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Meetings

Second Wednesday
of the month at 7 pm
at Blue Ridge Mall,
40 Hwy & I-70, in
the Community Room,

Visitors
Always
Welcome

for more information

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After all the delays, cancellations and movement, the combined Christmas-New Year's party came off really well. Not only did we overflow the room, we had to get more chairs and nearly ran out of brisket.

Special thanks to Beverly Shaw and Ann Robertson for some outstanding planning and to all the ladies who brought all the goodies. Karen Wells did her usual outstanding job preparing the brisket, which was donated to the party, as per usual.

Some really neat gifts were given away in the gift drawing and the movie had a most surprising ending. All in all, it was a good time.

Thanks also to the folks at the Blue Ridge Mall for working closely with Beverly to get the room set up and the tables and chairs when needed.

Tim reports he got the grant application mailed in time to meet the deadline. Now it is just a matter of waiting for the review committee to do the background check and verify the information submitted. Very few of those we requested letters from failed to respond.

Update on Monuments book...Only 31 color books remain. Maple Hill Cemetery ordered one just before Christmas. Over 100 of the B&W books remain. I am placing ads in the Sun papers the week after Christmas listing the \$10 price, plus \$2 S & H if it has to be mailed.

I have sent Mary Ann (Hazzard) Yoder her book and also sent one to the Linn County Historical Society at Pleasanton, Kansas. They had called to ask about the book in early January. The Mine Creek Battlefield and Visitors Center is just a few miles from Pleasanton.

The *Liberty Advance* of February 11, 1875 contains a copy of the report submitted by the Adjutant General to Governor Charles H. Hardin, who then forwarded the report to the Committee on Militia.

The report is about the "*Tragedy at the Samuels Farm on January 26th 1875*". The report gives the location of the farm, the time of the "incident", and some details of the attack.

The report states it was Mr. Samuels who tried to kick the grenade into the fireplace. The report states the explosion was heard 2 or 3 miles away, and details the injuries. It states little Archie lived for 4 hours. Other stories have said Archie was killed instantly.

The report also gives some details about the train and its mysterious passengers, although it does not give a number of men.

The report is signed...Respectfully, G.C. Bingham, Adj. Gen.

On the Calendar February 2004

Wednesday, February 11th, 7 pm

Regular Monthly Meeting

Community Room at Blue Ridge Mall

Program by Shane Seely
on making Historical Films

Saturday, February 14th

If you guys do not know what this day is
by now, don't come looking to me for
any help. You're on your own!

Monday, February 16th,

President's Day

See Quiz on page 4

Wednesday, February 18th, 7 pm

Board Meeting

At Beverly's

Tuesday, February 24th, 7 pm

Battle of the Little Blue meeting

Blue Hills Elementary School

1911 North Blue Mills Road

(just north of 24 Hiway & Blue Mills Rd.)

Wednesday, March 10th, 7 pm

Regular Monthly Meeting,

Community Room at Blue Ridge Mall

Program on the Wornall House

April 1st & 2nd

Lincoln's in KC Schedule

Thursday, April 1,

1:30 pm, Mt. Gilead School Historic Site, Kearney

Special program for Home School Students

1900 Hours, Bell Hall at Fort Leavenworth (Drama)

Friday, April 2, in Kearney Area

9:30 am, OPEN,

1:30 pm, Mt. Gilead Historic Site, Kearney (Pending)

7:00 pm, First Christian Church, Kearney (Drama)

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Folks in period dress are invited.

At the Board Meeting

The Board met on Wednesday, January 13th, at 7 pm, at Beverly Shaw's residence. Eight were present. Special thanks to Beverly and Jerry for the use of their home for the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting were passed out.

Correspondence received since the last Board Meeting was also passed around.

REPORTS...

Newsletter Report--100 printed and 93 mailed out.

Cost of printing averaged 70.3 cents per copy.

Bill submitted and paid.

Historian's Report--Almost all of the old **Border Star** newsletters have now been located.

Treasurer--Report submitted.

Coffee Fund--Beginning Balance for 2004. \$ 4.12

In Donation Jar \$ 0.00-- New balance \$ 4.12

2nd V. P.--Reported 36 present at party.

1st V. P.--No Report.

President--Tim brought the Board up to date on the Grant Application process and announced the date of the next Little Blue meeting.

Once the grant is approved, we will have to get to work on the 501 (c) (3) application.

Tim reported he is looking for a new meeting place for our group. Several sites were brought up.

OLD BUSINESS

Brought up again the possibility of a tour of the Little Blue Battlefield in October, which will be the 140th anniversary of the battle. The Civil War Re-enactors are not planning special in the Kansas City area, but there will be a living history in St. Louis.

NEW BUSINESS

Board voted to send a monuments book to the Linn County Historical Society Museum at Pleasanton, Kansas, and include a Little Blue Battlefield Tour Booklet with it.. Possibly they will have some kind of book on the History of their area to trade with us.

Monument books are now for sale at James Country Mercantile, just off the Square, in Liberty.

The artifact search at the Fishing River Ambush site has been scheduled for the first Saturday in May.

We will gather at 9:00 at the Intermediate School parking lot, 19th Street & Hiway 33, in Kearney, and then go to the site. We will work in teams.

Sold 3 Little Blue booklets over Christmas.

Change of Location of Next Meeting

The Blue Ridge Mall has informed Beverly they have moved our next meeting to different room where we will have two restrooms and will be able to provide refreshments.

Park on the south side of the building west of the Denny's entrance. Use the South Court entrance, go to the first opening on the right after you enter the mall. We will have people on site to guide you.

Sorry about the move but we do appreciate the Blue Ridge Mall staff for making a room available for our use at no charge and the convenient parking.

Dr. Anderson's new Address

Dr. Gerald Anderson, one of the founding members of our Round Table, is now in an assisted living facility and would enjoy receiving a card or letter.

Gerald Anderson

Independence Health Care Center, #62

17451 East Medical Center Parkway

Independence, Mo. 64057

2004 Dues are now Being Accepted

Many thanks to those of you who have already sent in your 2004 dues. If you are not among those who have already paid, you may bring them to the February 11th meeting or mail a check to...

C. W. R. T. W. Mo..

% Beverly Shaw

17313 E. 51st Terr. Crt.

Independence, Mo. 64055

Dues are \$15 per calendar year for individuals or \$22.50 for a family.

Those who wish to receive the newsletter, but cannot attend the meetings can make use of the \$9 per year subscription fee.

Symphony Designers' Showcase XXXV

The Round Table will be docents at the Showcase Home again this year. Our date will be Thursday, May 6, from 5-8 pm. Call Beverly, 816 478-7648, to sign up.

Members in the News

Tim Cox spoke at the 97th Annual Lee, Jackson, Maury Luncheon, hosted by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, on Saturday, January 17th, at Stephenson's, Lee's Summit Road at 24 Hiway.

Presiding was Mrs. Bea Cornish, of the Dixie Chapter. Round Table members attending included **Margaret Bardgett, Jim Beckner, Richard and Jo Anna Dale, Beverly Shaw, Carla Stoebeck and Karen and Sonny Wells.**

Tim will also be speaking on February 11th, at 1:00 pm, on "The Battle of the Little Blue" as part of the Roger "T." Sermon, Jr. History Series at **the** Truman Memorial Building, 416 West Maple, in Independence. Parking is available at the corner of Truman and Pleasant.

Bring your own bag lunch, beverages will be provided. Co-sponsored by the Jackson County Historical Society and the Independence, Missouri Parks & Recreation Department.

Board member **Charlotte Tindall** was recently honored by the Independence Tourism Department at the Historic Sites Volunteer Banquet. Charlotte was recognized as a charter volunteer for her 20 years of work at the Bingham-Waggoner House.

Founding Members of our Group

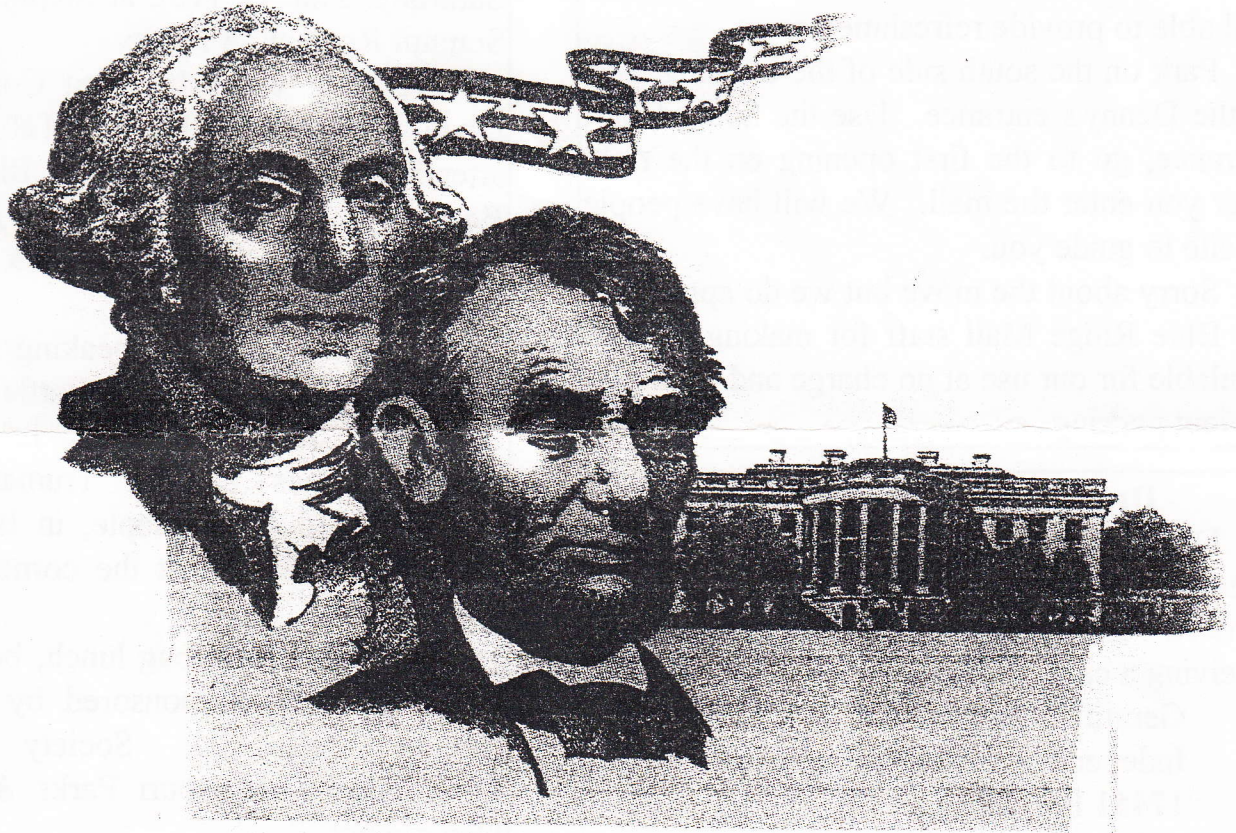
Just in case you are curious, there are 21 Charter Members of the CWRTW Mo. still on the membership rolls. This includes two of the original board members and one of the founders.

History of the Missouri State

Submitted by Beverly Shaw

The Second State Capitol Commission is preparing a new book on the State Capitol Building. You are invited to enter your picture in the competition. Mail no later than March 15, 2004. Contact Beverly Shaw for forms.

All questions have the same answer except one.
Which question is the odd ball?
And what is the correct answer?



Hi friends! Presidents' Day is Feb. **16**. How well do you know the leaders of our country? Let's see how much you know about two of America's greatest presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

1) President Abraham Lincoln was killed on April 15, 1865.

True or False

2) George Washington wore wooden teeth.

True or False

3) Abraham Lincoln was the 21st president of the United States.

True or False

4) Abraham Lincoln earned a college degree from the University of Illinois.

True or False

5) George Washington chopped down a cherry tree.

True or False

6) Abraham Lincoln was born in Springfield, Ill.

True or False

7) Lincoln's carved image at Mount Rushmore is larger than the other three presidents.

True or False

8) Both Lincoln and Washington were over 6 feet tall.

True or False