

# Crawford County Genealogy

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

2007 March

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## What's in a name?

This question was posed in the first edition of the *Crawford County's The Capitol News* which was published on Jan. 25, 2007 and was written by C. C. Thomas. Most of the article was discussing the contenders for whom Crawford County was named after and he offered two famous Americans named Crawford.

The first was one William Harris Crawford, born in Virginia in 1772 who moved to Georgia and became a lawyer, eventually being elected to the Senate and running for President. He died in Crawford Co., GA in 1834, and that county was probably named after him.

The second William Crawford, and the most likely candidate as the namesake of Crawford County, Indiana, according to Mr. Thomas, was born in Orange County, VA in 1732. He was a friend of George Washington and they traveled in the West together on surveying trips. He also served in the French & Indian War and the American Revolution. He retired from the military life in 1781 but was asked by his friend George Washington to lead an expedition against the British and Indians harrassing settlers along the Ohio River. It was while on that expedition that he was captured and burned at the stake by the Indians. It is no doubt this William Crawford from whom Crawford County, Indiana takes its name.

But we are not the first county to commemorate this William Crawford with his name. In Pennsylvania for the 1800 census there is a county named for this William Crawford. It is located in the northwest corner of the state and was created on March 12, 1800. Secondly, Illinois named a county Crawford when it became a state in 1816. I believe Indiana became the third state to have a county of that name. Wisconsin, while still a territory named one of its two original territories Crawford and retained that name as one of its counties when it became a state in 1846. Several other states soon followed suit with the name.

However, I have found that settlers usually named new places they settled after places they had already been. Thus it is likely that whatever group of men had the authority to name the county — some, or at least one of them may have come from Crawford County, Pennsylvania — perhaps someone named Proctor. There were several families of that name in the early years of Pennsylvania history in that place. William Proctor, of Marengo, listed his birthplace as Pennsylvania. Hum! Maybe there is a connection?

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## CCHGS Establishment Day Dinner Draws A Good Crowd

On Thursday, March 1 the Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society held their annual Establishment Day Dinner at the English Senior Citizens building to celebrate the birthday of Crawford County, founded March 1, 1818.

President, Jim Kaiser, called everyone to attention about 6:30 P.M. and began by thanking everyone for attending and asking everyone in the

room to identify themselves and where they were from. Special guest Joan Ritchie asked the Blessing on the food and the eating commenced. The fare was made up of foods that were available and common at the table in the year 1818 and there were several "specially-made" dishes that resembled that era. After the meal Jim Kaiser again took the floor and introduced each guest and special speakers, the first being our historian Richard Eastridge who gave a brief talk on why we celebrate this day; next was Sharon Lawson a Purdue extension agent who spoke on the foods we ate back in 1818 and prepreparing them today. The next speaker was centurion Harry Wood who told the story of Bob & Barney and passed around a photo of the two horses. The main speaker was Ralph Stroud who played several selections from his CD collections of stories about "The Way It Was During My Youth" in the 1940's and 1950's. It was very much enjoyed by all and brought back memories to most of us.

(More photos next page)



Shown above: left to right: Joan Ritchie, Sharon Lawson, Jim Kaiser and Ralph Stroud.

# Establishment Day 2007 Photos



## Archives Happenings

### Mail Requests

Given to me by Richard Eastridge about Feb. 9th

From: Mr. Paul E. Mocaby  
410 W. 10th St.  
Johnston City, IL 62951

I am researching Azubah Beals, B: 9 Sept 1794; D: 26 July 1880 in Crawford Co.

She married Addison Williams before locating in Crawford Co.

Are there any divorce papers in your county? If so, I would like a copy.

She married Andrew Batman on 30 Dec 1865.

Is she buried as Azubah Beals, Williams or Batman?  
*[She is buried in the Dillman Cemetery as Azubah J. Batman. B: 4-15-1845; D: 5-18-1931]*

I'd like an obit or death certificate.

Any help would be appreciated. Please bill me for any charges.

M. E. Mocaby

Crawford County Court House  
County Clerk  
P.O. Box 375  
English, IN 47118

Jan. 11, 2007

Dear Sir:

My second great uncle, John Fields, was a patient at the Southern Indiana Hospital for the Insane and died there in 1896. His parents were William and Margaret Fields from Crawford County. Before he could be committed there had to be an Inquest for Insanity. If you still have his inquest file I would greatly like to have a copy.

Thank you.

/s/ Richard W. Fields

Richard W. Fields  
P.O. Box 256  
Boulder Junction, WI 54512

*Reply to above request:*

February 16, 2007

Dear Mr. Fields,

I looked at the card file index marked "Insane Records" but found no one by the name you mentioned. He might be found in the Court Records, but without an approximate date of admission would be

impossible to find. Meanwhile, I will keep your letter on file just in case I or someone else run across anything.

Sincerely,

Larry M. Burmeister, Archives Coordinator  
Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society

Charlene C. Hammett  
22310 50th Ave. East  
Spanaway, WA 98387

Dear Sirs

I'm writing to obtain a photocopy of my late relatives marriage certificate. Enclosed is a SASE for your convenience. The marriage certificate I'm seeking is for —

John Wesley Brock, age 19 and Louella M. Mathers, age 16 who were married April 15, 1875 in Crawford County, Indiana.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely, /s/ Charlene C. Hammett

*The certificate was found in Book D, page 127 and was mailed on Feb. 16, 2007 with a bill for \$2.00. LMB*

Feb. 18, 2007

Hello Larry,

I have been working on a story about the Shaw family that I have had for quit some time. It goes back to Germany where the story begins. When I read it for the first time I wondered about how much truth there was to it. The first clue I saw was part of the story that was to have taken place in Leavenworth. I checked the 1850 census for Jennings township and sure enough, the person in the story was listed as a gun smith. I have now printed out all I could locate on the census records for the years 1850, 60, 70, 80 and 1900 about these families and will add it to the end of the story.

I am also trying to organize the cemetery records for Shafer Ridge and and Scott cemetery where many of the family members are buried. The reason I have an interest in the story is this took place in the area of Shafer Ridge Church and Cemetery where my ancestors were located.

I have been in contact with Bruce and this is an item that he had located. By using the date that is on the

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## Shaw Obit Continued

item do you suppose someone down there could check the old newspapers that are on file at the Crawford County Library and see if the complete story would be there. If it can be located I would like to add that to the story before I send it.

On the 1850 census Josiah was listed as a Cooper, age 20, on the 1860 census Josiah was listed as a River Loader, and on the 1870 census Josiah Shaw was listed as a River Trader.

I would appreciate any help that anyone there can give me about checking out the article below to see if there is a complete obituary.

Sincerely, Norm

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Reference: Newspaper clipping, from the *Crawford County Democrat*, a newspaper from English, Indiana, dated January 15, 1914. Obituary is on file at the Bradford County Historical Society, Towanda, PA, in the Shaw family file. Obit was donated by Mrs. Mary A. Kuzmits of South Bend, IN. Also available on microfilm at the Crawford County (Indiana) Public Library. Located on Page one of newspaper.

Josiah Shaw was born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, September 22, 1829, and on December 29, 1913 at 3 a. m. he died, making Pa Shaw 84 years, 3 months and 7 days of age.

Leonard Shaw, the father of J. Shaw, together with his wife and six sons landed at Leavenworth in a small family boat built by the father in Pennsylvania, in 1837.

Pa Shaw, one of a family of ten children, was chosen to assist his mother with her house work, and on account of his willing disposition to do thoroughly any task assigned him, he succeeded in being invaluable to her in all her house hold duties.

As a young man he drew friends to himself readily. On account of his amiable temper and his quick intelligent way of grasping all business matters he was successful in a marked degree. One of his remarkable characteristics was wonderful memory, with which he was blessed from his youth.

May 4, 1854 he became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Eureka Lodge No. 142, at Leavenworth, Ind., until his death. He was the oldest member of said Lodge, and if he had lived 4 months and 5 days longer, would have been a member for 60 years, for which time the Lodge was arranging a reunion in his honor.

June 28, 1855 he was united in marriage to Carrie (Caroline) N. Beers at Leavenworth, Indiana. To this union were born three children, two sons and one daughter. The two sons, Lyman P. and Charles E. having preceded him to the great beyond. Minnie Grimes,

the daughter, together with his wife, two sisters and one brother, and a host of other relatives and friends are left to mourn his going.

Pa Shaw, as we commonly called him, spent his early life principally on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers engaged in river traffic. He was a pilot and understood the different channels and landings of the Ohio River so well that he was continually sought by river men for information. And there was no man who was better acquainted with the business, and the men engaged therein than he. He was caught with his boats in the South during the Rebellion and by his fairness with the Southern people won permission to return to the North with his wife and baby.

As a business man he was eminently successful, and was ever ready to encourage a young man, or to help in any enterprise to further the interests of his town. His method of dealing with men in a business way was such that he drew them to him. His business associations almost invariably ripening into friendship.

In social life, Pa Shaw was known to be a lover of friends, and he probably knew more people, and was himself more widely known than any other one person in this Southern section of Indiana. He was a man who was closely and deeply attached to his family and loved to spend his evenings at home. He believed in, and practiced perfect simplicity in living.

He was an expressed believer in things Divine. All his life he practiced a "humanity to man" which exemplified his beliefs.

In the early part of his last sickness he called his family together and expressed a belief that he would not recover, and made known his wishes concerning the details of the last ceremonies. He requested that no flowers be used. Specifying also that his preference for a plain casket, and that all things be in harmony with the simplicity of his life.

To know Pa Shaw was to love him. Possessing, as he did, an unusually well informed mind, and ever ready and cordial recognition, and hearty hand clasp, made it a pleasure always, to meet him.

**SEE PAGE 9 FOR MORE ON THE SHAW FAMILY**

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## Communications

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Sun, 04 Feb 2007 11:40:31 -0800

From: "Rita Moore" <qtchick@eoni.com>

To: burmeisterlarry@yahoo.com

Subject: Crawford county/genealogy

Please send me information about subscribing to the Crawford County Genealogy newsletter. Thanks, Rita Moore : qtchick@eoni.com

## David Mitchell Stewart

b. 16 July 1775, d. 1 November 1854,  
#5954 Pop-up Pedigree  
(forwarded to me by Roberta Toby)

Father: James Stewart b. 24 Dec. 1723, d. 17 Feb. 1817  
Mother: Mary (?) b. 28 Sept. 1736, d. Nov. 1794

**Biography:** David was born in Iredell County, North Carolina, July 16 1775. Of his early life but little is known, but he learned the blacksmith trade, and at the age of 24 married Miss Annie Sloan, a poor widow's daughter. She never saw her father, as he was killed in a battle with the Tories, the same in which the Stewarts mentioned before were wounded. Her father was a captain of a company of Whigs. In the year 1799, David Stewart and wife emigrated to Georgia and lived there five years and three children were born to them: John S., 1800; James, October 17 1802; David G, Oct 15 1804.

### They Move North

In November, 1804, tired of slavery they started to move to Ohio and got to Barren County, Kentucky, and had to stop on account of bad weather and remained there for eight years, there after farming and working at his trade. During their stay in Kentucky there were born to them three children: Mary, born Feb. 18 1807; Eli Stewart, March 30 1809; and Samuel M. Stewart, born July 15 1811.

### David Stewart Converted

While in Kentucky there came a new church sect known as the New Lights, afterwards taking the name of Christian or Church Or Jesus Christ. David Stewart and his wife joined this church under the preaching of Bartin W. Stone and others. The people then were exercised with what they called Jerks. It was here that he took great interest in religious affairs and commenced to exhort in public.

### The Move Into Indiana

Wanting to get out of a slave state in the year 1813, David Stewart and family came to Big Springs, Indiana, now Marengo, and purchased the Henry Hollowell farm. On March 28 1813, he and family moved into their new home, a log cabin over the head of the old cave spring in old Marengo, then quite a wilderness. At the time there was only about ten acres of cleared ground. He and family went to work clearing ground, working almost night and day. At that time it was dangerous in Indiana Territory on account of the Indians. Every morning with gun in hand he would survey the premises before venturing far from home. He cleared away the forests and worked some at his

trade and preached some but many were tho privations that he underwent in this new territory. They had born to them In Indiana three children: Martin T., April 14 1814; Martha A., June 25 1817; and Lewis B. Stewart, the one who was able to give the leading facts of this sketch, was born Dec. 22 1819.

### Political Offices

In the year 1824, David Stewart was candidate for Representative of the State Legislature and was elected and served the winter of 1824 and 1825 for one term, it being the first term after the removal of the State Capitol from Corydon to Indianapolis, then a place almost in the woods. He traveled to and from Indianapolis on horseback. In 1830 he made a race for State Senator from the District composed then of Crawford, Perry and Spencer Counties. His opponents were Dr. Thompson of Perry County and John Daniels of Spencer County. Dr Thompson was elected as he was a Democrat and the other candidates were both Whigs. He was then elected Associate Judge one term and was also elected Probate Judge one term up to 1840. He was made chairman of the first Whigs convention ever held in the county, which was organized by E. E. Morgan and held at the residence of Nathaniel Straughn in this county. In the year 1838, he laid out and had surveyed and plotted the town of Big Springs now in north Marengo. In the year 1842 he with others laid out and petitioned the County Board to form Liberty Township out of Whiskey Run and Sterling Township. He was then elected the first Assessor of Liberty Township.

### A Christian Man

He was a public-spirited man and lived for others more than for himself. He traveled and preached over a large territory and took hundreds of converts into tho church by confession and baptism. He assisted the two Kincaid brothers to establish the first Christian church in the county. The church was organized in a little log house over on Dog Creek, near English, Oct 1819. On August 12 1846, he lost his bosom companion. For over a year his granddaughter, Mary Ann Wood, and her husband lived with him and in the fall of 1847, he married Elizabeth Springer, a widow, who lived at Paoli, Indiana, and who was an old acquaintance. They lived together until Nov. 1 1854, when David Stewart departed this life after a lingering illness at the age of 79 years, three months, and fifteen days.

*(from the sketch by J. E. Stewart).*

**David Stewart**

Birth: 16 July 1775, Rowan Co, NC  
 Marriage: 5 November 1799, Statesville, Iredell Co., NC, Bride=Anna Sloan  
 Marriage: 1847, Orange Co, IN, Bride=Elizabeth Springer  
 Death: 1 November 1854, Marengo, Crawford Co, IN  
 Last Edited: 2 Feb 2003

*This article provided by Roberta Toby.*

**The Children of David Stewart & Anna**

**Family 1:** Anna Sloan

John S. Stewart  
 James Stewart  
 David G. Stewart  
 Mary Stewart  
     Eli Stewart+  
     Samuel M. Stewart+  
 Martin T. Stewart  
 Martha Ann Stewart  
 Lewis Byrum Stewart

**Family 2:** Elizabeth Springer  
 (no children listed)

**Anna Sloan**

Birth: circa 1778, #5955  
 Death\*:  
 Birth\*: circa 1778  
 Marriage\*: 5 November 1799, Statesville, Iredell Co., NC, Groom=David Mitchell Stewart  
 Married Name: 5 November 1799, Stewart  
 Last Edited: 6 Oct 2000

**Elizabeth Springer**

Born: circa 1778, #5956  
 Death\*:  
 Birth\*: circa 1778  
 Marriage\*: 1847, Orange Co, IN, Groom=  
     David Mitchell Stewart  
 Married Name: 1847, Stewart  
 Last Edited: 6 Oct 2000

Fresh from My Printer:

**TRACT BOOK TWO — 1869-1874**

Land transactions in Crawford during that time. 116 pages in 8-point type, over 4,000 listings with a 33-page index in 12-point type. \$20.00, if interested contact Richard Eastridge as we must have the order before we print it. Gives deed date, name, description of location, total acres. Transcribed by LMB.

**John Ruth, Revolutionary War Veteran**

John Ruth was born circa 1751. He served in the Illinois Regiment under George Rogers Clark and Major Thomas Quirk. He died in Crawford County on his farm in Patoka Township and was buried there. His death date on the record is given as May 17, 1842.

Source: George Rogers Clark Papers, VSL, Box 654, Folder 240, Roll #12, Frame 1212, Copy with data; Sanchez-Saavedra, A Guide to Virginia Militia Organizations in the American Revolution, P127.

The above information was used by an ancestor to gain entrance in the DAR. At the February 12th meeting of the Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society, it was proposed and passed that a marker be ordered and be set in the closest cemetery to the farm that John Ruth occupied. This was believed to be the Highfill Chapel Cemetery, but our County Historian, Richard Eastridge will determine if this is indeed the cemetery closest to the old residence.

**John Ruth Jr. Moves to Greene County, IN**

John and his wife Catherine had at least one child named John who moved to Greene County about 1842, or shortly after his father's death. The article appearing below was forwarded to me by Roberta Toby and concerns a grandson of John Ruth, Revolutionary War Veteran:

*Transcribed from A Standard History of Kansas and Kansans, written and compiled by William E. Connelley, Secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka. [Revised ed.] Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1919, c1918. 5 v. (xlviii, 2530 p., [155] leaves of plates): ill., maps (some fold.), ports.; 27 cm.*

**Ulysses Grant Ruth**

Among the business men of Scott County, Kansas who are contributing to the advancement of their community through the medium of capable and conscientious service, one of the best known is Ulysses Grant Ruth, county treasurer. A resident of thirty years' standing, during a long period he has been interested in business affairs and of more recent years has been the incumbent of high official position. Both as an official and business man his actions have warranted the respect and confidence in which he is held.

Mr. Ruth is one of the settlers of 1886, having come direct from Missouri to Scott County. He had spent

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## **Ulysses Grant Ruth—More**

four years of his youth in Lafayette County, Missouri, but is a native of Greene County, Indiana, where he was born May 11, 1865. His grandfather was John Ruth, a native of Pennsylvania, who settled in Southern Indiana when that part of the Hoosier state was a wilderness, and subsequently engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life. Mr. Ruth was of German blood, and it is believed that the family has been in America since colonial times and that it was represented in the "Boston Tea Party." John Ruth married a Miss McCoy, and in their family were four sons and four daughters, but of these George W. Ruth was the only one to migrate to Kansas.

### **George W. Ruth, Father of Ulysses, Son of John**

George W. Ruth, now a resident of Scott City, father of Ulysses G. Ruth, was born July 25, 1833, in Greene County, Indiana, where he received a limited education in the public schools. As a young man he engaged in agricultural pursuits, but his operations in this direction were interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil war, and in 1861 he enlisted in Company C, Fifty-Ninth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Benjamin R. Wagner. Later he was enrolled in Captain Hobinson's command of the Fourth Indiana Cavalry, and with this organization served until honorably discharged in July, 1865. During his service he took part in a number of engagements, including the battle and siege of Vicksburg and the Battle of Chickamauga, and while he was never wounded nor taken prisoner, was incapacitated by illness toward the close of the war and was therefore transferred to Rock Island, Illinois, where he was honorably discharged. His civil life has always been devoted to the pursuits of agriculture, in which he was actively engaged until recent years, when he has been living retired in his comfortable home at Scott City. He is a republican in his political views, but public life never held out any attractions to him. Mr. Ruth married Miss Minerva Faucett, whose father was a native of Indiana. He was a soldier of the Union army during the Civil war and lost his life as a result of his service. Mrs. Ruth died at Scott City in 1903, at the age of sixty years, being the mother of the following children: W. S., who is engaged in farming in Scott County; Ulysses G., of this notice; Belle, who died unmarried; Emma, who died as the wife of Walter Finkenbine, of Scott City; Josephine, of Gravette, Arkansas, wife of James Huff; Celestia, who is Mrs. M. A. Easley, of Scott City; Ella, who is the wife of John Easley, of Labette County, Kansas; Ira S., of Scott City; Robert I., also of this city; and Florence, who is the wife of Houdy Shell, and resides at Caldwell, Idaho.

Ulysses G. Ruth received the major part of his education in the public schools of Greene County, Indi-

ana, and as a youth his chief employment was found in farming, he remaining on the homestead place until after he had come to Scott County. When he began life for himself he took up mining at Corder, Missouri, as a coal digger, and it has only been recently that he has obliterated the last trace of the coal grime bruised into his hands during that trying period in the mines. On his return to Scott County he tried farming for a time and was married, but soon gave up agricultural work to become a clerk and store manager at Scott City for W. Meisenheimer, with whom he remained nine years. He then engaged in general merchandising himself as one of the firm of Ruth Brothers, but after a few years, owing to impaired health, he sold out to his brother and retired from commercial affairs. A little later he joined A. B. Timberman in the erection of the first two-story, brick business house built at Scott City, with an opera house above, and at that time, also, he entered the real estate and insurance business, in which he has continued to be interested to the present time. He has been gathering in land in the county, being interested in several quarter-sections, and has furnished seed wheat to the farmers, and in this way is an agriculturist.

Mr. Ruth cast his first vote in Scott County. He was reared as a republican and his first presidential vote was cast for Benjamin Harrison in 1888. He was a delegate to the convention at Hutchinson that named Chester I. Long for Congress, and served on the Scott City Council for eight years, during which time he battled for cement walks and the securing of the water and light plants for the city. In 1910 he was drafted, while absent, for county treasurer, on the republican ticket, but was defeated. In 1912 he was elected to that office as the successor to W. W. Finkenbine, and in 1914 was again elected to this office, but this time as a progressive.

Upon retiring from the treasurer's office Mr. Ruth established himself in insurance and real estate, as senior partner of Ruth & Norman. His chief time is given to the work of food administrator for Scott County.

Mr. Ruth was married in Scott County, May 12, 1892, to Miss Florence C. Sparks, a daughter of Levi and Mrs. (Rohr) Sparks. Mr. Sparks came from Illinois to Kansas and homesteaded a farm in Scott County, spending his last years at Wichita, Kansas, and being buried at his old home at Pontiac, Illinois. In his earlier years he knew Abraham Lincoln well and was a frequenter of Chicago when it was little more than a village. His children included: George, a resident of Pontiac, Illinois; Anna, who married George Mitchell, a resident of Chicago; Laura, who married Harvey Cox, of Cole Bluff, Indiana; John, who lives at Browning, Missouri;

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**Ulysses Grant Ruth—More**

Ralph, of Kirksville, Missouri; Florence C., Mrs. Ruth, born at Champaign, Illinois, June 9, 1868; and Frank, a resident of Nevada, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Ruth are the parents of four children: Jennie, who is the wife of Charles Garrett, of Garden City, Kansas, and has one child, Almeta; Eva, who is the wife of John Linn, of Scott County, and has one child, Agnes; and Ulysses G., Jr., and Florence C., who reside with their parents.

Mr. Ruth is a Blue Lodge Mason and past master of his lodge at Scott City, having sat in two Grand lodges of Masons; and is also past noble grand of Odd Fellowship and has served in several Grand lodges. He and Mrs. Ruth are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been a trustee for many years.

*(Information provided by Roberta Toby)*

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## Communications

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From: NormLynch@aol.com  
 Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 05:07:05 EST  
 Subject: News Letter  
 To: burmeisterlarry@yahoo.com

Hello Larry,

I think it is wonderful that you have the time and the desire to put out your news letter. I forwarded it to a couple of my cousin's and they thought it was wonderful and ask how to get on your mailing list.

Looking at the time on your e-mail it appears you work very late in the evening.

I found several things mentioned from the records that I had heard of but never knew exactly where it came from. You were a great help to me there.

Thanks again,

Norm

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From: DeRuFrye@aol.com  
 Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 20:25:03 EST  
 Subject: Re: Crawford Newsletter  
 To: burmeisterlarry@yahoo.com

Larry,

Thanks for the well done newsletter. I know it's lots of work. You do a great job.

Also, thank you for the blurb about my genealogy book. It helps to get the word out.

Deanna R. Frye

From: "Roberta Toby" <kentuckygirl@disknet.com>  
 Subject: John Ruth  
 Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 08:54:38 -0800

### My ggg-grandfather, John Ruth

Much information on this man was given by a great grand daughter, Harriet (Catherine) Burcham Graham, and her daughter, Joda Graham Sinclair. The rest has been searched out and mostly proven. (Harriet is the daughter of Nancy Emily Ruth, who is the daughter of John Ruth, Jr. son of this John Ruth.)

Harriet Burcham Graham is the ggranddaughter of this man, and says she remembers her grandfather saying that his folks were Dutch, and that they came from Holland with the Puritan Fathers, to Mass. He was b. prob. in a Boro outside Boston, in 1751. As a 17 yr. old, he dressed as a Indian, and helped 'throw the tea overboard in the Harbor'. It was said by the family that he served in the Revolutionary War, but can find no proof. There is a mention 3 times of a John Ruth enlistment in Penn. as they enlisted every 3 months, but without papers, DAR is not satisfied. He said he did not want a pension for what he did, as he got what he wanted, "justice".

Married three times. The first wife being a 'bound' girl, who died shortly. She was said to be sixteen when she finished her work as a 'bound girl', and married John.

The second wife, name also unknown, was a widow with 3 children, possibly in NJ. (family history, can find nothing to back this up.) She seemed to be caring too much for the hired man. John said he was leaving in the morning, and packed the wagon. He told her she could either stay or come with him. She stayed. He took their 4 children, and later settled in Clark Co., abt. 1800. He married a 3rd time, Catherine Lancaster Holt, who had 3 children, which made 7 children, altogether.

They must have married abt 1800, by the dates of birth of each of their last children, by a previous spouse. (they had six more children, and I have their dates, and marriages.) 7 children plus 6 children, made 13, but by this time some were married, or away from home.

My original information came from my family history. But have proved most of it with the Marriage CD's., census' and confirmation from Indiana records.

The gov't granted him 80 acres of land. John Ruth, Sr. was granted 80 acres of land about 3 miles north of Taswell. Have checked this. In the Census of Indiana Territory for 1807 (information from:Midwest Hist. &

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**My ggg-grandfather—Continued**

Gen. Society, Wichita, KS C 190 1.) His land is listed as Twp. 21 North of Range 3 West.

40 W SW 28      80 W SE 28      40 E SW 28  
Taswell appears to be less than 30 miles from the Ohio River at Leavenworth, IN.

He was on the index to deeds 1789-1801.

Grant #119, later sold by him and his wife, Catherine. Bought from James Ramsey, and sold to Samuel Ramsey.

I also have the (census?), or individuals living in Clark Co. in 1807, which includes John Ruth's family.

Indiana is not listed on the 1810 census, with the States.

The 1820 census of Crawford co., Indiana—when Clark was divided into other counties, his area was Crawford.

The 1830 census of Crawford Co., Indiana .

The 1840 census of Crawford co., Indiana. This was a AIS pensioner census, and gave his age (89) at the time which proved his birth date, 1751.

Have his will—

A codicil to his will was Mar. 31, 1837. I believe from the will, he died previous to May 17, 1842.

His land settlement was May 9, 1848, there were some problems with dividing the land, so the judge and family decided it better just to sell the land, and divide the money among the children and grandchildren.

I have all his children, and dates. His son John went to Greene co., Ind. This is my line. This line is easy to document.

Submitted by: J. Parkhurst

**Order Book A**  
**Continued from Previous Edition**

December Term 1818, 4th Day

December 17th, 1818

ORDERED THAT *capias* issue on all indictments found at this term and that in the cases of assault and battery the Sheriff take a recognizance from the principals in \$50 and one security in the like sum — And in the case of counterfeiting, a recognizance from the principal in \$300 and two securities in \$300 each.

ORDERED THAT all cases not disposed of be continued.

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From: NormLynch@aol.com  
Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 13:08:10 EST  
Subject: News Letter  
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Hello Larry,

Thanks for sending the genealogy News Letter, it was a pleasant surprise and I truly appreciate it very much. I have used a three hole ring binder to store all the material I am receiving from the CCH&GS.

Is this separate from the Historical Society quarter publication?

I received this site from a 2 nd cousin and thought you might find it to be interesting. It can be quit lengthy if you look at all of the contents but I found it to be worthwhile if you can spare the time.

This cousin is the great -great granddaughter of John C. Day from Sterling township who married Nancy Ann Franks in Crawford County in 1874.

Thanks again,

Norm

**E-Mail on Shaw Family**

From: NormLynch@aol.com  
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 21:36:58 EST  
Subject: Shaw Obituary  
To: burmeisterlarry@yahoo.com

Feb. 22, 2007

Hello Larry,

This is a copy of a letter I received from Linda Malette. She must have written to the library about the same time that I had contacted you about the obituary at the library. I don't know if you had the second item from the paper that Becky sent to Linda or not.

Also in the letter that Bruce sent with all of the census information included makes me think that the Shaw family is in his family line. I ask him if he was the one who most recently had made the story available but have not yet had a reply from him.

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This is the letter to Linda from Becky,  
—— Original Message ——  
From: "Becky Stetter" <beckystetter@yahoo.com>

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**Shaw Family-Continued**

To: <linda\_malette@insightbb.com>  
 Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2007 3:53 PM  
 Subject: your Crawford County Public Library inquiry  
 Hello,

The obituary of Josiah Shaw you requested is from the newspaper "*The Crawford County Democrat*", issue dated January 15, 1914. The end of it you had off continues with:

"He requested that no flowers be used. Specifying also that his preference for a plain casket, and that all things be in harmony with the simplicity of his life. To know Pa Shaw was to love him. Possessing, as he did, an unusually well informed mind, and ever ready and cordial recognition, and hearty hand clasp, made it a pleasure always, to meet him."

I found an additional article in another local newspaper "*The English News*" dated January 23, 1914:

**RESOLUTIONS.**

Josiah Shaw, President Leavenworth State Bank. Elected June 25, 1905. Died December 29, 1913.

Whereas, death has removed from its directorate and the management of the Leavenworth State Bank its honored president, Josiah Shaw. Therefore be it resolved:

—1st, That in his death the bank has lost an able official; the board of directors a wise counsellor; and the community an eminent citizen.

—2nd, That we commend his thrift, his industry, and his honesty.

—3, That his long life of peace with all mankind, his devotion to his friends and his sympathy with all humanity marked him as a character worthy of emulation.

—4th, That a copy of these resolutions be written upon the record book of the board of directors; a copy presented to his family, and that they be published in all the newspapers of the county.

Respectfully,  
 W. W. Conrad,  
 J. P. Allen,  
 M. R. Shrewsbury,  
 Committee.

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From: NormLynch@aol.com  
 Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 23:42:28 EST  
 Subject: Fwd: your Crawford County Public Library inquiry  
 To: burmeisterlarry@yahoo.com

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From: Bfp2000@aol.com  
 Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 22:36:27 EST  
 Subject: Re: your Crawford County Public Library in-

quiry  
 To: NormLynch@aol.com

Norm,

I have absolutely no problems with Larry publishing the story. George B. Shaw was childless and passed away many years ago... Alice is still with us... but her segment in the story was very small and very recent in the chronology of the manuscript. The Toll-Shaw Family History (TSFH) was put to paper in the early 1950's and many copies appear to have been spread over the family... I have found the information contained in the TSFH all over the internet...

One word of caution about the TSFH though... I have worked with it for several years now and I have been unable to substantiate more than a few details and people from the TSFH. For example I can find no mention of a Truman Bursley in any official records anywhere... the possibility exists that Bursley was really Beardsley (I have found a Truman Beardsley)... additionally many of the Civil War details are questionable as well (wrong military units, etc)... Even some of the facts surrounding the names and locations of Shaw descendants were reported in error (for this I have evidence).

I did provide Janet with the TSFH... and she worked very hard to transcribe it from the old manuscript into the "electronic soft copy" that exists today. The original manuscript suffered from very small margins, poor grammar and typos galore.

I have not yet paid any visits to downtown Indy... I'm sure that there's a wealth of information there for me to discover...

Respectfully,  
 Cousin Bruce

In a message dated 2/22/2007 10:30:44 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, NormLynch writes:

2, 22, 2007

Hello Bruce,

Linda is one of the first Lynch researchers that I met on an inquiry board on the inter net. We have worked together many times when I was in Harrison and Crawford counties. I had sent her a copy of the incomplete orbit of Josiah Shaw and she had contacted Becky at the Crawford County library and came up with the additional article about Josiah's bank connections.

I believe Janet Douglas must had received the Toll

**Shaw Family-Continued**

Shaw story from you.

Larry Burmeister ask me if I cared if he used the story in his news letter. I told him I saw no harm in it as stories are written to be read.

If this was past on by you I think you should be the one to give him permission, not me. I do believe if he uses it he should credit George B. Shaw and Alice M. Shaw for putting it all together.

Let me know what you think about this and you could work with Larry on it. I have some things I want to put together on my Lynch family to send to Larry in case he could use any of it at a later time in his news letter.

I am a member of The Society of Indiana Pioneers that is located in Indianapolis and have never had the opportunity to visit the genealogy dept. at Indianapolis which is said to contain many records from Crawford County. If you should find the time you may want to check it out, if you haven't already.

Let me know what you think about Larry using the story.

Sincerely,  
Norm

**Order Book A — Cont. from page 9**

Nancy Cochran, Sally Richards and Thomas N. Aubry acknowledged themselves indebted to the State of Indiana in \$50 each and to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements but on this condition, that if they severally appear on the first day of the next term to give evidence on behalf of the State vs. McCullum, then this recognizance to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

ORDERED THAT E. Macdonald, prosecuting attorney, be allowed \$25 for services in the present term.

ORDERED THAT *feri facias* issue against Isaac Landers, James Van Winkle, George Luther, Jeremiah Poe and Robinson Spencer to show cause why they should not be fined for failing to appear as Grand Jurors and against William McKee, Thomas Manfield, John McWilliams, Reuben Pearson and James Helms to show cause why they should not be fined for failing to attend as petit jurors at the present term.

ORDERED THAT Court adjourn untill Court-in-Course.

Henry Green and James Glenn.

**February Term 1819 — 1st Day**

AT A CIRCUIT COURT began and held at the courthouse in the town of Mount Sterling, County of

Crawford on Monday, The 22nd day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

Present the Honorable Davis Floyd, President of the 2nd Judicial Circuit; Henry Green, Associate Judge and James Glenn, Associate Judge.

The Sheriff returned into Court the following list of Grand Jurors, to-wit:— David Stewart, foreman, Jacob Froman, Elisha Potter, Charles Ridge, Andrew Kincaid, Edward G. Pyle, John Jewel, Benjamin Snelling, William Sreatch, Malachi Monk, Moses Justus, Lazarus Stewart, Ezekiel Downs , William Landriss, James Rawlins, Robert Yates, Thomas Maxwell who having respectively been legally sworn retired from the bar to consult of presentments and indictments.

William S. Thomasson appointed prosecuting attorney for the present term of this court.

State of Indiana vs. Joseph Bradford — Assault & Battery.

NOW THIS DAY came as well the prosecuting attorney as the said Joseph Bradford in his proper person and for plea says he is guilty in manner and form as in the indictment as charged against him and prays the mercy of the Court — WHEREFORE, it is considered by the Court that the said defendant Bradford made his fine to the State of Indiana for the use of Crawford County to be rendered in the sum of one dollar, pay the costs of prosecution and stand committed until sentence be performed.

ON MOTION of John A. Dunbar, Esq., Robert Holley Esq. was admitted as an attorney and counselor at law in this Court, he having taken the several oaths required by law exgration.

Samuel McMahan, having made his excuse to the Court was exempted from serving as a petit juror, being summoned so to do.

John McCarty — Same order as above.

State of Indiana vs Jeremiah Poe

On *scire facias* for not attending as grand jurors at the December Term 1818 — Jeremiah Poe, defendant.

THIS DAY the defendant Poe came into Court and having offered his excuse to the Court for his non-attendance, it is deemed sufficient, THEREFORE it is ordered by the Court that the *seine facias* be dismissed without costs.

**Order Book A — Cont. from page 11**

State of Indiana — Same as last above. George Luther — Same order.

State of Indiana — *scire facias* as above. Reuben Pearson.

THIS DAY the defendant Pearson came into Court and having offered his excuse — IT IS ORDERED by the Court that his *scire facias* be dismissed and that the defendant pay the Clerk's and Sheriff's costs thereon.

State of Indiana — *Scire facias* for non-attendance as grand juror at December Term 1818 — James Helms.

AND NOW at this day came the defendant Helms in his proper person into Court and having offered his excuse it is considered by the Court that this *sine facias* be dismissed upon the defendant paying the Clerk's and Sheriff's costs thereon.

State of Indiana — *sine facias* as above — John McWilliams.

THIS DAY the defendant McWilliams having offered his excuse, IT IS ORDERED by the Court that this *scire facias* be dismissed without costs.

State of Indiana vs. John Scaggs — Indictment for an assray.

THE SHERIFF having returned the *alias capias* execute, but having no bail of the defendant Scaggs not appearing, it is considered by the Court that a *pluries capias* issue returnable to the next Term and that the Sheriff be directed to take a recognizance from the defendant in the sum of \$100 with one or more suriety in the like sum and that the case be continued.

State of Indiana vs. Alexander Tadlock — Assault & Battery.

Indictment for Assault & Battery — new trial.

AND NOW at this day came as well the prosecuting attorney as the said Alexander Tadlock in his proper person and filed his plea in abatement, to the jurisdiction of the Court alleging that the supposed assault and battery was committed in Harrison County and not in the County of Crawford as charged in the indictment against him, upon which plea the prosecuting attorney took issue — Whereupon came a jury, to-wit: William Matthews, John Peckenpaw, Thomas Earley, Ephraim Blackbourn, James Spencer, Robert Land, William Riley, Edward Golden, Ebenezer E. Morgan, Thomas Parr and Abraham Wiseman and William Followell twelve good and lawful men who being elected, tried and sworn, well and truly to try the issue joiner. Having heard the evidence and plead-

ings retired from the bar and after some time returned into Court the following verdict to-wit: WE THE JURY find the within offence to have been in Harrison County. Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that this cause lie over for further consideration before judgment is pronounced thereon.

State of Indiana vs. John Samuels Jr. — Assault & Battery.

NOW at this day came as well the prosecuting attorney as the said defendant Samuels in his proper person and for a plea says he is guilty in manner and form as in the indictment as charged against him and prays the mercy of the Court — THEREFORE it is considered by the Court that he make his fine to the State of Indiana for the use of Crawford County in the sum of five dollars and pay costs and stand committed until sentence be preformed.

State of Indiana vs. William Wilkerson — Counterfeiting.

Continued until next term.

State of Indiana vs. Robert Samuels — Assault & Battery.

AND NOW at this day came as well the prosecuting attorney as the defendant Samuels in his proper person who for plea says he is guilty in manner and form as in the indictment is charged against him and prays the mercy of the Court — THEREFORE considered by the Court that the defendant make his fine in the sum of five dollars to the State of Indiana for the use of Crawford County to be rendered and pay costs of prosecution and stand committed until sentence by preformed.

State of Indiana vs. John Samuels, Sr. — Indictment.

ON MOTION of the prosecuting attorney this cause is continued until next term.

THIS DAY John Samuels and Constant Williams came personally into Court and severally acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the State of Indiana in the sum of one hundred dollars to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements if default be made in this condition which is that the above bound John Samuels shall personally appear at the courthouse in Mount Sterling on the first day of our May Term next of the Crawford County Circuit Court, and then and there answer an indictment preferred against him by the Grand Jury for said county at our December Term, last past, for horse stealing and not depart said Court without leave then this recognizance to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

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