigating a Charge against Daniel Allen for passing a note or like purporting it to be a Bank Note or like payable by the Patriotic Bank of Washington, D.C. for \$100. Present: David Stewart and Moses Smith

THE SHERIFF returned into Court the following list of Grand Jurors, to-wit:

William Allen	Samuel M. Ervin
Joseph Montgomery	Julius Woodford
Andrew Kincaid	Oliver Tiles
William Kincaid	James G. Sloan
William Dodd	Jothain Hunt
Alonzo Raymond	Nathaniel Straughan
Samuel Monk	Henry Coonrod

who being charged by the Court in the above Special Case retired from the bar to make its inquiry respecting the same.

THE COURT then appointed Andrew Kincaid to attend the Grand Jury.

THE COURT appointed Henry Stephens, Esq. as Prosecuting Attorney.

THE GRAND Jury returned into Court the following Bill of Indictment as a True Bill:

State of Indiana vs. Daniel Allen — Indictment for passing counterfeit Bank Bill.

THE GRAND JURY appeared in open Court and having no business it was ordered by the Court they be discharged.

THE COURT then adjourned until tomorrow morning 8 o'clock.

Friday, December 6, 1822 — The Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present: David Stewart and Moses Smith, Associate Judges.

**State of Indiana vs. Daniel Allen**

This day came the Prosecuting Attorney as well as the Defendant in his proper person and upon affidavit of the

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Defendant this cause is continued until next term.

Personally appeared in open court Daniel Allen Jr., Daniel Allen Sr., James Edmonson and acknowledged themselves to owe and stand indebted to the State of Indiana in the following sums, to-wit:

- Daniel Allen Junior in the sum of \$700.
- Daniel Allen Senior in the sum of \$500.
- James Edmonson in the sum of \$500.

to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements to the use of the State of Indiana. To be void on condition that the said Daniel Allen Jr. make his personal appearance at the next Circuit Court to be held for the County of Crawford at the Court House in Fredonia on the fourth Monday of March next, then and there to answer to a Bill of Indictment to be exhibited against him for passing a bill or note purporting it to be a Bank Note (payable by the U.S. Bank of Washington) and not depart this Court without leave.

Personally appeared in open court Daniel Allen Sr., Samuel Parks, Thomas Lynch, Charles Lynch, Julius Woodford and Alanson Raymond and acknowledged themselves to owe and stand indebted to the State of Indiana for the sum of \$50 each to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements to the use of the State of Indiana. To be void on condition that they personally appearance at the next Circuit Court to be held for the County of Crawford at the Court House in Fredonia on the fourth Monday of March next, then and there give evidence on behalf of the State of Indiana against Daniel Allen Jr. and not depart this Court without leave.

ORDERED BY the Court that Henry Stephens be allowed the sum of \$30 for prosecuting in the case of Daniel Allen Jr.

COURT THEN Adjourned. David Stewart & Moses Smith, Associate Judges.

**March Term 1823 — 1st Day**

**March 24, 1823 at the Court House in Fredona**

THIS BEING the day for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford. There is present: James R. E. Goodlett, President Judge of the Fourth Judicial District of Indiana and David Stewart and Moses Smith, Associate Judges.

ON MOTION of J. D. Thomasson, Esq., Richard Daniel, John Pitcher and Samuel Frisby, Esquires, were sworn as prosecuting attorneys at this bar.

HENRY P. Calhoun Esq. is admitted as a practicing attorney during the present term, ex gratia.

SAMUEL FRISBY Esq. is appointed Prosecuting Attorney for this county whereupon he took the oath faithfully to perform the duties of attorney for the state.

THE SHERIFF returned into Court a panel of Grand Jurors of whom the following persons were sworn, viz.:

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| William Hart   | William Goodwin   |
| John Jewel     | Ephraim Blackburn |
| Isaac Ross     | Reuben Lovell     |
| Wilson Scott   | Pilgrim Pope      |
| William Potter | David Rice        |

who were regularly subpoenaed to attend the Court as Grand Jurors and by order of the Court the following persons were summoned from among the bystanders, viz.:

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| John Kellar     | Thomas Roberts   |
| James Kelms Jr. | William Anderson |

whereupon the Court appointed John Kellar as foreman and being charged they retired from the bar to consult of Presentments and Indictments.

**State of Indiana vs. Andrew Mason — Perjury.**

This day came as well the Prosecuting Attorney as the Defendant in his proper person and on motion of the Defendant by his attorney the Indictment in this cause is by the Court deemed insufficient and is therefore quashed; Wherefore it is considered that the Defendant be discharged.

**State of Indiana vs. James Riddle — Assault & Battery.**

This day came as well the Prosecuting Attorney as the Defendant in his proper person and the Defendant says he is guilty as charged and puts himself upon the mercy of the Court — Therefore it is considered by the Court that the Defendant make his fine to the State of Indiana to the use of the seminary of Crawford County to be rendered in the sum of one dollar and pay the costs of prosecution.

**State of Indiana vs. Joseph Montgomery — Assault & Battery.**

This day came as well the Prosecuting Attorney as the Defendant in his proper person and the Defendant says he is not guilty as charged and for his trial puts himself upon the county and the Prosecuting Attorney doth the like, whereupon came a jury, to-wit:

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| Jacob Rice        | William Riley    |
| Robertson Spencer | James Manfield   |
| James Totten      | Benjamin Wiseman |
| John Stone        | Peter Funk       |
| Isaiah Glenn      | Jeremiah Poe     |
| John Peckenpaugh  | Samuel Glenn     |

twelve good and lawful men who being elected tried and sworn well and truly to try the issue joined having heard the evidence and argument of counsel retire from the bar and after some time returned into Court the following verdict, to-

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wit: “We of the jury find the Defendant Guilty and assess his fine at two dollars twenty-five cents, his fine payable to the State of Indiana to the use of the Crawford County Seminary to be rendered in the said sum of the verdict and pay costs of this prosecution.

**Charles Copeland, Appellant vs. T.N. Aubry, Appellee.**

This day came the parties by their attorneys and on motion this cause is dismissed at Appellant costs — Therefore, the Appellee may go hence without delay and recover against the Appellant his costs and charges by him about his defense.

**Eli Hunt vs. William Wilbert, Defendant —**

This day came the parties by their attorneys and on motion this cause is ordered to be dismissed at Plaintiff cost — Therefore, the Defendant may recover his costs from the Plaintiff.

**William Brown vs. Samuel Hilliard**

The Court being satisfied of the death of the Defendant, ordered that this cause abate.

**Moses Lang vs. his creditors — Insolvency.**

The order of publication of last term is ordered to be continued until next term.

**Thomas L. Golden vs. creditors — Insolvency.**

The order of publication of last term is ordered to be continued until next term.

**Abner Howard vs. S. M. Leavenworth — In Case.**

Ordered to be continued until next term.

**William Brown vs. John Rees — In Case.**

Now at this day came the parties by their attorneys and the issue being completed upon the plea of not guilty and joinder, a jury came, to-wit:

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| Jacob Rice        | William Riley    |
| Robertson Spencer | James Manfield   |
| James Totten      | Benjamin Wiseman |
| John Stone        | Peter Funk       |
| Isaiah Glenn      | Jeremiah Poe     |
| John Peckenpaugh  | Samuel Glenn     |

twelve good and lawful men who being elected tried and sworn well and truly to try the issue joined having heard the evidence and argument of counsel retire from the bar and after some time returned into Court the following verdict, to-wit: “We of the jury find the Defendant guilty and assess damages to three hundred seventy-three dollars.” James Totten, foreman; but before entering judgement upon the verdict aforesaid, the Defendant by his attorney moved the Court for a rule against the Plaintiff to shew cause . . . why a new

trial herein shall not be granted — Which is ordered to be entered to operate tomorrow.

THIS DAY John Mylin, who was recognised to appear before this Court, was summoned in open Court by John Giviman and John Fread, his securities, and thereupon came the said John Meylin and acknowledged himself to owe and stand indebted to the State of Indiana in the sum of one hundred dollars and William Riley acknowledged himself indebted in the sum of fifty dollars to be levied of their respective goods, chattels, lands and tenements to the use of Crawford County seminary to be rendered if default be made in this condition which is, That if the said John Meylin shall personally be and appear before this Court from day to day to answer whatsoever may be objected to or against him by the Grand Jury during the present term and not depart the Court with out leave, then this recognisance to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

AT THIS TIME came Josiah Ranford and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said Danford is proprietor of the land in the ad quod damnum and inquisition mentioned, it is therefore ordered that the said Danford have leave to erect a dam nine feet high and build a mill pursuant to the inquisition of the jury on the southwest quarter of Section nine, Township four South, Range one East, the District of Lands offered for sale at Jeffersonville.

ORDERED THAT Court adjourn until tomorrow morning 8 o’clock.

R. E. Goodlett

**March Term 1822 — 2nd Day**

Tuesday morning Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present: As yesterday.

**DECLARATION OF WILLIAM ROBERTS  
Revolutionary War Veteran**

WILLIAM ROBERTS in open Court filed the following Declaration which is ordered to be recorded at length as follows, viz.:

State of Indiana, Crawford County

ON THIS 25th day of March in the year 1823 William Roberts of Crawford County, Indiana, aged 68 on the 22nd day of May, last personally appeared in open Court of the Crawford Circuit Court, it being a Court of Record, having criminal and civil jurisdiction in all cases, and being duly sworn on his oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 18th day of March 1818, and an Act of May 1820, that he, the said William Roberts, enlisted as a private soldier during the American Revolution at Wilkes Court house in Wilkes County in

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the State of North Carolina, date not recollected for the term of three months in a company commanded by Captain Alexander Gordson in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland in the Army under the command of General Green. That he served the three months, got a discharge, which he has lost; that he was discharged at Richmond, Virginia; that as a volunteer he was for a term of three months in a company commanded by the said Alexander Gordon who was under the command of Benjamin Hern as Major — That he volunteered in said company at Wilkes Court house aforesaid and was discharged at the same place — That he next volunteered under the same Captain during which service he was in the Battle of Tamsouren Mill — That for this tour he volunteered and was discharged at Wilkes Court house, aforesaid. — That under the same Captain Gordon he was afterward in a battle with the Tories at the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River at which battle Colonel Benjamin Cleveland had command; he next volunteered for an undetermined time under Captain Gordon, as aforesaid, during which term of service he was in the Battle of Kings Mountain and was discharged on the 3rd day after the battle; that next he was in Captain Gordon's company under command of said Captain Hern in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cleveland at the surrender of the British Army under the command of Lord Cornwallis; that he was discharged from said tour of service at Wilkes Court house; that he has no other evidence now in his possession of his said services and that being an elderly man he does not recollect the dates of his enlistments and discharges — And in pursuance to the Act of the 1st of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March in the year 1818; and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to bring myself within the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to Provide for Certain Persons Engaged in the Land and Naval Services of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818. I was in many skirmishes with the Tories and Indians. I am by occupation a farmer and by weakness and rhumatic pains am not well able to labor for my living, my wife, Elizabeth Roberts, is 57 years of age, quite sickly; I have thirteen children living, six of whom live with me, viz.:

Milly Roberts, age 20,  
 Rebecca Roberts, age about 18,  
 Cornelius Roberts, age 16,  
 Dicy Roberts, age 14,  
 . . . Roberts, age 12,  
 . . . Roberts, age 10

I have not nor has any other person in trust for me any property, securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribe, to-wit: Eighty acres of

land by Certificate from the Government upon which but one fourth of the purchase money has been paid; 4 head of horses, 10 head of cows; about 30 head of hogs; 5 head of sheep, one plow, 1 hoe, 4 beds with their domestic furniture; 5 chairs; 1 table; 1 set of knives & forks; 2 puter dishes; 6 puter plates; 6 iron spoons; 1 pot; 1 oven with lid.

William X Roberts

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court before me, James R. E. Goodlett, President Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit for Indiana this 25th day of March 1823.

/s/ J. R. E. Goodlett

IT IS ORDERED to be certified that it is the opinion of the Court that the property of William Roberts in the foregoing Schedule is of the value of \$350.75.

### William Brown, Plaintiff vs. John Rees, Defendant — Motion for New Trial.

The Court after argument take time to consider until next term and this cause is continued until then.

### State of Indiana vs. Joseph Montgomery — Indictment Motion in Amount of Judgement.

The Defendant moved the Court to arrest the judgement herein because of the insufficiency of the description of the offence, and the Court after deliberation do order the judgement of yesterday to be set aside and that judgement herein be arrested and the Defendant is discharged.

### Mason & Sayre vs. John Jewel — Debt.

Ordered to be continued until next term.

### Williab Babb vs. Christopher Putty — Appeal.

It is ordered that Plaintiffs on or before the calling of this cause at the next term file bond for costs or on failure this cause to be dismissed and this cause is continued until next term at Plaintiff cost.

### Michael Harvey vs. Isaac Glenn — Appeal.

This day came the parties by their attorneys and it is considered by the Court that the Defendant go home without delay and recover of the Plaintiff his costs by him about his defense herein expended.

### John Morgan vs. Tibbs & Bradford — Case.

This cause ordered continued until next term.

### D. A. MacRae vs. James Barker — Appeal.

On motion of Plaintiff this cause is ordered dismissed.

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### Eli Sherwood vs. William McKee — Trover.

Ordered to be continued until next term.

### John Starr vs. Andrew Mason — Case

This cause is ordered to be continued until next term.

### Archibald Allan vs. John McNaughten & Others — Debt.

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the issue being completed upon demurer and joinder, the Court after argument consider the law is with the Plaintiff and that the demurer be over-ruled and that the Sheriff having returned the writ executed on John McNaughten, Zebulon Leavenworth and Julius Woodford and that John Randlette and Edwin Phelps are not inhabitants of this county, Therefore it is considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover of the Defendants, McNaughten, Woodford and Leavenworth the sum of \$98 debt with \$4.95 in damages, making in all the sum of \$102.95 with the costs of this suit.

THE GRAND JURY returned into Court the following Indictments signed as True Bills, viz.:

The State of Indiana vs. Andrew Mason — Perjury.

The State of Indiana vs. Conrad Curts — Perjury.

The State of Indiana vs. James & John Riddle —

Affray.

Also a Presentment against the jail of Crawford County.

J. G. SLOAN is allowed one dollar for one days attendance as bailiff to the grand jury and William Kincaid is allowed one dollar for similar service.

### Archibald Allan vs. A. D. Thom — Debt.

Ordered to be continued until next term.

### Allan D. Thom vs. Andrew Donon

Ordered to be continued until next term and that *didimus* issue to take depositions generally.

### Van Winkle & Brown vs. John Randlett & Others — Debt.

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the Sheriff having returned the *capias* served on Julius Woodford, John McNaughten and Zebulan Leavenworth and that John Randlette and Edwin Phelps are not inhabitants of this county — Therefore the said Defendants, Woodford, McNaughten and Leavenworth by their attorney filed a demurer to Plaintiff's Declaration which is joined by Plaintiffs and the Court after mature deliberation consider the law is with the Plaintiffs herein. It is considered by the Court that the Plaintiffs recover of the Defendants, Woodford, McNaughten and Leavenworth, the sum of \$82.30 debt and \$4.52 in damages, making in all the sum of \$86.82 together with costs of this

suit.

### State of Indiana vs. Robert Sands — Failure to Appear.

The Defendant appearing in Court and his excuse being offered, it is considered by the Court that the Defendant pay the costs of this attachment and service

### State of Indiana vs. Daniel Allen — Counterfeiting.

This day came as well the Prosecuting Attorney as the Defendant in his proper person who for plea says he is not guilty as charged and puts himself upon the county and the Prosecuting Attorney doth the like, whereupon came a jury, to-wit:

Jacob Rice	Martin Scott
Peter Funk	John Bullock
John Peckenpaw	James Mansfield
Robertson Spencer	James Totten
Jeremiah Poe	John Stone
Samuel Clark	Charles Ridge

twelve good and lawful men who being elected tried and sworn well and truly to try the issue joined having heard the evidence and argument of counsel retire from the bar and after some time returned into Court the following verdict, to-wit: "We of the jury find the Defendant not guilty." James Tottel, foreman; and thereupon the prisoner is discharged.

### George Jones vs. Sowhana Jones — Petition for Divorce.

Now at this time came the Petitioner and the Court being satisfied that notice of the pendency of this petition has been given four weeks successively in the Indiana Gazette, a newspaper published at Corydon and the evidence on behalf of Petitioner being heard the application and petition are rejected and a divorce refunded by the Court to which division and opinion of the Court the petitioner excepted and time is given until the morrow to file a bill of exceptions.

### Lucy Simpson vs. Davis S. Simpson — Petition for Divorce.

Now at this day came the Petitioner and filed her petition for a divorce and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from affidavit that said David Simpson is not a resident of the State of Indiana; It is therefore ordered that the Defendant be and appear before the judges of our Crawford Circuit Court on the first day of our next June term at the courthouse in Fredonia to answer said petition and in default of his appearance the Court will proceed to hear and determine the same in his absence; It is further ordered that notice of the pendency of this petition be given in the Indiana Gazette published at Corydon for four weeks successively.

ORDERED that Court adjourn until tomorrow morning.  
J. R. Goodlett

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### March Term 1823 — 3rd Day

Fredonia, Wednesday, March 26, 1823 — Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

#### Allan D. Thom vs. James R. Nance — Injunction.

Now at this day came the parties by their solicitors and the Defendant moved the Court by his solicitor to dismiss the Bill and Injunction for want of equity; Whereafter argument and mature deliberation the Court ordered and decreed that the injunction herein be dissolved except as to which Defendants admitted was paid and that the Bill be dismissed; That the Defendant go hence without delay and recover of Complainant his costs with \$9.30 being ten percent on the amount improperly enjoined.

#### E. Blackburn vs. Samuel Chambers & Others — Chancery.

This day came the parties by their solicitors and the Defendant moved the Court to dismiss the Bill for want of equity which motion after argument is over-ruled and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the injunction herein of last term was not carried into effect; It is ordered by the Court that a subpeonea in Chancery with injunction issue against said Defendants adjoining them from the commission of the grievances in Complainant's Bill mentioned upon the Complainants in ten days giving bond and security with Allan D. Thom and Jonathan Rice as security in the sum of \$100 — Conditioned according to cause and this cause is ordered to be continued until next term.

#### DECLARATION

WALTER GOWAN, Sr. filed in open court the following Declaration, viz.:

Walter Gowan, aged 57 years, born in Scotland in the county of Lanarh, has a wife, Jerniet (formerly Jerniet Rabb) aged 69; they have one child, Walter Gowan Jr., aged 26, that said applicants sailed from the port of Dumfrees, Scotland in the month of May the 18th, 1818 in the Scottish merchant vessel Thompson . . . commanded by Capt. William Thompson; landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the 11th day of July, 1818. This day in open Court renounces all allegiance to any foreign king, potentate or power whatever and more particularly to George the Fourth, King of Great Britain, of whom he is now a subject; he resides in Crawford County, Indiana; is a farmer by occupation and intends becoming a citizen of the United States.

THIS DAY Daniel M. Ervin in open Court acknowledged himself to owe and stand indebted to the State of Indiana in the sum of \$100 and Walter Gowan Sr. acknowledged himself to owe and stand indebted to the State of Indiana to the use of the seminary of Crawford County to be rendered in the sum of \$50 to be levied of their respective

goods and chattels, lands and tenements if default be made in this condition which is that if said Ervin shall personally appear before the judges of our Crawford Circuit Court at the courthouse in Fredonia on the first day of our next June term and in the meantime to keep the peace towards all the good citizens of this state and more particularly toward William Brown, then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

THIS DAY Joseph Montgomery in open Court acknowledged himself to owe and stand indebted to the State of Indiana in the sum of \$100 and Allan D. Thom acknowledged himself to owe and stand indebted to the State of Indiana to the use of the seminary of Crawford County to be rendered in the sum of \$50 to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements if default be made in this condition which is that if said Montgomery shall personally appear before the judges of our Crawford Circuit Court at the courthouse in Fredonia on the first day of our next June term and in the meantime to keep the peace towards all the good citizens of this state and more particularly toward William Brown, then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

#### State of Indiana vs. John Rees & James Riddle — Recognizance.

This day came the Prosecuting Attorney and the Defendant Rees being three times solemnly called and not appearing and the said James Riddle being three times solemnly called and required to bring the body of said John Rees into Court and thereby save his recognizance and having failed to do so — It is ordered by the Court that a *sine farias* issue returnable to next term to said Rees and Riddle to shew cause why judgement shall not go against them on their recognizance and execution issue thereon and this cause is ordered continued until next term.

#### State of Indiana vs. Andrew Mason — Perjury.

The Sheriff on the service of process is ordered to take bail of the Defendant in the sum of \$1,000 with one security or more in the sum of \$5,000.

#### State of Indiana vs. Conrad Curts — Perjury.

The Sheriff on the service of process is ordered to take bail of the Defendant in the sum of \$1,000 with one security or more in the sum of \$5,000.

#### State of Indiana vs. James & John Riddle — Affray.

On service of process in this cause the Sheriff will take bail in \$100 and security in the amount of \$50.

#### William Wilbur vs. Henry Stephens

On affidavit of Wilbur it is ordered by the Court that a *mandamus* issue directed to Henry Warfield, Esq., a Justice

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of the Peace, for him to shew cause at the next term of this Court why he has not certified into this Court upon appeal in the case between Henry Stephens and said Wilbur before him.

**Allan D. Thom vs. McNaughton — Debt.**

This day came the Defendants and prayed an appeal on the judgement of this Court to the Supreme Court of this state which is granted them upon their entering into bond in the Clerk’s Office in ten days with James Lyon, Joel Lyon and Benjamin Lyon or any two of them as security in the sum of \$150.

**Joel D. Thomasson vs. Samuel A. Philpot — Verdict at Oct. Term 1822.**

Now at this day came the Plaintiff and it appearing to the Court that the jury in this cause are satisfied with their fees; Therefore it is considered that the Plaintiff recover against said Defendant Philpot the sum of \$111.46, the verdict of the jury, assessed together with his costs for this suit expended.

**Joel D. Thomasson vs. Joseph Hanks & Jacob Froman as garnashee of S. A. Philpot**

The Defendants under oath state as follows, viz.: Jacob Froman that he is justly indebted \$14 to the said Samuel A. Philpot, and Joseph Hanks states he is indebted to said Samuel A. Philpot in the sum of \$10; Therefore it is considered by the Court that the said Joel D. Thomasson recover of said Defendants Froman the said \$14 and of said Hanks the said sum of \$10 and that he have . . . therefor and when collected that the said Samuel A. Philpot be entitled to a credit for that amount on his judgement of Foreign Attachment at the suit of said Joel D. Thomasson at this time.

**DECLARATION**

ROBERT WOOD Jr., a native of Scotland filed in open Court the following Declaration, viz.: Robert Wood, Jr., a native of Scotland, born in the county of Rocksbury on the 28th day of February 1795, sailed from the port of Grenoch on the 2nd day of April 1817 in the American vessel Independence; landed in Charleston, South Carolina on the 15th of May 1817 and that he now resides in the county of Crawford, Indiana and intends to become a citizen of the United States, and that he renounces all allegiances to any foreign king,

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potentate or power whatever and particularly to George the Fourth, King of Great Britain, to whom he now owes allegiance and is a subject. Signed this 20th day of March 1823 in open Court.

/s/ Robert Wood Jr.

**Allan D. Thom vs. J. R. Nance**

This day the Complainant prayed an appeal to the Supreme Court which is granted upon his giving bond in ten days with William McKee as security in the sum of \$150.

**Governor vs. Samuel Chambers & Others — Debt.**

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the Sheriff having returned the writ herein entered on Julius Woodford and that the other Defendants were not inhabitants of this county and thereupon the Defendant demured to Plaintiffs Declaration to which the Plaintiff filed his joinder and after argument, by leave of the Court the joinder to demurr is withdrawn and leave is given Plaintiff to amend his Declaration — This cause is continued until next term.

ORDERED THAT Court adjourn until Court-in-Course.

J. R. Goodlett

**March Term 1823 — 1st Day**

This day being by law appointed for holding a Circuit Court for Crawford County, Indiana at the courthouse in Fredonia on the 23rd day of June, 1823. Present: The Honorable James R. E. Goodlett, President of the Fourth Judicial Circuit and David Stewart, Esq., his associate.

THE SHERIFF returned into Court a list of grand jurors, the following of whom were sworn, to-wit:

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| James Glenn, foreman | Abraham Wiseman |
| Henry Green          | John Ruth       |
| William Course       | Jesse Buriss    |
| Samuel Bird          | David Jones     |
| John Bell            | E. E. Morgan    |
| Joseph Vanwinkle     | Joel Lyon       |
| Charles Springer     | Samuel Kemp     |

who being charged by the Court as the law is, retired from the bar to consult of presentments and indictments.

**State of Indiana vs. Andrew Mason — Perjury.**

Prosecutor refuses to prosecute this case no longer. Prisoner is discharged.

**State of Indiana vs. Conrad Curts — Perjury.**

Prosecutor refuses to prosecute this case no longer. Prisoner is discharged.

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