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## The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:00 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall  
Village Heights Community of Christ  
Church  
1009 Farview Drive  
Independence, Missouri

### Visitors Always Welcome!

### Annual Dues

Individual ----- 25.00  
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## The 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Conference on History

Note from the Treasurer: Mike Calvert is suffering from a respiratory infection and asked me to write an article this month. I was glad to help out because I want to congratulate the State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia for sponsoring the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Conference on History which will be held March 9-11, 2016 in Columbia at the Courtyard by Marriott and Conference Center. If you would like to see the full agenda, you can go to [www.shs.umsystem.edu/mch](http://www.shs.umsystem.edu/mch).

What struck me about this conference was the depth of scholarship involved and the amount of time it takes to put on this conference year after year. I want to especially single out the President of the State Historical Society of Missouri, **Gary Kremer**. I see his name in many articles about local history presentations. He certainly does not sit in an ivory tower but instead brings the stories of our history to all parts of the state. **Diane Mutti Burke** from UMKC produced a very insightful book about slavery in Missouri and shared her observations with our group several years ago. **Tim Westcott** of Park University has helped the Harris-Kearney House with programming and a new garden in addition to mentoring history students at Park. Working on the history conference is in addition to their own teaching schedules and research.

I want to remind you that **history teaching is not dead**. Just consider some of the papers that will be presented at the conference:

Marlin Barber (Missouri State University) "Growing Unrest in the Upper South: Black Radicalism in Missouri during the Civil War"

Greg Olson (Missouri State Archives) "Ioways in Blue: Indigenous Support for the Union Cause"

Leah Palmer (UMKC) "Brokering the Border: Freedom and Political Action in Civil War Missouri"

Lauren Petrillo (UMKC) "Keeping House on the Western Border: Slavery, White Labor, and the Urban Home Circle in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Missouri"

Debra Foster Greene (Lincoln University) "The Stories We can Tell: Considering African Americans as Refugees Rather Than Contraband of the American Civil War"

It is not only the "professional historians and educators" who keep the stories of our history alive but also those who do the research and share their findings with other interested people. I would like to thank **Don Gilmore** for his always insightful opinions on trends in Civil War history, **Richard Stewart** for his continuous research into the Quantrill men, and **Rev. Larry Coleman** for his depth of reading on African American history and philosophy. And last but not least the continuous students of history such as yourselves who enjoy learning and sharing. Give yourselves a hand!

*Beverly Shaw, Treasurer*

## CWRTWM Calendar

### March 2016 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ Church, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Charles Childs: Railroads during the Civil War.

### March 2016 Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 – Following the Membership Meeting. Our agenda for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday night meeting is that we have announcements and short business items at 7:00 p.m. followed by the program and refreshments. The board meets about 8:15 p.m.

### Park Day at Lewis-Gregg Cemetery

Saturday, April 2, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Lewis-Gregg Cemetery in eastern Jackson County. Call Beverly for directions at (816) 225-7944 (cell). Bring rakes and gloves for some spring cleaning. If it's raining or the ground is too soft, we will reschedule.

### April Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ Church, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Barbara Hughes: Mourning and the Impact of the Civil War.

## Other Civil War Events

### Arrow Rock Lecture – Bingham's Election Pictures

Saturday, March 5, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitor Center, Arrow Rock, MO. Charles Valier, Chairman of the Bingham Trust, will share insights through his years of study of the George Caleb Bingham Sketches. During the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century Bingham was both a candidate and chronicler. Mr. Valier will elaborate on Bingham's aspirations and the fierce election fight in 1846 between himself and Erasmus Darwin Sappington. Using sketches in preparation for "County Election" and "Stump Speaking," Valier will reveal the identities of many of the individuals and explain the significance of who was included and who was left out.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Bleeding Kansas 2016 Program Series

Sunday, March 6, 2016 – 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore, Lecompton, KS. Professor Antonio de la Cova, University of South Carolina, presents "Colonel Henry Titus: The Osama Bin Laden of the Abolitionist Press." Suggested Donation of \$3 for adults.

### Remembrances of the RMS Titanic

Monday, March 7, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. Kearney Library, 100 S. Platte Clay Way, Kearney, MO. Barbara Hughes brings to life Mrs. Mahala Douglas and her husband, Walter, who were passengers on the Titanic. Using elegant costuming, music, a slideshow, first-person accounts and stories of those aboard the ill-fated luxury steamship, she recalls the events of April 14-15, 1912.

Other presentations will be at Excelsior Springs Library on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., Smithville Library on March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. and April 5<sup>th</sup> at Woodneath Library at 7:00 p.m.

### Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 NW Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Sam Gill: "Ishi, the last Native American."

### Civil War Round Table of Cass County

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Pierson Hall, Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. John Moloski: "Frank James at the Missouri City Bank." Was this his first bank robbery?

### Fanny Kelly – Captured by the Sioux in 1864

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Barbara Hughes will talk about the life and adventures of Fanny Kelly, a pioneer woman captured by the Sioux in 1864. \$5.00. Advance reservations requested. Call (816) 325-7575.

### Excursions into Border War History

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. North Oak Library, 8700 North Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO. Aaron Barnhart: Drawing from his book *The Big Divide: A Travel Guide*, Aaron will give tips about planning a quick and affordable excursion into Border War history.

### **Directions to Meeting Place;**

### **Village Heights Community of Christ Church**

The address is 1009 Farview Drive in northeast Independence, Missouri. Take Highway 291 north to Highway 24. Turn east about .8 of a mile to Farview which is across the street from the Hardee's in Susquehanna Shopping Center. Turn north and you will find the church at the intersection of Farview and Swope Drive. The parking lot is on the east side of the church, and we enter from the east side to the fellowship room. If you are unsure if weather and road conditions will prevent a meeting, you can call Beverly Shaw on her cell phone: (816) 225-7944.

#### Freedom's Frontier Partners Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. Woodneath Library, 8900 NE Flintlock Road, Kansas City, MO. Karen Crane: "16 Tips for Successful Social Strategy Such as Tumbling, Tweeting and Posting."

#### Barbara Hughes' Program on the Titanic

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. Excelsior Springs Library, 1460 Kearney Road.

#### Shawnee Indian Mission – Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 – Noon. Bring a sack lunch and beverage and learn about local history. Location: 3403 W. 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Fairway, KS. Patrick Dobson will present 10 miles of new historic trail signs in Johnson County, KS.

#### Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Wal-Mart). Ralph Monaco: Order #11 with new details about some of the people directly involved.

#### Spring Break Living History

Thursday-Saturday, March 17–19, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm, 1200 Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS. Enjoy 1860's hands-on history activities such as stagecoach rides, blacksmith and cookstove demonstrations, and old-fashioned games. Spring farming activities may be offered depending on weather and ground conditions. \$7 for adults and \$5 for ages 5-11.

#### Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner (\$27). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor. James Speicher: The *H.L. Hunley* and her crews. The *Hunley* was a Confederate submarine, the first of its kind to sink an enemy warship. Deadline for dinner reservations is Noon, Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. E-mail Susan Keipp at skeipp@kc.rr.com or call (816) 333-0025.

#### Jim Bridger's 212<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Trailside Center, 99<sup>th</sup> & Holmes, Kansas City, MO. Guest Host is Jim Bridger portrayed by Jim Beckner. Free birthday cake and a chance to look at Bridger materials.

#### Female Soldiers and Lady Bushwhackers

Thursday, March 24, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO. During the Civil War hundreds of women cut their hair, bound their breasts, donned men's clothing, and reported for duty to Union or Confederate recruiters. This

program is presented by Missouri Humanities Council speaker Diane Eickhoff. Free.

#### Barbara Hughes' Program on the Titanic

Thursday, March 31, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. Smithville Library, 120 Richardson Street, Smithville, MO.

#### Battle for the Veterans

Saturday & Sunday, April 2-3, 2016. 1300 Veterans Road, Warrensburg, MO. 10<sup>th</sup> Missouri Reenactors host the "Battle for the Veterans."

#### Barbara Hughes' Program on the Titanic

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Woodneath Library, 8900 NE Flintlock Road, Kansas City, MO.

### **News About Members and Friends**

If you like to use commemorative postage stamps, you might look for the **Richard Allen** stamp at your local Post Office. It was issued in February 2016 for Black Heritage Month. Richard Allen was the first Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He aided in the conversion of his slavemaster, Stokeley Sturgis, a Delaware man. He was also a successful businessman and pioneered institutions owned by African Americans.

**Don Bates**, a past President of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, is selling some of his Civil War book collection and would be happy to have interested buyers come look at his selections. Mike Calvert has already visited Don and reports that he has some very interesting books. Beverly Shaw will have a list of titles at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting or she can mail you a copy. Call Beverly at (816) 225-7944.

The **Battle of Westport Museum** reports that the month of April will be a "Celebration of the Big Blue River." On Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, the museum will host a history day to include a talk on the Federal defense line on the river and the fighting at Byram's Ford. More details will follow in the April *Border Star*.

Those of you who have occasion to visit **Fort Leavenworth, Kansas** have probably noticed the number of street names that correspond with Civil War commanders. An article by Quentin Schillare in the Fort Leavenworth *Lamp* on January 28, 2016 gives some background for the names. He says that all the streets on the Main Post north of Merritt and Smith Lakes between Grant and Sherman/Scott Avenues are named for Veterans of the Civil War. The streets around the educational core are in a rough grid pattern oriented on the cardinal directions. Pope, Augur, Meade, Buford, Reynolds, Sedgwick and Wint Avenues run east-west, while Grant, Upton, Gibbon, McDowell and Sherman

Avenues run north-south. All except Theodore Wint, who enlisted as a volunteer private and became a junior officer, served as general officers. All but Wint were graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

**Steve Hatcher** does a wonderful job of maintaining the website of the Round Table ([www.cwrtwm.org](http://www.cwrtwm.org)). He needs some help in updating the calendar which only takes a couple of hours a month and he is willing to train a volunteer. You can talk with him at a membership meeting or send him an E-mail to [mail@cwrtwm.org](mailto:mail@cwrtwm.org).

**David Jackson** has been busy on the lecture circuit to introduce his new book called *Born a Slave* which recounts his own personal genealogy search which revealed an African American ancestor. There was a wonderful article in the FYI section of the Kansas City *Star* on February 20, 2016. On February 13<sup>th</sup>, David was honored by the Independence Pioneers DAR Chapter for outstanding volunteer service in historic preservation.

We are looking for a mowing man (or woman) for the **Lewis-Gregg Cemetery** for this summer. This is a paid position and we can make arrangements to show the property to get an idea of its size. Call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 to schedule an appointment.

There was an article in the weekend edition of the *Examiner* on February 20-22, 2016 about the Rheinland Restaurant near the Independence Square which is celebrating 25 years of cooking from scratch. In the background of the picture of the owners, Heinz and Rose Heinzelmann, who should we see but **John** and **Dianne Lehman**, Independence musicians who have provided music nearly every weekend since it opened.

Rev. **Joshua Patty** of the Eastgate Christian Church in Independence, Missouri, continued the tradition of having a worship service in honor of Abraham Lincoln near his birthdate. On the 207<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lincoln's birth, he preached a sermon titled, "Live by the Words: Abraham Lincoln and the Bible." Rev. Patty has been studying Lincoln for 25 years and is the author of the Lincoln-related blog "Lincolniana" where he shares insights into exhibits, books and artifacts related to the 16<sup>th</sup> president.

We want to welcome new member **Ruth Payne** who lives in the neighborhood where we meet on North Farview Drive in Independence. We are enjoying the hospitality of the Village Heights Community of Christ Church for our monthly membership meetings except on June 8<sup>th</sup> when we plan to have a picnic at Lone Jack and December 3<sup>rd</sup> when we have our yearly luncheon on the

first Saturday of December at Loose Park with our friends from the Union Cemetery Historical Society.

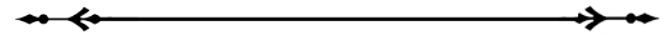
Jay Thorn from the Clay County Historical Society has brought to our attention an opportunity to do more research on burials near what was called the **Seybold Tavern** following the Battle of Fredricksburg near Excelsior Springs. The present owners of the property are receptive to historical research, and their son found some Civil War era bullets in the yard. You can Google "Seybold Tavern" to read about the mystery of how it came to be named. See photo below.

**Beverly Shaw** is serving as House Historian for the Symphony Designers' Showhouse at 444 Westover Road, Kansas City, Missouri and invites interested tour guides to join her the evening of Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to staff the house from 4:00-8:00 p.m. It's a chance to see a beautiful old home dating from 1926 and also current decorating trends. She will be glad to send you a copy of the house history and explain what we do as guides. Call Beverly at (816) 225-7944 or E-mail her at [bevjoshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:bevjoshaw@hotmail.com).

**Pat Gradwohl** is using her experience with the Clay County Homes Tours to help the Round Table set up our second Independence, Missouri homes tour on April 30-May 1, 2016 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. both days. We have such a wonderful housing stock of 19<sup>th</sup> century homes to draw from and will have the complete list next month.

### **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.wcqsociety.com](http://www.wcqsociety.com) or send an E-mail to [wcqsociety@aol.com](mailto:wcqsociety@aol.com).



**Seybold Tavern**