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Abraham Tower and Family before his Civil War service.

## Andersonville Prison Survivor and My Great-Great Grandfather, Abe Tower

By Sharon Byerly.

Years ago, I read Andersonville by MacKinley Kantor and was appalled at the starvation and hardships that the prisoners endured there during the Civil War. Little did I know that my own great-great-grandfather was a prisoner there after being captured at the Battle of Brice's Crossroads.

Unfortunately we often don't become interested in our genealogy and family history until late in life. By then, many of the people who could answer our questions are gone. I'm lucky that my parents are still alive at 87 and my mother put in many years of dedicated research on the family tree. When older relatives passed away, many of them left their photos and memorabilia to my mom. She became the family historian.

Here's what I was able to find out about Abraham Bates Tower, my great-great grandfather, who fought in the Civil War.

(photo above from our family album)

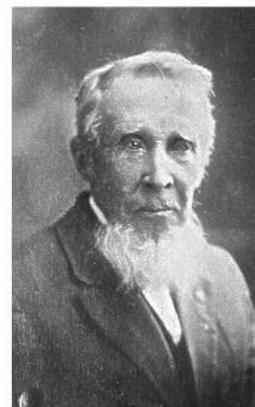
For Abraham Bates Tower, it was quite different. He was released on parole December 6, 1864 weighing only 73 pounds. He spent some time in a Union hospital as his health was seriously affected by starvation and scurvy in the prison. When he returned to Indiana, his wife and children were no longer there. Thinking he was dead, his wife had moved to Missouri to live with her sister. Abraham



finally found them. He died in Tyro, Kansas on February 8, 1930 at the age of 93.

The photo above shows Abraham with his family later in life. He had four more children after the Civil War and my great-grandmother was one of them.

Photo to right is Abe in his later years.



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Court.

Those going the bond for William Mansfield: James Rogers, Marmaduke McCartney, William McLain, Charles M. Coursier, William C. Walts, William L. Temple, John G. Cooper, John W. Rice, Reuben L. Tucker, James Totten, Casimer W. Kindle, Reuben Whitten, Asa Kindle, Joseph Radcliff, Michael Ouerbacker for \$10,000 performance bond. Signatures appear on page 84 of original book.

February 21, 1848, transcript filed from the Court of Asa Kendall, J.P. — Abraham Edwards and John Edwards vs. Jacob Poe, William Gibbs and William Wyman. Debt for \$69.77 dated Nov. 4, 1842. Defendant not appearing, Plaintiffs to recover plus interest and costs. Given under my hand this 21st day of Feb. 1848. Asa Kendal, J.P.

On the 21st day of February 1848, a transcript was filed from the J.P. Court of Asa Kendall — Abraham & John Edwards vs. William Wyman. Debt on note; Def. not appearing, plts to recover \$27.05 plus interest and costs.

24th day of April 1848, Recognizance (bond) filed in the Clerk's Office: John W. Wilson, George Goodson, Elijah J. Daley and Philip Wiseman appeared before Samuel M. Clark, Sheriff and acknowledged their debt in the sum of \$20 each to be made if condition not met — their appearance before the Court on the first day of next April Term to answer an Indictment for disturbing a religious society.

On 24th day of April Sheriff Samuel M. Clark filed a bond in the Clerk's Office. Bond of \$20 levied against N. and Milton Hollcraft. Said Milton Hollcraft to appear on first day of April Term to answer an Indictment of Disturbing a Religious Society.

On 24th day of April 1848, Sheriff Samuel M. Clark filed in the Clerk's Office a bond, to-wit: On the 14th day of April 1848, James B. Carnes and M. D. McCartney appeared and together acknowledged themselves to owe the county \$20 in bond of James B. Carnes to appear on the first day of the next April Term to answer a charge of disturbing a religious society.

On 24th day of April 1848, Sheriff Samuel M. Clark filed in the Clerk's Office a bond, to-wit: On the 14th day of April 1848, Marshal Fullinwider

appeared and acknowledged himself to owe the county \$20 in bond to appear on the first day of the next April Term to answer a charge of disturbing a religious society.

On the 14th day of March 1848 John Kemp and W. R. Hollcraft went the bond for John Kemp to appear on a charge of disturbing a religious society.

On the 24th of April 1848 — Bond. 30th day of October 1847, Stephen Golden, William Mitchel and Isaac Mitchel appeared before the Sheriff and accepted bond of \$300 for the appearance of Stephen Golden at the next term to answer a charge of Robbery.

On the 13th day of April 1848 appeared John Linger, Thomas L. Golden and Andre Blunk before the Sheriff and acknowledged a bond in the sum of \$300 for the appearance of John Linger on the first day of the next April Term to answer an indictment for Robbery.

On the 26th of April 1848 — James Riley and James M. Gaither. Bond of \$20 for the appearance of James Riley on an Indictment for disturbing a religious society.

On the 24th of April 1848 — Mason Bird Jr., John Cease and Reuben Whitten appeared for the \$20 bond for Mason Bird Jr. to appear to answer a charge of disturbing a religious society.

On the 24th of April 1848 — James Gibbs and Joseph Beals appeared before Sheriff Samuel M. Clark and jointly acknowledged their debt to Crawford County in the sum of \$100 for a bond for James Gibbs who was indicted for serving as a Constable without taking the necessary oath of office and filing the required bond.

On the 24th day of April 1848 came the following transcript before the Clerk of the Circuit Court: — BE IT Remembered, that on the 14th day of March, 1848 Joseph Beals and John Lynch appeared before Samuel M. Clark, Sheriff and jointly and severally acknowledged themselves to owe and be indebted to the State of Indiana in the sum of \$20 . . . that if the said Joseph Beals shall appear before the next Circuit Court on the first day of the next April Term, there of; then and there to answer an indictment by the Grand Jury for disturbing a religious society.

On the 24th day of April, 1848 (see above) Asa Lynch, John Lynch and Jo-

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seph Beals shall appear.

## Crawford Circuit Court May Term 1848, 1st Day.

Monday, May 1, 1848. — At a Circuit Court began and held at the usual place of holding Court in the County of Crawford and State of Indiana in the Town of Leavenworth on the first day of May 1848, being the first Monday in said month. Present: the Honorable James Lockhart, President Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in the State of Indiana and Manuel Schoonover and Jacob Poe, Esquires, Associate Judges of the Crawford Circuit Court.

The Sheriff makes his return of the Grand Jury at the present term being, to-wit:

<u>Peter Carberry</u>	<u>James G. Land</u>
<u>Jesse Enlow</u>	<u>Nathan Sturgeon</u>
<u>Henry Warfield</u>	<u>John H. Green</u>
<u>Nehemiah Tower</u>	<u>John Mills</u>
<u>William St. Clair</u>	<u>James Bowman</u>
<u>Samuel Mansfield</u>	<u>William F. Williams</u>
<u>William Crecelius</u>	<u>Caleb Temple</u>
<u>Jonathan Enlow</u>	<u>Pilgrim Pope</u>
<u>John Wright</u>	<u>John Barnett.</u>

N. Tower is appointed foreman.

On motion of Nathaniel C. Foster, Esq., Andrew J. Downe, Marcus Clark and L. L. Foote, Esq., were admitted and sworn as attorneys of this Court.

State on behalf of E. E. Morgan, Auditor vs. Samuel Lathrope, Elam Willey, etal. — Debt. It appearing to the Court that the report of the Special Muster appointed herein has been made; by consent of parties, Joseph H. Thornton is appointed special muster to ascertain in compliance with an Order of this Court at the balance due for defendants, and report the same to this court at its present session.

State vs. Felix G. Parr Jr. — Disturbing a religious society. Prosecutor says he will no longer prosecute this cause.

State vs. Mason Bird Jr. — Disturbing a religious society. Pleads not guilty and judge finds him not guilty.

William Green vs. Jacob Crecelius — Chan-

cery, dismissed at defendants costs.

State vs. John Henry Green — Grand Larceny, bond set, continued.

State vs. Greenville Boston — Indictment for Perjury. Defendant withdraws his plea of not guilty and asks the Court to quash the indictment, and the Court grants the motion and suit is dismissed.

State for Ruth Priest vs. William R. Reynolds — Bastardy. Case dismissed.

William Roberts vs. John Jones. Comes the parties and also a jury, to-wit:

<u>James Morrison</u>	<u>John H. Williams</u>
<u>John Key</u>	<u>John Newton</u>
<u>Samuel Heath</u>	<u>Uriah Taylor</u>
<u>Philip Wiseman</u>	<u>Elijah Pope</u>
<u>Alexander McCain</u>	<u>M. D. McCartney</u>
<u>William Bullock</u>	<u>George Dodson</u>

Verdict to be given tomorrow morning.

State vs. John Barnett, William Proctor, Libbius Frisbie, etal. — Common Law. Cont.

Ordered that warrants issue for Robert Levi and William Butt as witnesses for the Plaintiff in the case of the State vs. Wm. Morgan for Disturbing Religious Society.

Peter R. Fullenwider, Administrator of the Estate of Jonathan Boon, deceased vs. Gandison H. Boon, Ratliff R. Boon and Austin Pearson. — Debt. Dismissed by consent of parties.

Stephen R. Jenner, Administrator of the Estate of Lucinda Hale vs. Jeremiah Jenkins — Execution. Attornies: Wm. A. Porter, James Collins and Elijah Sabin. Case Continued.

John H. McMickle, Surplus Revenue Agent vs. Seth M. Leavenworth, Zebulon Leavenworth and Samuel Lathrop — Judgment. It is considered by the Court that Defendant has sufficient cause to maintain said action.

Ordered that Court Adjourn until tomorrow. James Lockhart.

## May Term 1848, 2nd Day.

Tuesday Morning, May 2, 1848. Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Same as yesterday.

William Roberts vs. John Jones. Trover. Now comes the jury to give their verdict: "We the jury

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say the said John Jones is not guilty in manner and form as the said William Roberts hath complained. The said John Jones to go hence and recover from Roberts his costs and expenses in this suit.

Ordered that attachment issue to the Sheriff for Penon Warner.

Samuel Mansfield vs. Amasa D. Woodford — Appeal. Therefore it is ordered that the said Samuel Mansfield recover of the said Amasa D. Woodford the said sum of \$8.80, his damages plus costs. And now comes the Defendant by Amasa D. Woodford by Collins & Sabin, his attorneys, and moves the Court for a new trial here, which on being fully advised in the premises, the Court does not grant.

Michael Obyrn [O'Brien] vs. John Jones — Covenant. Continued.

Alonzo D. Reynolds for the use and benefit of Richard Reynolds vs. Nehemiah Tower — Assumpsit. Therefore considered the Plaintiff recover from the Defendant the said sum of \$151.41 plus interest and costs.

On Motion, Joseph P. H. Thornton was appointed Master in Chancery in and for the County of Crawford in the Fourth Judicial Circuit in the State of Indiana.

I, James Lockhart, President Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Joseph P. H. Thornton a Master in Chancery in and for the County of Crawford in said Circuit to continue in office until removed by the Crawford Circuit Court. Given under my hand at Leavenworth in said Circuit this 2nd day of May 1848.

James Lockhart.

State of Indiana,  
County of Crawford, Sct.

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Indiana and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Master in Chancery in and for the County of Crawford, according to the best of my ability.

Joseph P. Thornton.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of May 1848.

William Mansfield, Clerk.

State vs. John Key — Betting on horse race. Defendant appears before the judge who finds him guilty and fines hm \$1 and costs. Fine guaranteed by John G. Cooper, Jacob Crezelous, Abraham Stroud and J. R. Brown.

Now Comes the Grand Jury and returns an Indictmnt: Greenville Boston for Perjury.

State vs. William Butt — Contemp. Found guilty by disobeying an order of the Court and fined his costs of \$2.05. Fine paid by J. W. Rice.

State vs. Robert Levi — Contempt. Fined \$2.05 with fine paid by Samuel Lowe.

State vs. Milton Hollcraft, William Morgan, James Trainer, Asa Lynch — Disturbing a Religious Society.

State vs. Joseph Beals, Marshal Fullenwider, and Greenberry Kemp — Disturbing a Religious Society. Dismissed.

State vs. John Linger — Robbery. Comes the parties and Defendant pleads not guilty and comes a jury, to-wit:

<u>James Morrison</u>	<u>John U. Williams</u>
<u>John Key</u>	<u>Samuel Heath</u>
<u>Philip Wiseman</u>	<u>Elijah Pope</u>
<u>Alexander McCain</u>	<u>George Dodson</u>
<u>Oliver Bates</u>	<u>Jonathan R. Brown</u>
<u>James B. Davidson</u>	<u>Martin Hanger</u>

Comes the jury into open court and do say that the Defendant is guilty as charged and assess his punishment at two years imprisonment at hard labor. Defendant requests a new trial, Continued.

State vs. Pynchon Warner — Attachment. Court adjudge the Defendant is guilty and assess his fine at One Dollar and costs which are paid by R. Whitten.

State vs. John W. Wilson. — Assault & Battery. Defendant pleads not guilty. Case submitted to the Court and the judge says he is guilty and assess his fine at One Dollar and costs which are paid by Wm. Nash.

State vs. Greenville Boston — Perjury. Recording of his bond signed by John G. Cooper and Jacob Poe in the sum of \$500.

State vs. James B. Carnes, John Kemp, Robert Kemp, Henry Conrad, and James Riley — Disturbing a Religious Society. Dismissed.

State vs. James Gibbs — Executing the duties of Constable without giving bond or taking re-

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## Found On The Web

By Sharon Byerly

### MEN HELD ON AN ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN

Courier-Journal, March 26, 1907

Information was received in New Albany yesterday that John Kelly, who asserted he was a resident of that city, and Albert Newkirk, who said he lived in Louisville, were arrested in Milltown on the Southern Railway, twenty five miles west, by Town Marshal Lee, for an alleged attempt to wreck a train on the Southern near Eckerty, Crawford county, the night before. They were arraigned in Magistrate Hostetter's court at Milltown, entered pleas of not guilty and were held in bond of \$300, pending the action of the grand jury of the Crawford Circuit Court. They were taken to English last evening.

### Bar Raided At Milltown

Courier-Journal March 14, 1907

The blind tiger said to have been conducted by Ivan Shafer at Milltown, twenty-five miles west of New Albany, on the Southern railway, was raided yesterday morning by Sheriff James H. Hanger, of Crawford county, and his deputies, C. A. Hostetter, A. F. Igert, Harry Lemmon and Dr. Glbbs, residents of Milltown. They found and confiscated two barrels of whisky and twenty cases of bottled, beer, which were carried off and stored, leaving the proprietor with nothing but the glassware and the bar fixtures. Sixteen charges of violating a blind tiger law were filed against Shafer, but he had left Milltown and, it was reported, had gone to either New Albany or Louisville. This is the first raid made in Southern Indiana since the "blind tiger" law was enacted. The law permits any resident of the State to swear out a search warrant for the purpose of searching any building in which it is suspected that liquors are being sold, and "the presence of liquor, under the provisions of the law, is an evidence of its violation. Several months ago the temperance people of the township in which Milltown is situated eliminated all the saloons by remonstrance. Shortly after the remonstrances were

pronounced effective and the saloons were all closed, a "blind tiger" was established, but it was put out of business in a few weeks and the town remained strictly temperate until Shafer, it is said, went there from Louisville and started up the illicit drinking place. The temperance people of the town declare that if anyone has the temerity to start another "blind tiger" he may expect to have the place raided, as they are determined not to permit any violation of the law.

### Redman Tribe Installed.

Courier-Journal Saturday, March 9, 1907

A tribe of red Men was instituted last week at Milltown, the work having been performed by the Hardinsburg Tribe.

### Blalock-Poe Marriage.

Courier-Journal Sunday, June 17, 1906

John W. Blalock and Mrs. Selene Poe were married in the passenger station of the Southern at Milltown a few days ago, the ceremony having been performed by the Rev. W.H. Howerton.

### Quarry Accident Suit Settled.

Courier-Journal, Tuesday, December 17, 1901.

New Albany. The damage suit of Stephen Reisert, of Georgetown township, this county, against William Eichols, of Evansville, and the Maryland Casualty Company, which was to have been tried in the Crawford Circuit Court at English yesterday, was settled by compromise, the plaintiff receiving \$2,500. Reisert was employed by the defendant in his quarry at Milltown, and both hands were blown off several months ago by a premature explosion. He was represented by S'otsenburg & Weathers, of this city, while the interests of the Casualty Company were looked after by Jewett & Jewett.

Courier-Journal Saturday, November 27, 1909.

### NEWS OF INTEREST FROM NEW ALBANY

Capt. Edmund Hostetter, of Milltown, was in the city yesterday visiting friends. Capt. Hostetter, although 88 years of age, is still quite vigorous.

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**MORE: Internet Gems****Death of Railroad Worker.**

Courier-Journal, Tuesday, January 21, 1908.

Brakeman Frank Carter's body was sent yesterday to the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs Jesse Carter, at Ramsey, and the funeral will be held there today, the burial to be in Milltown.

(The engineer and the fireman were also killed in the train wreck at Corydon Junction, Sun, Jan 19, 1907. the break in the trestle over which the engine, two cars and caboose went Sunday afternoon was repaired yesterday and passenger traffic was resume over it last night.)

**Hoten-Blevins Marriage.**

Courier-Journal, Dec. 24, 1907.

John Emery Hoten, of Milltown, and Miss Nora Blevins, of Hardinsburg, were married yesterday afternoon by Magistrate Mix in his office In the Masonic Temple building, New Albany.

**Sheriff Forces Door of Saloon.**

Courier-Journal Dec. 20, 1907.

A warrant was issued to James H. Hanger, Sheriff of Crawford county, by Judge "W C Cook, fit the Crawford Circuit Court, giving him authority to enter the place of Albert J. Taylor at Milltown, Crawford county, under the provisions of the 'blind tiger act,' in order to search for liquors of all kinds. The doors were forced by Hanger and a posse of citizens Tuesday night, and all the contents carried out excepting the ice box, which would not pass through the door. The searching party found but one quart of whisky in the house. The search warrant was issued upon the application of Judge John H. Weathers, of New Albany, who was acting as attorney for the temperance element of Milltown. The saloonkeepers of that place are having considerable trouble at the hands of the temperance people, and Charles Goss, one of them, was required to appear at English, the county seat, to answer to the complaint of a number of remonstrants. His attorneys swore the presiding Judge, W. C. Cook, from the bench, and Judge Harry Montgomery, of the Clark Circuit Court, was appointed to try the case at the next term of the Crawford Cir-

cuit Court. There are eighteen cases pending against Baylor, who is charged with having violated a town ordinance, and these are to be tried shortly.

**Carpenter Injured on Southern R.R.**

Tues Nov 12, 1907 Courier-Journal

Ollie Tyler, a bridge carpenter on the Southern, living at Georgetown, ten miles northwest of this city, fell yesterday morning while at work at Milltown, twenty-five miles west, and was badly injured. He was taken to his home at Georgetown yesterday afternoon, and his injuries cared for.

**Colors Presented to Capt. Hostetter.**

Sun May 31, 1908 Courier-Journal

Col. Morris B. Belknap, of Louisville, has presented to Capt. Edmund Hostetter, of Milltown, a handsome stand of colors to be used by the G. A. R. Post of that place. The post had decided to buy a flag for Decoration Day and instructed Capt. W. L. Swartz to make the purchase. He wrote to Col. Belknap, of Louisville, asking him to purchase the flag. When it arrived in Milltown a few days ago it was accompanied by a note from Col. Belknap requesting that it be presented to Capt. Hostetter with his compliments. This was accordingly done, and the flag was carried at the head of the post yesterday afternoon.

**Thursdays, June 3, 1909 edition, Courier-Journal Loses Leg As Result of R. R. Accident.**

Henry Graham age 29 years is at St. Edward's city hospital In New Albany suffering from injuries he received at Milltown, Crawford county, Ind , while attempting to board a freight train. His right leg was so badly mangled that it was necessary to amputate It below the knee He was attended at Milltown by Drs. Dalora and Gobble and later removed to the hospital at New Albany, where Dr. J. H. Weathers performed the operation Mr Graham lives at 419 Shelby street. His father resides at Lebanon.

**MORE: Internet Gems****Blind Tiger Law Ruled Unconstitutional.**

Sunday, May 31, 1908 Courier-Journal  
Judge C. W. Cook, of the Harrison Circuit Court, Corydon, has handed down a decision in the Crawford Circuit Court declaring the search warrant feature of the blind tiger law, enacted by the last Legislature of Indiana, unconstitutional. The case on trial was the suit of James M. White against Sheriff Hanger, of Crawford County, to replevin saloon fixtures seized several months ago, when White's place at Milltown was raided. White was represented in the suit by W. H. Roose, of New Albany, who, in filing the suit to recover the fixtures, held that the section giving Sheriffs the right to seize property on a search warrant and destroy it, after a legal hearing, was unconstitutional on the ground that it did not provide for a time for hearing. The attorney for Hanger filed an answer to the complaint, in which Roose, the attorney for the plaintiff demurred. His demurrer was sustained by the court. The decision created considerable talk among the attorneys of New Albany who declared it an important one.

Cases in which the liquor question, pro and con, entered occupied the greater part of the time of the Crawford Circuit Court Friday. Judge W.C. Utz, of New Albany, and Judge Harry E. Montgomery, of Jeffersonville, presided in the liquor cases in court and rendered interesting decisions. Charles Goss and Albert J. Baylor, of Milltown, had applied at a previous term of the Board of County Commis-

sioners of that county for a license to sell liquors. Numerous signed remonstrance had been filed, but the Commissioners granted the licenses, holding that the remonstrances were not sufficient. the remonstrants appealed in the Circuit Court and Judge Utz was appointed special judge in the Baylor case, while Judge Montgomery was selected to try the Goss case. The remonstrants were sustained by both judges in the trial Friday and Milltown will have no saloon for two years, at least.

from Sunday, May 31, 1908 Courier-Journal

**Calf Eats Chickens**

A calf belonging to a farmer of Crawford county, thirty-five miles west of New Albany, has developed an appetite for young chickens. It is stated that it has devoured a number of broilers. The owner has been missing young chickens from the barnyard for several weeks, but attributed the loss to the ravages of some "varmint." as the barn was not far from the woods. A few days ago, however, a member of the family saw the calf chasing the fowls about the yard and devouring young chickens as fast as it could catch them. This unusual appetite of the calf is without precedent among the cattle of Southern Indiana and has occasioned considerable comment.

Thursday, October 31, 1901 The Courier-Journal newspaper (Louisville, KY)

**SUES TO RECOVER LAND****Alleged To Have Been Conveyed By Man of, Unsound Mind.**

Corydon, Ind., Oct. 30. Special. Ed. D. Mitchell, as the guardian of Henry B. Utz, a person of unsound mind, filed in the Harrison Circuit Court today three suits to set aside a conveyance of seven hundred acres of valuable land near the Portland cement deposits in Milltown, made by his ward to Thomas Spencer, Sally Spencer, Willard Spencer and Louis Henry Spencer.

The deeds were made by Utz in 1892 and prior to the appointment of the guardian and while Utz was of unsound mind. Utz is now ninety-three years of age, and at the time of the convey-

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ances was suffering from feebleness and old age, and while Utz was in this condition, the guardian avers, the Spencers secured the conveyances.

After securing the deeds for the land the Spencers, the guardian claims, grew tired of having the old man around and told him to move out. His relatives took up the matter and had a guardian appointed at the last term of the court, and when the matter was presented to the court the Judge authorized the guardian to institute the suits. The real estate involved in the transaction is worth about \$20,000.

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### **NEW ALBANY NOTES**

Courier-Journal Monday, Feb. 6, 1901

Frederick Martin, a former resident of this city, died yesterday at his home in Milltown, twenty-five miles west of here, of acute cystitis, after a brief illness. Mr. Martin was born in Germany eighty years ago and came to this country when a young man with the late Nicholas Sauer. He settled in this city and after a residence here of a few years went to Milltown nearly sixty years ago and has since resided there, accumulating by industry and integrity a comfortable fortune. He leaves five children: Dr. George Martin and Mrs. J.W. Daniels of Corydon; Mrs. George Agan, of Silver City, Ia; Mrs. George Gibbs, of Milltown, and Mrs. J.F. Weathers, of this city. The funeral will take place at the family residence in Milltown.

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## **Directors of Marengo fair board elected.**

Courier-Journal Oct 9, 1909

The Crawford County Fair Association at Marengo has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: J. W Bird, president; C. H. Rogers, vice president; M. N. Perry, secretary; C. G. Balthis, treasurer; William Veach, James P. Hilgert, M. C. Froman, George Gibbs, W. S. Hanger, George Grant, Charles W. Miller, F. M. Walts, George W. Cuzzert, John F. Mahr, John H. Crews and Samuel R. Henry, directors.

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## **Prof. Johnson memorial.**

Courier-Journal August 27, 1909

A monument in honor of Prof. J. M. Johnson, of Marengo, will be unveiled today at that place. Prof. Johnson was for many years the principal of the Marengo Academy, which is now closed. The old pupils who attended the academy during his administration will assemble to do him honor. Claude M. Balthis, secretary of the Mutual Trust and Deposit Company, of New Albany, is a member of the committee to pay honor to the old professor. It is unusual to erect a memorial to the living, but the friends of Prof. Johnson consider that he is worthy of the honor. He has helped to educate a large number of young men now prominent in business in Southern Indiana.

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## **53rd Reg. Vol. reunion.**

Courier-Journal Wednesday, August 18, 1909

The annual reunion of the Fifty-third Regiment of Indiana Volunteers will be held next Wednesday at the fairgrounds at Marengo, the third day of the Crawford County Fair, to be held there. The fair association has invited all the old soldiers, and they will be admitted free and served with a good dinner.

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## **Crececius-Adams marriage**

Courier-Journal Thursday May 27, 1909

George Adams, a contractor, and Miss Sarah Lee Crececius, both of Louisville, went to Jeffersonville Tuesday night and were married by Magistrate James S. Keigwin. The bridegroom was born in New Jersey 33 years ago next month and his father, now dead, was George Adams, a contractor. The bride was born in Leavenworth, Ind., 33 years ago last February and is a daughter of Clark Crececius, of Marengo, Ind., whose occupation was given as that of a politician.

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Courier-Journal May 9, 1908

### **New Albany items.**

T.F. Clifton, a farmer living near Marengo, found on his place a few days ago a tortoise that had inscribed on its shell the initials "E. J. H. 1884".

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### **Byerly—Dolittle marriage.**

Courier-Journal May 8, 1908

Miss Lillie Byerly, of Marengo, and George Dolittle, of Louisville, were married Thursday night of last week at Centenary M. E. parsonage, this city, the ceremony having been performed by the Rev. A.R. Beach, the pastor. The groom formerly lived near English, and now holds a position in the Louisville post office. They will live at 235 East Jacob street, Louisville.

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### **Corydon Semi-weekly Paper Formed.**

Courier-Journal May 26, 1908

A joint stock company has been formed at Corydon for the purpose of issuing a semi-weekly independent newspaper, and it is expected the first number of this new journalistic venture will be launched next month. David J. Murr, formerly of the *Milltown Record* and the *Marengo Observer*, will be editor. He has sold the Marengo newspaper to John Pirtle and will consolidate the *Milltown Record* with his new paper, the *Corydon Leader*. Mr. Murr is a man of exceptional ability and large experience in newspaper work. The company is made up of substantial citizens of Harrison county, men of large means.

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### **Memorial Day at Marengo.**

Courier-Journal May 16, 1908

The oration at Marengo on Memorial Day, May 30, will be delivered by Prof. Charles A. Prosser, superintendent of the public schools of this city, while an address will be made by Prof. D. D. Hammond, also of this city, who served on the second day of the battle of Shiloh and was at the time the youngest soldier in his regiment.

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### **Kramer/Longest wedding.**

Courier-Journal May 1, 1908

John Longest, who is a resident of Marengo, Crawford county, and Miss Alma Kramer, of Sellersburg, were granted a license to marry. The wedding will take place later at a church near the home of the bride-elect. Miss Kramer is a daughter of David Kramer, a farmer.

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### **Sarah Jackson death.**

Courier-Journal Jan 26, 1908

Mrs. Sarah Jackson died at her home in Marengo, twenty five miles west of the city, on the Southern. She was 84 years old and the mother of 13 children. But one of these, Edward Jackson, of this city, survives.

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### **Pierson suit.**

Courier-Journal Nov 19, 1907

Suit has been filed in the Crawford Circuit Court by Claude M. Pierson against the Marengo Manufacturing Company to recover \$15,000 as damages for alleged personal injuries. In his complaint plaintiff alleges while in the employ of the defendant company April 5, 1907 he was permanently injured by the explosion of a blast in the quarry at Marengo.

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### **Underhill-Mitchell marriage.**

Courier-Journal November 1, 1907

Walter S. Underhill and Miss Fronie Mitchell, of Marengo, Crawford county, eloped to this city yesterday afternoon and were married by Magistrate James S. Keigwin. The groom is a farmer, twenty-two years old, and the bride is nineteen.

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quired oath. Dismissed.

Joseph H. Thornton, Treasurer of Crawford County vs. William R. Reynolds, James Totten and Elam Willey — Debt. Continued.

Board of Commissioners vs. Elam Willey and John Edwards, etal. — Debt. Dismissed.

State vs. Henry Green — Grand Larceny.

Stephen Robison vs. William Landis — Appeal. Dismissed.

Lewis Suddarth, Assignee of John Underhill vs. David Lynch and Philip Wiseman — Execution. Defendants not appearing therefore execution granted against the goods and lands of said defendants for \$5.29 plus costs.

John H. McMickle, Surplus Revenue Agent vs. Seth M. Leavenworth, Zebulon Leavenworth and Samuel Lathrop — Judgment. Said Plaintiff to have execution against said Defendants.

Ordered that Court Adjourn.

James Lockhart.

**May Term 1848, 3rd Day.**

Wednesday, May 3, 1848. Present: Same as yesterday.

Samuel Sands, Surplus Revenue Agent vs. Samuel Lathrop. — Chancery. Comes now Samuel M. Clark, Sheriff and makes return of copy of formal decree that following land offered for sale: N one-half of NW qtr. of Section 32 in Township 3 South of Range 2 East, containing 80 acres; and the SE qtr. of SW qtr. of Section 29 in Township 3 South of Range 2 East — And no person bidding, the County purchased the land for the State of Indiana for the sum of \$170; And after payment of above amount there still remains a balance due of \$259.80 which the Court directs to remain as a debt of record against said Defendant.

**Naturalization of Ancel Dexter.**

Ancel Dexter now here appears in open Court and makes Application to become a Citizen of the United States, and now here produces the following Certificate and Declaration, to-wit:

Clerk's Office

This 7th Day of September, 1844:

BE IT KNOWN to the Honorable Circuit Court of said county and the Constituted Authori-

ties of the State aforesaid of the United States of America, that I, Ancel Dexter, am a native of Canada in the dominions of Queen Victoria, to whom I, by birth, owe allegiance; That I shall be 28 years old on the 10th day of November 1844; That I migrated from that country by the way of Detroit bound for this land of liberty on or about the 22nd day of September 1839 and landed in this country shortly thereafter, and my intention is to settle in the State of Indiana and become a Citizen of the United States of America.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Leavenworth, Indiana this 7th day of September 1844.

Ancel Dexter (seal)

State of Indiana,  
Crawford County, Sct.

I, Ancel Dexter, who have signed the above report do solemnly swear in the Presence of Almighty God that it is bone fide my intention to become a Citizen of the United States and renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Potentate, Prince, State or Sovereignty whatsoever; And particularly to renounce all allegiance to Queen Victoria and to the authorities of the British Government in all its ramifications both ancient and modern.

Given under my hand and seal.

Ancel Dexter (seal)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of September 1844. And the said Ancel Dexter, now here, proves to the satisfaction of the Court by John U. Williams — That he has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States for the full term of five years immediately preceeding this application, and that he has resided in the State of Indiana for one year and that during all that time he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well-disposed to the good order and happiness of the sam; And that said Ancel Dexter now here, declares upon his oath that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce all allegiances and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever and more particularly to Queen Victoria, Queen of England, of whom he was

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last a subject. And thereupon the said Ancel Dexter is admitted a Citizen of the said United States.

Joseph H. Thornton, Treasurer vs. William R. Reynolds, James Totten and Elam Willey — Debt. Continued.

Comes the Grand Jury and issues the following Indictments: Stephen Golden and Isaac Mitchell — Grand Larceny. Court orders arrest warrants and sets bail at \$300 each, continued.

Also, Joseph N. Phelps — Continued and bail set at \$200 with warrant issued.

James Brown vs. Richard Weathers Jr. and Richard Weathers Sr. — Appeal. Comes the parties and a jury, to-wit:

<u>James Morrison</u>	<u>John U. Williams</u>
<u>Uriah Taylor</u>	<u>Samuel Heath</u>
<u>Philip Wiseman</u>	<u>William Bullock</u>
<u>George Dodson</u>	<u>Samuel Lowe</u>
<u>William Landis</u>	<u>Willaby Blevins</u>
<u>Ransom Satterfield</u>	<u>John Fowler</u>

Verdict to be published tomorrow morning.

Samuel Lathrop, School Commissioner vs. Maria G. Woodford, etal — Chancery. Cont.

Samuel Sands, Surplus Revenue Agent vs. Amasa D. Woodford — Chancery, dismissed.

Zebulon Leavenworth vs. Joseph N. Phelps — Chancery. Continued.

State vs. John Linger — Robbery. New trial awarded with bond set at \$300.

John and Abraham Edwards vs. Jacob Poe, William Gibbs and William Wyman — Debt, Appeal. Defendants owe \$69.77 plus damages of \$21.91, therefore Abraham and John Edwards to recover of Jacob Poe, William Gibbs and William Wyman the sum of \$69.77, their debt and the sum of \$21.91 in damages plus their costs.

State vs. Stephen Golden — Robbery. Defendant fails to appear and bond holders, William Mitchell and Isaac Mitchell also fail to appear, therefore arrest warrants issued for each of them and attachment to bond holders.

State vs. Joseph Combs, Wilson Combs, Mathew Combs — Robbery. Warrants issued as accomplices of Stephen Golden in robbery. Bond of \$500 each, continued.

Michael Obyrn vs. John Jones — Covenant. Continued.

John H. Stevens vs. Alexander Black — Debt.

Continued.

Jeremiah Lynch, Administrator of the Estate of John Sturgeon vs. Benjamin S. Elliston — Revive Judgment. Defendant not found in county and case continued with warrant issued for Defendant.

Stephen R. Jenner, Administrator of the Estate of Lucinda Hale vs. Jeremiah Jenkins — Execution. Continued.

Zebulon Leavenworth vs. Joseph N. Phelps — Chancery. Continued.

Ordered that Court Adjourn.

James Lockhart.

## **May Term 1848, 4th Day.**

Thursday, May 4, 1848. Present: As yesterday.

James Brown vs. Richard Weathers Jr. and Richard Weathers Sr. — Appeal. Comes the jury as previously listed and reads their verdict, to-wit: "At an inquisition held before the Crawford Circuit Court at the May Term 1848, We, the jurors on oath do find that the lands described as follows, to-wit: Commencing . . . were in the lawful possession of James Brown, Plaintiff in this case and that Richard Weathers Jr. and Sr., Defendants in this suit, did on the 11th of February 1848 unlawfully and with force and strong hand, enter forcibly upon the same, and that they still continue wrongfully to detain the possession from him, the said James Brown, wherefore the jury upon their oath find that the said James Brown ought to have restitution thereof without delay." The Sheriff is ordered to return to James Brown his possessions.

State vs. Henry Green — Grand Larceny. Defendant says he is not guilty. Right given to take depositions. Continued with bond of \$500 given by William Proctor and Reuben D. Tucker.

Benjamin Hardin and Charles F. McCarty, John A. Brown vs. William Seaton — Judgement.

State vs. Henry Green — Grand Larceny. Comes James W. Starr, Addison Evilseizer, Solomon Goss and Leasor B. Burns and give bond in the sum of \$50 each to appear as witnesses in the above suit.

State in behalf of E. E. Morgan, Auditor vs. Samuel Lathrop, William Course — Debt. Contin-

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Reuben T. Thom vs. John Wright, Elias Patrick, etal. — Chancery. Continued.

William S. Lamb vs. John L. McNaughten — Chancery. Continued.

State vs. John Barnett, William Proctor and Libbeus Frisbie — Debt. Comes a jury:

<u>John U. Williams</u>	<u>John Key</u>
<u>John Newton</u>	<u>Samuel Heath</u>
<u>Uriah Taylor</u>	<u>Philip Wiseman</u>
<u>William Bullock</u>	<u>George Dodson</u>
<u>Wallaby Blevins</u>	<u>Eli Stewart</u>
<u>James Gibbs</u>	<u>Windsor Houghton</u>

“We the jury find for the Defendants.”

Michael Obyrn vs. John Jones — Covenant.

Comes a jury, to-wit:

<u>James Morrison</u>	<u>John U. Williams</u>
<u>John Key</u>	<u>John Newton</u>
<u>Samuel Heath</u>	<u>Uriah Taylor</u>
<u>Philip Wiseman</u>	<u>Elijah Pope</u>
<u>James Gibbs</u>	<u>Windsor Houghton</u>
<u>Mordica R. Hardin</u>	<u>Reuben D. Tucker</u>

Verdict to be sealed and returned tomorrow.

State vs. Greenville Boston — Perjury. Continued with bond and warrants issued for: Catharine Shaughman, Fielding A. Wilden, John Scott, William Morris, John Yarbough, Jacob Satterfield, John B. Ford and Pilgrim Pope as witnesses.

Bond for Greenville Boston set for \$500 signed by John C. Cooper, Jacob Poe and James Totten.

State vs. James W. Starr — \$50 bond to appear as witness.

William Mansfield, Clerk vs. William Lake — Chancery. Makes default, therefore Complainant wins for the county \$119 plus costs.

John H. McMickle, Administrator of the Estate of Michael Pruitt, deceased vs. John Pruitt, etal. minor heirs, creditors — Petition.

Motion to settle estate as insolvent.

An account current of the Estate of Michael Pruitt, dec. made by John McMickle, Adm. at the May Term of the Crawford Circuit Court at 1848 Term.

**Assets belonging to said Estate:**

Amount of Sale Bill of pers. prop.	\$123.64
Amount of Inventory of Accts.	7.00
Amount of Interest	.35
Amount of cash from Kentucky	20.00
Total	\$150.99
Amount for wild hog	\$1.00
Grand Total	\$151.99

J. H. McMickle

Subscribed and sworn to 2nd day of May

1848. Wm. Mansfield, Clerk

Attest: By. J. W. Rice

**A List of Privileged Claims:**

<u>Nineon Hoskins</u>	\$1.00
Bal. of widows claim	\$27.94
<u>Samuel Sands</u>	.50
<u>Thomas Fleming</u>	\$1.00
<u>Elijah Kindle</u>	\$ 1.25
<u>Joel Ray</u>	.75
<u>Ignitus Mattingly</u>	\$1.00

**Claims Not Privileged:**

<u>Joel Ray</u> , balance of note	4.00
<u>Samuel Sands</u> , account	11.75
<u>Isaac Sands</u> , account	40.88
<u>David Rice</u>	15.00
<u>Hiram McDonald</u>	29.45
<u>Robert King</u>	3.56
<u>Anthony Hollen</u>	30.25

Samuel Lathrope, Administrator of the Estate of Andrew Tadlock, dec. vs. John Tadlock and Elisha Tadlock — Chancery, continued.

Zebulon Leavenworth vs. Joseph N. Phelps — Chancery. The Defendants: Julius W. Reynolds, Samuel P. Reynolds, Ann J. Woodford and Julius W. Woodford are minor heirs under the age of 21 and moves the appointment of a Guardian to answer for them and Wm. Mansfield is so appointed. Continued.

Oma Tussey vs. Marcus Gaither — Chancery, continued.

Ordered that Court Adjourn until tomorrow. James Lockhart.

**May Term 1848, 5th Day.**

Friday, May 5, 1848. Present: Hoborable Manuel Schoonover and Jacob Poe, Associates.

Michael Obyrn vs. John Jones — Covenant. Comes the jury with their verdict, to-wit: “We the

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