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Probate Book One-A

Crawford County, Indiana

Probate Court

February Term 1820

— Through —

February Term 1839.

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Tuesday, August 12, 1834

Court met pursuant to adjournment.
Present as yesterday.

Letters of Administration granted to E. E. Morgan on the Estate of James Morgan, deceased, with Thomas Cummings as his security in the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars which is approved of by the court.

Letters of Administration granted to Nabby Ford on the Estate of Noah Ford, deceased, with John Lynch and Joseph Beals as her security in the sum of six hundred dollars, which is approved of by the court.

Ordered that court adjourn until Court in Course.
Michael Real, Probate Judge.

Probate Court

November 10th, 1834.

At a Probate Court held for the County of Crawford in the State of Indiana at the Court House in the Town of Fredonia on Monday the 10th day of November 1834. Present, the Honorable Michael Real, Probate Judge.

Estate of James Stewart

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A new look at the Proctor House after the demolition of the latter addition this Spring. This house was built in the 1830's by William Proctor and was the site of a store and a Post Office. The property is owned and maintained by The Crawford County Historical Society and we are attempting to raise funds to restore it. Any donations toward this cause is appreciated.



The new shelter house completed this year which contains new restrooms for use by those visiting the Proctor House.

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And now at this time comes David Stewart, administrator of the Estate of James Stewart, deceased, and filed a sale bill amounting to \$241.84. It is therefore Ordered that said administrator be charged with the aforesaid sum.

Estate of Joseph Benham

On motion and application, It is Ordered that the widow of the late Joseph Benham, deceased, have and receive the sum of \$100 of the personal property belonging to said estate for which she shall not be liable to account.

On application and motion of Robert Baldwin, executor of the Last Will & Testament of Joseph Benham, deceased; It is Ordered that said executor pay over to the widow of said Joseph Benham, deceased, her right of dower in and to said estate as also to settle with the guardian of the minor heirs of said Joseph Benham, deceased, and take their receipts therefor.

Estate of Michael Cryder

And now at this time comes Abner Hoggatt, administrator of the Estate of Michael Cryder, deceased, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court here that the administrator aforesaid was charged with the sum of \$28.85 as per settlement on the 11th day of Nov. 1833. And now here produced to the court the following list of vouchers which being allowed by the court are as follows, to-wit:

No. 1	George Cryder	\$9.00
No. 2	Recorder's receipt	\$1.00
No. 3	Jas. Froman	\$3.00
No. 4	Eve C. Cryder	\$2.00
	Total	\$15.00

which will leave the sum of \$13.85 due the estate.

On application, It is Ordered that Abner Hoggatt be appointed Guardian of Philip and Eliza Hoggatt, minors and heirs of Christena Hoggatt, formerly Christana Cryder, now deceased, and that he give bond in the sum of fifty dollars conditioned as the law in such cases made and provided directs with James Totten as his security.

Minor Heirs of Thomas Davidson

It being suggested to the court that Wm. R. Reynolds, who is the guardian of Jackson Davidson and Juliann Davidson is desirous of being released from said trust, it is therefore Ordered that said guardian be released from said trust as soon as he shall have settled with the guardian hereinafter to be appointed for said minors for all moneys he may have in his hands belonging to said minors.

On application made and advice given to the court here, it is Ordered that Joel Lyon be and he is hereby appointed Guardian of Jackson Davidson and Juliann Davidson, minors and heirs of Thomas Davidson, deceased, and that he give bond conditioned as the law directs in the sum of one hundred dollars with John Wood as his security.

Estate of Noah Ford

Upon the calculation of the sale bill of the Estate of Noah Ford, deceased, it is Ordered that the administrator be charged with the sum of \$209.27.

Letters of Administration granted to John Myers on the Estate of William Smith, deceased, on the 6th day of October 1834 with Louis Springer as his security in the sum of six hundred dollars which is approved of by the court.

Estate of James Stewart

This day comes Lazarus Stewart, administrator of the Estate of James Stewart, deceased, and files his complaint showing that said estate both real and personal is insufficient to pay the debts outstanding against the same and praying generally for relief thereupon. It is Ordered by the court now here that the creditors of said estate be notified of the filing and pendency of this complaint by a publication for six weeks successively in the *Indiana Patriot*, a newspaper printed and published in Paoli, Orange County, Indiana; and further, that unless such creditors notify said administrator of the extent and existence of their respective claims

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by filing the same or a statement of the nature, description and date of the contract . . . in the office of the clerk, said court previous to the next term of this court to be held at the court house in Fredonia on the second Monday of February, such claims aforesaid will be postponed in favor of the more deligent creditors.

Ordered that court adjourn until Court in Course. Michael Real, Probate Judge.

**Probate Court
February 9th, 1835.**

At a Probate Court held for the County of Crawford in the State of Indiana at the Court House in the Town of Fredonia on Monday the 9th day of February 1835. Present, the Honorable Michael Real, Probate Judge.

Estate of Joseph Benham

Now at this time came Robert Baldwin, executor of the Last Will & Testament of Joseph Benham, deceased, late of Crawford County, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that a mistake occurred in the appraisement bill as returned and entered on the record, said executor is charged with the sum of \$2.10 more than the amount in fact of said appraisement bill and that said executor be credited with the said amount of \$2.10 and that the widow of the said Joseph Benham, deceased, be also credited with the said sum of \$2.10 for which she has recipted to the said

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executor as appears from the record at the same term of this court. And it is further Ordered that said Robert Baldwin, executor as aforesaid, be allowed until the next term of this court to make a final settlement of said estate.

Ordered that court adjourn until Court in Course

Michael Real, Probate Judge.

**Probate Court
May 11th, 1835.**

At a Probate Court held for the County of Crawford in the State of Indiana at the Court House in the Town of Fredonia on Monday the 11th day of May 1835. Present, the Honorable Michael Real, Probate Judge.

Estate of Thomas Stanfield

And now at this time came Samuel Lathrop, administrator of the Estate of Thomas Stanfield, deceased, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that said administrator was charged with the sum of \$156.06 and now at this time produced to the court the following list of voucers in discharge of the same which being allowed by the court are as follows, to-wit:

No. 1	Samuel Lathrop	\$25.00
No. 2	E. E. Morgan	\$2.50
	Total	\$27.50

which will leave the sum of \$128.56 due the estate.

Estate of John Sturgeon Sr.

And at this time came Martin Scott, who is one of the administrators of the Estate of John Sturgeon Sr., deceased, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court for the calculation of a sale bill of said estate amounting to the sum of \$327.34; also the amount of a sale bill of said estate charged against said administrator at the March Term 1832 of this court amounting to \$74.10 which taken together makes the sum of \$440.44 and in discharge of the same here now at this time produced to this court the following list of vouchers, which being

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allowed are as follows, to-wit:

No. 1	Wm. Wood	\$1.50
No. 2	James Sturgeon	\$2.50
No. 3	Nathan Sturgeon	\$1.50
No. 4	John Martin	\$3.32
No. 5	E. E. Morgan	\$1.75
No. 6	E. E. Morgan	.50
No. 7	A. Froman	\$4.75
No. 8	S. Hawkins	\$45.00
No. 9	S. M. Levenworth	\$5.12
No. 10	D. Hawkins	\$6.00
No. 11	G. B. Thompson	\$2.50
No. 12	Wm. P. Thomasson	\$10.00
No. 13	D. Griggs	\$2.00
No. 14	Jas. Gibbs	\$2.50
No. 15	Elizabeth Sturgeon	\$10.00
	Total	\$98.95

which leaves the sum of \$341.49 due the estate.

Estate of Eve C. Cryder

And now at this time came James Froman, administrator of the Estate of Eve C. Cryder, deceased, and the court after being advised of concerning the premises Order that said administrator be charged with the sum of \$23 as per will filed and in discharge of the same produced the following list of vouchers which being examined and allowed by the court, to-wit:

No. 1	J. D. Stewart	\$17.00
No. 2	E. E. Morgan	\$2.50
No. 3	Dr. J. B. Hart, bill	\$4.00
No. 4	Wm. L. Booth, funeral exp.	\$2.00
No. 5	Jas. Gibbs	\$25.00
No. 6	Adm. account	\$5.00
No. 7	E. E. Morgan	\$1.00
	Total	\$57.00

which leaves the sum of \$36.16 due from said estate to said administrator.

Ordered that court adjourn till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Michael Real, Probate Judge.

Fredonia, Tuesday, May 12, 1835
Court met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

Estate of Michael Cryder

And now at this time came Abner Hoggatt, administrator of the Estate of Michael Cryder, deceased, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that said administrator is charged with the sum of \$13.85 as per settlement at the November Term 1834 of this court and upon a calculation of the sale bill of the estate of Eve C. Cryder, deceased; It is Ordered that said Hoggatt, administrator as aforesaid, be charged now with the sum of \$360.17 making in all the sum of \$374.03 and at this time produced the following vouchers which being approved by the court, to-wit:

No. 1	E. E. Morgan, clerk	\$69.00
No. 2	E. E. Morgan, clerk	\$31.00
No. 3	Taxes	\$2.80
No. 4	Taxes	\$1.22
No. 5	John Seaton	.50
No. 6	Samuel H. Clanin	\$1.00
No. 7	Jas. Gibbs	\$5.00
No. 8	Gabriel Goad	.50
No. 9	James Froman	\$4.87
No. 10	John C. Cryder	\$27.77
No. 11	A. Hoggatt, blacksmith	\$11.75
No. 12	A. Hoggatt, adm. fees	\$20.50
	Total	\$176.01

which leaves the sum of \$198.01 due the estate.

Also said administrator now here comes and files a list of notes and money as follows, to-wit:

No. 1	Note on George Cryder	\$47.75
No. 2	Note on Jas. Froman	\$15.00
No. 3	Abner Hoggatt	\$70.00
No. 4	A credit of	\$57.00
No. 5	Leonard Cryder	\$50.00
No. 6	Samuel H. Clanin	\$7.50
No. 7	John Crider	\$5.00
No. 8	John Crider	\$1.00
No. 9	John Crider	\$7.42
No. 10	Edward Coolige	\$12.00

Estate of Eve C. Cryder

And now at this time comes James Froman, administrator of the Estate of Eve C. Cryder, deceased, and filed his petition herein setting forth in

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Internet Gems

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

Hi Bert,

We made some additional stops on our way back to Riverside CA. Some were to locate more info on my grandfather's family in Illinois - with no luck. We arrived home to the "current generation" and lots of child care and re-bonding with the four little grandkids who live close by. All this to say I haven't had much extra time.

I want to thank you and Henry again for all you made possible in English. We sure couldn't have done it without you! Some of those records brought tears to my eyes. I've been able to piece together many things as a result of our visit. I've used my spare time to go through two suitcases with letters and mementos from Leavenworth and so much makes sense now. Lots more to go. I've also shared (by phone) with my sister.

We had a great visit with David Wilkins at Cedar Cemetery. He's a local treasure. His knowledge is amazing and he got together some things including an old letter that opened up an entire branch of family information. Talk about bringing

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tears to my eyes!

I'm hoping to return to Leavenworth area within the next 18 months. Would love to bring my sister and/or niece. It would be great if you and all the old records were in new surroundings. Jim & I would hope the new location could include proper humidity/temperature controls for those priceless documents. Which reminds me, I must call the paper and leave a message of support. I have the number right here and will do that. I'll keep checking your website for updates.

Sorry this is so long! Hope to keep in contact with you. Give our best to everyone at the next Crawford Co Historical and Genealogical Society meeting. You're doing such important work.

Gratefully yours, Laurie De France

The Indianapolis Star, Monday, October 18, 1928.

CORONER INVESTIGATES.

Told of the Death In Station and Second in Hospital.

Dr. William A. Doeppers, deputy Marion county corner, who investigated the case, was first informed of the accident when he was called to the Methodist hospital after the **death of Marjorie Pearl McGuire**. He was informed by hospital authorities that the little girl was brought to the hospital in a private ambulance from the Union station.

Dr. Doeppers was informed that **Mrs. McGuire** and her daughter were placed in the baggage car of the passenger train after the accident and brought to Indianapolis. Mrs. McGuire, according to his first information, died in the Union station. Dr. L. A. Ensminger and Dr. C. A. Weiler, Big Four railroad physicians attended the little girl at the hospital. Dr. Doeppers told that her skull was fractured and that several bones were broken. She never regained consciousness after the accident.

It was later learned that **Golda Gaither** and the little McGuire girl were the accident victims who were brought to Indianapolis on the train after the accident. They were attended by Dr. John Rubush at London, Ind., who also assisted in attending the little McGuire girl at the Methodist hospital.

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Gaither Parents Notified.

The Gaither girls lived in the residence of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William Esarey, 823 Woodlawn avenue. Mrs. Esarey and that they went to the Means home yesterday morning, leaving on the 8 o'clock interurban car. Until about a month ago, **Martha Gaither** was an attendant at the Central hospital for the insane. At that time she became a telephone operator. Golda Gaither came to Indianapolis from her home in Eckerty, Ind., about two weeks ago, and was training to become a telephone operator.

After identifying the bodies of the Gaither girls, Mr. Esarey telegraphed to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gaither of Eckerty, Ind., stating that they had been killed in a railroad accident.

Dr. Doeppers learned that the bodies of the accident victims were taken to the morgue of J. C. Wilson, an undertaker at 1330 Prospect street, immediately after the crash.

Francis Marion Means, living a mile and one-half northeast of Pleasant View, a brother of James W. Means, called at the Wilson establishment about three hours after the accident and identified the bodies of Mr. Means, Mrs. Means, Mrs. Brinton Bryon Means, Mary Rosemond Briton, Mrs. McGuire and Marjory Pearl McGuire. The bodies of the Gaither sisters were identified by Mr. Esarey.

Darrell Hammond Dies at Fort Wayne

Born: Taswell, Crawford County

Death: Jan. 8, 2009

Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana

Darrell "sleepy" Hammond 70, passed away peacefully with his with his family by his side at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Born in Taswell, Indiana, he retired in 1997 from International Harvester with 30 years service; He also worked at the Fort Wayne developmental center and was a member of Summit City Masonic Lodge 170, Scottish Rite, mizpah shrine, marion clown unit, little 500 racing shriners and the iron camels American Legion Post 82. He was an avid lover of Nascar and a devoted #3 fan. Survivors include his loving wife of 53 years. Geneva Hammond of Fort

Wayne; son Junior (Brenda) Hammond; daughters; Dana Hammond, Vickie (Steve Ries) Hunt and Pamela (Marty) Herr, all of Fort Wayne, Indiana; sister, Anita (Mark Megenity) Carner of English, Indiana; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his dog and best friend Puff. He also leaves many friends and a host of other relatives. He was preceded in death by his son, Darren R. in 1991 and granddaughter, Alexandria Herr in 1992. Service was held at D. O. McComb & Sons, Pine Valley Park Funeral Home at 1320 E. Dupont Road with calling hours one hour prior to the service. Also with calling hours from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 with Masonic service Sunday at the funeral home at 7:30p.m. burial in Highland Park Cemetery.

The Decatur (IL) Review, Tuesday, January 25, 1910.

LINCOLN IS COUSIN

— NOW 87 YEARS OLD.

John Hanks lives with his sister at Louisiana, MO.

Springfield, January 25—John Hanks, a cousin of Abraham Lincoln, and from 1825 to 1828 a resident of this city, is now living at Louisiana, MO, at the age of 87 years.

The following historical article written by Clayton Keith, has been received by Mrs. M. B. Griffith of this city, herself a former resident of Louisiana, Mo.

"Judge D. H. Eby and the writer recently visited John Hanks and his sister, Miss Isabel Hanks, at their home on Thurman street in this city.

"How is this, Uncle John," said one of his interviewers. "Is it true that you and your sister are cousins to the great Lincoln."

HIS EARLY HISTORY.

"Well I'll just give you a brief sketch of our ancestry and leave you to decide on that question for yourselves," replied Mr. Hanks. "I was born in Crawford County, Indiana, on Nov. 23, 1822. I am now in my 87th year. My father, Joseph Hanks, was born in the Alleghany mountains of Virginia in January 1871.

"Before I was born my parents moved to Crawford county, Indiana, and settled at the mouth of the little Blue river, about 75 miles below Louis-

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ville, KY. When I was three years old, or in 1825, my father moved his family to Springfield, IL, where we lived until 1828. We then moved to a farm in Adams county, IL, five miles southeast of Quincy, known to this day as the Hanks farm. Here I lived and farmed with my father till his death in 1856, and continued to live with my mother until her death in January 1872.

FATHER WAS PROUD.

“My father was proud of his ancestry, and often spoke of them to his children and especially of his brothers and sisters. He was named for his father, Joseph Hanks, and was next to the youngest of eight children, and, as I said, was born in 1781, and his sister, Nancy Hanks, was the youngest child, born in 1783.

His father died when he was about ten or twelve years old and he was raised by an older brother named Joshua and one named William. It was William’s son, John Hanks of Decatur, IL, who carried one end of the rail upon the platform when Lincoln was nominated for president in 1860.

SAW LINCOLN TWICE.

“My father often spoke of his two older sisters, Betsy and Polly and of his nephew, Abraham Lincoln. I saw Lincoln but twice in my life and each time he inquired about the health of my father calling him his uncle Joseph.”

In a paper read at Columbia, MO, Dec. 9, 1904, by Hon. H. E. Robinson, editor of the *Maryville Republican*, and president of the Missouri Historical society, which appeared in the *Historical Review* of October, 1908, occurs the following:

THE THREE FAMILIES.

Some genealogical notes illustrating their connection:

About 1758 the families of John Lincoln and John Hanks moved from Berks county, PA to VA, and were neighbors in Rockingham county, VA. The records of Harrisonburg are very defective, but it is certain that Joseph Hanks, a son of John Hanks, married Nancy Shipley, another sister of Mary Shipley, who married Capt. Abraham Lincoln, who was killed by Indians (the father of Thomas Lincoln.)

Joseph Hanks moved from Ameli county, VA, and with his family about 1787 and settled in Nelson county, KY. There he died in 1793, as his will, dated January 3, 1793, and probated May 14, 1793, shows. By this will he made his wife Nancy executrix, and named eight children as his heirs, as follows: Thomas, Joshua, William, who married Elizabeth Hall; Charles, Joseph, who married Polly Young; Elizabeth, who married Levi Hall; Polly, who married Jesse Friend; and Nancy, who was born in 1783, and who married Thomas Lincoln, the father of Abraham Lincoln.

Joseph Hanks the second set up a carpenter shop in Elizabethtown, KY, in which Thomas Lincoln, his first cousin, struggled for a livelihood. Here Nancy Hanks and her cousin, Thomas Lincoln, were married June 12, 1806. Nancy Hanks died October 15, 1818, on Pigeon Creek in Spencer county, IN.

“All that I am, I owe to my mother,” said Abraham Lincoln.”

Allen Johnson

Allen D. (Davenport, Devonport, or Debenport) Johnson was born at New Madrid, Missouri, December 7, 1841. He was the son of Richmond and Susan Johnson who came from North Carolina. Richmond was born in 1818, lived in Indiana, and died in 1880 in Crawford County, Indiana. Susan (whose family name we do not have) was born in Pennsylvania about 1820 and died in 1889 or 1890. Nothing is known of his boyhood. The first authentic information comes from his Civil War record. November 2, 1861, he enlisted in Milwaukee as a private in Captain Daniel Webster’s Company, 1st Battery of the Mounted (horse) Artillery of the 1st Wisconsin volunteers. Indiana and Illinois were not in the war in 1861. The family lived in Indiana and Allen wanted to enlist so he went to Wisconsin. He went home for a “leave” in late 1863, and decided to re-enlist — this was done December 23, 1863. He served in the Vicksburg and Tennessee area and was discharged at Milwaukee July 18, 1865, but could not leave until July 21 because the payroll did not arrive on time. At this time his “discharge papers” said he was 5’9” tall, dark complectioned, had dark eyes, dark hair, and was a farm boy by occupation. After his army service he

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returned to Indiana and on June 17, 1866, he married Nancy 'A. Eaton. They lived together for nearly 33 years. She died April 4, 1899, and is buried in the Old Union Christian Church Cemetery at Sulphur, Indiana, beside her husband. A large stone marks their graves. The cause of her death could have been diabetes. In the words of those days she died in a "trance". It could have been a diabetic coma. Her mother could have been "well off" — son Jesse remembered his mother saying, "Grandma Eaton owned that mountain" (looked more to me like a big hill when I was there. Had 1 hill billy looking home on it when, Jared Johnson was there in 1987?) — one of the big hills near Sulphur, Indiana. Allen D. Johnson's military record is reviewed in the book "History of the First Wisconsin Battery, Light Artillery" by Daniel Webster and Don Cameron (National Tribune Co., Washington D.C.), Ernest Johnson found the book at the Wisconsin Historical Society in Milwaukee, and John Allen Johnson secured it thru the Cedar Fall, Iowa Library and read it all. George L. Herrick, who is a grandfather of Evelyn Johnson's uncle is also mentioned. Allen Johnson and Nancy Eaton Johnson had 9 children:

1. Cecilia Nianna (1867-1884)
2. Lou Rilla Johnson (1873-1951)
3. Maggie Edna Johnson (1875-1947)
4. Effie Aurabelle Johnson (1881-1930)
5. Gertie Autella Johnson (1883-1950)
6. Jessie Logan Johnson (1886-1949)
7. Lila Ethel Johnson (1888-1889)
8. dead baby
9. dead baby

After Nancy's death, Allen D. married Roda Carr of Branchville, Indiana. He was a Christian and probably a member of the Old Union Christian Church on a hill in rural Sulphur, Indiana.

When Allen Johnson died, son Jessie rode the train to Indiana and took care of arrangements. The Carr family took the furniture, etc., and Jessie sold the little cottage. He had enough left to buy the large tombstone. Written by Ernest Johnson, grandson of Allen Johnson and son of Jessie Logan Johnson around 1987. Typed into this computer program in 2002 by Jared Johnson son of Ernest Johnson.

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substance that by the Last Will & Testament of Michael Cryder, the said Eve C. Cryder was entitled to the estate of her deceased husband both real and personal during her lifetime and whereas the said Eve C. Cryder in her lifetime contracted debts to a larger amount than her personal property would discharge and whereas it is stated in said petition that said Eve C. Cryder is entitled to the amount of her debts out of the estate of the said Michael Cryder in the hands of Abner Hoggatt who is the administrator of the estate of said Michael Cryder, deceased. It is therefore Ordered by the court that Abner Hoggatt, administrator of the Estate of Michael Cryder, deceased, pay over to the said James Froman, administrator of the Estate of Eve C. Cryder, deceased, out of the estate of Michael Cryder so much money as will satisfy and discharge all legal demands against the estate of the said Eve C. Cryder taking receipts therefor and filing the same in this court.

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Samuel Lathrop, administrator of The Estate of Thomas Stanfield vs. The Creditors of Estate — On Complaint of Insolvency.

Be it remembered that on this day came Samuel Lathrop, administrator of the Estate of Thomas Stanfield, deceased, and filed in the Probate Court of the County of Crawford and State of Indiana on the second day of the May Term 1835 his complaint praying that he may have the privilege of settling said estate as an insolvent one and praying generally for relief and thereupon by order of the Honorable Michael Real, Esq., Probate Judge of the County of Crawford aforesaid now in session; It is Ordered and directed that the creditors of said estate be notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint by written advertisement posted up in three of the most public places in said County of Crawford; And further that unless the creditors of said estate notify said administrator of the existence and extent of their respective claims by filing the same or a statement of the nature, description and date of the contract upon which the same may be founded, in the office of the Clerk of said court

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previous to the final distribution of the assets of the said decedant, such claims aforesaid will be postponed in favor of the more deligent creditors.

Lazerus Stewart, administrator of the Estate of James Stewart vs. The Creditors of Estate — On Complaint of Insolvency.

Be it remembered that on this day came Lazarus Stewart, administrator of the Estate of James Stewart, deceased, and filed in the Probate Court of the County of Crawford in the State of Indiana on the second day of the May Term 1835, his complaint and praying that he may have the previledge of settling said estate as an insolvent one and praying generally for relief. And thereupon, by Order of the Honorable Michael Real, Probate Judge of the County of Crawford aforesaid now in session; It is Ordered and directed that the creditors of said estate be notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint by written advertisement posted up in three of the most public places in said County of Crawford; And further that unless the creditors of said estate notify said administrator of the existence and extent of their respective claims by filing the same or a statement of the nature, description and date of the contract upon which the same may be founded, in the office of the Clerk of said court previous to the final distribution of the assets of the said decedant, such claims aforesaid will be postponed in favor of the more deligent creditors.

Estate of Eve C. Cryder

And now at this time comes James Froman, administrator of the Estate of Eve C. Cryder, deceased, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that at a settlement with said administrator on the first day of the present term of this court that said estate is indebted to said administrator in the sum of \$36.16; And at this time said administrator is charged with the sum of \$61.21 and in discharge of the same produced the following list of vouchers which being approved of by the court, to-wit:

No. 1	James Froman, Adm. fee	\$5.15
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No. 2	Clerk & Sheriff fees	\$8.83
No. 3	Clerk & Sheriff fees	\$9.19
No. 4	Jas Froman, adv. fee	\$1.00
No. 5	E. E. Morgan, clerk fee	.87
	Total	\$25.05

Amount due the said administrator on former settlement	\$36.16
Total	\$61.21
Amount due the estate	\$00.00
Estate Settled.	

Estate of Michael Cryder

And now at this time comes Abner Hoggatt, administrator of the Estate of Michael Cryder, deceased, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that said administrator was charged with the sum of \$198.00 on the second day day of the present trm of this court and in discharge of the same produced the following list of vouchers which being allowed by the court, to-wit:

No. 1	James Froman	\$61.21
No. 2	Abner Hoggatt, adm fee	\$2.00
	Total	\$63.21

which will leave the sum of \$134.80 due the estate.

Estate of James Stewart

Now at this time comes Lazarus Stewart, administrator of the Estate of James Stewart, deceased, and on his suggestion that the personal estate of his intestate is insufficient to satisfy and discharge the debts due and owing from same the administrator having filed in the Clerk's Office fo said court an inventory and appraisalment of the real estate belonging to said estate; It is Ordered by the court that notice of this application be published for at least sixty days previous to the first day of the next term of this court and further, that the heirs and devisees of the estate of said James Stewart appear in the Probate Court of Crawford County on the first day of the next August Term of said court to be held at the court house in Fredonia on the said day of August next and shew cause, if any they can, why the real estate belonging to said estate should not be sold to discharge the debts due from said estate and this application is continued till the next term of this court.

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Ordered that court adjourn until Court in Course.

Michael Real, Probate Judge.

**Probate Court
August 10th, 1835.**

At a Probate Court held for the County of Crawford in the State of Indiana at the Court House in the Town of Fredonia on Monday the 10th day of August 1835. Present, the Honorable Michael Real, Probate Judge.

Lazarus Stewart, administrator of the Estate of James Stewart vs. The Heirs of Said Estate — On Petition to Sell Real Estate.

And now at this time comes the said administrator and it appearing to this court that notice of this application has been given sixty days previous to the sitting of this court and the heirs and devisees of said estate having failed to appear and shew cause why the real estate belonging to said decedant should not be sold and made assets in the hands of said administrator to discharge and pay the debts due and owing from said estate; It is Ordered and decreed that the real estate belonging to said estate be sold and made assets in the hands of said administrator for the purposes aforesaid and said administrator after giving at least twenty days notice by advertisement posted up in at least three of the most public places in Crawford County proceeded to sell at public auction on the premises the real estate of said decedant consisting of Lot Number — in the Town of Fredonia, with the improvements thereon, on a credit of 12 monthly payments, taking bond with good freehold as security for the purchaser.

Ordered that court adjourn till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Michael Real, Probate Judge.

Fredonia, Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1835

Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

Elias O'Bannon & Wife vs. Lazarus Stewart, adm., etal. — In Chancery.

Ordered to be continued until the next term of this court.

Ordered that court adjourn until Court in Course. Michael Real, Probate Judge.

**Probate Court
November 9th, 1835.**

At a Probate Court held for the County of Crawford in the State of Indiana at the Court House in the Town of Fredonia on Monday the 9th day of November 1835. Present, the Honorable Michael Real, Probate Judge.

Estate of James Stewart

And now at this time comes David Stewart, administrator of the Estate of James Stewart, deceased, late of Crawford County, and on a calculation of the sale bill of said estate filed herein; It is Ordered by the court that said administrator be charged with the sum of \$290.52 and in discharge of the same produced to the court the following list of vouchers, which being allowed by the court, to-wit:

No. 1	N. Tower	\$4.00
No. 2	C. N. Shelton	\$5.87
No. 3	Wm. Proctor, note	\$15.90
No. 4	Tax Receipt	\$1.25
No. 5	Tax Receipt	\$2.35
No. 6	T. Harned	\$1.09
No. 7	J. G. Stewart	\$12.00
No. 8	C. N. Shields	\$20.28
No. 9	D. Gresham	\$5.00
No. 10	John Jenkins	\$1.25
No. 11	M. T. Stewart	\$1.12
No. 12	L. B. Stewart	.50
No. 13	D. Stewart	\$7.00
No. 14	Adm. Account	\$10.31
No. 15	Clerk Receipts	\$2.50

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No. 16 Clerk Receipts	\$1.46
Total	\$91.89

which will leave the sum of \$198.63 due the estate.

And now at this time on advice given, It is Ordered that David Stewart be appointed Guardian of Mary Ann Stewart, David Michael Stewart and Eli Clark Stewart, minor heirs of James Stewart, late of Crawford County, deceased, and that he give bond conditioned as the law directs with Elam Willey as his security in the sum of two hundred and sixtyfive dollars.

Minor Heirs of Joseph Benham

And now at this time comes Elam Willey, Guardian of the minor heirs of Joseph Benham, deceased, and it appearing to the satisfaction of this court that said guardian has received from Robert Baldwin, the executor of the Last Will & Testament of said Joseph Benham, deceased, the sum of \$517.97 as per three receipts filed by said Baldwin at the May Term 1834 of this court. It is Ordered that said Elam Willey as guardian aforesaid, be charged with the said sum of \$517.97 this day produced to the court the following vouchers which are approved of by the court, to-wit:

No. 1 Luther Benham	\$40.00
No. 2 Luther Benham	\$47.00
No. 3 Mary Benham	\$17.00
No. 4 Mary Benham	\$70.00
No. 5 Marcus Benham	\$67.00
No. 6 Marcus Benham	\$25.00
Total	\$266.00

which leaves the sum of \$251.79 due from said Guardian.

Estate of John Mathers

At this time comes Andrew Kinkaid, administrator of the Estate of John Mathers, deceased, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that said administrator is charged with the sum of \$169.78 on the 8th day of March 1832; and now at this time produced to the court the following vouchers which are approved by the court, to-wit:

No. 1 Guardian receipt	\$169.78
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which is amount due the estate.

Ordered that Joseph Kinkaid, guardian of

the minor heirs of John Mathers, deceased, be charged with the sum of \$169.78 as per receipt in the above settlement with Andrew Kinkaid had on this day.

Ordered that court adjourn till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.
Michael Real, Probate Judge.

Fredonia, Tuesday, Nov. 10th, 1835

Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

Letters of Administration granted to Reuben Pierson on the 17th day of July 1835 on the Estate of James Pierson, deceased, with James Flynn and Arthur Whitehead as his security, which is approved by the court.

Letters of Administration granted to Mary McCrany on the 26th day of Nov. 1834 with Frederick Goldman as her security, which is approved by the court.

Letters of Administration granted to William Samuels on the 4th day of Nov. 1835 on the Estate of Benjamin Stewart, deceased, with H. H. Samuels as his security, which is approved by the court.

Estate of James Pierson

And now at this time comes Reuben Pierson, administrator of the Estate of James Pierson, deceased, and on a calculation of the sale bill and list of notes and monies on hand; It is Ordered that said administrator be charged with the sum of \$684.05, also the sum of \$219.32 in desperate debts.

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Ordered to be continued till the next term of this court.

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Letters of Administration granted to James Spencer on the Estate of James Flynn with Louis Wyman Sr. as his security, which is approved by the court.

Ordered that court adjourn till Court in Course. Michael Real, Probate Judge.

**Probate Court
February 8th, 1836.**

At a Probate Court held for the County of Crawford in the State of Indiana at the Court House in the Town of Fredonia on Monday the 8th day of February 1836. Present, the Honorable Michael Real, Probate Judge.

Estate of Joseph Benham

And now at this time comes Robert Baldwin, who is the executor of the Last Will & Testament of Joseph Benham, deceased, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that said executor was charged with the sum of \$282.62 as per settlement at May Term 1834 of this court, also a bill of money belonging to said estate amounting to the sum of \$200, which will make the sum of \$482.62 and in discharge of the same produced to the court the following vouchers, which being allowed, viz:

No. 1	Widow's Receipt	\$200.00
No. 3	Adam Conrad	\$1.75
No. 4	Clerk's receipt	\$1.37
1 note	on the Bank of Pittsburgh	
	supposed to be counterfeit	\$5.00
	Total	\$208.12

Which leaves the estate the sum of \$274.49

Estate of Thomas Vance

And now at this time came John Vance, administrator of the Estate of Thomas Vance, deceased, and on a calculation of the sale bill and list of notes and accounts and monies on hand —It is Ordered that said administrator be charged with the sum of \$294.83.

Estate of James Stewart

And now at this time comes David Stewart, administrator of the Estate of James Stewart, deceased, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that said administrato was charged with the sum of \$198.63 as per settlement in the November Term 1835 of this court and now here produced the following vouchers which areapproved by the court:

No. 1	Widow's Receipt	\$66.21
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which will leave the sum of \$132.42 due the estate.

Ordered that court adjourn till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Michael Real, Probate Judge.

Fredonia, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1836

Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

Elias O'Bannon & Wife vs. Lazerus Stewart, Administrator of the Estate of James Stewart, etal. — In Chancery.

And now at this time comes the said complainants and the defendants having failed to file their answer herein — It is hereby Ordered, adjudged and decreed that Allan D. Thom, attorney in fact for Reuben T. Thom, one of the above named defendants, do on or before the first day of May next, execute and deliver to the said Elias O'Bannon a General Warranty Deed in fee simple for the South Half of Lot. No. 27 in the Town of Fredonia as recorded in the Recorder's Office of Crawford County, Indiana; And that in case the said Allan D. Thom should fail or refuse so to do, then and that case, Thomas W. Fox be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner to execute and deliver to the said O'Bannon the deed as aforesaid that he make report of the same with deed executed to the next term of this court. And this decree is made perpetual against the said Reuben T. Thom and all others so far as the aforesaid lot of land is concerned. And that the costs of this suit be equally borne by the said Elias O'Bannon and the estate of James Stewart.

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