

# Crawford County Genealogy

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## JUST ACROSS THE CRAWFORD COUNTY LINE:

### **BLUE RIVER TOWNSHIP HARRISON CO., IN**

Written By Frederick P. Griffin

From notes of Miss Loretta Davis & Mr. Emory Bruner  
*As published in the souvenir Centennial Program for the  
1959 Harrison County Fair.*

Blue River Township is located in the northwest corner of Harrison County; as its name implies, Big Blue River flows along and forms the west boundary of this township.

According to the records in the courthouse in Corydon, the first settlers of this township took land in the extreme northwest part of the township along the river. These were Arthur Whitehead in 1817; Levi Taylor and John Coe in 1818; and Benjamin King in 1819. Josiah Lincoln an uncle of President Abraham Lincoln, settled in south west Blue River Township. Josiah Lincoln had six children; two sons Jacob and Thomas Lincoln and four daughters who married John Crutchfield, Isom Denton, John Briscoe, and John Sullenger.

In 1809 an early road ran from southeast to northwest across this township; this was part of the main road that extended from Corydon to Fredericksburg- the later place was located on the Old Post Road of the Vincennes Trace.

Four churches have served this area- namely Hancock's Chapel, Blue River Chapel, Mt. Zion and Mt. Tabor. Each of these churches have cemeteries where many of the early settlers are buried. Hancock's Chapel is a Methodist church and Blue River Chapel is a Christian Church. Mt. Zion and Mt. Tabor were both destroyed by fire. The former was never rebuilt but Mt. Tabor, which had once been a Christian Church of Christ, was rebuilt.

The White Caps or the Regulators operated in this township for a number of years. On some occasions whippings were administered by the white hooded men and on several incidents, lives were lost.

In January 1834, William Gresham, the Sheriff of Harrison County was shot and killed as he attempted to make an arrest in Blue River Township.

One room schools once served as educational centers of the township; they were familiar names such as Hancock's Chapel, Brush College, Hati, Wyman, Babcock's, Steven's and Armstrong's. The Depauw High School was constructed in 1910 and served until 1950 when it was discontinued. Blue River, Spencer, and Jackson Townships have combined their efforts in education and all children of this area now attend the North Central Consolidated School at Ramsey.

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### **Johnson McDowell Gibson Veteran of War of 1812**

We recently had a query directed to the Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society about this man. I looked him up in Ancestry.com and found the following:

He was born on June 3, 1787 in Mercersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, the son of John (1754-1827) and Sarah McDowell (1755-1822). He married first Sarah Pence on April 11, 1815 in Montgomery County, Virginia and they had three children:

1. Johnson B. Gibson (1817-1845)
2. Madison Gibson (1819-1877)
3. Wilkerson Gibson (1822-1893)

Johnson M. Gibson married Temperance Ann Perkins on June 6, 1824 in Meade County, Kentucky and they had seven children:

4. William T. Gibson (1825-1894)
5. John Gibson (1828-1878)
6. Rosannah Gibson (1828-1865)
7. Matilda C. Gibson (1831-1893)
8. James Gibson (1832- )
9. Burrell Gibson (1836- )
10. Caroline Gibson (1841-1868)

The Ancestry.com record says he died in 1884 at the age of 97 in Perry County and is buried at Old Union Cemetery in Crawford County, but no marker is found for him or his wives.

Another record on him has essentially the same information but omits one son listed above as Johnson B. The record also says Johnson M. died about 1889 at age 102 at West Fork, Crawford County.

Roberta Toby sent me the abstract of the pension file for Johnson McDowell Gibson for his service in the War of 1812, as follows:

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The Hancock Chapel area was served by a school, church and store. This store was operated by Ed Routh who also served as postmaster. Routh later sold the store to the Wenning family who operates the present store in a building which had once been the original one- room school at Hancock's Chapel. Bill Trotter conducted a mail route from Fredericksburg through Hancock's Chapel to Ramsey on the railroad.

The thriving little town of Depauw is on the main route of the Southern Railroad. This town which is divided- part in Spencer Township - was platted by Felician Henriott, April 8, 1884. Logs hauled to this point by ox teams. Also at Depauw were Grigg's Cannery, Schuppert's Flour Mills, and numerous stores.

The southwest corner of Blue River Township is known as the "Milltown Corner". Here the river forms a pocket around

this area. That part of Milltown (photo below) that is east of the river is in Blue River Township, but the main part of the town lies on the west bank of the river in Crawford County, Indiana.

**Note:** In the Milltown photo from 1902, notice the wooden covered bridge that crossed Blue River.

In this area known as the "Milltown Corner", there are extensive deposits of limestone. Here lime was burned and shipped to distant markets. The largest limestone holdings in this area have been by the Louisville Cement Company. Today poultry is being raised, as an experiment, in the abandoned tunnels of these quarries. During the past year the Southern Railroad has re-routed its tracks through this "Milltown Corner". The Road now crosses Blue River to the north of Milltown, has eliminated several sharp curves in the tracks and missed Milltown entirely.

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**1902 Photo of Milltown  
From Lance Stroud**



## **Blue River Township: Continued**

Ade Stevens had a large orchard one and a half mile north of Depauw and J.H. Bruner had an orchard one mile south-east of Hancock Chapel. D.F. Adams of Blue River Township was one of the first in the county to raise pure bred Jersey cattle. Today Blue River Township is strictly an agricultural area; the farmers are thrifty and scientific in their practices.

Family names that have long been associated with Blue River Township are: Armstrong, Babcock, Briscoe, Bruner, Durnil, Goss, Horner, Hancock, Jackson, Lagel, Lincolns, Lofton, Mott, Seacat, Routh, Smith, Stevens, Totten, Trowbridge, Voyles, and Weathers.

(Submitted by: Hugh or Evelyn Jackson)

### **FROM YOUR PUBLISHER**

#### **Like many Crawford Countians My Family Line Connects in Harrison County.**

The Jones family line of my wife connects with family who lived in Harrison County and others eastward. Her paternal grandfather Willard Askren was born in Harrison County back before Crawford was formed and Harrison Co. extended all the way to the Second Principal Meridian line, which today comes close to following U.S. Route 37 through English. Warren Askren's mother was Nancy Davis Askren and Davis is an early and prominent name in Harrison Co. history, as they were early pioneers, along with the Askren's, although back then they were listed as Askins who came to Indiana from Mount Sterling, Madison County, Kentucky. They all lived along the Blue River and the name of David Askren-Askins appears in the early Circuit Court records of Crawford County as a jurist. David Askren was the father of Warren Askren. David Askins is also listed in Tract Book One, aka Congress Land Sales as owning 160 acres in Crawford County.



**1920 English Basketball Team. Photo from Donnie Roberts. No identifications.**

## **Johnson M. Gibson: Cont.**

### **Johnson McDowell Gibson, War of 1812**

Posted by: Janis Date: April 11, 2000

Submitted by Roberta Toby

#### **ABSTRACT OF PENSION FOR JOHNSON MCDOWELL GIBSON WAR OF 1812**

#159

Washington D. C. February 14, 1871

War of 1812

Johnson M. Gibson  
Leavenworth Ind.  
Capt. Wm. Pepper Co.  
4th Regt Virginia Infantry  
Discharged March 1st, 1815

Received March 4, 1871

W. H. Peckinpaugh

Leavenworth Indiana, Attorney

Found in list of Pensioners on the Roll Jan 1 1883,  
Volume IV, page 33, Indiana, Crawford Co.

Number of Certificate 3338

P O address West Fork, Ind.

Cause of Pension

Survivor of War 1812, Monthly rate \$8.00

Date of original allowance Aug 1877

#### **BRIEF OF CLAIM FOR SURVIVOR'S PENSION**

in the case of Johnson M. Gibson, a \_\_\_\_\_ of  
Captain Wm. Peppers Company, Colonel, Va Militia  
Reg't

Residence: Crawford County, Indiana

Post Office Address: Leavenworth, Crawford Co.  
Indiana

Enlisted Sept. 16thm, 1813, Discharged March 10th,  
1813

Declaration and identification in due form, filed  
March 4th, 1871.

#### **SERVICE FOR SIXTY DAYS SHOWN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Johnson M. Gibson: Cont.**

Report from 3rd Auditor shows that Johnson Gibson served in Capt. Wm. Peppers Co., Va, Militia, from the 16th of Sept. 1813 to the 10th of March 1814.

Length of service 176 days. Claimant declares that he is not a pensioner under any previous act—not on the list of pensioners.

Loyalty: Claimant \_\_\_\_\_ and testimony of William Gibson and Burrell Perkins, oath to support the Constitution of the United States subscribed.

Admitted August 22nd, 1871, to a Pension of eight dollars per month from February 14, 1871.

Signed W. H. Peckinpugh, Leavenworth, Ind. and John M. Welty, Ex'r.

**NOTES:** Enlisted Montgomery Co. Va Oct 1814. Discharged Norfolk, Va

Affidavit 2 Aug 1871: Delares that he is married that his wife's name was Tempy Perkins, to whom he was married at Mead County Kentucky on the \_no day given\_\_ day of June 1824.

Signed by his mark X; Witnesses: Lafayette Gibbs and William Gibens. W. L. Seacat, Clerk.

**Letter from Johnson Gibson** 1850 to ...(name not given):

State of Indiana, County of Crawford  
re. pension claim

Dear Sir

On this Eleventh day of December A. D. 1850 personally appeared before me a Notary Public, (etc.) Johnson Gibson, aged 62 years—a resident of Perry County in the State of Indiana, identifies himself as the Johnson Gibson who was a Private in the Company Commanded by Captain William Pepper in the Regiment of 4th Volunteer Riflemen Commanded by Colonel Koontz. He volunteered at Christiansburgh in Montgomery County and the state of Virginia for a term of six months.

He was honorable discharged at Norfolk, County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of Virginia or about the 1st day of September 1814. He lost his discharge papers and therefore he cannot herwith present the same. He make this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled granted to officers and soldiers for military service of the United States passed September 28, 1850.

Signed with his signature: Johnson Gibson

**BOUNTY LAND CLAIM DECLARATION**

Apr, 7 1855 Crawford County Indiana. Johnson Gibson (no middle initial) again identifies himself as age 67 and the man in Virginia Militia, volunteering at Christiansburg, Va., discharged at Norfolk, Va., etc. (Same dates as above) Witnesses: James H. Eaton and William Gibson testify as to the signature and that they believe what the old soldier says if truthful.

Before Wm. T. Epperson, JP

# 3338 War of 1812: Survivors Pension; Indiana; Johnson M. Gibson; 14196-80-55 Recorded as Johnson Gibson. Oct 18, 1883 letter and circular to J. H., Eaton, West Fork, Indiana. Informed that the soldier is now in receipt of all the pension to which he is entitled by law. Attention called to par. 2 of attached circular. (Not attached)

**Personal letter** from Johnson M. Gibson to Bur. of Pensions for the purpose of obtaining a pension for War of 1812 service. Date: Mar. 1, 1871, Crawford Co., Indiana

Johnson M. Gibson, age 84 appeared again before W. L. Seacat, Circuit Court Clerk. He again gives dates and places of enlistment and discharge, loyalty to the U. S. government, etc. Witnesses to his signature and truthfulness were William T. Gibson and Burrell Perkins, also of Crawford Co. Indiana.

**Personal letter from J. J. Eaton** of West Fork, Ind. Sept. 21, 1883 to Wm. Dudley, Commissioner of Pensions

Sir I call your attention to one Johnson M. Gibson A Survivor of 1812 of Captain Wm. Peppers Co. Va. Militia his Pension Certificate is #3338 he draws \$8 per month, he is 107 years old, Blind and as helpless as a child and that amount does not support him. He is in the house of a poor widow woman by the name of Matilda Harris. We want to varify his pension can be increased, if not, can she get something for her taking car of the old gentleman. She needs help in some way, he is so helpless that it takes her most all of her time to care for him and she ought to have somthing more than \$8 dollars per month.

Hoping to her from you soon.

Yours,

J.J. Eaton,

West Fork, Crawford Co., Ind

END OF FILE (Abstract 19 pages from Nat't. Archives)

**Crawford County Census Records**

1820 & 1830 No record of any Gibson's  
 1840 Johnson is listed as residing in Leavenworth.  
 1850 Johnson is listed in Union Twp.  
 1860 Union Twp: Wm. Gibson, age 34  
     Melinda Gibson, age 26  
     Sarah B. Gibson, age 10  
     Thomas J. Gibson, age 8  
     Charles S. Gibson, age 10 mos.  
     Johnson M. Gibson, age 71  
     Temperance Gibson, age 57  
     Caroline Gibson, age 20  
 1870 Union Twp., Johnson Gibson, age 84.  
     Temperance Gibson, age 65  
     James H. Eaten, age 27

**Gibson Marriages in Crawford Co.**

Gibson, Arlie	McPhillips, Frances	1933	N136
Gibson, Arthur L.	Moore, Irene	1918	K430
Gibson, Barbara	Shutts, Emery	1914	J486
Gibson, Bertha Lee	Morlan, Jams M.	1904	H20
Gibson, Betheny A.	Land, Marshall	1873	D5
Gibson, Caroline	Davis, George W.	1864	C171
Gibson, Charles S.	Waddle, Mary M.	1881	E101
Gibson, Donna Rae	Baker, Ralph K.	1970	T494
Gibson, Dora	Forbes, Lafayette S.	1906	I157
Gibson, Doris Ann	Apple, Russell W.	1969	T364
Gibson, Elizabeth	Armstrong, Wm H.	1865	C212
Gibson, Flora	Smitley, Albert	1937	N570
Gibson, Howard	Eaton, Dorothy	1941	O395
Gibson, Isaac N.	Eaton, Margaret	1874	D98
Gibson, James	Bullington, Eliz.	1858	B335
Gibson, James	Hedden, Martha M.	1887	E492
Gibson, James M.	Newberry, Isabel	1890	F140
Gibson, James P.	Timberlake, Martha	1894	F387
Gibson, Jerry Ellis	Crowe, Sara E.	1971	T545
Gibson, Jesse O.	Goldman, Orpha	1913	J390
Gibson, John	Foster, Catherine	1877	D257
Gibson, Justus A.	Jenkins, Ruby	1917	K302
Gibson, Margaret	Satterfield, Hardin	1886	E445
Gibson, Mary Ann	Cole, Bayward J.	1945	P77
Gibson, Matilda	Harris, Isaac	1856	B265
Gibson, Orville F.t	Beals, Ella	1907	I314
Gibson, Patricia A.	Hubert, Dave W.	5/27/1977	U531
Gibson, Rebecca	Saunders, James M.	1882	E137
Gibson, Rosa	Myers, James L.	1891	F176
Gibson, Rovilla L.	Robertson, John W.	1882	E132
Gibson, Sarah B.	Eaton, James H.	1865	C180
Gibson, Sarah M.	Gilbert, George W.	1878	D307
Gibson, Victor W.	Marting, Lois	1910	J58
Gibson, Walter	Peabody, Gertrude	1922	L289
Gibson, Wilkerson	Butt, Mary A.	1841-3-4	A240
Gibson, Wilkinson	Goad, Malinda	1862	C71
Gibson, William W.	Corban, Maggie	1894	F408

**Gibson Burials in Crawford Co.**

Gibson, Ardela C.	Abell Cem-Sulphur
Gibson, Arthur	Cedar Hill Cemetery
Gibson, Bennett	Dillman Cemetery
Gibson, Chloe	Dillman Cemetery
Gibson, Dorothy	Old Union Cemetery
Gibson, Gertrude P.	Leav. Mem. Gardens
Gibson, Howard L.	Old Union Cemetery
Gibson, Irene	Cedar Hill Cemetery
Gibson, Isabelle G.	Cedar Hill Cemetery
Gibson, James M.	Fredonia Cemetery
Gibson, Jesse G.	Goad Cem., Perly Co.
Gibson, Lillian Marie	Eckerty
Gibson, Lois Marting	Eckerty
Gibson, Malinda	Goad Cem., Perly Co.
Gibson, Malinda F.	Old Union Cemetery
Gibson, Martha J.	Cedar Hill Cemetery
Gibson, Rhoda	Poor Farm Cem.-1
Gibson, Wilkerson vet CW	Goad Cem., Perly Co.
Gibson, William I. vet CW	Old Union Cemetery
Gibson, Willie C.	Abell Cem-Sulphur



Photos from a recent trip to the Willard Library in Evansville provided by Roberta Toby.



## Order Book A — Continued

**Wasson & Sayre vs. John Jewell — Case.**

Ordered to be continued.

**Thomas Louris vs. H. P. Calhoun — Administrator Replevin.**

Ordered to be continued to next term.

**State of Indiana vs. Henry Conrad — Recognizance to Keep the Peace.**

At this time came the Defendant and there appearing no person to prosecute he is discharged.

**James R. Nance vs. Allan D. Thom & William McKee — Debt.**

Ordered to be continued until next term.

**Elijah Hughes vs. Elizabeth Hughes — Petition for Divorce.**

At this time came the Petitioner and filed her petition and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court by affidavit filed that the Defendant is not a resident of this State of Indiana — It is ordered that notice of the pendency of this suit be given in the Evansville Gazette four weeks successively and that the Defendant appear before this Court on the first day of our next March Term and answer said petition else in her absence the Court will hear the petition and rule accordingly.

**State of Indiana vs. Allan O'Bannon — Trespass, Assault & Battery**

Ordered to be continued and further processes awarded.

**State of Indiana vs. Vincent Westfall — Trespass, Assault & Battery.**

Ordered to be continued until next term and further processes awarded.

**State of Indiana vs. John Riddle — Perjury.**

Ordered to be continued until next term and further processes awarded.

**George McIntosh vs. Henry Fullenwider**

Ordered to be continued.

**John Morgan vs. Joseph Tibbs & John Bradford — Case.**

Ordered to be continued.

**Caldwell & List vs. Valentine Sauerheber**

This day came the Plaintiffs by their attorney and filed in Court the opinion of the Supreme Court reversing the judgement rendered by this Court in said cause and it is ordered that a summons issue to said Defendant returnable the first day of the next term of said Court and that this cause be continued.

**James R. Nance vs. A. D. Thom — Chancery Appealed.**

The Complainant filed in Court the order of the Supreme Court dismissing this cause.

**Steele & McCarty vs. Henry Fullenwider**

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the issue being formed upon the plea of payment; this cause is ordered to be continued and leave is given to take depositions in Kentucky.

**Davis Floyd vs. Joseph Froman — On Scine Farias to Revive a Judgement.**

This day came the parties by their attorneys and it is ordered by the Court that the judgement heretofore rendered be revived and that the Plaintiff have execution thereon for the sum of \$190 with interest after the rate of six per cent per annum from the 10th day of December, 1806 until paid, together with the costs of the former suit and the costs of this suit.

ON MOTION of Amos Clark, Esq., Daniel Rogers, Esq. is admitted to practice as an attorney and counsellor-at-law in this Court, he having taken the necessary oath.

**Julius Woodford & Others vs. James Edmondson — Injunction.**

This day came the parties by their attorneys and on motion it is ordered that the injunction herein be dissolved and the cause dismissed.

**James Edmondson vs. Julius Woodford**

This day came the parties and the Defendant Woodford agreeing to appear without process confesses a judgement in favor of the Plaintiff for the sum of \$81.25 — Therefore it is considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover of the Defendant Woodford the said sum of \$81.25, together with the costs of this suit.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL this day filed in open Court an . . . Declaration together with an affidavit of Benjamin Hunt Esq. in order to have his name enrolled on the pension

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list of the United States which is ordered to be certified and it is ordered to be certified that it is the opinion of the Court that the half quarter section of land mentioned therein is of the value of \$50 and no more.

ORDERED THAT Court adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

J. R. Goodlett.

### September Term 1824 — 2nd Day

Fredonia. Friday, September 24, 1824. Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present: the Honorable James R. E. Goodlett, President.

#### N. McKim vs. Seth M. Leavenworth — On Appeal.

Ordered to be continued until next term.

#### James Pearson vs. J. W. Landress — Debt.

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the Defendant having filed their plea and motion, this cause is continued until next term and leave is given Defendant to file additional pleas on or before the calling of this cause.

#### Nicholson vs. Leavenworth — Injunction.

Ordered to be continued. their response which is acceptable by the Court and ordered to be entered and recorded and is as follows, viz.:

IT IS ORDERED by the Court that the following be the established days for the return of exe. . . , viz.: The first Mondays in March, June, September and December in each and every year.

IT IS ORDERED by the Court that the prison bounds of this County of Crawford be to the distance of 600 yards in each and every direction from the public jail in the Town of Fredonia.

IT IS ORDERED that the administrators of Martin H. Tucker, deceased, be allowed the sum of \$35 as a balance due for the ex-officio services of said Tucker as Sheriff of Crawford County for the year 1824.

IT IS ORDERED that it be certified that William Samuels is allowed \$70 for ex-officio services for the year 1824.

THIS DAY James Gowan Sr. filed in Court a Declaration in the words and figures following, viz.: I, James Gowan, born in the Parish of Lesmahago, County of Lenach, North Britain, commonly called Scotland, aged 58 years the 8th day of December 1824, also my family: James, aged 24 years the 7th of November, 1824; also Thomas, aged 17 years the 1st of February, 1825; Shipped at Liverpool on 21 June 1821; Landed at Philadelphia on the 6th of July 1821. This day in open Court renounces all allegiance to any foreign king, potentate

or power and more particularly to George the Fourth, King of Great Britain, of whom he is now a subject and that he intends to reside in Crawford County, Indiana and become a citizen of the United States of America.

/s/ James Gowan Senior

THIS DAY was filed and ordered to be recorded the following Certificate:

State of Indiana, County of Crawford—

I, James R. E. Goodlett, presiding judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of the State of Indiana, having examined the books and papers of the Clerk's Office of said county, do certify that they are in good order.

Given under my hand this 24th day of September, 1824.

/s/ J. R. E. Goodlett.

#### James Pearson vs. William & Isaac Landress

This day came the Plaintiff by his attorney and the process being returned executed and the said William Landress being three times called and not appearing — Therefore it is considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover of the said Defendant Wm. Landress the sum of \$1,100.76 debt with \$375 in damages making in all the sum of \$1,480.76, together with the costs of this suit.

#### Nicholson vs. Leavenworth — In Chancery.

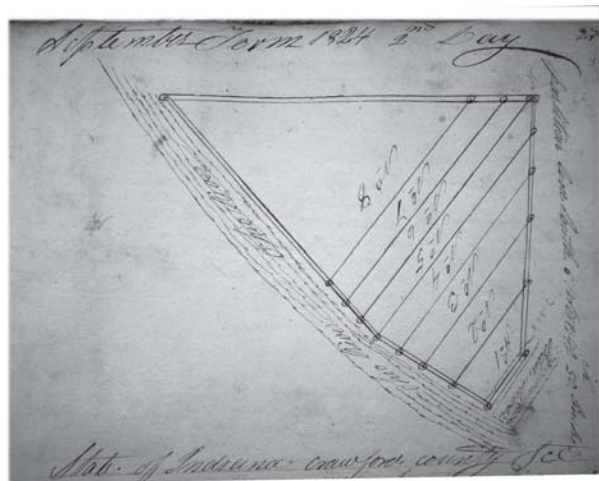
This day came the parties by their attorneys and on motion of Defendant this injunction is ordered to be dissolved — Therefore the Defendant may recover of Complainant the sum of \$1.40 with ten per cent damages on the judgment, together with the costs of this suit.

#### James B. Davidson vs. Davidson heirs — Partition.

Now at this time came the commissioners appointed by the Court at the last term to make partition of the lands as held by and between the heirs of Thomas Davidson, deceased, and filed State of Indiana, County of Crawford—

We, William McKee, Jonathan Rice and Jacob Rice, commissioners appointed by an order of the Honorable Crawford Circuit Court at their March Term in the year of our Lord 1824 for the purpose of making partition of fractional Section number seven and that part of fractional Section number eight (allotted to Thomas Davidson in the partition of land between the said Thomas Davidson and Thomas Jones in the year of our Lord 1820) in Township four South of Range two East of the land of the United States offered for sale at Jeffersonville agreeable to an act of the General Assembly of this state entitled, An Act to Provide for the Partition of Real Estate, approved January 7, 1818, between James B. Davidson, Margaret White, Mary Popham, Elizabeth Hide, Sarah Lyons, Thomas Davidson, William Davidson, Rachel Davidson, Susanah Davidson, Jackson Davidson and Julian Davidson who hold the same as the heirs of the aforesaid Thomas

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Davidson, deceased; six of whom are minor children, namely: Thomas, Rachel, Suaanah, Jackson, Julian and William. We having convened on the premises pursuant to the order of said Court and notice heretofore given on the fifth Monday in March in the year 1824 having previously taken an oath before a Justice of the Peace for the said county to honestly and faithfully execute the trust reposed in us as commissioners aforesaid have proceeded to make division of said land and have allotted to Margaret White as her part or share and proportion to lot number one as represented in the plat hereunto prefixed [above], commencing in the center of the mouth of Big Blue River where the said river enters into the Ohio River in the County of Crawford and State of Indiana on fractional Section of land number eight in Township four South of Range two East of the Second Principal Meridian and run thence North 38 East with the first line of the aforesaid partition nine chains and seventy-five links to the second corner of the said partition, thence with the second line of the aforesaid partition of land eleven chains and sixty links to a stake in said line with an Oak and Birch pointers, thence South 38 West twenty chains and seventy-six links to the bank of the Ohio River, thence with the said river six chains and thirty-seven links to the beginning. We have also allotted . . . for Sarah Lyons lot number two in the aforesaid plat commencing at a stake five chains and twelve and one-half links perpendicularly below and West of lot number one and runs thence parallel with lot number one North 38 East twenty-nine chains and 25 links to a stake with Popular and Sugar tree pointers in the aforesaid second partition line. We have also allotted and set off for Julian Davidson lot number three in the plat aforesaid commencing at a stake with Boxelder and Elm pointers four chains and thirty-seven and one-half links perpendicularly below and West of lot number two and runs thence parallel with said lot number two North 38 East thirty-seven chains and sixty-seven links to a stake in the same second partition line already mentioned; We have also allotted and set off for William Davidson lot number four in the

said plat commencing at an old Beech Sycamore and Elm pointers, three chains and eighty-five links below and West of lot number three and runs parallel with said lot number three, forty-three chains and eighty-nine links to a stake with Ash and Hickory pointers; We have also set off for Jackson Davidson lot number five in the said plat commencing at a stake with Cottenwood, Sycamore and Boxelder pointers, three chains and sixty-nine links below and West of lot number four in a perpendicularly direction from said lot number four and runs thence North 38 East forty-six chains and twenty-two links to a stake with Lynn and Buck pointers in the Northern boundary line of the aforesaid fractional Section. We have also allotted and set off for Susanah Davidson lot number six in the said plat commencing at a stake with one Cottonwood and Sycamore pointers, three chains and seventy-five links perpendicularly below and West of lot number five and runs thence North 38 East forty-one chains and twenty-five links to the said fractional Section boundry. We have also allotted and set off for Rachel Davidson lot number seven in the said plat commencing at a stake four chains and twenty-five links perpendicularly below and West of said lot number six and runs thence North 38 East thirty-eight chains to a stake with two Beech and an Ash pointers; We have also allotted to James B. Davidson lot number eight including the shares and proportion of the aforesaid Elizabeth Hide, Mary Popham and Thomas Davidson, each of whose shares belong to the said James B. Davidson, commencing at said corner of lot number seven with Maple and Elm pointers, thence with the lower line of lot number seven North 38 East thirty-eight chains to the fractional line, thence West forty-nine chains twenty-five links to the corner of the fractional Section seven, thence up the river to the beginning.

Given under our hands and seals this 3rd day of April, 1824.

/s/ William McKee

/s/ Jonathan Rice

/s/ Jacob Rice

ORDERED THAT Court adjourn until Court-in-Course.  
J. R. E. Goodlett.

**March Term 1825 — 1st Day**

At a Circuit Court held for Crawford County at the Courthouse in Fredonia on Thursday, March 24, 1825. There was present the honorable James R. E. Goodlett, presiding judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

CONSTANT WILLIAMS, Esq. produced in Court a Commission from the Governor Commissioning him an Associate for Crawford County; and it appearing that he had been sworn into office, Therefore present: Constant Williams, Associate Judge.

THE SHERIFF returned into Court a panel of grand

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jurors of whom the following were sworn and having received a charge from the Court retired to consult of presentments and indictments, viz.:

Allan D. Thom, foreman	Samuel Westfall
Charles Riddle	A. McBride
Mason Bird	Jesse Burrows
John Bell	John P. Cannon
Reuben Lovell	Peter Peckenpaugh
Nathaniel Straughan	Daniel A. MacRae
Edward Golden	Benjamin Snelling
Thomas Stroud	Elisha Tadlock
Caleb Temple	

### State of Indiana vs. Thomas Sturgeon — T. A.&B.

This day came as well the Prosecuting Attorney as the Defendant by counsel and for plea he says the Defendant is guilty. Therefore it is considered by the Court that the Defendant make his fine to the State for the use of the county seminary to be rendered in the sum of two dollars and pay the costs of this prosecution and that an execution issue for the fine and costs.

### State of Indiana vs. Vincent Westfall — T. A.&B.

This day came as well the Prosecuting Attorney as the Defendant by counsel and for plea he says the Defendant is guilty. Therefore it is considered by the Court that the Defendant make his fine to the State for the use of the county seminary to be rendered in the sum of two dollars and pay the costs of this prosecution and that an execution issue for the fine and costs.

### Wasson & Sayre vs. John Jewell — Debt.

Cause is dismissed — Therefore the Defendant may recover his costs from Plaintiff.

### Nathaniel McKim, Appellee vs. Seth M. Leavenworth — Appeal.

By agreement of parties it is considered by the Court that the appeal be dismissed at Appellee's cost with out . . . fee that Appellant is not to require the money paid for the appeal to be refunded and that no execution is to issue for Appellee from the judgement before the Justice.

### Thomas Sturgeon vs. John Underhill

Ordered to be continued until next term.

### Samuel Bird vs. Elijah Harbaugh — Appeal.

Dismissed at Harbaugh's cost — Therefore Plaintiff may recover his costs.

### Elijah Hughes vs. Elizabeth Hughes — Petition for Divorce.

Ordered dismissed — Therefore Defendant may recover her costs.

### Sarah Danforth vs. William Samuels — Appeal.

On motion of Defendant this cause is continued until next term and on motion of Defendant ordered that a summons issue to Henry Fullenwider, Esq., requiring him to certify to this Court a complete transcript of the record in this cause.

### Ezekiel Cameron vs. Charles Riddle — Appeal.

Continued by consent.

### James B. Slaughter vs. John Miles.

Ordered dismissed at Defendant cost — Therefore Plaintiff may recover costs.

### George King vs. William Goad — Appeal.

Ordered that Plaintiff recover of Defendant \$32 debt with \$12 in damages for the detention of the same, making the sum \$44 together with costs of this suit.

### Steele & McCarty vs. Henry Fullenwider — Debt.

Submitted without a jury and Court orders Plaintiff recover of Defendant \$129.92 together with \$38 in damages, making the sum \$168.02 with costs of this suit.

### Jonathan Rice, Administrator of Estate of John Kincaid vs. William & Miles Kincaid

Ordered by the Court that Plaintiff recover of the Defendants \$20.30 together with \$1.50 damages, making the sum \$21.81, together with the costs of this suit.

CORNELIUS NEWKIRK, Esq. produced in Court a Commission from the Governor of the State commissioning him an associate judge for Crawford County and it appearing that he had taken the necessary oath; Therefore present: Cornelius Newkirk, Associate Judge.

### State of Indiana vs. James Newton — T. A. & B.

. . . for plea says he is not guilty as charged and for his trial puts himself upon the county and the Prosecutor doth the like, and thereupon came a jury, to-wit:

Jonathan Rice	James Brown
James Spencer	William Riley
Oliver Tyler	John Peckenpaugh
Addison Williams	Archibald Sloan
Henry Warfield	Martin Scott
Thomas Lyntch	Stephen Robertson

. . . "We of the jury find the Defendant not guilty." Martin Scott, foreman and thereupon the Defendant is discharged.

### State of Indiana vs. Ninian Hoskins — Supervisor of Highway.

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On motion indictment is quashed.

### State of Indiana vs. Allan D. Thom

On motion indictment is quashed.

### State of Indiana vs. Henry Conrad — Neglect as Jailor.

On motion indictment is quashed.

ORDERED THAT Court adjourn until 8 o'clock tomorrow.  
J. R. E. Goodlett.

## March Term 1825 — 2nd Day

Fredonia. March 25, 1825. Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present: James R. E. Goodlett, Presiding Judge and Cornelius Newkirk and Constant Williams, Associate Judges.

### State of Indiana vs. John Lyntch — On Seine Facias.

At this time came into Court John Lyntch and surrendered the body of John Riddle and thereupon this case is dismissed at Defendant's cost. It is therefore considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover of the Defendant her costs and charges about this suit.

### William Campbell vs. Hannah Campbell — Divorce.

At this time came the Complainant and filed his petition in this behalf and on his motion and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court by affidavit filed that Defendant is not an inhabitant of this state, it is ordered that unless she appear here on the first day of our next Crawford Court, the said petition of said Plaintiff will be taken for confessed and a decree entered against her — Accordingly it is also ordered that publication of the pendency of this petition be made in the Evansville Gazette for four weeks successively — And this cause is continued.

### State of Indiana vs. William Underhill — T. A. & B.

Continued and *pluries capias* awarded to Perry County.

### James B. Ray, Acting Governor vs. Brice Patrick, Archibald Sloan, Elisha Potter, David Wallace, David Miller, Elisha Tadlock, Wilson Scott, William Babb, Samuel Morrow, William Potter, Alexander King, Malachi Monk, Christopher Wright, Moses Smith and Alexander Kincaid — Debt.

At this time came the Prosecuting Attorney and it appearing that the *capias* has been executed on the Defendants Elisha Tadlock, Elisha Potter, Malachi Monk, David Miller, Andrew Kincaid, Wilson Scott and Archibald Sloan, and it also appearing that the Defendants Brice Patrick, David Wallace, William Babb, Samuel Morrow, William Potter,

Alexander King, Christopher Wright, Moses Smith are not found in this bailwick, and the said Elisha Tadlock, Elisha Potter, Malachi Monk, David Miller, Andrew Kincaid, Wilson Scott and Alexander King being three times called came not but made default. IT is therefore considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover of the said Defendants Elisha Tadlock, Elisha Potter, Malachi Monk, David Miller, Andrew Kincaid, Wilson Scott and Archibald Sloan the sum of \$316.76 debt, also the sum of \$43.58 in damages, also the sum of \$31.16 damages for the said Martin H. Tucker neglecting to make settlement agreeably to law and also the sum of \$23.49 to the Prosecuting Attorney, making in all the sum of \$414.99, together with the costs of this suit.

[Note: The above judgement is entitled to a credit of \$177.97 by settlement with Prosecuting Attorney Clark to answer a resolution of the General Assembly. This 24th of March, 1826.]

### State of Indiana vs. Elias O'Banion — T. A. & B.

At this time came the Prosecuting Attorney and this case is continued and it is ordered that an attachment issue against John Best — And thereupon came the said Elias O'Banion and acknowledged himself to owe and stand indebted to the State of Indiana in the sum of \$100 and at the same time came William Riley 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 Elias O'Banion appear before the Court on the first day of our next September Term and answer to an indictment for assault and battery preferred against him and not depart without leave then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full effect and virtue in law.

### State of Indiana vs. John Riddle — Perjury.

Prosecuting Attorney says he will no longer prosecute this case.

### State of Indiana vs. James Riddle — T. A. & B.

Cause continued to next term and thereupon came James Riddle and acknowledged himself to owe and stand indebted to the State of Indiana in the sum of \$100 and at the same time came David Griggs 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 James Riddle appear before the Court on the first day of our next September Term and answer to an indictment for assault and battery preferred against him and not depart without leave then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full effect and virtue in law.

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### **John Morgan vs. Joseph Tibbs & John Bradford — T.A.&B. and False Imprisonment.**

. . . Defendants say they are not guilty as charged and for their trial put themselves upon the county and the Plaintiff doth the like and thereupon came a jury, to-wit:

Jonathan Rice	James Spencer
William Riley	Oliver Tyler
John Peckenpaugh	Addison Williams
Archibald Sloan	Henry Warfield
Martin Scott	Thomas Lynch
Stephen Robertson	Michael Real

. . . “We the jury find the Defendant Joseph Tibbs Sr. not guilty.” Martin Scott, foreman — “We the jury find the Defendant John Bradford guilty and assess the Plaintiff damages of \$40.” M. Scott, foreman. It is therefore considered by the Court that said Joseph Tibbs Sr. go hence without delay, and it is also considered that said Plaintiff recover of the said John Bradford \$50 in damages, and also his costs for this action.

### **Abner Howard vs. Seth M. Leavenworth — Debt.**

At this time came as well the Plaintiff by his attorney as the Defendant in his own person and says he never assumed upon himself or promised the Plaintiff in manner and form as the Plaintiff hath alleged within five years next preceeding the date and . . . of the Plaintiff’s writ and process; And of this puts himself on the county and thereupon the Plaintiff filed his demmur thereo and the Defendant by his joinder, and after argument had, and the Court being sufficiently advised, it is considered by the Court that the demurer be overruled. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the Defendant recover against the Plaintiff his costs and charges in this suit.

### **State of Indiana vs. John Riddle — T.A.&B.**

At this time came the Prosecuting Attorney and this cause is continued. Therefore came John Riddle and acknowledged himself to owe and stand indebted to the State of Indiana in the sum of \$100 and at the same time came James Riddle 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 Johns Riddle appear before the Court on the first day of our next September Term and answer to an indictment for assault and battery preferred against him and not depart without leave then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full effect and virtue in law.

### **William G. Lucket vs. Henry Fullenwider**

At this time the Plaintiff by his attorney came and it

appearing by the return of the Sheriff that the process has been executed in due time and the said Defendant being three times called and came not, but made default — It is therefore considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover of the Defendant \$130.92, part of the debt in the Declaration in this behalf mentioned and also the sum of \$58.92 in damages, making in all the sum of \$189.84, together with this costs in this suit.

### **James Riddle vs. George Riddle — Foreign Attachment.**

This day came the Plaintiff by his attorney and the Defendant being three times called but made default, and the Court being satisfied from affidavit filed that notice of the pendency of this suit of attachment had been given for four weeks successsively in the Indiana Gazette, a newspaper published at Corydon, and the testimony of the Plaintiff being submitted to the Court after mature deliberation; It is considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover of the Defendant the sum of \$105 parcel of the Plaintiffs debt with \$12.90 in damages for the detention of the same, making in all the sum of \$117.90, together with the costs of this suit.

### **George McIntosh vs. Henry Fullenwider**

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the case being submitted after evidence heard, it is considered by the Court that execution issue on the judgement rendered in this cause on March Term 1822, and that the same be in being revived and that the execution therefor include the costs of this suit. — There is a credit for \$6 paid in October, 1823.

### **William Cathcart vs. G. Williams, Adm.**

Ordered to be continued to next term.

### **Seth M. Leavenworth vs. George Wyman, Adm.**

Amount filed and summons ordered and cause continued to next term.

### **A. Brandon & Co. vs. William Goad**

On affidavit filed it is ordered that the judgement in this cause be set aside and that the cause be continued to next term on Defendant’s affidavit filed at his costs.

### **Pilgrim Pope vs. William London — Appeal.**

This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon came a jury, to-wit:

David Griggs	John McNutley
Elias O’Banion	Joseph Vanwinkle
Archibald Sloan	Thomas Lyntch
Oliver Tyler	David Miller
William Carnes	James Spencer
Robert Sands	Michael Reel

. . . “We of the jury find for the Plaintiff \$15.75.” Archibald

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Sloan, foreman; which after verdict the Defendant’s counsel moved the Court for a new trial, which motion after argument is overruled by the Court — Therefore ordered that Plaintiff recover of the Defendant the said sum of \$15.75, together with his costs for this suit.

**Caldwell & List vs. Valentine Sauerheber — Debt.**

This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon came a jury, to-wit:

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| James Riley        | James Riddle   |
| Martin Scott       | William Condry |
| Addison Williams   | Thomas Early   |
| Stephen Robertson  | Jonathan Rice  |
| John Peckenpaugh   | James Brown    |
| William B. Johnson | Henry Warfield |

... “We the jury find for the Plaintiff in the sum of \$75.12 debt with \$30 in damages, making in all the sum of \$105.12.” Martin Scott, foreman — Therefore ordered that Plaintiff recover of the Defendant the said sum of \$105.12, the verdict, together with their costs of this suit.

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

- State of Indiana vs. Elijah Hughs — Bigamy.
- State of Indiana vs. Thomas Farmer — Larceny.

Also a report against the public jail — And having no further business are discharged.

IT IS ORDERED to be certified that the grand jury served two days at present term.

IT IS ORDERED in the cases of the State against Hughs & Barker that the Sheriff on the service of process take bail from principal in the amount of \$500 and for securities \$250.

ORDERED THAT Court adjourn till tomorrow morning at 9 o’clock. J. R. E. Goodlett.

**March Term 1825 — 3rd Day**

Fredonia. March 26, 1825. Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Cornelius Newkirk and Constant Williams, Associate Judges.

**Wasson & Sayor vs. John Jewell**

On motion of Plaintiff note is withdrawn in this case, leaving a copy in the Clerk’s office.

**James R. Nance vs. Allan D. Thom & William McKee — Debt.**

AT this time came the Defendants and withdrew

their plea of payments heretofore filed — And thereupon came the Plaintiff by attorney and the Defendant being . . . herein it is considered by the Court that the said Plaintiff recover of the Defendant the sum of \$150, the debt in the Plaintiff’s Declaration, to be discharged by the payments of \$126.73, being \$93 the amount due on original judgement, \$13.25 interest on the same, \$10.37, the amount of judgement with interest on same at the March Term 1823 on dissolution of injunction, also \$10.10, the costs of the said suit, making in all the said sum of \$126.73 together with the costs of this suit.

**Samuel M. Irwin vs. Reuben T. Thom, Allan D. Thom & John Reece, Defendants — Chancery.**

This day came the Complainant and filed his bill and thereupon came Reuben T. Thom and Allan D. Thom and filed their answer thereto, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that John Reece is not an inhabitant of this State — It is ordered that unless the said Reece appear on the first day of the next September Term and answer to the allegations that the Court will proceed to hear the cause in his absence — And it is further ordered that notice of the pendency of this suit be given for four weeks successively in the Evansville Gazette, a newspaper published at Evansville and this cause is continued

ORDERED THAT Court adjourn until Court-in-Course.  
 Cornelius Newkirk, Associate Judge  
 Constant Williams, Associate Judge

**September Term 1825 — 1st Day**

At a Circuit Court began and Held at the Court house in the Town of Fredonia in and for the County of Crawford on the 22nd day of September, 1825. Present: the Honorable James R. E. Goodlett, presiding judge and Cornelius Newkirk and Constant Williams, associate judges.

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

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| George Robertson | Henry Fullenwider |
| John McWilliams  | Laban Gregory     |
| Cornelius Hall   | Richard Woolly    |
| Richard Weathers | Henry Green       |
| John Lyntch      | William Goodman   |
| Samuel M. Clark  | Henry Rothrock    |
| William Condra   | Allen McBride     |
| John Justus      | Jonathan Rice     |

Henry Green was appointed foreman and the jury received their customary charge from the Court and then retired to consult of presentments and indictments.

**To Be Continued —**