

# Crawford County Genealogy

*Remembering our Heritage — Enriching the Present — Ensuring the Future*

November 2010

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## Descendants of Champness Savage

(Copied from Internet by Roberta Toby.)

1 Champness SAVAGE b: Abt. 1775 CENSUS:  
1820 IN, Crawford Co pg 7

. +Catherine STROUD b: Abt. 1775 m: Oct 10,  
1810

. 2 Julia A SAVAGE b: 1810

. 2 John SAVAGE b: 1811 in Indiana d: Bef. 1870  
CENSUS: 1840/1850/1860 IN (1870 lists wife only)

.... +Mornen BROWN b: Abt. 1810 in North Caro-  
lina d: 1851 m: Abt. 1834

.... 3 James Dabney SAVAGE b: Feb 11, 1833 in  
Crawford County, Indiana d: Dec 18, 1905  
Princeton, Indiana MISC. INFO: also listed in  
1900: Ida Young, grandchild, age:13 b. Indiana  
CENSUS: 1880/1900 IN, Crawford Co., Sterling  
Twp, Brownstown

..... +Sarah Ann POWELL b: Feb 26, 1838 in Lodi,  
Parke County, Indiana

..... 4 Saprionia SAVAGE b: Abt. 1862 in Illinois  
CENSUS: 1880 IN, Crawford Co.

..... 4 William O SAVAGE b: Abt. 1864 in Illinois  
CENSUS: 1880 IN, Crawford Co.

..... 4 John SAVAGE b: Abt. 1868 in Indiana  
MISC. INFO: 1880 age: 12 CENSUS: 1880 IN,  
Crawford Co. Sterling Twp, Brownstown

..... 4 Elvira SAVAGE b: Abt. 1870 in Indiana  
MISC. INFO: age 10 in 1880 CENSUS: 1880 IN,  
Crawford Co. Sterling Twp, Brownstown

..... 4 George Thornton SAVAGE b: Sep 1870 in  
Indiana MISC. INFO: age: 8 in 1880 CEN-  
SUS: 1880 IN, Crawford Co. Sterling Twp,  
Brownstown

..... +Maggie ?

..... 5 Ambr G SAVAGE b: Jul 1893 in Indiana  
CENSUS: 1900 IN soundex (age: 6)

..... 5 Amy C SAVAGE b: May 1897 in Indiana  
CENSUS: 1900 IN Soundex

..... 5 Chester L SEVEDGE b: Jan 1895 in  
Indiana CENSUS: 1900 IN Soundex (age: 5)

..... +Jessie THOMAS d: Jun 01, 1936 Floyd  
County, Indiana

..... 6 Chester SEVEDGE

..... 6 Wayne SEVEDGE

..... 6 Wallace SEVEDGE

..... 6 Kathlyn SEVEDGE

..... 6 Wanda SEVEDGE

..... 6 Marjorie SEVEDGE

..... 6 Barbara SEVEDGE

..... 5 Wallace W SAVAGE b: Jan 1900

CENSUS: 1900 IN Soundex

..... 4 Ruth SAVAGE b: Abt. 1874 in Indiana  
CENSUS: 1880 IN, Crawford Co.

..... 4 James O SAVAGE b: Oct 1877 in Kentucky  
CENSUS: 1880/1900 IN, Crawford Co., Sterling  
Twp, Brownstown

..... 4 Henry A SAVAGE b: Sep 1880 in Indiana  
MISC. INFO: 1880 age: 10 months old CENSUS:  
1880/1890 IN, Crawford Co., Sterling Twp,  
Brownstown

.... 3 Catherine SEVEDGE b: Abt. 1835 in Indiana  
CENSUS: 1850 IN

..... +James DEAN

.... 3 Champness SEVEDGE b: Mar 1836 in Indi-  
ana Burial: Marengo Cemetery, Marengo, IN  
MISC. INFO: headstone shows: "SERGT. CO. H  
13th INDIANA CAV" CENSUS: 1850/1900 IN

..... +Lenesta KEY b: Jun 1836 in Indiana m:  
Dec 14, 1856 CENSUS: 1850 Orange Co, Indiana  
Census w/additions

..... 4 William A SEVEDGE b: Jun 12, 1860 in  
Indiana d: Mar 01, 1939 Indiana Burial: Marengo  
Cemetery, Marengo, IN CENSUS: 1900 IN  
Soundex

..... 4 John B SEVEDGE b: Dec 1878 in Indiana d:

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# Internet Gems

Items found on the web relating to Crawford County.  
By Roberta Toby.

## Crawford County Post Offices

(Published 1850, Class of 1851.)

- Fredonia - (ch) Albert H. Davidson.
- Leavenworth - William Mansfield.
- Magnolia - Addison Williams.
- Mifflin - John Patrick.
- Milltown - Libbeus Frisbie.
- Mt. Prospect - Isaac Sands.
- Nebraska (Alton)- Wm. R. Hollcroft.
- Proctorsville - William Proctor.
- Sterling - John Martin.
- Wickliffe - David Rice.

## Bumper Crop Of Apples.

*The American Nonconformist*, August 29, 1895

ENGLISH, Aug. 27. — There will be 100 per cent more dried fruit shipped from this county this year than has ever been sent out in any one year before. The average per diem shipment during the past week from three stores here aggregate 19,246 pounds. This is but a fair sample of the fruit trade in the county. The apple crop is simply enormous and extensive preparations are being made for handling them.

## Candy Sales Banned.

*The Ft. Wayne News Sentinel*, June 5, 1918

The grocers of Crawford county have agreed to sell no more candy for the duration of the war and the action has been approved by the State Food Administration. A likely guess as to the quality of candy sold in Crawford county grocery stores warrants the impression that the State Board of Health could add its sanction also to that of the food administrator. Hast ever been in Crawford county, little playmate?

## WWI Casualty List

*The Ft. Wayne News Sentinel*, October 22, 1918

### The Day's War Casualties

#### LOSSES

Today's casualty lists show total losses for Indians, Ohio and Michigan as follows:

Indiana	13
Ohio	45
Michigan	19

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23. — The following casualties are reported today by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces:

- Killed in action, 40
- Missing in action, 43.
- Severely wounded, 71.
- Slightly wounded, 45.
- Died of accident and other causes, 6.
- Died of wounds, 11.
- Wounded degree undetermined, 323.
- Died of disease, 54.
- Prisoners, 11.
- Total, 559.

Among the names in the list are the following:

#### INDIANA.

Missing In Action.

- Privates **Roy Hanover, English**, Paul Spart, Gary.
- Died of Wounds.

- Corporal **Arthur F. Turner, Grantsburg**.
- Wounded, Degree Undetermined.

Sergeant Monroe 2nd Link, Terre Haute.

Privates Delbert Kendall, Shelbyville, Albert Heinse, Vincennes, Rolla Noel, Freedom, Edward B. Southern, Kokomo, Herman E. Swift, Alexandria.

#### MICHIGAN.

Missing In Action.

- Private Myrl D. Hoopingarner, White Pigeon.

#### OVERNIGHT LIST.

In the overnight list are the following casualties:

- Killed in action, 104.
- Missing in action, 73.
- Wounded severely, 355.
- Died from wounds, 37.
- Total, 569.

Among the names in the list appear the following:

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INDIANA.

Killed in Action.

Private Alfred Housefield, Madison.

Missing in Action.

Mechanic Luke L. Reiley, Alexandria.

Privates Fred Schweingrubey, Farmore Retreat, James T. Ward, Westport; Robert Warnick, Bloomfield.

Wounded Severely.

Privates Henry Auler, Alexandria; James G. Chastain, Bedford, Silas S. Horn, Lynn; Loren F. Shew, Clinton.

Died of Wounds.

Private Jesse R. Todd, Winston.

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**Costs of Building County Courthouses.**

*The Indiana State Journal, August 17, 1898*

**Courthouses and Taxable Property.**

The following table was prepared by a member of the sociological department at the State University. The table shows the varying relation of the cost of the courthouses in Indiana built within the last thirty years, to the taxable property of their respective counties.

County.	Courthouse	property.	Pct.
Adams	\$90,000	\$2,925,180	3.08
*Allen	.....	42,000,000	....
Benton	75,000	16,700,800	-45
Bartholomew	150,000	12,151,610	1.23
Crawford	33,000	2,357,250	1.10
Cass	50,000	15,000,000	.33
Clinton	260,000	9,224,000	2.16
Clark	37,000	8,187,000	.87
Daviess	100,000	6,531,000	1.58
Delaware	265,000	9,590,000	2.60
Elkhart	125,000	10,600,000	1.18
Floyd	110,000	14,000,000	.78
Gibson	152,000	14,531,300	1.04
Greene	81,000	6,187,560	1.30
Grant	165,000	8,972,840	1.75
Howard	104,000	5,000,000	2.09
Fulton	141,000	10,036,950	1.40
Jay	45,000	3,247,000	1.38
Jasper	120,000	8,381,287	1.44
Knox	312,000	11,044,180	2.82
Kosciusko	197,799	17,366,800	1.13
Lagrange	71,673	7,442,000	.95
Laporte	305,000	26,000,000	1.20

Montgomery	140,000	15,100,400	.92
Martin	75,000	2,000,000	3.75
Marshall	105,000	16,000,000	.66
Noble	116,000	8,750,000	1.32
Madison	200,000	15,000,000	1.33
Porter	169,000	8,500,000	1.90
Randolph	78,000	10,000,000	.78
Rush	254,382	15,688,210	1.61
St. Joseph	250,000	27,670,480	.88
Vermillion	28,000	4,402,876	.63
Vigo	500,000	25,302,250	1.90
Vanderburg	554,738	27,727,000	2.09
Tippecanoe	450,000	21,000,000	2.10
Wabash	96,000	10,567,475	.90
Wayne	435,000	26,000,000	1.68
Whitley	160,000	7,344,440	2.18
White	85,073	11,534,365	.73
Washington	75,000	5,655,370	1.32

\*The Allen county courthouse is under construction. Bonds were sold to the amount of \$500,000. Up to this time \$650,000 of contracts have been let. The total cost will probably be over \$1,000,000.

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1908 Indiana Burial: Marengo Cemetery, Marengo, IN CENSUS: 1900 IN Soundex  
 ..... +Zetta E GOLDMAN b: 1874 in Indiana d:  
 1956 Indiana Burial: Marengo Cemetery, Marengo, IN m: 1900  
 ..... 5 Paul SEVEDGE b: Oct 06, 1903 d: Jan 1969  
 ..... +Mary ?  
 ..... 6 John SEVEDGE  
 ..... 5 Carroll (Carrol) SEVEDGE b: Abt. Jun 11, 1905 in Crawford Co, Indiana MISC. INFO: birth reference : Book No 03-A, Page No 07  
 ..... 6 Catherine SEVEDGE  
 ..... 6 Eleanor SEVEDGE  
 ..... 5 Harlan SEVEDGE b: Jun 16, 1906 in Crawford Co, Indiana MISC. INFO: birth reference : Book No.03, Page No 33  
 .... 3 Ruhamah SEVEDGE b: Dec 25, 1837 in Indiana d: Feb 22, 1866 Burial: Marengo Cem., Marengo, IN CENSUS: 1850 IN  
 ..... +Henry JONES b: 1837 d: 1922 m: Sep 28, 1858  
 ..... 4 John JONES  
 ..... 5 ? JONES  
 ..... 4 William JONES  
 ..... 4 Elisha JONES b: Dec 18, 1865 d: Dec 01,  
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1945  
 ..... +Nora STROUD m: Bef. 1883  
 ..... 5 Florence JONES b: Abt. 1893 d: 1981  
 ..... +Thomas ALLEN  
 ..... 6 Lenore R ALLEN b: 1919  
 ..... +Fred T MOON b: 1915 d: 1979 Indiana Burial: Mather's Cemetery, English, IN m: Bef. 1952  
 ..... 7 Donald MOON  
 ..... 8 Richard MOON  
 ..... 9 Glen Walter MOON  
 ..... 8 Monty MOON  
 ..... 8 Paul MOON  
 ..... 8 Frederick Shawn MOON  
 ..... 8 William Thomas MOON  
 ..... 7 Max G MOON b: Abt. 1952 d: Mar 31, 1984  
 ..... 8 ? MOON  
 ..... 8 ? MOON  
 ..... 8 ? MOON  
 ..... 8 ? MOON  
 ..... 8 ? MOON  
 ..... 8 ? MOON  
 ..... 5 Ola JONES b: Abt. 1896 d: Unknown  
 ..... +Willard MCKEE  
 ..... 6 LaVergne MCKEE  
 ..... +? ENGLEMAN  
 ..... 7 Linda ENGLEMAN  
 ..... +? PEARSON  
 ..... 8 Kimberly PEARSON  
 ..... 8 Kelly PEARSON  
 ..... 6 Lucille MCKEE  
 ..... 5 Ruhamah JONES d: 1985  
 ..... +Charles FREE  
 ..... 6 Charles Lee FREE  
 ..... +Jackie Mae ?  
 ..... 7 Janet FREE  
 ..... 7 Jerry FREE  
 .... 3 Julian SEVEDGE b: Abt. 1840 in Indiana CENSUS: 1850 IN  
 ..... +Ephraim JONES  
 .... 3 William O SEVEDGE b: Abt. 1842 in Indiana CENSUS: 1850/1860/1880 IN 1900 IN Soundex  
 ..... +Mary E JONES b: Mar 1846 in Indiana m: Sep 14, 1865  
 ..... 4 John M SEVEDGE b: Abt. 1866 d: Oct 14, 1873 Burial: Marengo Cem., Marengo, IN  
 ..... 4 Delilah F SEVEDGE b: Abt. 1868 in Indiana

CENSUS: 1880 IN  
 ..... +Andrew CONRAD m: 1887  
 ..... 4 Cynthia M SEVEDGE b: Sep 1873 in Indiana CENSUS: 1880 IN 1900 IN Soundex  
 ..... +Harrison MARLETTE m: 1907  
 ..... 4 Mary E SEVEDGE b: Abt. 1876 in Indiana CENSUS: 1880 IN  
 ..... +James W STROUD m: Dec 22, 1892  
 ..... 4 Rose Ann SEVEDGE b: Abt. 1879 in Indiana d: Unknown CENSUS: 1880 IN  
 ..... 4 Edward M SEVEDGE b: Jul 22, 1883 in Indiana d: Mar 1965 Indiana Burial: Marengo Cem., Marengo, IN  
 ..... +Margaret May (Maggie M) MILEY b: 1881 d: Apr 26, 1939 Indiana Burial: Marengo Cemetery, Marengo, IN m: 1907  
 ..... 5 Hilda A SEVEDGE b: Abt. 1908 in Indiana CENSUS: 1920 IN Soundex Roll M 1560 177  
 ..... 5 William E SEVEDGE b: Abt. 1911 in Indiana CENSUS: 1920 IN Soundex Roll M 1560 177  
 ..... 5 Mary E SEVEDGE b: Abt. 1911 in Indiana CENSUS: 1920 IN Soundex Roll M 1560 177  
 ..... 5 James L SEVEDGE b: Abt. Mar 1918 in Indiana CENSUS: 1920 IN Soundex Roll M 1560 177.



**One of the old kilns used to burn limestone and make lime in Milltown. Photo taken on Sept. 19th, 2010 while at the Milltown Community Festival. Spoke there with Ralph Seacat who said Louisville Cement Co. bought the property about 1884 and they built two limestone kilns in 1887 and later added two more which were lined with steel. These kilns are of historical value to Milltown and Crawford County.**

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## E-Mails Received

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Sat, July 17, 2010

Wonderfull Visit To Crawford County  
 From: Richard Byrd <rhjmburd@comcast.net>  
 To: kentucky41girl@verizon.net;  
 burmeisterlarry@yahoo.com;  
 beckystetter@yahoo.com  
 Cc: eastridgebig@psci.net;  
 oldfolks2@epowerc.net

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 Roberta, Larry and Becky,

Thanks so much for all of your help with our family research of the Bird/Byrd family, you were all so very friendly and helpful, my wife and I were very impressed with all the information that you were able to help us with. Roberta, I have a frame for the colorful map of Crawford county, Larry, thanks for all of your help with finding the property deed at Whiskey Run township, Becky, thank you for all your wonderful assistance in the library and the information about the ticks, we saw them spraying the roadsides for those. The Proctor home in the area is very impressive, attached find a picture of the Abraham Byrd home built sometime between 1833 - 1843, in Montgomery county Indiana. Abraham was the son of Jonathan Bird/Byrd that resided in your county after leaving Barren county KY. He was a Revolutionary War Soldier.

Thank You again and please let us know of any information you might come across about the Bird/Byrd family of that era.

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Richard and Joni Byrd  
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Sat, July 10, 2010—McMahan Cemetery  
 From: Lisa Stalnaker <lisajoystal@yahoo.com>  
 To: "burmeisterlarry@yahoo.com"

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 Larry,

I just wanted to send a big thank you for all the work you did on the cemeteries. I was thrilled to find the headstones of Samuel McMahan and Jane 'Jinney' McMahan. I'm a family genealogist and historian and have been working on the family tree for over 20 years... Samuel McMahan was the brother of my direct ancestor and no one has been able to learn anything about him beyond his name (from the will of his father).

I stumbled upon the Crawford County Historical and Genealogical websites and started looking around and wow! I don't know how to thank you enough for the beautiful pictures of the headstones of Samuel and his wife. You all have put such an enormous amount of care into your work... it shows and it does make a difference.

I'll be sharing this "find" with other family members but wanted to first send a thank you.

By the way, Samuel McMahan was the son of James McMahan and Margaret Reid. Not sure, yet, where Samuel was born... either Rowan County, North Carolina or Kentucky, but his family first arrived in Clark County, Kentucky about 1783, perhaps a bit earlier.

Samuel married Jane Daneil on 27 February 1796 in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky. To my knowledge, they only had one child, William, who died but still haven't figured out when or where.

Last found Samuel in the 1850 census living with his nephew and namesake, Samuel McMahan (son of my direct ancestor William Reid McMahan) in Sterling Township.

Wish I could tell you more, but the headstone and cemetery listings... that's the first bit of news we've had in a great long while.

Anyway, just wanted to say Thank You! God bless, too.

Lisa Stalnaker  
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## E-Mails Received

Crawford County Historical Connections  
 From: Marilyn La Velle Poitras <lavelle@valornet.com>  
 To: burmeisterlarry@yahoo.com

Hi Larry,  
 I'm sure you have heard this a hundred times before but.....  
 I cannot thank you enough for taking the time to do the  
 cemetery work you have done in Crawford Co. So many of  
 my people are buried there. The past few hours have been a  
 trip back in time for me.  
 Thank you again, so much!  
 Marilyn LaVelle Poitras

Sun, October 3, 2010  
 RE: October  
 From: William Combs <combs.w@sbcglobal.net>  
 To: Larry Burmeister <burmeisterlarry@yahoo.com>

Oh, Man!! Halls! I have about three generations or more  
 of "Francis Hall" all men in the 16-1700's on the east  
 coast. This family got entwined with the Bainbridge fam-  
 ily—as in William Bainbridge of the USS Constitution. First  
 and maybe only American naval commander ever captured  
 by Muslim pirates. The early Halls were land speculators in  
 New Jersey in 1690's. Now, I think that Halls can be as  
 elusive as any other common English name, say, the Combs,  
 which I found a William Combs, my husband's name on  
 this Hall list. My William has found 9 John Combs 's living  
 in New Jersey during the 18th C., all in the same area.  
 yikes.

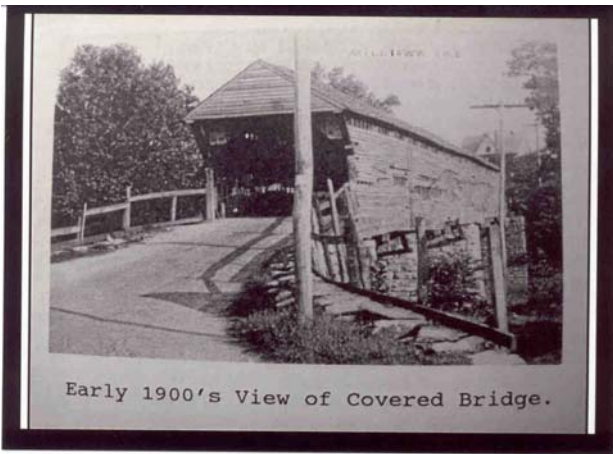
Thanks for another great newsletter.  
 Dianne Hatfield Combs  
 Crawfordsville

Sun, October 3, 2010 8:11:00 PM  
 Re: Oct issue of My Crawford Co Newsletter  
 From: "conklindj@netzero.net" <conklindj@netzero.net>  
 To: burmeisterlarry@yahoo.com

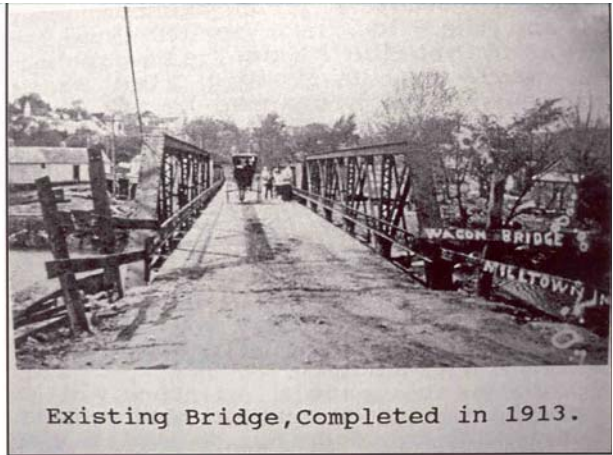
Just wanted to let you know that the picture on page 3 is  
 the Milltown School Band. Most of those people still live in  
 Milltown.

Janice

**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!**



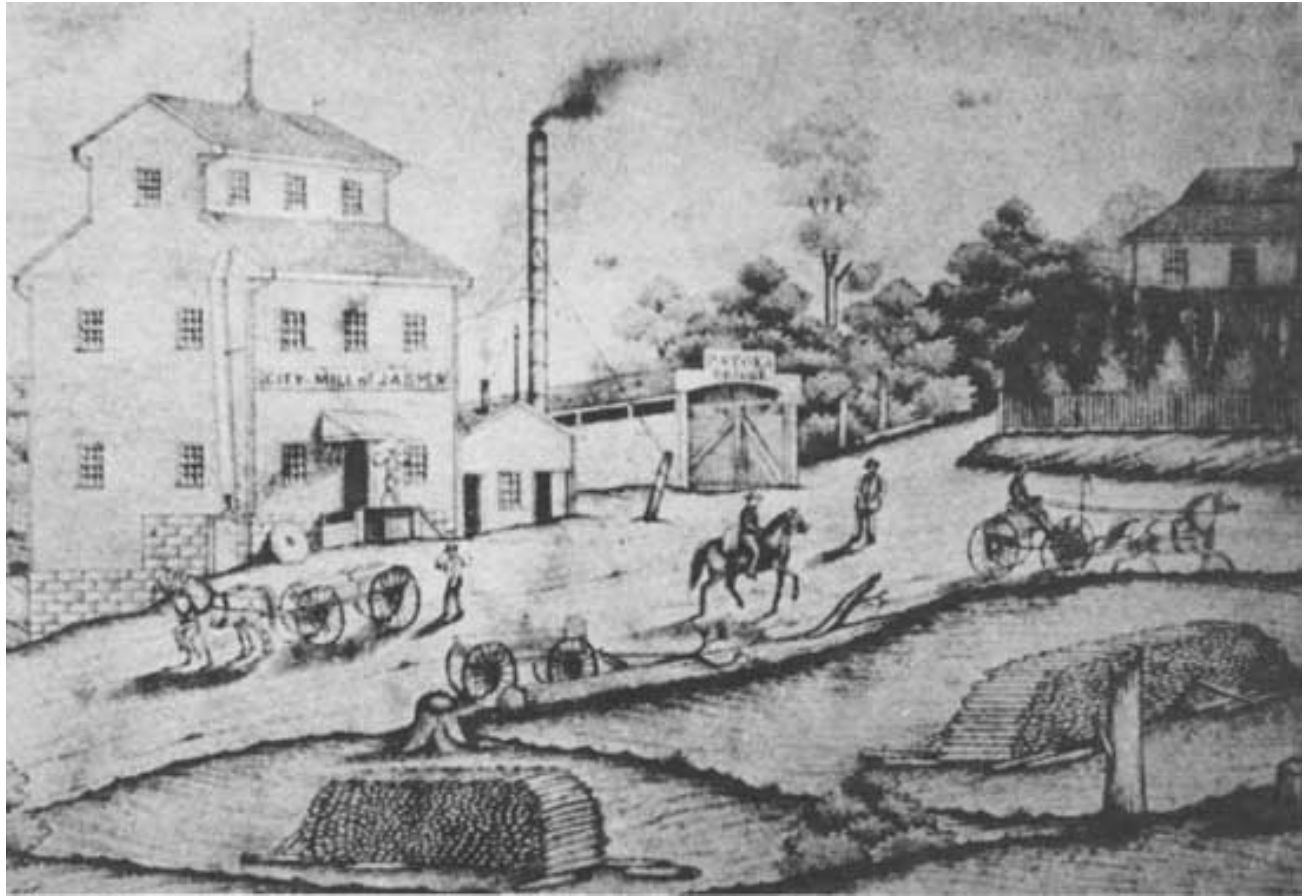
Early 1900's View of Covered Bridge.



Existing Bridge, Completed in 1913.



**Pictorial History of the Milltown Bridge. Purchased  
 at Milltown Festival 5 for \$2.**



Article and Picture submitted by R. Toby.

Drawn prior to the Civil War, this is the oldest known picture of the Jasper mill, operated by the Eckert family from the late 1800s to about 1930, and the covered bridge over the Patoka River.

Besides a water wheel, power was also furnished by a steam engine, [and] wood was used to fire the boiler.... Grain was brought to the mill in buggies, on buckboards and across the backs of horses.... In the early days much of the flour manufactured was placed in barrels and hauled by wagons to Troy where it was placed on boats going either to the east or west. For such delivery it was necessary for the mill owners to operate a cooper shop [right edge of picture] in order to make barrel staves and hoops.

## Where Did It Come From?

*Where did Piss Poor come from?*

They used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families Used to all pee in a pot & then once a day it was taken & Sold to the tannery.....if you had to do this to survive You were "Piss Poor"

But worse than that were the really poor folk who couldn't Even afford to buy a pot.....they "didn't have a pot to Piss in" & were the lowest of the low.

The next time you are washing your hands and

complain Because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, Think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about The 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their Yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell . . . . . Brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting Married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then, All the other sons and men, then



EASTRIDGE, JANET 50TH Ann (Farrel Pfaff)  
Chandler, IN Courier Press 5-25-2008



Farrel and Janet Pfaff

Farrel and Janet "Jan" Pfaff of Chandler, Ind., plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday with family.

Pfaff and the former Janet Eastridge were married May 31, 1958, in Taswell, Ind.

They are the parents of two children: April Kohlmeyer of Newtonville, Ind., and Cindy Pfaff of Chandler. They also have five grandchildren.

Farrel Pfaff retired from Alcoa in 1997 after 31 years. Jan Pfaff owns her own cleaning service

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the women and finally, the Children. Last of all, the babies. By then the water was so Dirty you could actually lose someone in it.. Hence the Saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no Wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get Warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) Lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and Sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof... Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the House. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs And other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, A bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top Afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into Existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other Than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor." The wealthy had Slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, So they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their Footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, When you opened the door, it would

all start slipping Outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

(Getting quite an education, aren't you?)

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big Kettle that always hung over the fire.. Every day they lit The fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly Vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the Stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold Overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew Had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence The rhyme: "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas Porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could Obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When Visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show Off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "bring home The bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests And would all sit around and "chew the fat"

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high Acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, Causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with Tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were

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Considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt Bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests Got the top, or the “upper crust”.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination Would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and Prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen Table for a couple of days and the family would gather Around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake Up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running Out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins And would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When re-opening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it

through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, “saved by the bell” or was considered a “dead ringer”.

And that’s the truth....Now, whoever said History was boring!!!

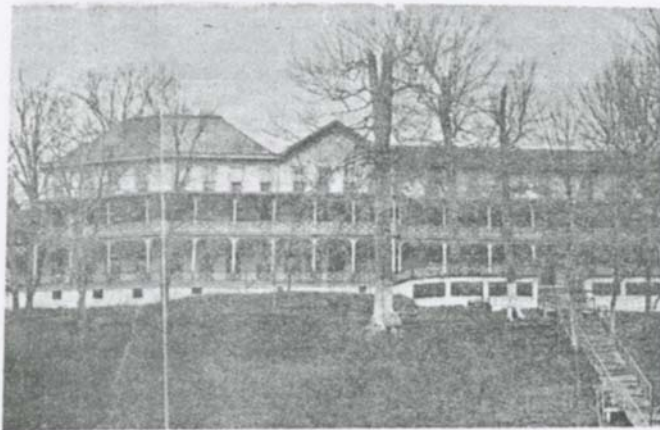
(Received via e-mail)

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Photos from Ralph Seacat.

**Photo from the Harrison County side showing the bridge and the mill. Unknown date.**



*Sulphur, Ind.  
Crawford County*

REMINDER of days gone by is this picture of the hotel at Lilly White Sulphur Springs. The hotel burned long ago. The picture card (dated September 27, 1908) belongs to Mrs. Lillie Goss, of English, now a patient at the Dale Nursing Home.

From Marcella Beals.

## History of Marengo Schools,

a book produced by the Marengo Alumni Assoc. is for sale and Makes a Great Christmas Gift!

Order from:  
Larry Martin  
(812) 347-3437

History of Marengo school activities, lots of photos, info on Prof. Johnson with photos. Recommended!

## Continued From Last Issue:

### Hall Listings in Crawford Co. Marriage Record

Hall, Margaret E.	Gregory, George W.	1890	F92	
Hall, Mart	Stroud, Martha	1903	G551	
Hall, Mart	Dean, Mrs. Mary Fox		1928	M277
Hall, Martha	Watson, John	1833-11-21		A138
Hall, Martha J.	Moore, William A.	1888	E550	
Hall, Martin	Kee, Susannah	1842-12-10		A296
Hall, Martin	Redden, Mary C.	1924	L486	
Hall, Mary	Grimes, Samuel	1854	B205	
Hall, Mary A.	Froman, Thomas J.	1877	D269	
Hall, Mary A.	White, William S.	1881	E101	
Hall, Mary A.	Stalcup, William H.	1885	E384	
Hall, Mary H.	Stalcup, John R.	1871	C570	
Hall, Mary J.	Markham, James	1856	B278	
Hall, May	Trusty, Paul	1921	L228	
Hall, Mayme D.	Lee, Logan	1905	I13	
Hall, Michael W.	Manship, Joann R.	1993	7-24X314	
Hall, Michael Wayne	Goldman, Diana Sue	8/30/1975		U380
Hall, Michael Wayne	Garrett, Linda Kay	12/24/1980		V285
Hall, Milley	Wyman, John T.	1847	B32	
Hall, Nancy C.	Johnson, Oscar P.	1898	G157	
Hall, Nancy J.	Bunch, Charles A.	1860	B389	
Hall, Olive Dean	Chanley, Harry Wilson	4/2/1966	T102	
Hall, Pauline	Arwood, Lucian	1932	N32	
Hall, Phoebe E.	McMahan, Warren B.	1890	F151	
Hall, Prudence	Scott, John	1826-8-8	A73	
Hall, Rachel Louise	Shirley, Albert Jr.	9/11/1960	S216	

Hall, Raymond	Stewart, Rella A.	1903	G525	
Hall, Rhoda	Tate, Zachariah J.	1866	C254	
Hall, Robert	Fullen, Nina Lee	6/20/1953	Q196	
Hall, Robert W.	Buchanan, Malissa C.		1876	D202
Hall, Ruth	Miller, Forrest	1924	L565	
Hall, Sharon Rose	Mitchell, William Paul	1/18/1975		U313
Hall, Sibley M. L.	Tucker, Martin H.	1877	D237	
Hall, Silas J.	Sloan, Anna M.	1905	H57	
Hall, Thomas	Morgan, Rosetta	1861	C13	
Hall, Thomas H.	Lawrence, Martha A.		1865	C204
Hall, William	Flanigan, Mattie	1915	K97	
Hall, William J.	Longest, Lillie	1903	G490	
Hall, William M.	Low, Margaret	1875	D156	
Hall, William M.	Goodson, Matilda E.		1895	F437
Hall, William S.	Buford, Mary C.	1886	E435	
Hall, Zapparrah	Grimes, John	1861	C5	

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**Deaths & Burials in Crawford County, IN  
(and nearby counties)  
from January 1st to June 1st, 2010.**

- ADAMSON, Kelsi Romance** 1-19-2010 Pilot Knob Cem. Infant.
- AMBURN, Flossie Rae PATRICK** 5-21-2010, 94  
CJ-Dillman-Green FH, Marengo (no cemetery found)
- BAKER, Norma Mae WHITE** 7-13-13 1-16-2010, 96  
White Cemetery, d/o Jas. Samuel & Cordia Ann KEMP; w/o Elwood; child.
- BLAND, Leslie Coy** 7-22-1936 4-27-2010, 73  
Mathers Chapel Cem., s/o Roscoe & Nellie JEWELL, h/o Myrtle DAVIS; chldrn
- BORDEN, Archie C. Jr.** 10-8-42 2-12-2010, 67  
Birdseye Cemetery, s/o Clayton & Opal HUFF; h/o Shirley Mae REDDEN; cldn
- BRACKETT, Charles "Gus"** 3-20-2010, 80, Cremation.  
h/o Audrey M. BAUGH; 2 dau.
- BREEDEN, Robert** 3-26-1931 1-7-2010, 78, Leavenworth Mem. Gardns  
s/o Jacob R. & Ellen EWING, h/o Clara FAULKENBURG
- BRITT, Kevin Michael** 6-8-1963 4-4-2010, 46, Tasewell Cem.  
s/o Randall & Laurena Williamson; h/o Rosie Thomas; ch
- BROWN, Phillip G.** 5-1-2010, 77, Marengo-CJ, McAdams Mortuary
- COLIN, Grace E. NEWMAN** 1-20-1927 2-28-2010, 83, St. Bernard Cath. Cem. d/o Orris & Violet Pearl Meriwether Tower; w/o Melvin
- COLIN, Melvin F.** 2-17-1926 3-20-2010, 84, St. Bernard, Frenchtown, s/o Oliver E. & Mary O. SAUNDERS; h/o Grace TOWER
- COLLINS, Wayne E.** born: 1939 12-13-2009, 71,  
El Bethel Cemetery.
- CONRAD, John D.** 1-10-1933 3-19-2010 77, Union Chapel, Milltown, s/o DeLancy & Brittine GLOSSON; h/o Wanda M. POE; children.
- CRECELIUS, Violet K. MILLER** 3-7-1931 2-20-2010, 79,  
Marengo Cemetery, d/o Herman & Emily LaHUE; w/o Basil; bro & sisters.
- CUMMINGS, J. O.** 4-7-1944 3-27-2010, 65, Cremation, s/o Earl & Mary Elizabeth HEPPEL; h/o Phyllis SNIDER; children.
- DEARBORN, Ralph Elwood** 2-20-1919 4-15-2010, 91,  
Highfill Chapel Cem. s/o Gilbert & Maude DEEL; h/o Lucille JUDD; children
- DEEL, Rev. Ottis P.** 4-7-1924 5-12-2010, 86, Wickliffe Cemetery, s/o John & Irene DILLARD; h/o Ethel Evelin SPEEDY; children.
- DENBO, Edna** born: 1915 2-19-2010, 95, Mathers Chapel Cem. Died in French Lick at Medco Health & Rehab Center
- DINKLOCKER, Paul W.** 7-12-1924 1-11-2010, 85, Marengo Cemetery. s/o Geo. & Maude WELLS; h/o Doralea; vet; chldrn
- EDDLEMAN, Donald Lee** 8-25-1943 1-11-2010, 66,  
Batman Ridge Cemetery. s/o Bruce & Norma Burris ISON; h/o Loretta HOUSE; children.
- EDWARDS, Bonnie Jean STURMS** 1-27-1959 1-27-2010, 53,  
El Bethel Cemetery. Sister Patty Hickman of Marengo.
- FRAIME, Otis O., Jr.** 5-10-1968 2-6-2010, 41, El Bethel Cemetery. s/o Otis & Patsy WHITELEY; bro-sisters; of Sulphur
- GOSS, Jesse F. "Coke"** 3-23-2010, 82, Milltown Cemetery.  
h/o Faye STROUD; daughter
- GRAY, Doris M. BRACKMAN** 5-22-1936 5-26-2010, 74,  
Mathers Chapel Cemetery. d/o Adolph & Ettia F. KIZZEE; w/o Noble, children
- GRAY, Jerry W.** 11-30-1954 2-16-2010, 54, Mathers Chapel Cemetery. s/o Noble & Doris Marzesta; h/o Janice; children
- HAYCOX, Harold K.** 7-5-1933 3-8-2010, 76, Mathers Chapel Cemetery. s/o Rufus & Martha ROLL; h/o Bobbie Jean SLOAN; ch
- HOOK, Luster James** 3-22-2010, 64, Cremation
- JENNINGS, Ruby J. HUFF** 1-17-1932 5-15-2010, 78,  
Eckerty Cemetery. d/o Samuel & Leona STRODE; w/o Carl; children
- KEY, Harold** 1-8-1929 1-8-2010, 81, Valeeene Cemetery  
McAdams Mortuary in Paoli. No info.
- KINKER, Randel M.** 1-2-2010, 70, Cremation. from Leavenworth
- MEGENITY, Helen J. GILLIATT** 1-13-1913 4-29-2010, 97,  
Highfill Chapel Cem. d/o Lonnie & Lillie TAYLOR; w/o Geo. Hester; children
- MILLER, Charles O.** 7-20-1929 1-8-2010, 80,  
Marengo Cemetery. s/o Gus & Clara Eschol DENTON; h/o Janet MOORE; chldrn
- MILLS, Maria L.** 1-30-1936 1-14-2010, 73, Milltown Cem.  
Born in Germany; w/o Chas. Owen; sisters; cremated.
- MONTGOMERY, Russell "Lowell"** 7-1-1928 5-25-2010, 81,  
Taswell Cemetery. s/o Earl & May; h/o Alberta; children.
- MOTTERN, Daniel Ray** 1-27-1954 4-1-2010, 56,  
Cremation. English-s/o Glenn & Lelia Phillips, h/o Judy Boyd Jones; children.
- MURPHY, John F.** born: 1938 died: 2010, 72, Sulphur Cem.
- MURPHY, Joni E.** 3-27-1962 3-27-2010, 48, from Marengo.  
McAdams Mort., Paoli. (no cemetery found)
- NEWTON, Claris Z. HIGHFILL** 6-6-1917 1-12-2010, 92,  
Highfill Chapel Cemetery. d/o Fount & Stella BROCK; w/o Edward; children.
- PRITCHARD, Odell** 2-1-1938 4-15-2010, 72, Mathers Chapel Cemetery. s/o Jerry & Mary Smith; h/o Mary Buck; children
- ROBERSON, Jessie Bea AUSTIN** 9-30-1909 3-28-2010, 100,  
Hamilton Cem. d/o Alphaus & Ora MILLER; w/o Clayton J.; children
- ROLL, Frances L. KING** 11-13-1929 3-19-2010, 80,  
Birdseye Cem. d/o Coy & lola BAILEY; w/o Charles H.; children
- ROLL, Lois E. SAUNDERS** 10-29-1921 4-24-2010, 88,  
Milltown Cemetery. d/o Frank & Frances BUSH; w/o Wm. Robt.; son.
- SALTSGAVER, Mary Jane** 2-12-1909 2-12-2010, 98,  
Cremation. Dillman-Green FH, Marengo
- SCOTT, Thomas W. "Woody"** 7-12-1912 5-30-2010, 97,  
Taswell Cem. s/o Othea R. & Ollie C. STEPHEN; h/o Phyllis E. ENLOW;
- SEACAT, Thelma Marie ARCHIBALD** 7-19-1934 1-31-2010,  
75, El Bethel Cem. d/o Shelby & Pearl BYE; w/o Ralph Lafon, bro-sisters
- SHIELDS, Billie Lee** 2-12-1925 4-12-2010, 85, English Cemetery. s/o Lewis E. & Roma KEY; h/o Lucille; children
- SIMPSON, M. Wanda COLEMAN** 5-24-1922 2-24-2010, 87,  
Wyandotte Cem. d/o Geo. & Lena KEMP; w/o Elmore; chldrn
- SMITH, James Harding** Vet WW2 9-7-1923 5-25-2010, 86,  
Riddle Cemetery. s/o Wm & Mabel JOHNSON; h/o Verna Marie MORGAN;
- SPENCER, Jerica Ann LYNCH** 11-22-1987 2-8-2010, 22,  
East Cemetery. d/o Larry E. & Melinda Ruth PARR; daughter
- STURGEON, Addie** born: 1945 4-16-2010, 65,  
Doolittle Mills Cemetery.
- THOMAS, Theresa L.** 4-29-2010, 52, Marengo-CJ
- VANDERPOOL, Norma Lea EVERDON** 5-26-1921 4-23-2010,  
89, Marengo Cemetery. d/o Wm. & Sarah WISER; w/o Elliot Earl; bro&sisters.

Send corrections, omissions to my e-mail address:  
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## E-Mails Received

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Latest Crawford County Newsletter....

From: Virginia Chase ERROR[Basic syntax error]

I would like to subscribe to the Crawford County Newsletter, my email address is; vchase@earthlink.net Thanks for doing this as it does bring back memories.

BUT The Band that you published in this months newsletter was not that from Marengo, but Milltown! BIG RIVALS and would not like to be recognized as the other.... Seriously, we are adults and are way past all that now, but it is of Milltown folks as most were in my graduation class of 1950 and the class of 1951. Plus a few younger and maybe some older esp. class of 1949, whom I could not recall their names.

I am recognized by my maiden name of Roggenkamp on the picture.

Thanks again for the picture, a friend who gets the magazine by email sent it to me. The genealogy information will be interesting even thou we are "transplants" from the Louisville, KY area and do not have many local roots except by marriage.

Please do not take my challenge of the label on the picture too seriously, if you did not attend one of those schools it would be easy to make that mistake!

Virginia Roggenkamp Trowbridge Chase

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Mon, October 4, 2010

October Newsletter

From: Barbara Jones <djfarm33@yahoo.com>

To: burmeisterlarry@yahoo.com

Was surprized to see the obit. of Sarah Landers Brown. She is my husband Mike's: great aunt Suzie. Mike's mom is Mary Landers Jones, a sister to Sarah. Aunt Suzie still has a sister Alice (Aunt Toots) living; but lost one grandson to cancer and one grandson in a bicycle and car accident. Thank you for printing this information.

Take care.

Barbara

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From: Donna Roberson

To: kentucky41girl@frontier.com

Sent: Wednesday, September 29,

Subject: Genealogy research

Roberta,

Just wanted to say thank you for all the help yesterday researching Stephen Roberson's estate papers. You have the perfect personality for this type of research and I wanted

to tell you how much we appreciated the help you extended to us. We will be back to run more copies and do more research. Until then, if you come across any interesting data on Stephen Roberson, let me know.

Thanks again.

Donna Roberson, Bedford, IN

d.roberson17@yahoo.com

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Thu, July 29, 2010

RE: August Issue

From: William Combs <combs.w@sbcglobal.net>

To: Larry Burmeister <burmeisterlarry@yahoo.com>

Thank you!!!WOW!! The pictures this month are spectacular!!!

I am probably related to the moonshiners!!!! Hatfields, you know, it just seems right. They either made it or drank it.

Dianne Hatfield Combs, Crawfordsville

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Tue, October 5, 2010

Re: Oct issue of My Crawford Co Newsletter

From: Charles Harpe <charlesharpe@mchsi.com>

To: Larry Burmeister <burmeisterlarry@yahoo.com>

Larry, I think the picture noting Marengo band was probably Milltown Band as the names I remember being a few grades above me.

Sincerely Bob Harpe

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### Correction From Last Month.



Photo from Ruth Wood Terry.

#### MILLTOWN SCHOOL BAND PHOTO ABOUT 1949—

**Front Row, left to right:** Vivian Goss, Jack Deweese, Lamar "Marky" Stephenson, Donald Spencer, Philip Jones, Virginia Roggenkamp, Joyce Schlensker, Janice Wood, Helen Jean Atz, Phyllis Benz. **In Front, right, short row:** Jerome Barksdale, Leo Schotter, Gary Nale, Ronnie Spencer, Ronnie Benz. **Back Row:** Jimmie Knight, Marquita Howerton, Jean Hutslar, Vonda Howerton, Ron Ferguson, Mary Gayle Byrd, Joy Dunn, Libby Seacat, Vern Willis, Rachel Baylor, Betty Ruth Senn, Mrs. Byrum, Joann Lockhart, Vera Seacat.