

# Crawford County Genealogy

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## Doolittle Family: Part Two

(Continued from last month)

### JOHN CALVIN DOOLITTLE

John Calvin Doolittle, son of Samuel, born 20APR1830 on his father's farm in Malahide, Concession, Elgin Co., southwest of Ontario, upper Canada. He was nearing 8 when taken by his parents on their trek in covered sled drawn by team in Feb 1838 across more than 3 score miles of Lake Erie's thick ice and on to the Ohio valley following down its north bank to Crawford Co., IN to locate and clear a farm in a hilly section 12 miles **west of Leavenworth**, a river village. It was then a backwoods county such as Abraham Lincoln's parents struggled with there some yrs before, through all the limitations and hardships of pioneer life. Their first rude home was replaced within a year by a pretentious two story frame dwelling by his father using lumber laboriously sawed out by hand himself with his sturdy sons. This quaint old homestead was standing and occupied in 1934 by John' grandson. Neighbors were far apart and the nearest school was 4 miles away with sessions held in winter months when farm boys could be spared. But Doolittle School was soon built nearby through planning by John's father for his children's advancement. Under this father's careful training, John grew up on their frontier farm. He married Oct 1850, Mary Elizabeth Hedden, b 24DEC1833 at Flint Island, on Ohio River, Ind., eldest dau. of Daniel & Mary (Davis) Hedden and resided at **West Fork, Union Twp., IN**, near west line of Crawford Co. on his farm. There they spent industrious happy lives at the old homestead where their large family was born and educated, so that when old enough all taught school. Their first 4 children died within a few days of each other before the 5th was born. There were 11 children. John died 20JULY1893 at West Fork and was buried there; his widow died there 7AUG1905 in her 72nd year. Her devoted son, Dr. Isaac, declares, "After marriage she became a Doolittle in body and soul," and he was ever very mindful of her pious motherly counsel at his start out in the world. John was a soldier in the Union Army. His wife traced her people back to N. Carolina. Her mother was a Davis. Her elder brother married Sarah Jane, daughter of John's brother, George. John Calvin was not of robust physique, weighed 110 lbs at maturity, and said by son Isaac H. to have been semi-invalid most of his life and took sparingly to work on his 100 acre farm adjoining his father's. John's mother

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## Internet Gems

Items found on the web relating to Crawford County.

By Roberta Toby.

(From *The Bluffton Chronicle*, Jan. 31, 1889.)

### INDIANA HAPPENINGS.

Three young men, while hunting near Eckerty, chased a rabbit into a hole, and while digging it out, brought to light an earthen pot containing a large quantity of mixed gold, silver, and copper coins, the dates showing that they were hidden during the last war.

(From *The Free Lance Star*, (Fredericksburg, VA),  
September 15, 1995.)

### Albert W. Andres, Sr. Dies.

A funeral for Albert Wayne Andres, Sr., 58, of Stafford County will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Seabrook, Dieckmann, Naville Funeral Home in New Albany, IN. The Rev. Mike Roberts will officiate, and burial will be in Bethany Cemetery in Eckerty, IN. He died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1995 at his residence. Born in Indiana, he was employed

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as an electrical engineer with the Department of Defense. He was retired. He was a member of the American Legion and a Vietnam War Navy veteran. Survivors included his wife, Doris M.; three sons: Albert W., Jr., of Stafford, Robert T. of Stafford and John E. of Hartwood; a sister, Linda Briner of Clarksville, IN; two grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

From *Bluffton (IN) Weekly Chronicle*, July 12, 1893.

### **INDIANA STATE NEWS.**

"Little" Faulkenburg of Perry County, and Joseph Jones of Crawford County, have been indicted at Eckerty for participating in the hanging of John Davidson five years ago.

## **Grave of John W. Goodson in Cemetery in Grantsburg.**

(*Indiana Magazine of History*, Volume 33, Page 370, Indiana University, Bloomington. Dept. of History, Indiana University. Dept. of History, Indiana State Library, Indiana Historical Society - Biography & Autobiography - 1937)

"After much research, the grave of John W. Goodson was located in the Yates Cemetery, Yates Chapel (now Christian Chapel) which is in south-east Grantsburg",

[This cemetery is identified in most Crawford County records as the Union Chapel Cemetery. I call it Union Chapel — South, as there is another Union Chapel Cemetery north of Milltown. To avoid confusion, I usually identify this cemetery as the "Yates Cemetery." LMB]

From *The Mt. Zion (IL) Region News*, Sept. 26, 2007

## **Virginia L. Rudolph Obituary.**

MT. ZION—Virginia Lea Rudolph, 82, of Mt. Zion died Sept. 22, 2007. She was born Feb. 14, 1925, in Marengo, IN, daughter of Renos and Gertrude (House) Clark. She married Carl Thomas Rudolph on Dec. 2, 1944. He preceded her in death on Feb. 18, 1991. She was a member of the Dalton City Christian Church and a graduate of Mt. Zion High School. Survivors include a son, Robert D. and wife Bessie of Decatur, a daughter, Dianne Wright (Don) of Mt. Zion.

From *Bluffton Weekly Chronicle*, April 19, 1883.

## **English Land Prices Soar.**

The Air Line railway has helped develop a number of small towns along its line. For instance, English, in Crawford County, where land could have been bought a year ago at \$75 an acre, "town lots" are now sold at a higher figure. At a sale of lots in English lots sold at prices varying from \$15 to \$75 which would have almost been given away before the railroad passed through there. English is spoken of as the probable future county seat of Crawford County.

English Thursday, March 31, 1927

## **932 Automobiles, 100 Auto Trucks Registered Here.**

Licenses this year for 932 passenger automobiles and 100 trucks have been sold by John A. Blevins, cashier of the English branch of the State License department.

Richmond (Va.) Dispatch, April 13, 1894.

## **The Bride Said No to the Minister.**

Absalom Thayer and Miss Estelle Flagler stood up to be married at English, Indiana, on Wednesday. The minister had reached that place where he turned to the bride-elect and said: "You take this man as your lawful husband?" She answered: "No, sir; I do not. You are the first one who has asked my opinion in the matter. Mr. Thayer has been courting my mother for more than a year. I thought it was herself he wanted, but it appears that he only wanted her consent to marry me, and she concluded to compel me to wed him."

The minister then said: "This ends it. I hve no power to bind any one against his or her will."

The crowd broke up cheering for the girl.

1925, English, Indiana.

## **BROWN-BELCHER**

Miss Nevada Blanch Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Brown, north of English, and Claud Belcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Belcher, of

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died when he was 19. He was then “keeping company” with his wife to be who was a very beautiful girl of 16, smart and industrious, so John’s father urged them to marry and helped him to buy and clear the adjoining farm where she could keep house and make a home for John Calvin’s father. Their own first home was a “pole cabin” with stick chimney and one room, but 4 children were born to them there, but all 4 were carried away by diphtheria and scarlet fever, 2 buried in one grave. A better dwelling was built then by John with his father’s help, a halved log house with one room and a nice stone chimney, there the other 7 children were born, the last in 1875. It was still in use when John Calvin built a new frame house in 1873 of 2 rooms. This was torn down and a 6 room frame one built in 1886 by young son Henry while brother Isaac H. was in medical college. John Calvin was resourceful, and in religious matters was a community leader. His children:

- i. **Sarah Elizabeth** b 1851; d in childhood.
- ii. **Sabra Jane** b/d in early childhood (between 1857-1860)
- iii. **George** b 1855; d at time of bro Dan and sisters.
- iv. **Dan** b 1857; d soon; bur with above children at West Fork.

v. **James Douglas** b 12APR1860 at West Fork at father’s farm homestead, attended school, graduated at Marengo Academy at 16, grew up there and taught school for a time. He m 1) **Elvira Lincoln Newton** in 1883 who died 30OCT1886; bur at West Fork. They had 2 ch. He was often called by middle name and about 1890 was proprietor of flouring mill at Doolittle’s Mills, IN 4 mi west of West Fork, but soon removed beyond the Miss. River where he m 2) 12NOV1891 **Jessie Lee Roberts**, b 1868 at Nevada, MO. She d 12APR1922 (his 62nd birthday anniversary) at Tulsa, OK. He d 16JAN1930 at Georgetown, IN home of his eldest son while on a visit. About 1890 Douglas engaged in the flour milling at Brandenburg, KY in partnership with Theophilus Roberts whose sister Jessie met there and later married. Her brother married Douglas’ sister, Flora. After some years both families removed to IL (then Indian territory) and became extensive land owners. Douglas amassed considerable holdings in and about Tulsa, where for years he owned and operated an aptment-hotel. Children of Daniel Doolittle:

1. **William Oscar** b 5DEC1883 at West Fork. Went by middle name. m Mary Fessler (whose sister Della m his uncles John and Isaac). They resided 1936-1940 at Georgetown, IN and had 5 ch: Nellie, Paul, Edwin, Helen, Bob, Dovie Bettie.
2. **Dovie Diana** b 11Nov1885 at Doolittle Mills; m Andrew J. Craig of Tusla, OK
3. **Claude Warren Doolittle** b OCT1892 at Doolittle Mills; d 1908 at Beggs, OK.
4. **Mary Myrtle** b 5MAY1894 at Doolittle Mills, m

1916 Robert Donnelly of Tusla.

5. **Eula May** b 9OCT1897 at Doolittle Mills; m 1916 Charles Foor of Tusla

vi. **Dr. Isaac Hayden Doolittle** b 13APR1862 at West Fork, educated at Leavenworth HS and 1879 at Marengo Academy. Before 22 taught 5 yrs (2 yrs in Doolittle School house) Isaac then declined a proffered appointment of Co. Supt. of Schools, preferring to prepare for medical study with Dr. Setser of Leavenworth as his preceptor in early ’80s. Later he matriculated at the renowned KY School of Medicine in Louisville; won undergrad distinction 1886 and grad with honors 1887, rec’d MD degree and captured Prof. Crendorf’s G-U Gold Medal Prize. He m 1) 1888 Sue Collins of Wichita KS b at Leavenworth 1860’s, dau of J. R. & S. J. Collins. They had 2 daus. He m 2) 1907 Mrs. Della Emma (Fesler) Doolittle, widow of his brother John. They had 3 children and resided 1937 at their home in South Bend. In 1934 Dr. Isaac made an auto visit to the site of the old Doolittle homestead where he had spent joyous years in early ’80s with saintly Aunt Elizabeth, widow of his uncle Nelson, and her amiable daughter, Julia. But time and change had left only foundation ruins of the ancient dwelling; however he found the quaint pioneer frame house of his father’s father still cozily occupied and the primitive Doolittle School built by that grand father was yet standing nearby. At the neighboring place and beautiful Ohio River he recalled his boyhood’s many golden summer hours, as with book and lying on its shaded bank, he day-dreamed of the future, while fascinated with the majestic side-wheelers often passing up or down stream to the great wide world beyond his juvenile horizon. In 1899 when at convention of surgeons in Richmond, VA Dr. Doolittle met the distinguished surgeon Dr. Hunter McGuire, then 82 of that city, originator of protatesctomy. While together on a steam boat trip down the James he told Dr. D. of attending the famous Gen. Stonewall Jackson at his historic death and declared the tragic end of the famous patient was due to no gun shot (as generally reported) but to a sharp snag of recently cut underbrush upstanding and piercing the base of his lung in his fall on his back at Chancellorsville, VA engagement 1 May 1863. In support of this highly important fact, Dr. McGuire told of personally removing portions of splintered bark from the fatal wound. . . . Dr. Isaac died 28SEPT1947 in South Bend, IN when he attempted to cross a street and an automobile struck him. His 2d wife is living in South Bend, IN. Their children: Gail, Ada, Glen Fesler, Wayne LaRue, and Naomi Ruth. (More on children available in original book.)

- vii. **Susan Isabell** b 2DEC1864 at West Fork, IN d there 13FEB 1928.

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viii. **Henry Francis** b 12OCT1866 at West Fork, IN; grad 1895 Hanover College; attended Moody Bible Institute at Chicago and San Francisco Seminary, prepared for ministry which failing health prevented his following, still he did home missionary work for a time in Southern California. In 1902 he resided at Franklin, IN probably before going West and there he and E. E. Jeffry had a men's furnishing store. He became wealthy and spent the close of his life at Long Beach, CA where he died 19May1922. He had married Alice Louise Gross. His wid with their only son reside at Long Beach 1937.

ix. **John Allen Doolittle** born 26AUG1869 at West Fork; married 3 Nov 1895 **Della Fesler**, whose sister Mary married John's nephew William Oscar (son of John's brother James.) (Two sisters married an uncle and a nephew.) John kept a store at Doolittle Mill in northern part of Perry Co., an Ohio River county of Indiana where he died 26 Aug 1940. His brother, Isaac settled the estate at his request and 3 yrs later Isaac married the widow, Della who was born 30 Mar 1874 at West Fork, Crawford Co., IN. Children of John Doolittle:

1. **Joy Fay** b 9DEC1896 at Doolittle Mills; married **William Wilkins** 1917; a Spanish-American War veteran. In 1934 they had a restaurant and resided in the old original frame homestead built by her gt gr father Samuel Doolittle at West Fork. It was still quite substantial but aged and quaint. Her home was at Greenfield, IN in 1940.

2. **Gladys May** b 31MAY1898 at Doolittle Mills; married **John Staley** of Willow Branch, IN 23 Dec 1920 and resided there 1935 at Newcastle, IN in 1940. Children: James Duane

3. **Vivian** b 21 Nov 1900 at Doolittle Mills; d 26 Apr 1926 at Willow Branch.

4. **Edison Marshall** b 1 Nov 1902 at Doolittle Mills; married **Ethel Marie Olvey**. In 1937 they resided near Willow Branch east of Indianapolis 28 miles and managed there the 128 acre farm of his step-father, Dr. Isaac H. Doolittle, who was his guardian from childhood. In 1924-40 Edison and 2 sisters resided on a farm 3 miles east of Wilkinson, IN — prob same one as above. Children of Edison Doolittle: Duane and Birdie Lee.

x. **Flora Alice Doolittle** b 6AUG1873 at West Fork, ed at Leavenworth and New Albany, later taught several years in southern IN schools. She met **Theophilus Roberts**, brother-in-law of her brother, J. Douglas Doolittle, and they married at West Fork 3 March 1897. He was the **son of Elijah L. and Malvina (Moorman) Roberts**, Ky planters of the Old South who after Civil War resided at Nevada, MO where ch were born. Theophilus and bro-in-law J. Douglas Doolittle were partners in flour milling at Brandenburg, Ky

for several years but in 1901 they removed to IL where both became extensive land owners. In 1937 they resided at Harlingen, Tx. Their children: Maggie Beulah, Irene D., Wilda Gertrude, Theodore Loyal, Grover Audrey, and Woodrow Elmora.

xi. **Maggie May Doolittle** b 17DEC1875 at West Fork; married **Wm. Gaston Willis** at West Fork 25 Dec 1900. He was b 27 Aug 1880; was well educated, having 2 college degrees and died 30 May 1927. Maggie attended college about 3 years and in 1930 taught home economics and art. Resided in Elkhart, IN, Greentown, IN and Kokomo, IN. Still living in 1937. Children: Dorsey Clinton Willis, Flora Elizabeth Willis, Alice Louise Willis, Donald Kenyon Willis, and Wilma Virginia Willis.

### HENRY BLACK DOOLITTLE

Henry Black Doolittle, son of Samuel, b 24AUG 1834 on his father's farm in Malahide Concession 3 miles east of Aylmer in Elgin Co., Ontario, Canada, just north of Lake Erie. At 3 1/2 years he made the mid-winter trip with parents in Feb. 1838 as they emigrated by large covered sled drawn by team across thick ice of Lake Erie and on to southern Indiana. It was then a backwoods country and on their pioneer farm in Crawford Co., west of Leavenworth, he grew up and attended Doolittle School which his father established nearby, as no other was nearer than 4 miles, with winter sessions. Henry was an original thinker with the native genius for invention so marked in his brain. Some of his major patents were significant, covering inserted circular sawtooth, stump puller, Feather renovator, an improved type of farm-fencing (a side hill rail fence lock), a semi-automatic driveway gate and a clever slide-valve adjuster or cut-off for steam chests in engines which by quickly opening and closing ports increased cylinder pressure thus adding power. It is said to be universally used now in steam engines. He refused \$100,000 for the patent right. In 1866 after returning from the Civil War, he built saw mills, corn and flouring mills, wool-carding machines and grain-measure factories at a location 4 miles west of the old homestead across the line in Perry Co. A village sprung up around the industry and took the name of **Doolittle Mills**. For it Henry secured a post office and became its **first postmaster**. His "nests" of wooden half-bushels, pecks and smaller measures were in wide demand and he hauled them by the wagon load 18 miles south to the Ohio River and shipped by boat. He m1) before Civil War, **Mary Lemon [Lammon]** in 1853 in Crawford County. They had 6 ch. She died in 1888 and he m 2) **Sarah Froman** in Crawford County, 1889, who survived him and was living in 1931. Their home was at Princeton, IN. Henry died at Mt. Carmel, IL in 1907. His sons Perry and Samuel,

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only ch living in 1933. In 1880 Henry resided in Union Twp. near his brother John Calvin in Crawford Co. Children:

1. **Lydia Jane** b 1854; was called Lettie; m **Solomon Snyder** 1875 and d 1908. They resided at Mt. Carmel, IL where the children all resided in 1911: John, Nora, Henry, Hattie, Ollie, Ira Martin, Charles, Cora, Fred and Ethel.

2. **Samuel Marion Doolittle** b at Doolittle Mills 20JULY1857; m 1) **Mary Jane Thompson** in 1875 and resided at Doolittle Mills. He m 2) **Alice Jane Vandiver** in 1883. He was a miller, patentee and manufacturer of fertilizer and land builder; resided July 1933 at Decker, IN and died about same time as his brother, Perry. Children: Henry Marion, Robert Louis, Ardelia Logan, Lincoln, and Lula Mae.

3. **Joseph Beckwith Doolittle** b in Crawford Co., IN 2NOV1858; m 14 Dec 1907 **Martha Helen Vincent Ruble** of Boonville, IN where they lived in 1929, he owned a furniture store. He was highly spoken of. They had no ch. He d about 1930.

4. **Perry Lincoln Doolittle** b 30JAN1861 in Perry Co and probably spent early years there; had general store there at Doolittle Mills in 1890. He married at Marengo, IN 1 May 1860 **Rebecca Ann Conrad**, b in Harrison Co., IN 10MAY1860. They lived together over 54 years, the last 3 with devoted daughter Mary at her home in Kansas City, KS where they celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in 1931; and there they passed away in less than 5 mos of each other, she 2 Dec 1935 and he 24 Apr 1936, at age 75. His daughter Mary writes: "He was a dear father, one to be proud of. In keeping with the traditions of his family, he never did anything of which he needed to be ashamed. But grief was too much; he could not stand separation from her who for 54 1/2 yrs walked by his side. It is hard to give them both up in less than 5 months. Since for the past 3 years they shared my home, I shall miss them terribly." Both are buried in Memorial Park Cem., Kansas City, KS. Their children: Joseph Lewis Hayden, Lydia Jane, Eva Mae, Olive Myrtle, Mary Ella. (More on children available in book.)

**PROCTOR HOUSE  
YARD SALE  
JULY 4TH WEEKEND  
RAIN OR SHINE!**

## **MORE: Internet Gems**

near Taswell, were married last Thursday at the home of Elder and Mrs. Leonard Cummins, Elder Cummins performing the ceremony. They were married in the presence of Albert Brown, a brother of the bride, and a cousin, Mrs. Mertz, of Illinois.

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**The Hayti (MO.) Herald,  
Thursday, July 23, 1914.  
Caught at Last.**

It has just leaded out that John Scott and John Sturm were raised playmates and neighbors at Eckerty, Indiana, and that one grew up on one side of Hooppole Ridge and the other on the other side. Both have vehemently denied their early acquaintance, but Fred Morgan caught them red-handed the other day exchanging home papers. One takes the paper from English and the other the paper from Eckerty.

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**The Hayti Herald, January 30, 1913.  
Personals.**

Raymond W. Sturm and Mrs. A. W. King of Eckerty, Indiana, brother and sister of J. S. Sturm, after visiting him several days, returned home on Monday of last week.

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**The Indiana State Journal, Dec. 29, 1897  
NATIONAL NEWS.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. — Indiana fourth-class postmasters were appointed today as follows: Ackerly, Crawford county, W. W. Ackerly, vice J. M. Froman, removed;. . .

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English, IN Thursday, March 24, 1927.

## Tells Story of Escape From Civil War Prison.

### M. S. Real, of Temple, Was Member of Squad That Escaped.

For several years Michael Stewart "Mike" Real [sometimes spelled Reel], of Temple, now 83 years old, had a deep scar in his left hand, which he explains, was caused by a butcher knife slipping when he finished digging his way out of Camp Ford prison, in Texas, during the Civil War.

"I did the last digging," he said. "I did more digging on the trench than any other man, unless he was a short one. It took a short man to work in so small a place."

Veterans of the Civil war who experienced the cruelties of Southern prisons are fast disappearing. Interesting and terrible stories have been told by men from this county starvation in the Andersonville prison, and fruitless attempts to escape. "Uncle Mike's" story is of a successful escape. He told it one day, when he had walked three miles to English after his pension check.

#### Had 5,000 Prisoners.

"Mike" was a member of the First Indiana Cavalry, Company E, which made a raid through the northwest in 1864, going south past St. Louis in the direction of Texas. Captured and made prisoners by the Southerners, he and his comrades were placed in Camp Ford prison, a few miles east of Tyler, Tex. A total of about 5,000 prisoners were there.

No houses were provided for the captives, who were allowed to build lean-tos of poles and brush. Earth was thrown upon the shelter for protection against the sun and rain. Different numbers of men assigned to each shack, and five were lodged with Real.

Food was corn meal and fresh beef, three quarters of a pound being given each man daily. The prisoners did their own cooking. As the meal was not bolted, the bran was separated from the rest, parched on a tin pan, and used to make "coffee." There was plenty of water, and the spring got



M. S. Real.

low only once.

#### Dug With Knife.

The tunnel for the escape was "invented," "Uncle Mike" said by a man named Corbin, of the fifth Kansas regiment. The plan was to dig an underground passage from the interior of one of the shacks to a spot outside the prison wall. A butcher knife was the only available tool for digging, and it was used first by one man and then by another.

They worked at night in shifts, coming out for air frequently, and sending the loose dirt out on a drag made from a board. The digger would load the improvised sled and it would be dragged out and emptied by a helper. The loose dirt was packed on the roofs of the huts.

"We dug deep enough for us to crawl on hands and knees, until we struck a sheet of rock,"

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Mr. Real said. "Then we had to dig over it, and could not make the roof higher for fear it would cave in. We dug it 68 feet long, and tested it with sticks to see how near the surface we were.

### **Promised Second Place.**

"Corbin told me that I could be the first man out after him if I would finish the digging. I worked fast until I struck tree roots. They had to be cut with a pocket knife, and it was slow work.

"We left in four squads of five men each. Corbin was in the first bunch that left, and about 20 minutes later I went out. I ran a piece, and then waited for the others. I was tired and we just made three miles the first night.

"The Rebels captured two of the quads the next morning, and we heard the bloodhounds after them. Just three of us came through to the Federal lines. The other two left us at the Indian Nation after we crossed Red river. I don't know what became of them. Their names were Gallagher and Hamilton.

### **Saw No One.**

"The ones with me were Asa Turpin and Robert Duracon. If Turpin is still living, he is in Oakland City, and is blind. Duracon was from Kansas. We didn't see a human being for several days, and we lived on sweet potatoes and parched corn. "Once Turpin gave up and said he couldn't go any farther. He said, 'Here's where I die.' But Duracon went back and cussed him, and here he came. While we were going through the mountains we had to live on buckberries and what stuff we had brought. The last mess I ate, I thought I'd die. A man has to have a pretty good crawl to grind parched corn for 31 days.

"The eighteenth day we were out we were recaptured, and we were only 80 miles from the Union lines. They held us two days and marched us back toward the prison for two days. We escaped and made for Little Rock, instead of Ft. Smith, where we first started. We ran away one morning — just broke and ran. They shot at us, but didn't hit us.

"We had some awfully close pinches, but nobody ever saw us. We lay one day in a sinkhole

while a Rebel army passed all day in sight of us. We had to do all of our traveling at night.

### **Served Full Time.**

"We hit the picket at Little Rock October 28 and got our first mess of hardtack, bacon and coffee in six months. I stayed in the rmy until my time was out February 18, 1865. I served three full years and one day.

"I was in the battles of Cotton Plat, Marks' Mill, Cracked Skull, Helena, and was in lots of skirmishes. Helena is on the Mississippi river, and we fought there July 4, the day Vicksburg surrendered. "We called it 400 miles from the prison to the Federal lines, but we didn't know how far it was when finished. He returned to Crawford county when the war was over and has lived here ever since. "I was born in Crawford county and never lived anywhere else, except while I was in the army," he said.

(Submitted by Becky Hammond Stetter)

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[A previous article on the escape of the Tucker brothers from Camp Ford appeared in an earlier article.]

Doris Byrd Leistner in her book, *Crawford County Indiana Civil War Veterans*, says he was a member of the Marengo Light Guards on June 22, 1861, commanded by Capt. Enoch Weathers. He enrolled in the First Indiana Cavalry in 1862, which was later re-organized as the 28th Indiana Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, Company E. That he was a POW at Tyler, Texas from April to September of 1864 and escaped to Natchez and was later married in Mississippi. He was mustered out of the service in February or March of 1865 and returned to Crawford County where he died on November 18, 1934 at the age of 91 and was buried in Mathers Chapel Cemetery. He was an active member of the Capt. Willshire Sloan Post GAR, organized March 21, 1883 and the Dan Griffin GAR Post 130, organized September 2, 1905.

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(His genealogy on next page.)

**For older issues of this newsletter, see:  
<http://www.yatesville.net/histctr/58.html>  
 Mr. Ron Yates has placed all my newsletters  
 on his excellent website. Check it Out!**

*From Ancestry.com, Family Tree*

Michael S. Real was the son of:

**John Real**, born 19 OCT 1812 in Tennessee, son of Michael Real (1775 - ?) and Rachel MARTIN (1777 - ?) and **Martha Ann Stewart**, born 25 JUNE 1817, Marengo, Crawford Co., IN, daughter of David M. Stewart (1775 - 1854) and Anna Sloan (1780 - 1846).

John Real and Martha Ann Stewart married in Marengo, Crawford County, Indiana on 5 JUNE 1834. They had the following children, all born in Crawford County:

1. Martin Real, 1835 - 1837,
2. William C. Real, 1835 - ?
3. Mary Elizabeth Real, 1839 - 1877 married Elijah

Weathers 1855 (B 261).

4. Jane Real, 1839 - 1850
5. Rachel Real, 23FEB1841 - 26AUG1842
6. **Michael S. Real**, 31MAR1843 - 18NOV1934
7. David C. Real, Abt. 1845 - Abt. 1877
8. Susan U. Real, Abt. 1848 - ?
9. Syntha Real, AUG1850 - ?
10. John W. Real, 1853 - ? married Francis Toney

1888 (F 7)

**Michal Stewart Real** (1843-1934) Married 2nd, Lavini Ann SISK (APR1846-1907) on 16MAR1865 in Pulaski County, Illinois. She was born in Mississippi. They had the following children, all born in Crawford County:

1. James W. Real (1866-1886)
2. George Oliver Real (APR1867-1955)
3. John W. Real (1869-1953)
4. Edward M. Real (JAN1873 - ?)
5. Michael Garfield Real (1874 - 1946)
6. Carrie A. Real (SEP 1888-?) grandchild
7. Roy R. Real (MAY1891 - ?) grandchild

**2. George Oliver Real** (1867-1955) married Emma A. TEMPLE in 1894 (BkF 385) in Crawford County, she died 4APR1951 in Crawford County. *The 1900 Federal Census of Sterling Township, Crawford County, Indiana* shows he lived next to M.S. Real and the family was as follows:

George O., head of house, born April 1867, age 33, married 5 yrs, born IN, father born IN, mother born MS.

Emma A., wife, born OCT1877, age 22, married 5 yrs, born IN, father born IN, mother born IN.

Ola H., daughter, born JUNE1895, age 4, single female.

Vadah, daughter, born DEC1896, age 3, single female.

Eva E., daughter, born MARCH1899, age 1, single female.

From Ancestry.com

**George Oliver Real** married Martha C. SILLINGS 2SEP1867, she was age 20. They had 3 children. He married 2nd Emma Ann TEMPLE on 5 AUG1894 in Crawford Co., IN. She was age 27. They had the following children:

4. Ola Hercul Real, 1895

5. Vada A. Teal Real, 1896-1976 married Russell JONES 1915 (K 104)

6. Eva E. Real, 1899-1902

7. Omer O.. Real, 1901-1983 married Dollie LONG-EST 1919 (K 492)

8. George E. Real, ?-1979

10. Annie E. Real, 1906-1912

11. Temple Real, 1908

**3. John W. Real** (1869-1953) married Frances TONEY (1871-1948) on 19OCT1869 in Crawford County. They had the following children:

1. May Real, 1889 married Simon Kaiser 1920 (L 68)

2. Amy Real, 1891

3. Lela Real, 1893 married Charles R. Jones 1916 (K 201)

4. Zeta Real, 1896

5. Michael Real, 1898

6. Retta Earl Real, 1900-1904

7. Netty Real, 1903

8. Nora Real, 1906 married Marshall Wiseman 1922 (L 259)

9. Real, 1908

**4. Edward M. Real** (1873 - ?) married Olive TEMPLE (1880-1951) in 1900 in Crawford County. (G-281). They had the following children:

1. Carrie A. Real (1888 - ?) married Charles A. Reed 1908 (I 489)

2. Roy R. Real (1891 - ?)

3. Bertha Real (1910 - ?) married Carl Miller, 1939 (O 25)

**5. Michael Garfield Real** (Aug. 22, 1874-June 6, 1946) married Frances MATHERS on 18NOV1894. She died in 1903. They had the following children:

1. Mary L. Real, b. 1894

2. Russell Real, b. 1899, d. 1899.

He married 2nd (I-540) Grace Leona BOBBITT on 5JUNE1909 and they had the following children (from 1930 Census of Louisville, Jefferson, Ky where he was working as a RR policeman:

3. James M. Real b. Abt. 1912

4. Ruth M. Real b. 1914

5. Chester J. Real b. 1916

6. Steward G. Real b. 1918

7. Esther Real b. 1920

8. Paul F. Real b. 1923

9. Phyllis J. Real b. 1929