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2nd Wednesday of each month - 7:00 p.m.
Old Blake Museum - 106 E. Walnut
Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 15.00
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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 1707 days as of the date of our Round Table meeting, Wednesday, August 9, 2006.

In Memory of
Tim Cox
9-15-1956
1-14-2006

Natal Event/Plastic/Cardboard

When you read the three words typed above you are probably thinking that I have finally lost my grip. Now some people might argue that I have already lost my grip, but let me assure you my grip is as good as ever. The three words you see above are the answer to the following question. What started you on your interest in the Civil War?

When asked to speak or when I find myself talking about the Civil War, often I am asked "What started you on your interest in the Civil War?" My answer most always involves a *natal event*, *plastic* and *cardboard*.

First, the *natal* event that is more widely known as your birthday. My birthday is on February 12th - the date I share with Abraham Lincoln. As a kid growing up I always thought that this coincidence bordered on the magical. To share a birthday with someone famous is interesting, but to share it with someone who is famous and has a holiday set aside that you got out of school for; how great is that! Setting aside the obvious immediate gratification of no school and having my birthday shared with Abraham Lincoln caused me to look up who this man was and what made him famous. This may sound obvious, but you can't study Lincoln without exposing yourself to the War of the Rebellion. So, in grade school I may have been the only kid who knew about the major battles fought in the east. Why I didn't know about our rich local history will have to be the subject for a future newsletter.

The second word on my list is *plastic*. In my case a plastic Tyco Rebel Cannon that had a Confederate battle flag, a ramrod and cannon balls. On one of my birthdays I was presented with this cannon that shot cannon balls. I believe this present was a direct result of my Civil War interests. It was a replica of a Napoleon and it shot cannon balls. (Did I say that again?) I can tell you that the cannon nobly defended against all enemy forces and I never surrendered or lost my colors. I still have that cannon tucked away in my mother's attic. Every once and while I'll go up, load the cannon and let loose a barrage at some unseen enemy. It doesn't shoot as far as it used to and I don't load it as quickly, but it still takes me back to my youth and reminds me, that in my imagination at least, I was one of those noble and gallant soldiers I had read about.

The third word is *cardboard*. I don't know how many of you remember the Civil War trading cards that were popular in the 60's. I can remember buying them and trying to collect them all. If I recall, they usually depicted some overly gory action scene. Someone was always getting blown to bits, but to a grade school boy, those are the ones that garnered my attention. I don't know how historically accurate they were, but they did show that there was more to the Civil War than the sanitized versions that were available in the books appropriate to my age group.

There it is. There are the things that started me on my interest in the Civil War. A *natal event*, *plastic* and *cardboard* - the things that a long-time interest in our nation's history has been built upon. My interests are little more sophisticated these days. But every once in a while I find myself headed to that attic...

Thanks to everyone who came and provide for our annual picnic. Everyone I spoke to was having a great time. A special thanks to Lucky and Fran for being most gracious hosts and allowing us to use their grounds and most importantly for opening up their home to our members and guests. Thank you, Lucky and Fran, for sharing a piece of history.

CWRTWMO Calendar

August Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, August 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Jim Beckner – *Missourians who fought with Robert E. Lee*

Old Blake Museum – 106 E. Walnut Street
Independence, MO

August Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 16th, 7:00 p.m.

17313 E. 51 Terr. Court
Independence, MO

September Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, September 13th, 7:00 p.m.

Old Blake Museum – 106 E. Walnut Street
Independence, MO

September Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 20th, 7:00 p.m.

17313 E. 51 Terr. Court
Independence, MO

August Meeting

Jim Beckner taught school for 33 years - 23 years at Grandview High School teaching economics, psychology, and American history. For 25 years he has been actively involved in Civil War reenactments with the Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association. He is considered an unusually good cavalymen with "Old Hercules" as his mount. He is also active as a husband, father, grandfather, church member, Nebraska Cornhusker season ticket holder, and associated with over a dozen history oriented organizations. Jim also has been semi-active in the movie business appearing in over 30 films. Meanwhile his golf game suffers. Jim has 16 Civil War talks and one World War I talk he presents to various groups.

At the August meeting, Jim is going to tell the story of Captain Woodson, one of 80 Missourians who fought with and under the command of Gen. Robert E. Lee in Virginia. These men used their Missouri guerrilla bloodlines to help support the Army of Virginia the last two years of the war.

Refreshments for the August Meeting

Volunteers helping Karen Wells with refreshments at the August meeting are Clarence and Gladys Lawson; John and Sandy Martin; and Jerry Tjelle. Thank you all for stepping up and volunteering to help when needed!

Right now, the only volunteer for the October meeting is Lou Harms (thank you, Lou). For the November meeting, we have no volunteers.

If you can help with either of these two months, please telephone Karen at (816) 628-9910. These people make a very important contribution at all of our meetings!

July Picnic

Art Kelley counted 67 people in attendance at the July 12th picnic at the Lawson Moore Home. We want to thank Lucky and Fran Mason for sharing their restored home with us and even providing docents for the tour. We went through in groups of 10 so as not to stress the structure too much; the only problem was that we saw groups going in the front door but nobody seemed to be coming out the back door for a while. The Masons are to be congratulated for the wonderful job they did on the house as well as the great research on the history that Fran and the docents shared with us.

When Mike Calvert gathered the group for eating, he spoke correctly that the "groaning boards" were ready. Thank you to everyone who shared side dishes and desserts and to Harlan Klukow and Beverly Shaw for getting the fried chicken and drinks. The weather even cooperated so that we were not rained out or burned to a crisp.

Lost and found from the July picnic.

FOUND: A dark blue canvas chair in a bag was left at the picnic. If this is yours, please contact Fran Mason at 796-8954.

LOST: Fran is missing a stainless steel utility spoon with a long black handle. If you might have picked this up by mistake, please contact Fran Mason at 796-8954 or return it to the August meeting.

Transfer of the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery

The official transfer papers were signed at the picnic by Ben Mann, president of the Jackson County Historical Society, and Mike Calvert, president of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri. Beverly Shaw took the Quit Claim Deed to the Jackson County Recorder's office and is now providing documentation for a waiver of real estate taxes based on our 501(c)(3) tax status. The Board is forming a special committee to oversee the cemetery and its endowment. In the meantime Goldie and Delbert Lewis are faithfully mowing the grounds, a hot and dusty job. Mark Wealand E-mailed us that they could use help painting the fence.

Order Number 11 Reenactment At Cave Spring

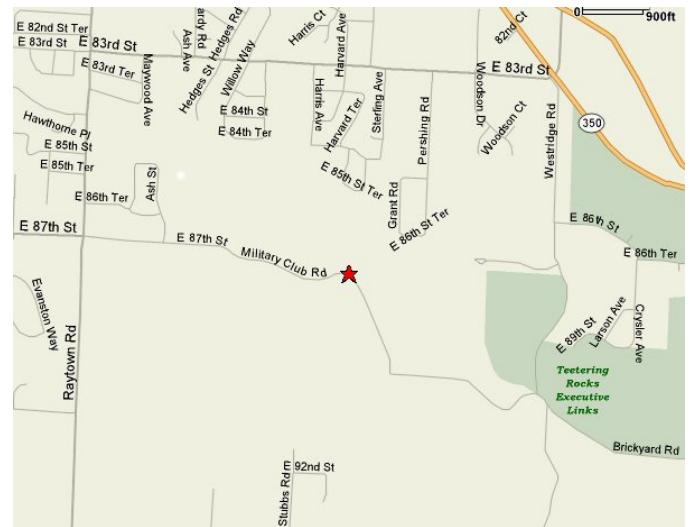
On Saturday, August 19, 2006, the Three Trails Heritage Group is presenting a look back at the infamous Order Number 11 which established Martial Law in Jackson, Cass, and Bates counties in August 1863. The artist George Caleb Bingham conceptualized this dire period in our history with his famous painting and engravings which haunted Brigadier General Ewing who issued the order. Our group is providing displays inside the Cave Spring Museum related to Civil War history. We want to thank Don Moorehead for lending his artillery reenactor's costume, Vesta Frizzell for lending her GAR medals, Lucky Mason for providing Confederate flags, and Beverly Shaw for displaying a Missouri state flag with the Great Seal which was passed along by Bea Cornish.

The Three Trails Heritage Group is composed of the Raytown Historical Society, the Rice-Tremonti Home, and the Cave Spring Historic Site and Nature Center.

Tickets may be purchased at the gates or at any of the sites: \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under, \$3 for senior citizens, and a \$12 special family rate. Food and beverages will be available at concessions. Wearing of period clothing is encouraged at this event!

The Raytown Historical Society will present a sign dedication ceremony at 9:00 a.m. at 87th Street and Military Club Road for the Battle of White Oak

Creek. From 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the museum will have displays and stories of how friends and neighbors lost their homes, orchards, livestock, and even their loved ones. The museum is located at 9705 E. 63rd Street, Raytown, MO (see map below).



It goes on to say that if residents sign a loyalty oath to the Union, they can move to a military station in the district. Otherwise they have to move out of the district altogether. Likewise all grain and hay of those signing the oath will be moved to a military station and a receipt given. All other grain and hay will be destroyed.

In her booklet called “Order Number 11” Joanne Chiles Eakin says that “residents of the area, about 30 miles wide and nearly 100 miles long, all south of the Missouri River, were by turn, unbelieving, stunned, furious, and frightened. Most of the families, regardless of whether loyalist or secessionist, had no place to go. Many of the families had men serving in the Union or Confederate Armies. Prior to the Order, (Jim) Lane and another Kansas raider, Col. Charles R. Jennison, had confiscated all horses and wagons that were in good repair, thus making the Order next to impossible to obey. Old men, women and children salvaged what they could carry from their homes before leaving in tears. Even though there was not one word mentioned about fire, all that could not be carried—stock, fodder, barns and homes—would be destroyed by fire. In two weeks, western Missouri which probably had a population of some 100,000 was desolate of all form of human life or domesticated animal.”

The Lawson Moore house was luckier than most because it only had fire damage in the roof. However the family never returned from exile. The sight of a former house with only the brick fireplace and chimney standing became known as “Jennison’s tombstones.”

In the April 2006, newsletter of the Lee’s Summit Historical Society, Don Hale says that his ancestors on his mother’s side were a part of this period of history. He says that the main reason for Order Number 11 was to deprive Quantrill and his guerillas of food and supplies. The Raid on Lawrence had just occurred on August 21, 1863. The United States military thought all Missourians to be disloyal and had been stationed here to prevent the Confederates from taking over Missouri and to keep Missouri in the Union. Men and boys had joined Quantrill to help their families fight the Kansans who came over the state line to rob and kill people. The result of Order Number 11 was that

families left, never to return to Missouri. Union sympathizers returned to the North and East; Southerners went back to Kentucky and Tennessee. Joanne Eakin says “some of the families moved to military stations in their districts, constructing hovels and living for the remainder of the war in primitive conditions.” No wonder that Order Number 11 has been the source of endless scrutiny in artwork and books.

The Cave Spring Reenactment was scheduled for just one day on August 19th, but there may be an abbreviated version on August 20th. For further information please call (816) 358-2283 or see www.cavespring.org/ordernumber11event.

If you like historical novels, you might want to read “All Parts Together,” the second in a trilogy by Tom Mach about the life of a 19th century abolitionist named Jessica Radford. It describes the Raid on Lawrence, Order Number 11, and a description of life in St. Louis at that time. Find out more at www.AllPartsTogether.com.

You might also enjoy reading “Order No. 11” by Caroline Stanley if you can find a copy since it has become a bit of a collector’s item. The author is buried at Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

If you want a prequel to Order No. 11, you can visit “Civil War on the Western Frontier” in Lawrence, Kansas, August 13-21, 2006. Events include tours, lectures, and reenactments. Call 1-800-529-5267 or go to www.visitlawrence.com.

Civil War Round Table of John Knox Village

The August 10, 2006 meeting will feature a program on the Battle for Atlanta at 7:00 p. m. The group meets at the Sun Valley Club House, Craigmont and Killarney in Lee’s Summit, MO.

Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks Bus Trip

If you happen to be in the Springfield area on August 12th, you might want to take a bus trip to the battlefields of Carthage and Newtonia, Missouri for \$20 leaving the Wal-Mart parking lot at South Glenstone and Independence streets in Springfield

at 8:00 a.m. Call Jim Scaminaci at (417) 887-7844 for reservations.

Our Round Table Board has also been talking about a trip to Carthage but probably not until the spring of 2007. In case you are not familiar with these engagements, on July 5, 1861, Union forces under the command of Col. Franz Sigel clashed with Missouri State Guard forces north of the town of Carthage. State Guard forces proved victorious in this contest and drove the Union forces from the field in this early Civil War engagement.

On September 30, 1862, a Federal force attacked Confederate forces holding the town of Newtonia. The Confederates were able to reinforce their compatriots and force the withdrawal of the attacking Union force. Unable to sustain their position the Confederates themselves withdrew back into Arkansas.

Newtonia was again the scene of action when on October 28, 1864, retreating forces under Gen. Price halted in the town to rest. They were immediately set upon by pursuing Union forces and an all-day engagement ensued. At dusk the forces slipped away to the South.

Fall 2006 Reenactments in Missouri

September 16-27: 15th Annual Olde Greenville Days. Two day open field battle on the site of this historic town. Open to all infantry, artillery, cavalry and civilian reenactors. Pre-register by August 31st to secure rations and amenities. Music, crafters and living history. For additional information, contact Capt. Jolley at (636) 274-1438.

October 13-15: 5th Annual Porter's Raid on Palmyra. All reenactors invited to participate in the event centering around the old federal prison built in 1858 and still standing. Events to include a living history day, two battles, a raid on the old prison, period games, sutlers, vendors, first person contest, vintage ballgame, military ball, ladies tea, divine service. Usual amenities. For more information, contact David Garner at rebelmann522000@yahoo.com.

Thanks to Len Eagleburger of the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks, for these notices. Len also says that their website has been updated by Dr. William Piston and that you can access their

newsletter online at the following website;
www.history.missouristate.edu/WGPiston/cwrt.htm.

Tours of the Little Blue Battlefield

Mike Calvert is serving on a special sub-committee of the Independence Heritage Commission to research and highlight the importance of Civil War history in this area. He has been asked to provide a bus tour of the Little Blue Battlefield on Saturday, August 26th for the City Council, Heritage Commission members, and heads of Community Development and Tourism. He will be calling on volunteers to help with this tour.

Harold Dellinger has asked us to provide historical tours and background for the annual reunion of the Quantrill Society on October 14, 2006. We will want to do our best to highlight the importance of the Battle of the Little Blue to this group from all over the U. S. so we will also need volunteers for that day.

Bingham-Waggoner Historical Society

The August display is "Fruit as Art" which shows fruit labels and collectable baskets.

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. A secondary purpose is to collect and disseminate genealogical information about Quantrill, his men and their descendants. For more information, please visit the WCQ Society website at www.geocities.com/quantrillsoc or E-mail; wcqsociety@aol.com.

Monthly Meeting Site

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri meets at the Old Blake Museum, 106 E. Walnut Street, Independence, Missouri (northeast corner of Walnut and Main). Parking for the meeting is any street parking nearby and a few spaces across the street at the Plasterers' Union building, 301 S. Main. Please do not use any other private parking.

Save the Little BLUE Buttons

Just \$1.00 each

>>>> July Picnic <<<<<



The Groaning Boards

>>>> July Picnic <<<<<



In the shade of the Lawson Moore Home



Mike Calvert and Ben Mann
Transfer of the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery



Caster Set in the Lawson Moore Home
The only original Lawson Moore item

One of the earliest American silver plate
items made (1855)