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Visitors Always Welcome!

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The bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861 was the opening engagement of the American Civil War. The countdown to the 150th Anniversary on April 12, 2011 is just 1098 days away, as of the date of our next Round Table meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2008.

On bivouac in Martinsburg...

This month I compose my letter while sitting at the Worthington House, on the Monocacy Battlefield, Frederick, Maryland. Now, I have to admit that I have never really done much study of this battle. So, my time spent here has been discovering new information about a battle that turns out was very important to the outcome of the war.

This battle marks the third and final invasion by the Confederacy into the North. On July 9, 1864, 15,000 troops under Lt. General Jubal Early met 2,800 troops under Maj. General Lew Wallace on the banks of the Monocacy River. Wallace knowing that Washington, DC was vulnerable to attack gathered his forces to delay long enough for reinforcements to arrive there. The battle was a day long affair of cannon fire and cavalry charges. Space won't allow a complete battle recount but the action did involve outnumbered Federal forces, the crossing of river fords, fighting by dismounted cavalry, the effective use of cannons, the burning of a covered bridge and houses used as hospitals. Sounds familiar doesn't it!

I sit on top of a hill and look around at the surrounding area and see not only the battlefield but also the encroachment of the modern world. The City of Frederick is busily growing southward and will in the next few years surround this place. Fortunately, as I failed to mention, I am in a national park. This, while not stopping progress, will at least preserve the main battle features. By the way not all of the area is park as there is privately held land also. That makes this a partnership in the preservation of our history. I look around and my thoughts turn to our battlefield and I think about what we could do in partnership with all the interested groups in our area. Is a national park status out of the question? I don't know but, I can dream, can't I?

That's all from the front porch of the Worthington House, Monocacy National Battlefield Park, Frederick, MD. See you when I get back. Until then I encourage you to study the Battle of Monocacy, the battle that saved Washington, DC.

Mike Calvert, President
The Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri

CWRTWMO Calendar

April Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Lee Ward's Private Museum of Funeral Customs,
805 W. Brewster Lane, Independence, MO. See
article below.

April Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 16, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

17313 E. 51st Terr. Court S., Independence, MO.
Any member is welcome to attend. Call Beverly
Shaw for directions: (816) 478-7648.

Symphony Designers' Showhouse

Thursday, May 1, 2008 – 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
5730 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO
Call Beverly Shaw at (816) 478-7648 if you
would like to be a docent.

Battle of Westport Guided Bus Tour

Saturday, May 10, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Meet at Old Blake Museum, 106 E. Walnut,
Independence, MO. See article below.

May Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
1859 Jail & Marshall's Home, 217 N. Main,
Independence, MO (parking across the street).
Tour and viewing of Hudspeth Family artifacts.
Return to Old Blake for refreshments and
business meeting. More details in May.

Stand of Colors Reenactment

May 17-18, 2008 – Opens at 7:00 a.m.
Main Battle of Westport at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday,
May 18, 2008. Jerry Smith Park, 139th & Holmes.
Parking at Richards Gebaur. Advance Admission:
\$15 for adults at Price Chopper and \$5 per child.
Gate Admission: \$20 for adults and \$8 per child.
Ticket includes parking and shuttle. More details
next month or visit: www.standofcolors.com

Morgan Walker Farm Presentation

Thursday, May 22, 2008 – 2:00 p.m.
Burr Oak Conservation Center, Blue Springs, MO.
Lisa Lacombe will be portraying the daughter of
Morgan Walker. This is a reschedule of the
program offered in the winter. The historical
plaque near the Walker gravesites off Pink Hill
Road on the grounds of the grade school was
erected by the late Don Hale. More info to follow.

Bus Tour to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield
Republic, Missouri near Springfield June 21-22,
2008. Details to follow.

Other Events

Lee's Summit Historical Society

Friday, April 4, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.

Potluck Dinner at First Presbyterian Church, 1625
O'Brien Road, L.S., MO. Program: Dr. Robert
Kennedy, Curator of the Pleasant Hill History
Museum.

Bingham-Waggoner Estate

April Exhibit: "Lighting Our Lives – Oil Lamps and
Candle Holders," 313 W. Pacific, Independence,
MO

Historic K. C. Foundation Spring Bus Tours

Saturday, April 5, 2008 – 9:30 a.m. - Noon
Neighborhoods and Exterior Colors. Time: 1:00
p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Period Homes and Interiors. \$23
for one tour or \$40 for both tours. See article below.

Lee's Summit Historical Society Museum

April 5, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturdays,
220 SE Main Street in the south end of the
historic 1905 former Missouri Pacific Depot. Opens
for the season.

Arrow Rock, MO Lecture Series

Saturday, April 5, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.

State Historic Site Visitors Center. "In the Spirit of
Yellow Eyes, Presenting Lakota Culture" by
archaeologist and cultural interpreter Dorothy
Eiken. Free.

National Frontier Trails Museum Benefit

Saturday, April 5, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.

318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. \$25 for Adults;
\$10 for Children 6-17. Reservations required at
(816) 325-7575. See article below.

Annual Cleanup at Lone Jack Battlefield

Saturday, April 5, 2008 – 9 a.m. to ?

North of 50 Highway at Lone Jack, MO. Sponsored
by Civil War Preservation Trust and the History
Channel. T-shirts to all workers. Bring gloves and
cleanup tools.

The Language of Fans on Exhibit

Through April 8, 2008. Carroll Mansion at 1128 Fifth Ave., Leavenworth, KS.

Tues. - Sat. from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Fee is \$2 per person. 16 beautifully crafted fans from the museum's collection.

Westerners Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS – Dinner is \$20. Program: “The Life and Death of William Clarke Quantrill” by Ross Marshall. For reservations please call David Hockett at (913) 217-7768.

Oregon or Bust! (Puppetry Arts Institute)

April 12, 2008 – 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. 30 Minute multi-media show with puppets and music performed in a covered wagon stage. \$7 per person. Reservations at (816) 325-7575. See article below.

Metal Detecting Club (Also known as the 3 Trails Historical Search Team) –

Tuesday, April 15, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

William Chrisman High School, 1223 N. Noland, Independence, MO. Program to be announced.

Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, April 15, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Boone County Historical Society Museum, 3801 Ponderosa Drive, Columbia, MO. Program: *A Tale of Three Kates: Prostitution, Loyalty and the Long Civil War* by LeeAnn White. See article.

Civil War on The Border 2008

April 19 - 20, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm, Olathe, KS. Free. Suggested donation of \$2 for adults, \$1 per child. See article below.

Quantrill – A Guided Bus Tour in Kansas

Saturday, April 19, 2008 – 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Trails Head Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association. \$45 per person. See article.

Crazy Quilt Workshop at National Frontier Trails

Saturday, April 19, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. - Noon
318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Cost is \$15 per person. Class size limited and reservations are required at (816) 325-7575.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City Meeting

Tuesday, April 22, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. (Dinner)
Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. For reservations call: (816) 741-2962. Program: Sandy Bernard – “Where Custer Fell – Photographs of the Little Big Horn Battlefield, Then and Now.”

Evening Wagon Ride and Swales Walk

Thursday, April 24, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.

Starts from National Frontier Trails Museum 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Weather permitting, participants will board a covered wagon for a trip with Pioneer Trails Adventures. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$9 for children 6-17.

Reservations are required at (816) 325-7575.

Repeated May 29, June 26, July 31, Aug. 28 and Sept. 25.

K.C. Area Historic Trails Association

Wednesday, April 30, 2008 – 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Annual Membership and Awards Meeting.

Johnson County Central Resource Library, 9875 W. 87th Street, Overland Park, KS. Program: “Life and Times of William Bent” as portrayed by John Atkinson. The public is invited. See article below.

Historic Preservation Month

Noland Home Rehabilitation Tour

May 2, 2008 – 2:00 p.m. Free.

216 N. Delaware, Independence, MO. Meet on front lawn of the house across from The Harry S. Truman Home. Limited to 8 persons at a time. Learn about the Noland family and their ties to President Harry Truman.

Kansas City Trails Guided Bus Tour

Saturday, May 3, 2008 – 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Santa Fe Trail Association. \$45 per person including lunch. Departs from Main and Truman Road, Independence, MO. See article below.

Civil War Reenactment at Holden, MO
Sat. and Sun., May 3 - 4, 2008. Holden City Lake.
Maximum Effort Event (Infantry, Cavalry,
Artillery, and Medical). See article below.

Friends of Arrow Rock Annual Meeting
Sunday, May 4, 2008 – Noon luncheon.
Huston Tavern, Arrow Rock, MO. Cost is \$17.
For reservations call (660) 837-3231. Free program
at 2:00 p.m. at the State Historic Site Visitors
Center. “Archaeology on the Santa Fe Trail: The
John P. Sites Gun Shop” by Dr. Timothy Baumann.

Woodlawn Cemetery Tour
Saturday, May 17, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
701 S. Noland Road, Independence, MO. Resting
place of early settlers and Civil War soldiers.

Swinney Hall Tour at the Drumm Farm
Saturday, May 31, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
3210 Lee’s Summit Rd., Independence, MO.
Historic two-story brick building built in 1880’s.
Listed on National Register of Historic Places.
Plans are to restore the building.

Pitcher Cemetery Walking Tour
Saturday, May 31, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Blue Ridge Cut-off just north of 40 Highway. Local
historian Kathleen Tuohey. Burial site of a
Revolutionary War soldier and Civil War soldiers.

Midwest Genealogy Center Opening
Saturday, May 31, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.
3440 S. Lee’s Summit Road, Indep. MO. Free tours
beginning on the hour. See article below.

Waverly, MO Civil War Festival
June 28 - 29, 2008

Lee Ward’s Private Museum

Our April 9, 2008 meeting will be held at the home
of Lee Ward at 805 W. Brewster Lane,
Independence, MO, at 7:00 p.m. Lee has graciously
invited us to view his Private Museum of Funeral
Customs. To reach his home, make your way to 24
Highway in Independence and go north on River
Boulevard. Turn right (east) on Brewster Lane
which is just one block long. It will be your last
house on the right with big rock boulders on the
lawn. Brewster Lane intersects with Cottage so you
can find street parking on either street, but please be

careful not to block any neighboring driveways. If
you get lost, you can call (816) 254-9444.

Battle of Westport Guided Bus Tour

You will find a brochure with your newsletter
which gives the prices for the morning and
afternoon tours for non-members. We hope you will
pass this along to someone you think would enjoy
our tours because it’s a great way to grow our
membership and the profits will be used to finance
more Civil War markers for the Battle of the Little
Blue.

We believe our bus tour will be sold out considering
we already have five reservations and are just now
publishing the brochure. Two reservations came
from Dennis Myers’ internet posting of the trip and
one came from the Missouri Life advertisement that
appears in this month’s issue. This is our first
adventure into the wide world of magazine
advertising, and we thank Missouri Life for giving
us a reduced rate and doing a lot of hand holding as
they did the graphic design for us. The reenactor
shown in the ad is Kevin Wells, son of Sonny and
Karen Wells, and we are using the same graphic for
our brochure.

The tour rate for members of the Civil War Round
Table of Western Missouri is \$10 for either morning
or afternoon or \$20 for the whole day with lunch on
your own.

Historic Kansas City Foundation Spring Bus Tours

For those of you who enjoy vintage domestic
architecture, there are two tours on Saturday, April
5th. The morning tour beginning at 9:30 a.m. and
going to noon features Neighborhoods and Exterior
Colors. You will see how period appropriate colors
and trim enhance architecture. At Union Hill
located just to the south of the Union Cemetery, the
bus will stop for a short walk where several houses
in close proximity have been painted to give a
unified look to the block.

The afternoon tour from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
features three different interiors in typical Kansas
City styles – Arts and Crafts in Hyde Park,
Bungalow in Brookside, and Tudor on Ward
Parkway. Again period appropriate interior paint

and architectural details complement the styles. The cost is \$23 for either tour or \$40 for both. Order tickets online at www.historickansascity.org or make check payable to Historic Kansas City Foundation and mail to 201 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO 64111. Both tours begin at the Westport Presbyterian Church, 201 Westport Road. Ample parking is in the lot behind the church from Archibald Street which is one-way going west from Baltimore. Lunch is on your own at one of the fine restaurants in Westport.

National Frontier Trails Museum Benefit

The Friends of the NFTM have planned an enjoyable evening on Saturday, April 5th beginning at 5:30 p.m. with appetizers and beverages followed by wagon rides until 6:20 p.m. followed by a barbecue meal at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. entertainer Colin O'Brien will present "Trails and Rails," a musical journey highlighting songs of the Old West, the railways, and the characters found along the way. This will be a wonderful family-friendly event. Adult tickets are \$25 and children ages 6-27 are \$10. Reservations are required at (816) 325-7575.

Oregon or Bust!

Another enjoyable event for families with children or grandchildren, the National Frontier Trails Museum will host the Puppetry Arts Institute program "Oregon or Bust" on Saturday, April 12th, at 11:00 a.m. and again at 2:00 p.m. for \$7 per person. Join Abigail and her family on their 2,000 mile journey on the Oregon Trail. The story begins as the family discusses the move and the preparation it will take. The audience is asked to assist and then goes month by month through the trials of the trail. This is a 30-minute educational, interactive multi-media show with puppets, music and computer generated backgrounds performed in a covered wagon stage. Call (816) 325-7575 for reservations.

A Tale of Three Kates

The Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table will host LeeAnn White talking about her book, *A Tale of Three Kates: Prostitution, Loyalty and the Long Civil War* on April 15th.

Professor White of the University of Missouri Dept. of History poses the question of whether three Kates she found in her research might be one and the same. One is the Kate Clark who was the most prominent "madam" in post-Civil War St. Louis. Another is the alias often used by Kate King (a.k.a. Mrs. Kate Clark Quantrill.) There was another Kate Clark living with Confederate sympathizers in St. Louis when William Clark Quantrill had left Missouri and gone to Kentucky where he was killed. It would make things a whole lot easier if there were a mutually agreed upon spelling of Quantrill's middle name (Clark or Clarke?).

Civil War at the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm

For the 12th year the Mahaffie historic site at 1100 N. Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS will be hosting a reenactment on April 19th and 20th with activities for the whole family which include period music, children's games, clothing of the era, food vendors, and stagecoach rides. There will be demonstrations by artillery, cavalry, and infantry units with an afternoon battle each day. Scheduled to appear is the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard from Fort Riley Kansas and an appearance by Clarina Nichols as portrayed by Diane Eickhoff courtesy of the Kansas Humanities Council as well as appearances by the Lecompton Reenactors Association.

Quantrill – A Guided Bus Tour of Kansas

On Saturday, April 19th, Craig Crease and Ross Marshall of the Trails Head Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association will guide a bus tour of Quantrill sightings in Kansas. They will start at 8:30 a.m. from the northeast corner of the Sears/K-Mart parking lot at I-35 and Shawnee Mission Parkway in Kansas. Expected return is at 4:45 p.m. The tour includes stops at towns that Quantrill raided such as Olathe, Aubry, Gardner, and Shawnee. They will travel along the Oregon-California Trail at Spring Hill, Squiresville, Hesper and Franklin Village on the way to Lawrence where there will be a walking and riding tour as they recount the 1863 raid and follow Quantrill's escape route through Brooklyn. Lunch will be the historic Eldridge Hotel in Lawrence. All of this and maps and handout materials, snacks, and drinks for \$45 per person. Make checks payable to Trails Head

Chapter and mail to; Jim Budde, 11712 Glen Arbor Terr., Kansas City, MO 64114. For information please call (913) 941-0728.

Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association

At their annual membership meeting on April 30th at 4:30 p.m. the Trails Association invites the public to hear John Atkinson portray one of the pivotal figures in the history of the Santa Fe Trail and the American West – William Bent. Bent operated Bent's Fort on the Upper Arkansas from 1833 until 1849 and managed a vast fur trading empire rivaling that of the American Fur Company to the north. Bent's Fort was the only place of refuge and comfort on the Santa Fe Trail between the settlements of Missouri and the Mexican outposts of Taos and Santa Fe. "William Bent" will share stories of his eventful life, including the successes, failures, and frustrations of trying to bring together three diverse cultures.

Kansas City Trails Guided Bus Tour

The Missouri River Outfitters Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association invites you to see new trail parks, signage, and sculptures that have existed for the last three years or less. They will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the parking lot at Truman Road and Main Street in Independence and will return about 5:00 p.m. You will see trail sites from Independence Landing to New Santa Fe on State Line Road on the Independence Route of the Santa Fe-Oregon Trail and from Westport Landing (Main Street in the River Market area) to Gardner Junction Park, KS on the Westport Route of the trail.

While traveling you will hear about the history of the Santa Fe Trail from 1821 and its importance to U. S. commerce, a history of the first wagon trains on the Oregon Trail and the California Trail, both of which started in the Kansas City area, and how Missouri Bushwhackers, Kansas Redlegs, and Quantrill used the trails during the Border War. The \$45 per person includes lunch, maps, handouts, snacks, and drinks. Send checks payable to MRO Chapter, c/o of Ross Marshall, 6624 Craig Road, Merriam, KS 66202. For information call (913) 262-6445.

Holden, MO Civil War Reenactment

In addition to the two battle reenactments in the afternoon of May 3rd and 4th, there will be a Ladies' Tea on Saturday, a dinner and dance on Saturday night, and a Church Service on Sunday morning. Entertainment for the Saturday night dance will be provided by Amy Millstead and Don Henson with catering by Tiger Jacks. Period trades people and crafters will be present throughout the weekend displaying their goods and many talents. For information and directions to the Holden City Lake, go to www.cityofholden.com/reenactment.htm or call (573) 548-0112.

Civil War History for 4th Graders of Fort Osage Schools

Mike Calvert has been asked by his daughter, Sara Kaleikau, who is a teacher in the Fort Osage School District to present a program on Order No. 11 and the Battle of the Little Blue to about one hundred 4th graders on April 11, 2008. We don't know at the moment whether this will be done at one of the school locations or whether we may be able to swing bus transportation to bring them to the Lawson Moore House which is now owned by Sara and her husband Daniel. If you would be interested in helping with this educational outreach by dressing in period attire and interacting with the students, call Beverly Shaw at (816) 478-7648.

Quick 5 Questions for Steve Noll

The *Independence Examiner's* Jeff Fox asked the executive director of the Jackson County Historical Society the following five questions on March 13, 2008:

1. What is the Historical Society's No. 1 project or priority at the moment?

To have the 1859 Jail Museum ready to go for the upcoming tourism season, which starts April 1st and to complete our on-line card catalog project in the Archives.

2. What will the Square Courthouse renovation mean for the location and function of the Historical Society offices?

The renovation will hopefully allow our administrative office to return to the JCHS Archives

space in the Courthouse, and provide greater efficiency in our organization.

3. How many volunteers do you have? What do they do?

JCHS has over 30 active volunteers. Some staff and maintain the 1859 Jail Museum and others perform various services, supporting the staff and patrons of the Archives.

4. What three or four books do you think give the best sense of the area's history?

Two of the best are by our local author and historian, Pearl G. Wilcox, and were published by JCHS. Both *Jackson County Pioneers* (published in 1975) and *Independence and 20th Century Pioneers* (published in 1979) will keep anyone entertained and enlightened about our local history. For those wanting a 1,000-page resource, try the *History of Jackson County, Missouri* by W. Z. Hickman.

5. What's your favorite little-known fact from Jackson County history?

Most people believe Jackson County was named to honor President Andrew Jackson. The fact is this honor was bestowed before he was elected U. S. President.

Fire Claims a Bit of History in Richmond, Missouri

A building at 210 W. Main Street in Richmond, MO, which is linked in legend to a Jesse James robbery in May of 1867, was gutted by fire on March 11, 2008. In that 1867 robbery of the Hughes & Wesson Bank the mayor and two others were killed trying to defend the bank. The shootings so incensed Missourians of all political leanings that it led to the lynching of several former bush-whackers identified by lawmen as suspects. However in the months following the crime Jesse and Frank James were not connected to the robbery by authorities.

Notes About Our Members

We send our condolences to **Karen Coin's** family on the loss of her former brother-in-law and to **John Mark Lambertson** on the death of his father.

Several members and family have been on the sick list recently. **Dorothy Myers** had surgery at Lee's Summit Hospital and sends her heartfelt thank you to everyone for the thoughts, prayers and cards. Also, **Vicki Nave's** mother had several bouts with pneumonia and medication levels. We hope both are feeling better now.

We were glad to welcome Mr. **James Noel** at our March 12, 2008 meeting, and we thank **Delbert and Karen Coin** for bringing him. Mr. Noel hosted a fieldtrip to the Noel Ranch near Lone Jack on April 22, 2006. The property was used by the Russell, Majors, and Waddell freighting company for a staging area for wagons going west, and there are still swales visible. The Noel family also had a tie to Independence. The Noel House is located at 409 North Pleasant and is a large frame Queen Anne built by Col. William F. Hearne about 1890. The Noel family retained ownership until 1998 when it was donated to Preservation Renaissance Inc. of Independence for re-sale with preservation covenants. The property was totally rehabbed in 1999-2001 by the present owners.

We congratulate **Kathy Smith** as the new president of the Lee's Summit Historical Society following the death of Don Hale. Kathy assisted James Noel in researching his family and also helped the Metheny family of Lee's Summit research four generations of their family which includes well-know guitarist Pat Metheny and horn player Mike Metheny.

Speaking of genealogy, the *Independence Examiner* published a guest column by Stephen Hough, president of the **Jackson County Genealogical Society** on March 8-9, 2008. The Society has its headquarters in the old Truman Depot at 1111 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. The Truman Depot still serves Amtrak passengers, but it is not staffed so the Society assists arriving and departing passengers when they are open between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 pm on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Thanks for giving a friendly face to this once thriving railway depot that served President Harry Truman many times.

Pat Gradwohl is taking a driving trip to New Mexico with her son the first week of April to visit other relatives. We wish her a safe journey after a

mini driving trip to see the Burning of Dayton in Cass County on March 30th with **Karen** and **Kathy Wells** and **Beverly Shaw**.

Missouri Life magazine is now headquartered in historic Boonville, Missouri, and is sponsoring the first-ever Best of Missouri Life Festival, May 2-4, 2008 with a Made in Missouri Show, a wine tasting with at least a dozen Missouri wines, a Missouri Heritage speaker series, a Mark Twain performance by Richard Garey and other performances on the stage of Thespian Hall, the oldest theater still in use west of the Alleghenies. For updates and additional information, visit www.MissouriLife.com. Subscriptions to the bi-monthly magazine are \$19.99 and can be obtained by calling 1-800-492-2593, extension 102.

Congratulations to our friend **Cheryl Harness** for the beautiful article and cover picture on the alumni publication of the University of Central Missouri (Warrensburg, MO) in the Spring 2008 issue. Cheryl has spoken to the Round Table in the past and shared her wonderful paintings which she uses to illustrate a series of some 30 books with historical themes for young readers.

The William Clarke Quantrill Society

The William Clark Quantrill Society is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the study of the Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas border with emphasis on the lives of Quantrill, his men, his supporters, his adversaries and the resulting historical record. For information visit; www.geocities.com/quantrillsoc or send an E-mail to wqcqsociety@aol.com.

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Chaplains In The Confederacy

Most people are familiar with the importance of religion in the day-to-day life of General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. However, what they may not be aware of is how much of a role he played with regard to the implementation and promotion of religion during the Civil War.

Jackson was instrumental in the establishment of military-based chaplains in the field. As a devout evangelical Christian, he was actively religious and held the civilian position as a deacon in the Lexington Presbyterian Church. He practiced his faith through devotions and Bible study wherever he went. Though he was obligated to do so, he profoundly disliked fighting on Sundays.

Much to Jackson's dismay, most armies during the War Between the States did not commonly deploy with embedded clergy. Jackson recognized the need for spiritual strengthening and that a healthy soul meant healthy troops, arguing that a soldier's mental state of mind directly affected his ability to perform on the battlefield.

Jackson sent a letter to the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly, petitioning them for support. In it he stated, "Each branch of the Christian Church should send into the army some of its most prominent ministers who are distinguished for their piety, talents and zeal; and such ministers should labor to produce concert of action among chaplains and Christians in the army." He added, "A bad selection of a chaplain may prove a curse instead of a blessing."

Whenever possible, a strict schedule of morning and evening worship on the Sabbath, as well as Wednesday prayer meetings, was adhered to at all costs.

As the war progressed, a movement referred to as "The Great Revival" took place in the South. Beginning in the fall of 1863, this event was in full progress throughout the Army of Northern Virginia.

Because of religious faith, the horrors of war was made a little more tolerable.

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