

# Crawford County Genealogy

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## Gowen Family:

### From VA to KY to IN to TX

#### PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Patrick County was organized in 1790-91 with land from Henry County. Henry County was organized in 1776-77 with land from Pittsylvania County. Pittsylvania County was organized in 1766-67 with land from Halifax County. Halifax County was organized in 1752 with land from Lunenburg County. Lunenburg County was organized in 1746 with land from Brunswick County. Brunswick County was organized in 1720 and in 1732 with land from Prince George County, Isle of Wight County and Surry County. Prince George County was organized in 1702-03 with land from Charles City County. Researchers must keep in mind that an individual could have lived in several of the above counties without ever having moved.

Frederick Gowen and Jonathan Henry Gowen, regarded as kinsmen, were born in the Patrick County, Virginia area and became patriarchs of Kentucky families that, in two centuries, have spread throughout the nation. Frederick Gowen was enumerated as “free colored” in Virginia, but was reported as “white” in the Kentucky census. Jonathan Henry Gowen was the father of 13 children. This genetic influence is apparent in 1990 in the descendants of both men—even eight generations later.

Frederick Gowen is regarded by some researchers as a Melun-geon [a recent appellation preferred by some whose ancestors were labeled “Mulatto”] because census enumerator recorded him as a “free colored male.” In many enumerations in the area individuals were listed as “mulatto,” “colored,” or “Indian” by the censustakers who had no other latitude in recording a dark-skinned person. He was born about 1797 in Virginia, according to the federal census of 1850.

Jonathan Henry Gowen was a son of William Gowen and Betsey Moss Gowen, according to the research of Clara Jean Grider Fry, a descendant of Cave City, Kentucky.

“Frederick Going” was married December 10, 1818, to Nancy Coomer [Comer?] in adjoining Surry County, North Carolina, according to “Surry County, North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1780-1868.” “William Going” thought to be his father, was the bondsman. Nancy Coomer Gowen was born in North Carolina about 1798, according to the 1850 census. Their first child was born in Patrick County about 1819.

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## Glimpses of Old World Scotland

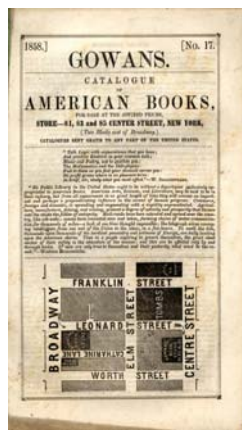
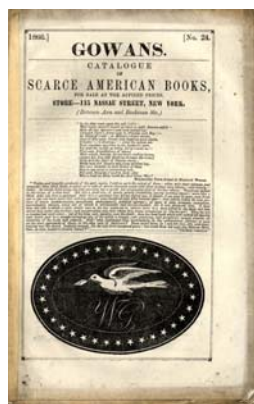
By Col. Cliff H. MacLean-Hansen, Retired

William Gowans, bibliophile and publisher, was born March 29, 1803 in Lanarkshire. He was a product of vigorous Scotch peasantry and lived on a farm near the Falls of the Clyde, where he attended school. His family emigrated to the United States in 1821, according to “Scottish Emigrants to the U.S.A.” by Donald Whyte. A short residence in Philadelphia was followed by some **five years in Crawford County Indiana.**

When William Gowans was about 25 years old he went to New York City and tried his hand at various occupations, including gardening, news vending and stone cutting. In 1830 he played a minor part with Edwin Forrest at the Bowery Theatre.

Later he set up a bookstall on Chatham Street, consisting simply of a row of shelves, protected with wooden shutters, an iron bar, and a padlock. He also recounted that he was a boarder for several months about 1837 in the household of Edgar Allen Poe, according to the “New York Evening Mail,” December 10, 1870. For

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A son was born to them there about 1822, and was followed by a daughter about 1824. "Frederick Going" appeared as the head of a "free colored" household in the 1830 census of Patrick County, page 154.

They continued in Patrick County about 1831 when another son was born to them there. About 1833, they lived in Lee County, Virginia, in the extreme western tip of the state, where their fifth child was born.

About 1835, Frederick Gowen was living near Somerset, Kentucky in Pulaski County. No members of the Gowen [nor spelling variations] family were recorded in the 1830 census of Pulaski County which showed a population of 9,521 at that time. Frederick Gowen purchased land in Pulaski County for \$225 in 1838, according to the research of Steve Gowen.

Frederick Gowen was enumerated as the head of a household in the 1840 census of Pulaski County, page 320:

"Gowen, Frederick white male 40-50  
white female 30-40  
white male 15-20  
white female 10-15  
white male 10-15  
white male 5-10  
white female 0-5"

Three members of the family were engaged in agriculture.

Also enumerated in the 1840 census of Pulaski County, page 294 was the household of Henry Gowen, unidentified: "Gowen, Henry white male 40-50

white female 30-40  
white male 15-20  
white male 10-15  
white female 10-15  
white male 10-15  
white male 5-10  
white female 0-5  
white male 0-5

Frederick Gowen sold his property March 2, 1848 for \$150, according to Pulaski County Deed Book 13, page 520. Apparently he removed to nearby Adair County at that time. On October 1, 1849 he was paid "\$1 for work on road," according to Adair County Court Order Book H, page 9.

In 1850, the household of Frederick Gowen was recorded in Adair County, First Civil District, Household 603-603:

"Gowen, Frederick 53, born in Virginia, farmer, \$200 real estate  
Nancy 52, born in North Carolina, illiterate  
Allen 20, born in Virginia, illiterate  
Larkin 18, born in Virginia, illiterate, farmer  
Elizabeth 15, born in Kentucky  
Frederick 8, born in Kentucky  
Hignight, Mary 40, born in Virginia

The fact that he named a son "Allen" suggests a relationship to other branches of the family who used the name "Allen" as well. Mary Hignight was possibly related to the

householders.

Frederick Gowen reappeared in the 1860 census of Adair County in the First Civil District as the head of Household 242-242:

"Going, Fredrick 62, farmer, \$600 real estate, \$540 personal property, born in atrick County, VA  
Nancy 61, housekeeping, born in Stokes County, NC  
Elizabeth 22, housekeeping, born in Pulaski County, KY  
Fredrick 18, farmer, born in Pulaski County, KY

Adjoining were the households of "William Going," his son, No. 243-243; "Allan Going," a son, Household No. 244-244 and William Chadwick [Chadwick?] and Mary "Polly" Gowen Chadwick, his daughter, Household No. 245-245.

During the Civil War, **Frederick Gowen removed to Crawford County in extreme southern Indiana.** He removed shortly afterward to nearby Gibson County, Indiana where his son, Larkin Gowen had located. "He died intestate, but did leave a treasure trove of information in Gibson County Court records when his heirs divided the estate," according to a letter written by August 13, 1990 by Steve Gowen, a descendant of Lexington, Kentucky.

Children born to Frederick Gowen and Nancy Coomer Gowen include:

William R. Gowen born about 1819  
Mary "Polly" Gowen born about 1824  
Allen Gowen born about 1830  
Larkin Gowen born about 1833  
Elizabeth G. Gowen born about 1835  
Frederick Gowen, Jr. born October 9, 1841

Initially it was thought that Jonathan Gowen was a son of Frederick Gowen and Nancy Coomer Gowen because of his close relationship with them, however a letter written February 23, 1987 by Clara Jean Grider Sexton Fry seems to refute this speculation. She wrote:

"Sometime back I got a letter from a lady [unnamed] in Adair County who said that the parents of Jonathan Gowen were William Gowen and Betsy Moss Gowen. I have lost the letter, but some credence can be given to this statement because Jonathan wasn't listed in the probate of Frederick Gowen in Gibson County, Indiana. In his probate heirs were listed as William R. Gowen, Polly Chadwick, Allen Gowen, Larkin Gowen, Elizabeth G. Gowen and Frederick Gowen."

William R. Gowen, son of Frederick Gowen and Nancy Gowen, was born in Patrick County about 1821, according to the 1860 census of Adair County. In 1833 he lived in Lee County and in 1835 in Pulaski County. He received a land grant of 30 acres located on Big Creek in Adair County February 9, 1837 by county court order, according to Adair County Deed Book 40, page 213.

On October 21, 1841, at age 20, he was married to Amanda B. Hinton, according to Pulaski County Marriage Book B-1, page 57. She was born in Pulaski County in 1820. It is pos-

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sible that they lived for a short time in Green County in 1849; their fourth child was born there.

The household of William R. Gowen was enumerated August 22, 1850, First Civil District, page 42:

“Gowen, William 30, born in VA, farmer, illiterate

Amanda 27, born in KY, illiterate

Thomas 8, born in KY

Eli 7, born in KY

Gailen 5, born in KY

L. A. 2, born in KY, female

Cornelia 1, born in KY

William R. Gowen received a land grant of 93 acres on Big Creek February 16, 1852 by county court order, according to Adair County Deed Book 37, page 248.

His family reappeared in the 1860 census of Adair County, First Civil District as Household 243-243:

“Going, William 39, born in Patrick County, VA, farmer, owns \$200 in personal property, owns \$200 real estate.

Amanda 40, born in Pulaski County, KY

Thomas F. 17, born in Pulaski County, KY

Eli 15, born in Pulaski County, KY

Galin 13, born in Pulaski County, KY

Lydia A. 11, born in Green County, KY

Cornelia 9, born in Adair County, KY

John 7, born in Adair County, KY

William 5, born in Adair County, KY

Amanda J. 4, born in Adair County, KY

Permilie 2, born in Adair County, KY

Amanda B. Hinton Gowen died during the decade, and William R. Gowen, at age 47, was remarried to Polly Brock, according to Adair County Marriage Book 5, page 235.

William R. Gowen was shown as a resident of Adair County in 1872 when his father died, according to the probate records of Frederick Gowen in **Gibson County, Indiana**.

In the 1880 enumeration of Adair County, Enumeration District 4, page 30 the family reappeared at Gradyville, Kentucky:

“Gowen, William 59, born in VA, father born in VA, mother born in VA, farmer

Polley 56, born in TN, father born

[blank], mother born [blank]

James W. 12, born in KY, father born in VA, mother born in TN, son, farm laborer

Gowen, Thomas 38, born in KY, father born in VA, mother born in TN, son, farm laborer

Ketty A. 40, born in KY, father born in KY, mother born in KY, daughter-in-law

Gowen, William R. 26, born in KY, father born in VA, mother born in TN, farm laborer, son

Martha 26, born in KY, father born in KY, mother born in KY, daughter-in-law

Liza A. 3, born in KY, father born in KY, mother born in KY, granddaughter

Wilfred 3/12, born in KY, father born in KY, mother born in

KY, grandson”

It is believed that the enumerator falsely assumed that Polly Brock Gowen was the mother of the older sons in the house-hold when he showed “Tennessee” as the birthplace of their mother. The name “Wilfred Gowen” suggests a relationship with the family of John Gowen in Davidson County, Tennessee.

Polly Brock Gowen died January 8, 1885, according to James O. Gowen.

Children born to William R. Gowen and Amanda B.

Gowen include:

Thomas F. Gowen born in 1842

Eli Gowen born in 1843

Gailen Gowen born in 1845

Lydia A. Gowen born in 1848

Cornelia Gowen born in 1849

John Gowen born in 1852

William R. Gowen, Jr. born August 13, 1853

Amanda J. Gowen born in 1856

Permilie Gowen born in 1858

Children born to William R. Gowen and Polly Brock Gowen include:

James Wiley Gowen born in 1868

Thomas F. Gowen, son of William R. Gowen and Amanda Gowen, was born in Pulaski County in 1842, according to the 1860 census enumeration. He appeared as an eight-year-old in the 1850 census of his father’s household. He reappeared at age 17 in 1860. He, a 38-year-old farm laborer, continued in his father’s household in the 1880 census of Adair County. He was married by this time, wife’s name “Ketty” [Kitty?, Hetty?], age 40. He was remarried in 1914 to Mary Coomer, according to Adair County Marriage Book 23, page 497. Thomas F. Gowen died in Adair County October 5, 1918. Children born Thomas F. Gowen, Ketty Gowen and Mary Coomer Gowen are unknown.

Eli Gowen, son of William R. Gowen and Amanda B. Hinton Gowen, was born in Pulaski County in 1843, according to the 1860 census. He appeared at age seven in the 1850 census and at 15 in the 1860 census. He was married December 20, 1877 to Lucy England in Adair County. Children born to Eli Gowen and Lucy England Gowen are unknown.

Galin Gowen, son of William R. Gowen and Amanda B. Hinton Gowen, was born in Pulaski County in 1845, according to the 1860 census. He appeared as a five-year-old in the 1850 census and at age 13 in 1860. He was married in 1874 to Mary Jane Fletcher. She was born in 1852. **The couple moved from Edmonton, Kentucky to Alvarado, Texas about 1902.** Later they lived in Ft. Worth, Texas, and Gailen Gowen died there prior to 1911. In the 1911 city directory of Ft. Worth Mary Jane Gowen was shown living in the home of her son, Culmer Fred Gowen at 1125 Stella Avenue. In 1914 she moved to Dallas, Texas where she made her home at 4312 Junius Street. In 1918 she was back in Ft. Worth living with her son at 1125

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Stella Avenue.

Lydia A. Gowen, daughter of William R. Gowen and Amanda B. Hinton Gowen, was born in Green County, Kentucky in 1848, according to the 1860 Adair County census. She appeared as a two-year-old in the 1850 census and as an 11-year-old in the 1860 census. Of this individual nothing more is known.

Cornelia Gowen, daughter of William R. Gowen and Amanda B. Hinton Gowen, was born in Adair County in 1849. She appeared in her father's household in the 1850 census as a one-year-old. She reappeared in 1860 as a nine-year-old. Of this individual nothing more is known.

John Gowen, son of William R. Gowen and Amanda B. Hinton Gowen, was born in 1852 in Adair County. He appeared as a seven-year-old in the 1860 census of Adair County. Of this individual nothing more is known.

William R. Gowen, Jr, son of William R. Gowen and Amanda B. Hinton Gowen, was born August 13, 1853 in Adair County, according to James O. Gowen, Foundation member of Tennyson, Indiana. He appeared in the 1860 enumeration of his father's household as a five-year-old. He was married in 1876 to Martha An Hill, a native of Kentucky.

In the 1880 census of Adair County they were recorded in his father's household:

"Gowen, William R. 26, born in KY, father born in VA, mother born in TN, farm laborer  
Martha 26, born in KY, father born in KY, mother born in KY  
Liza A. 3, born in KY, father born in KY, mother born in KY  
Wilfred 3/12, born in KY, father born in KY, mother born in KY"

He died September 10, 1927, according to the research of James O. Gowen.

Children born to William R. Gowen, Jr. and Martha Ann Hill Gowen include:

Liza A. Gowen born in 1877  
Wilfred Gowen born in 1880

Liza A. Gowen, daughter of William R. Gowen and Martha Gowen, was born in 1877 in Adair County. She appeared in the 1880 census of her grandfather's household as a three-year-old. Of this individual nothing more is known.

Wilfred Gowen, son of William R. Gowen and Martha Gowen, was born in 1880 in Adair County and was enumerated that year as a three-month-old infant in his grandfather's household.

Although nothing more is known of Wilfred Gowen, his name suggested a slender thread linking his family with that of Wilfred Burlson Gowen of Davidson County, Tennessee and Holmes County, Mississippi. This unusual name was handed down in the Gowen family and indicates a possible relationship between the Kentucky and Tennessee branches of the Gowen family.

Amanda J. Gowen, daughter of William R. Gowen and Amanda B. Hinton Gowen, was born in Adair County in 1856. She appeared as a four-year-old in the 1860 enumeration of her father's household. She was married in 1876 to William R. Singleton.

Permilia Gowen, daughter of William R. Gowen and Amanda B. Hinton Gowen, was born in Adair County in 1858. She appeared as a two-year-old in the 1860 census of that county. Of this individual nothing more is known.

James Wiley Gowen, son of William R. Gowen and Polly Brock Gowen, was born in Adair County in 1868. He appeared in his father's household in the 1880 census of Adair County as a 12-year-old. He was married August 10, 1904 to Alva Maupin in Metcalfe County, Kentucky. He was 36, and she was 18.

Mary "Polly" Gowen, daughter of Frederick Gowen and Nancy Coomer Gowen, was born in 1824 in Patrick County, Virginia, according to her 1860 census enumeration. In 1833 she lived in Lee County, Virginia, and in 1835 she was in Pulaski County, Kentucky. About 1845, at age 21, she was married, probably in Pulaski County, to William Chadowick, a farmer who was born in Buncombe County, North Carolina. In 1850 the family was living in Adair County.

In 1860 the household of William Chadowick was enumerated in the federal census of Adair County as Household 245-245, very near that of his brother-in-law, William R. Gowen, Household No. 243-243:  
Chadowick, William 37, born in Buncombe Co, NC, farmer, \$150 personal property  
Polly 36, born in Patrick Co, VA  
John 14, born in Pulaski Co, KY  
David 12, born in Pulaski Co, KY  
Nancy 10, born in Adair Co, KY  
Frederick 8, born in Adair Co, KY  
Elizabeth D. 6, born in Adair Co, KY  
Harriett 4, born in Adair Co, KY"

They **removed to Gibson County, Indiana** along with their Gowen relatives.

Children born to William Chadowick and Polly Gowen Chad-owick include:

John Chadowick born in 1846  
David Chadowick born in 1848  
Nancy Chadowick born in 1850  
Frederick Chadowick born July 27, 1851  
Elizabeth D. Chadowick born in 1854  
Harriett Chadowick born in 1856

Allen Gowen, son of Frederick Gowen and Nancy Coomer Gowen, was born in 1830 in Patrick County, Virginia. His name suggests a link between his family and that of William Gowen and Sarah Allen Gowen. In the 1850 census of Adair County he appeared in his father's household as "age 20, born in Virginia, illiterate." He was married in 1851 to Janettie

## Gowen Family: Continued

J. Tarter, according to Adair County Marriage Book 2-6, page 150. He was recorded at age 21; she was 17.

His household, No. 244-244, appeared in the 1860 census of Adair County adjoining that of his father and William R. Gowen and William Chadowick:

“Going, Allen 28, born in Patrick County, VA, farmer, \$200 real estate, \$300 personal property

Jane 26, born in Pulaski County, KY

Eliza Ann 7, born in Adair County, KY

Albert T. 5, born in Adair County, KY

Milford E. 2, born in Adair County, KY”

His household was recorded a second time [as No. 278-278] in the 1860 census of Adair County, according to the research of Steve Gowen:

“Going, Allen 27, born in Patrick County, VA, farmer, \$200 real estate, \$300 personal property

Jane 24, born in Pulaski County, KY

Eliza Ann 6, born in Adair County, KY

Albert T. 4, born in Adair County, KY

Milford E. 2, born in Adair County, KY”

Allen Gowen and Janettie J. Tarter Gowen did not appear in subsequent census returns of Adair County.

Children born to them include:

Hugh M. Gowen born October 12, 1852

Eliza Ann Gowen born in 1853

Albert T. Gowen born in 1855

Milford E. Gowen born in 1858

William R. Gowen born December 19, 1861

Cornelius D. Gowen born February 14, 1867

Hugh M. Gowen, son of Allen Gowen and Janettie J. Tarter Gowen, was born October 12, 1852 in Adair County. He died there “of the flux” in 1856.

Eliza Ann Gowen, daughter of Allen Gowen and Nancy J. Gowen, daughter of Larkin Gowen and Louisa C. Coffee Gowen, was born May 9, 1862. She died April 16, 1863.

Thomas G. Gowen, son of Larkin Gowen and Louisa C. Coffee Gowen, was born November 21, 1864 in Pike County, Indiana. He was married November 16, 1892 to La Dora Davis. He died February 14, 1937 in **Warwick County, Indiana**. Children born to Thomas G. Gowen and La Dora Davis Gowen are unknown.

William M. Gowen, son of Larkin Gowen and Louisa C. Coffee Gowen, was born October 25, 1868 in Pike County, Indiana. He died February 10, 1884 in Warwick County “at the age of 15 years, 3 months, 15 days,” according to the family bible.

Elizabeth G. Gowen, daughter of Frederick Gowen and Nancy Coomer Gowen, was born in 1835 in Pulaski County. She appeared in the 1850 census of her father’s household as a 15-year-old. She was still listed by her maiden name in the will of her father written in 1872. She was married at age 42 August 30, 1877 to Enoch Noland, age 48, according to Gibson County Marriage Book 4, page 213. He died January 30, 1901

in Gibson County. She died February 12, 1901, according to James O. Gowen.

Frederick Gowen, Jr, son of Frederick Gowen and Nancy Coomer Gowen, was born October 9, 1941 in Pulaski County. He appeared in the 1850 census of his father’s household as an eight-year-old. Fredrick Gowen married about 1871 to Mary Jane Sullivan Phillips, a widow, after his arrival in Indiana. She was born March 18, 1838 in Gibson County, Indiana to Henry S. Sullivan, a native of Kentucky and Nancy Phillips Sullivan. Her first husband was John G. Phillips, according to the research of Clara Jean Grider Sexton Fry.

Frederick Gowen was mentioned in the probate of his father’s estate in 1873 as a resident of **Pike County, Indiana**.

Frederick Gowen, Jr. was enumerated in the 1880 census of Gibson County. The family appeared in Enumeration District 104, page 11 as:

“Gowen, Frederick 38, born in KY

Mary J. 41, born in IN, wife

Mina 7, born in IN, daughter

Elmer 5, born in IN, son

Phillips, Nancy 17, born in IN, step-daughter

Payton 15, born in IN, step-son”

Frederick Gowen, Jr. died at age 76 December 30, 1917 in Washington township, according to Gibson County Death Book H40. Mary Jane Sullivan Phillips Gowen died February 18, 1918 in Wabash township and was buried at Hazelton, Indiana, according to Gibson County Death Book H40. Both may have died in the influenza epidemic.

Children born to them included:

Elmina Gowen born October 30, 1872

Elmer Gowen born in 1875

Elmina Gowen, daughter of Frederick Gowen, Jr. and Mary Jane Sullivan Phillips Gowen, was born October 30, 1872 in Indiana. She appeared as a seven-year-old in the 1880 census of Gibson County. She was married October 3, 1894 to Clarence Davidson. She died March 8, 1955 in Pike County.

Elmer Gowen, son of Frederick Gowen, Jr. and Mary Jane Sullivan Phillips Gowen, was born in Indiana in 1875. He appeared as a five-year-old in the 1880 census of **Gibson County**. He was married April 6, 1904 to Florence Hornbrock. He died in Detroit, Michigan. Children born to Elmer Gowen and Florence Hornbrock Gowen are unknown.

(Submitted by Roberta Toby)

## Milltown Fest

September 18, 19, 20

## Eckerty Days

September 26th

## William Gowans: Continued

the rest of his life he was ever identified with books. He was not much concerned with books with uncut pages and luxurious bindings as he was with second-hand and rare volumes, and “unconsidered trifles and remnants.” His locations were many, and for a brief period he sat up shop as a book auctioneer. From 1863 to the end of his life he was the “Antiquarian of Nassau Street” with his shop at No. 115 on that thoroughfare. He was more a book collector than a book salesman. When a customer complained that a book was “too high,” he would reply, “Well, we’ll make it higher,” at the same time placing it on a tall shelf out of reach.

His books filled the store, floor, basement and sub-cellar, the treasures in the depths discovered only with the aid of a small tin sperm-oil lamp. “Books lay everywhere in seemingly dire confusion, piled upon tables and on the floor, until they finally toppled over, and the few narrow aisles which had originally been left between the rows became well-nigh impassable,” according to the “New York Post.” His executors sold at auction some 250,000 bound volumes after eight tons of pamphlets had been sold as waste paper.

William Gowans did some publishing from time to time, his earliest production being a reprint of the English edition (1701) of Dacier’s translation of “Plato’s Phaedo” in 1833. Between 1842 and 1870 he issued 28 catalogues of his books. These catalogues are full of “his antiquarian reminiscences, his quaint and shrewd opinions, and curious speculations.” Other worthwhile publications were the historical reprints known as “Gowans’ Bibliotheca Americana” (5 volumes, 1845-1860). Additional self-revelation is included in a sketch he wrote of a fellow bibliophile, “Reminiscences of Hon. Gabriel Furman,” [Gabriel Furman, “Notes, Geo-graphical and Historical, Relating to the Town of Brooklyn on Long Island, 1865”]. He married in middle age Susan Bradley of New York who died in 1866, leaving no children to William Gowans and Susan Bradley Gowans. William Gowans died November 27, 1870 in New York City, according to Scribner’s “Dictionary of American Biography,” Volume VII, page 459.

Additional information on the life of William Gowans is contained in W. L. Andrews’ “The Old Booksellers of New York,” obituaries in the “New York Evening Mail,” December 1, 1870, “New York Evening Post,”

November 29, 1870, “Nation,” December 1, 1870 and “Catalogue of the Books Belonging to the Estate of the late William Gowans”. His portrait appears in Gowans’ “Bibliotheca Americana.”

(Submitted by Roberta Toby)

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Recent visitors to Crawford (except for EK, who resides here) were these relatives of the JENKINS family: Front, l-r, Sally Jenkins Brookins and Emma K. Chanley. Back: Carol Jenkins Gorsuch and Marilyn Jenkins Neuhoff. Most of the visitors were from Wisconsin and gave me some of that delicious cheese. Thanks! —LMB.

## Communication

Posted By: Virginia Phelps

Subject: Robert S or Allan D Thom, IN 1818-1863

Post Date: February 21, 1999 at 11:26:52

Forum: Thom Family Genealogy Forum

Forum URL: <http://genforum.genealogy.com/thom/>

Robert S. Thom and Allan D. Thom were the third and fifth sons of Alexander and Elizabeth (Triplett) Thom of Virginia. They came together to Indiana in the early 1800’s and Allan Thom is credited with surveying and creating the plat for the town of Fredonia, Crawford County, Indiana.

Robert S. Thom married Hannah Marion Johnson on Oct 11 1829 in Crawford County, Indiana and died prior to 1837 at which time Allan D. Thom married Robert’s widow, Hannah.

I am seeking descendant information for either of these brothers. I am a descendant of their eldest brother (John W. T. Thom) and have substantial amounts of family information to share.

(Submitted by Roberta Toby)

## Order Book A — Continued

### State of Indiana vs. Jesse Denbow, John Crawford and James Dooley — Recognizance.

Comes the Prosecuting Attorney and the said Jesse Denbow being three times called and not appearing and the said John Crawford and James Dooley being three times called and required to bring into Court the body of Jesse Denbow and save their recognizance and not appearing — It is therefore considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Denbow the sum of \$100 and against the said John Campbell and James Dooley the sum of \$50 each, together with the costs of this suit and scire facias issue against the said Defendants to shew cause why execution should not issue and this cause is continued until next term.

### State of Indiana vs. John G. Davis — Indictment for Perjury.

This cause is ordered to be continued to next term.

### State of Indiana vs. James Tibbs — Indictment for Perjury.

The Prosecuting Attorney comes and says he will no longer prosecute this cause.

### State of Indiana vs. John G. Davis, William May, Timothy Bennett — Scirie Facias.

Now came the said Wm. May & Timothy Bennett and failed to shew cause. It is therefore ordered that execution issue on the judgement.

### State of Indiana vs. Ephraim Maxfield — Indictment for Perjury.

Cause dropped by Prosecutor.

### Reuben T. Thom vs. Allan D. Thom — Appeal.

Ordered to be continued.

### Jonathan Rice, Adm. of J. Kincaid vs. John Kincaid & Heirs — Distribution.

Continued to next term.

### Thomas L. Golden vs. Thomas Roberts — Appeal.

Dismissed at Plaintiff's cost; Defendant to recover costs.

### Martin Scott, Trustee of Sixteenth Section vs. Asa Lyon & Others — Appeal.

And now comes the Plaintiff and the report of the commission heretofore appointed to assess the damages on the said sixteenth section filed their report herein and the Court considering it is expedient to defray the damages aforesaid out of the county stock. It is Therefore or-

dered that the costs and charges of said appeal be defrayed out of the county treasury.

### James Brown vs. Asa Lyon — Appeal from Board of Justice.

... on the lands of James Brown on a road through the lands of said Brown filed . . .

### Evan Morgan vs. William Allan & Others — Appeal from Board of Justice.

And now comes the Defendants by their attorney and the commissioners heretofore appointed to view and report to this Court the probable utility of a road from Fredonia to the mouth of the little Blue river filed their report herein that said road when opened will be of public utility. It is therefore considered by the Court that same establish a public road and highway and that the objectors pay the costs and charges of their appeal and objectors in mercy.

THIS DAY came David Stewart and Cornelius Hall, Administrator and Clarissa Tucker, Administratrix of the estate of Martin H. Tucker, deceased, and filed their Petition herein and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that there is two judgements against Alfred Westfall for \$75 each and the Court being satisfied that said Westfall has left the state, that there is no probability of collecting the same by law. It is therefore considered by the Court that the administrators be authorized to correspond with said Westfall in such manner as will be most beneficial to the estate.

HENRY P. Thornton is admitted as an attorney and counselor-at-law in this Court.

ENOS FLETCHER produced a license signed by two of the judges of the Circuit Court of the State of Indiana and was admitted as an attorney and counsellor-at-law in this Circuit.

### Phebe Smith vs. William Smith — Petition for Divorce.

Complainant by attorney dismisses the cause.

### State of Indiana vs. Joseph Tibbs Jr. — Indictment for Perjury.

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## Order Book A — Continued

Comes the Prosecuting Attorney and Joseph Tibbs Jr. in his proper person and says he is not guilty as charged and for his trial puts himself upon the county and the Prosecutor doth the like, Whereupon comes a jury, to-wit:

Peter Server	Thomas Mathers
William Mathers	Doyle Toler
David Hawkins	James Mulkey
James Carpenter	Enos Campbell
Richard Woolley	William Keysacker
Stephen Lyon	Thomas Sellers

... "We of the jury find the Dependant Joseph Tibbs Jr. guilty as charged and assess his fine at \$3 and that he be imprisoned at hard labor in the state prison near Jeffersonville for the term of one year and one day." Peter Server, foreman; Whereupon the said Joseph Tibbs Jr. by his counsel, Crawford & Hurst, moved the Court for a new trial in this case for reasons submitted to the Court which motion after argument was overruled; Whereupon they moved to arrest judgement in said case because it was not charged in the said Indictment that the "stealing, taking & carrying away of the goods was done 'feloniously' "; which motion was sustained by the Court; And thereupon Charles Battell, Prosecuting Attorney, although the said Joseph Tibbs Jr. is required to enter into a recognizance for his appearance from day to day at the present term.

ORDERED THAT Court adjourn until tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock.

J. R. E. Goodlett.

## September Term 1828 — 2nd Day

Friday, September 19, 1828. Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present as of yesterday.

### *David Cole vs. Thomas Shelton, Jonathan Rice, Alexander Frakes — Debt.*

This cause stands continued by operation of law; And leave is granted the parties to take depositions generally.

### *Alpheus Branham vs. Samuel M. Manning — On Appeal.*

Dismissed at Plaintiff costs; Defendant to recover costs.

### *Elisha Tadlock vs. Samuel Lathrop & Benjamin Snelling — Debt.*

Comes the Plaintiff by his attorney and the Defendants being three times called and not appearing but made default — Therefore ordered that Plaintiff recover

against the Defendants the sum of \$258 debt with \$2.58 in damages, together with the costs of this suit.

### *State of Indiana vs. Joseph Tibbs Jr.*

Now comes the Defendant Joseph Tibbs Jr and Joseph Tibbs Sr. and Benjamin Wiseman and acknowledge themselves to owe and be indebted to the State of Indiana in the sum of \$200 jointly and severally to be levied on their respective goods & chattels, lands and tenements if default be made in the following condition which is that the said Joseph Tibbs Jr. personally appear before the Crawford Circuit Court on the first day of our next March Term to answer the State of Indiana on an indictment against him for Larceny and not depart without leave of the Court then this recognizance to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

JOSIAH COLEMAN comes into Court and acknowledges himself to owe and be indebted to the State of Indiana in the sum of \$50 to be levied on his respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements if default be made in this condition, which is, that he appear before the Court on the first day of the next March Term to give evidence in behalf of the State of Indiana in the case of the State of Indiana vs. Joseph Tibbs Jr. and not depart without leave then this recognizance to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

### *Joseph Tibbs Sr. vs. Jonathan Rice, Adm. of J. Kincaid, deceased — Chancery.*

Ordered to be continued until next term.

THE GRAND JURY returned into Court an Indictment:

State of Indiana vs. Joseph Tibbs Jr. — Larceny.

State of Indiana vs. Thomas Shelton — Trespass, Assault & Battery.

And having no further business before them, they are discharged.

IT IS ORDERED that the grand jury be allowed two days service at this term and that William R. Reynolds be allowed one dollar for two days service as bailiff.

IT IS ORDERED that Charles Lyntch be allowed the sum of fifty cents for one days attendance as bailiff to the Petit jury.

### *State of Indiana vs. Thomas Shelton — T. A.&B. on Isaac Thompson.*

Comes the Prosecuting Attorney and says he will no longer prosecute in this behalf.

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ORDERED THAT the following persons be allowed for one says attendance as Petit jurors at the present term:

Peter Server	Enos Campbell
Thomas Mathers	Richard Woolley
William Mathers	William Keysacker
Doyle Toler	Stephen Lyon
David Hawkins	Thomas Sellers
James Mulkey	Ebenezer Chapin
James Carpenter	James Vanwinkle
William May	Garnet Hall
John Lyntch	John Barnett

THE SEMINARY AGENT of Crawford County made the following report, to-wit:

September 16, 1828 —

To the Honorable Circuit Court of Crawford County:

As agent of seminary funds as follows, to-wit:

Cash on Hand	none
Notes & Obligations	\$222.99 3/4
Brookville Paper	\$ 20.00
Remittances	\$ 75.00

As reported heretofore given under my hand.

Henry Atkins, Agent

COURT adjourned until Court-in-Course.

Cornelius Newkirk and

Constant Williams.

## March Term 1829 — 1st Day

At a Circuit Court held for the County of Crawford in the State of Indiana pursuant to law on Monday the 23rd day of March 1829. Present: the Honorable James R. E. Goodlett, president; Constant Williams and Cornelius Newkirk, associate justices.

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SAMUEL FREISBY is appointed Prosecuting Attorney at this term.

### State of Indiana vs. Jesse Denbow — Indictment for Adultery.

Prosecutor says he will no longer prosecute this cause.

### State of Indiana vs. Jesse Denbow, John Crawford, James Dooley — Scine Facias.

Comes the Defendants John Crawford and James Dooley and surrender their principal Jesse Denbow into Court in discharge of their recognizance — It is Therefore considered by the Court that said Defendants John Crawford and James Dooley be discharged and that they pay the costs of this *scine farias*.

### State of Indiana vs. Jesse Denbow — Indictment for Adultery.

Comes the Prosecutor and says he will no longer prosecute this cause.

### State of Indiana vs. John G. Davis — Indictment for Perjury.

Comes the Prosecutor and says he will no longer prosecute this cause.

### State of Indiana vs. Joseph Tibbs Sr. — Indictment for Larceny.

Comes Samuel Friesby, the Prosecutor, and the Defendant in his proper person and it being demanded of him whether he is guilty or not guilty as charged, he says he is not guilty and for his trial puts himself upon the county and the Prosecutor doth the like and Thereupon came a jury, to-wit:

Woodford Laurence	John Sturgeon
William Landiss	Moses Smith
John Goodson	Henry Atkins
William Blackwell	Andrew Kinkaid
James G. Hicks	Jonathan Rice
John Funk	Peter Funk

twelve good and lawful men who being elected tried and sworn well and truly to try the issue joined between the State of Indiana Plaintiffs and Joseph Tibbs Jr., Defendant, after hearing testimony and argument of counsel upon their oaths do say and find the following verdict, to-wit: "We of the jury do find the Defendant guilty and assess his fine to three dollars and also that the said Joseph Tibbs Jr. be imprisoned for the term of one year to hard labor in the state prison at Jeffersonville." James G. Hicks, foreman — Whereupon the said Joseph Tibbs Jr. by William P. Thomasson, his attorney, moved the Court for a new trial in this cause which is submitted to the Court and after argument it is

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## Order Book A — Continued

overruled by the Court.

THE SHERIFF returned into Court a paanel of grand jurors the following of whom, to-wit:

D. Thom, foreman	Gabriel Goad
Nathaniel Hollcroft	Thomas Cummings
Thomas Stroud	Pilgrim Pope
William M. Taylor	Benjamin Stevens
Absalom Wood	Hull Tower
James Brown	Nathan Sturgeon
John H. McMikill	Ellerm T. Willey

who after being sworn and receiving a charge from the Court retired from the bar to consult of presentments and indictments.

### **Jonathan Rice, Adm. of estate of J. Kincaid, deceased vs. John Kincaid heirs — Distribution.**

Continued to next term.

### **Jonathan Rice vs. Ellerm & Dennis Willey — Appeal.**

Comes the parties by their attorneys and there-upon came a jury, to-wit:

Abraham Sheckells	Benjamin Lyon
Benjamin Wiseman	Martin Scott
John Funk	Levi Riddle
Peter Funk	George Robertson
William Landiss	Nathaniel Straughan
Thomas Robertson	Thomas Mathers

... "We find the property, viz: One black mare, one waggon, one sway back horse in the property of Jacob Rice, the Defendant in execution." Thomas Roberts, foreman. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said Defendants recover against the said Plaintiff their costs and charges about this suit.

### **Elisha Tadlock vs. Samuel Lathrop — Appeal.**

Comes the parties and this cause is dismissed at Defendant's cost; Therefore ordered the Plaintiff recover his costs.

### **Nathaniel Ruth vs. John H. McMikill — Appeal.**

Comes the parties and this cause is dismissed at Defendant's cost; Therefore ordered the Plaintiff recover his costs.

### **Samuel Sorrels vs. George Ashman — Appeal.**

Comes the parties and this cause is dismissed at Defendant's cost; Therefore ordered the Plaintiff recover his costs.

### **Hiram Holmes vs. John H. McMikill — Trespass on Case.**

Comes the parties and this cause is dismissed at Defendant's cost; Therefore ordered the Plaintiff recover

## 59th Anniversary Outing



Submitted by Becky Hammond Stetter.

On July 29th, they attended the Lincoln Ampitheater. Above left to right: Glen Toby, Roberta Toby, Evelyn Jackson (seated), un-named enactor, Becky Hammond Stetter, Hugh Jackson. All the above named are our friends and fellow wokers in the Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society. Congratulations Evelyn & Hugh!

his costs.

EBEN D. EDSON is admitted as an attorney and counsellor-at-law in this Court.

### **James G. Hicks vs. James Gowan Sr., Adm. of estate of Walter Gowan, deceased**

Cause is continued by consent until next term.

### **Eliza Kirkpatrick vs. Eli J. McClure — Debt.**

Continued by operation of law.

### **Joseph Tibbs Sr. vs. Jonathan Rice, Adm. — Chancery.**

Ordered to be continued to next term.

### **Henry H. Wilks vs. Josiah Atwood**

Ordered to be continued to next term.

### **Reuben T. Thom vs. Allan D. Thom — Appeal.**

Ordered to be continued

### **Joseph Tibbs Sr. vs. Jonathan Rice, Adm. of John Kincaid & Wm. Kincaid — Chancery.**

It appearing that Defendant William Kincaid is not an inhabitant of this State — It is Ordered that unless he appear before the first day of next September Term and answer the complaint's Bill the same shall be taken for confessed and decree accordingly; And that notice of pendency

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of this cause be given for four weeks in the Republican, published in Charlestown; And this cause is continued.

### DIVORCE, FINAL DECREE

#### Henry William Wilkes vs. Nancy Wilkes — Petition for Divorce.

This cause coming on to be heard the Court after hearing the testimony and deliberation do order and decree that the bans of matrimony as entered into between said Henry William Wilkes and Nancy Wilkes be and the same are hereby annulled, set at naught, and wholly vacated, made void so far as it relates to the said Henry William Wilkes only. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said Nancy Wilkes had departed from her home leaving five children; It is further ordered by the Court that said Henry William retain possession of the property both real and personal as also to have the possession of the children.

#### Josiah Coleman vs. Catherine Coleman — Petition for Divorce.

Comes the Complainant and this cause being submitted to the Court, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the Defendant having been served with a copy of the Petition herein and the Court after hearing the testimony do order and decree that the bans of matrimony heretofore entered into between the said Josiah Coleman and Catherine, his wife, be and the same is hereby annulled, made void and set at naught to all intents and purposes so far as it relates and concerns the said Josiah Coleman.

BENJAMIN WISEMAN, a juror at this term is fined \$2 for a contempt offered the Court.

ORDERED THAT Court adjourn until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

J. R. E. Goodlett.

**Fredonia, March 24, 1829.** Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

ON MOTION of William P. Thomasson it is ordered to be entered that Lyman Leslie, Esq. is a man of good moral character.

LYMAN LESLIE is admitted as an attorney and counselor-at-law in this Court.

#### Charles Springer vs. Samuel Grimes — Appeal.

Ordered dismissed at Plaintiff's costs.

#### Elijah Pope, Plaintiff vs. Moses Smith & John Sloan, Defendants — Debt on delivery bond.

... And thereupon the Court after argument do consider that the Plaintiff recover of the Defendants the sum of \$80, the debt in Plaintiff's Declaration mentioned, to be discharged by the payment of \$66.73 with interest from the 10th day of September 1828 at 6% per annum together with \$6.67, being 10% of the amount of the extension on which the delivery bond sued, with costs on said extension and the costs of this suit.

#### State of Indiana vs. Josiah Atwood — Recognizance to Keep the Peace.

Dismissed for want of prosecution.

#### State vs. Thomas Mitchel — Recognizance to Keep the Peace.

Dismissed for want of prosecution.

#### David Cole vs. Thomas Shelton, Jonathan Rice, Alexander Frakes — Debt.

Comes the parties by their attorneys and in affidavit filed a demurer to the Plaintiffs Declaration which being joined by the Defendants and thereupon came a jury, to-wit:

Thomas Roberts	Peter Funk
William Landiss	Martin Scott
Benjamin Lyon	William Allan
Abraham Sheckells	John Goodson
John Funk	Nathaniel Straughan
Levi Riddle	Andrew Kinkaid

... "We of the jury find for the Plaintiff the debt in the Declaration." Thomas Roberts, foreman. Therefore it is considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendants the sum of \$111.21 parcel of the debt in the Plaintiff's Declaration mentioned, also the sum of \$7.09 in damages, together with the costs of this suit.

#### William Samuels vs. Allan D. Thom — Appeal.

Comes the parties by their attorneys and the cause being submitted to the Court. It is therefore considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the Defendant the sum of \$99.16 debt and \$2.03 in damages, together with his costs about this suit.

#### James Gowan Sr. vs. Reuben T. Thom — Petition for Closure.

Comes the Complainant by his attorney and filed his Bill for a Foreclosure on the Southwest Quarter of Section ten of Township four South of Range one East in said Crawford County and it appearing to the satisfaction of this Court by affidavit filed that the respondent, Reuben T.

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Thom is not a citizen of the State of Indiana; — It is therefore ordered that pendency of this be published by four successively weekly insertions in the Republican Statesman, a newspaper printed in Charlestown in this State, notifying the said respondent to appear and answer said Petition at the next September Term of this Court on the first day of the term or the allegations in said Bill will be taken as confessed and decree thereon accordingly.

### Charles Springer vs. Samuel Grimes — Foreign Attachment.

Now comes the Plaintiff by his attorney and is appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said

## William Gowans: Continued

### The Gowans Name in Records of Crawford: Cemetery Index:

Walter Gowans, Fredonia Cemetery



Fredonia Cemetery: Walter Gowans, born in Scotland.

### Marriage Index:

Gowan, Walter Jr. married Elizabeth Boman on December 23, 1823.

Gowen, Anderson married Mary King in 1846, Book B, page 25.

### Census Records:

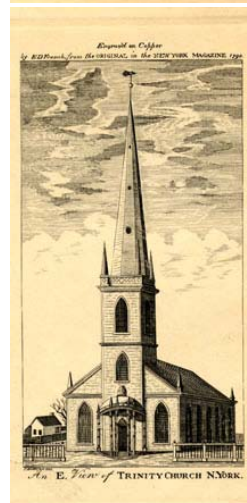
1850: John N. Goins, born 1840  
Sarah Ann Goins, born 1843

1860: Uriah Gowan, 53, born PA  
Nancy Gowan, 50, born PA  
Elizabeth Gowan, 22, PA  
Margaret Gowan, 20, PA  
David Gowan, 18, PA

Samuel Grimes is not an inhabitant of the State of Indiana; — It is ordered that unless the said Samuel Grimes appear on the first day of our next September Term and plea thereto the Court will hear and determine the same in his absence and It Is Further Ordered that the pendency of this suit be published for four weeks successively in the Republican Statesman, a newspaper printed in Charlestown and this cause is continued until next term and that a summons issue against Charles Riddle as debtor to said Grimes.

JOSEPH TIBBS Jr., Joseph Tibbs Sr., and Benjamin Wiseman acknowledge themselves in open Court to owe and be indebted to the State of Indiana for the use of a seminary of learning for Crawford County to be rendered jointly and severally in the sum of \$200 to be levied on their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements if default be made in this condition, which is, that the said Joseph Tibbs Jr. personally appear before the Crawford Circuit Court at the Court house in Fredonia on the first day of our next September Term and answer to an indictment to be found against him by the grand jury of said county

To Be Continued —



Artwork from one of Wm. Gowans' Books.

**Did You Know—  
That the  
Centerville Church  
in Ohio Township  
burned on Sept. 11,  
1972?**