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Church
1009 Farview Drive
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Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 25.00
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Mike Calvert is working towards the hiatus of Lake City Arsenal this weekend and did not want to postpone the publication of the *Border Star* so we are printing the Bliss Copy of the Gettysburg Address which is the version most often reproduced, notably on the walls of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC. It seems fitting to remember the words delivered at the dedication of the cemetery at the time of the 153rd anniversary of the battle July 1-3, 1863.

The Gettysburg Address

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate – we can not consecrate – we can not hallow – this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far no nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln
November 19, 1863

CWRTWM Calendar

July 2016 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall, Village Heights Community of Christ Church, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Chery Holtman, President of the Clay County Historical Society, will talk about the “Life and Times of Col. Henry Routt” who was her direct ancestor.

Board Meeting and refreshments will follow the program.

August, 2016 Membership Meeting

Jim Beckner will be speaking about “The Rest of the Story about Charles Lee Younger.”

Other History Events

First Saturday at Shoal Creek Living History Village

Saturday, July 2, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Shoal Creek Village inside Robert Hodge Park, 6800 NE Barry Road, Kansas City, MO. Free family fun with reenactors, food, craft vendors, and demonstrations. Some activities charge for their services – cash only.

Outdoor Theater: “Frontiers”

Saturdays in July. 8:00 p.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Bring your lawn chairs, relax, and experience the lives of women living on the Kansas-Missouri frontier during the mid- to late 19th Century in this exciting and poignant performance based on the diaries, letters, journals, and memories of women of the era. In the event of extreme weather the event will be cancelled. Free. Repeated July 9th, 16th, and 23rd.

Artillery at Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield

Saturday, July 2nd, 16th, and 30th – 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Wilson’s Creek, 6424 W. Farm Road 182, Republic, MO. Demonstrations highlighting the role of field artillery in the Battle of Wilson’s Creek will be held hourly. Admission to the battlefield is \$7 per adult 16 and older with a maximum of \$15 per vehicle.

Independence Day at the Mahaffie Farm

Monday, July 4, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm, 1200 E. Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS. A reading of the Declaration of Independence at Noon. Cannon firings at 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. Riding the stagecoach. Visiting the cookstove demonstration. Adults – \$7, Children ages 5-11 – \$5.

Rascals and Rogues

Tuesday, July 5, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. North Oak Library, 8700 N. Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO. Presenter is Arnold Schofield. The American Civil War was filled with rascals and rogues who didn’t hesitate to bring wanton destruction on everyone who opposed them. Learn about James Henry Lane, Charles “Doc” Jennison, James Montgomery, William C. Quantrill, “Bloody” Bill Anderson, and Archie Clement.

Program to be repeated on Tuesday, July 12th at 7:00 p.m. at Blue Springs South Library, 2220 S. 7 Highway, Blue Springs, MO. Wednesday, July 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Antioch Library, 6060 N. Chestnut Ave., Gladstone, MO. Saturday, July 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at Claycomo Library, 309 NE 69 Highway, Claycomo, MO.

Black Soldiers in the Civil War

Thursday, July 7, 2016 – 2:00 p.m. Battle of Westport Museum, 6601 Swope Parkway (just inside Swope Park), Kansas City, MO. Joe Mattox: Black Soldiers Fighting for Freedom or Slavery or Black Soldiers Who Could Pass for White. Joe is the William D. Mathews Scholar at the Museum. Free.

Liberty, MO 2016 Walking Tours

Saturday, July 9, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. Dougherty Historic District. Tour meets at the corner of Franklin and Gallatin Streets, Liberty, MO. Free.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 NW Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Photographer/teacher Bill Hankins will speak on Western author Wallace Stegner. Bill lived for a brief time in Stegner’s childhood home.

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.

Ghost Trails & Towns

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 – Noon. Poplar Heights Living History Farm, northeast of Butler, MO. From Butler take Highway H east to UU Highway, turn north and go 2 miles to County Road 5004. Turn east and go 1.2 miles. Parking at the Learning Center on the north side of the road. Bring a sack lunch.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Laura Mielke, a Professor at KU, will give a presentation on drama and plays during the Civil War era.

Clay County Museum Third Thursday

Thursday, July 21, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Keith Nelson will talk about the Pioneer Crowley Family.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, July 26, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner (\$27). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor. Robert Walz from The U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS will speak about “Railroads during The Civil War.” According to Mr. Walz, the north did not have that much initial advantage in railroads (especially in the areas where the war was being fought) but managed its assets far better than the south. In many respects the south used railroads better tactically than the north (First Bull Run), but the north was far better strategically.

Clay County Historical Society Trivia Night

Thursday, July 28, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Belvoir Winery, 1325 Odd Fellows Road, Liberty, MO. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The theme is “Trivia in the Tropics” and guests are encouraged to wear their best aloha shirt, mu-mu, or even a flower in their hair. Cash bar, free refreshments, and door prizes. Tickets are \$10 per person at the door. Due to limited seating, reservations are encouraged but not required (call Jana Becker at 816-792-2854). Teams are limited from 4 to 8 members. The grand prize will be \$100 for the winning team.

Informational Meeting about Missouri State Parks

Thursday, July 28, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Battle of Lexington State Historic Site – Visitor Center, 1101 Delaware, Lexington, MO. Staff will provide information on future plans for the facility and answer questions. Visitors are invited to share feedback and suggestions about services and operations.

Bushwhacker Belles

Saturday, July 30, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. Bates County Museum, 802 Elks Drive, Butler, MO. Joplin author Larry Wood will discuss his new book, *Bushwhacker Belles*. Donation luncheon to follow.

Coming Attractions

Silver Heart Inn Murder Mystery Dinner

Saturday, August 13, 2016. Silver Heart Inn, 1114 S. Noland Road, Independence, MO (parking at the Immanuel Baptist Church parking lot, 112 W. 23rd Street) 1880’s Historic Mansion Mystery Dinner. Advance tickets of \$29 required per guest. Includes dinner, dessert, and entertainment. Call 816-838-9508.

News About Members and Friends

Our thoughts go out to the family and friends of **Jim Stribling Noel** who passed away June 8, 2016. Jim was born in Lone Jack and his family farm was part of the Battle of Lone Jack. Many years ago Jim allowed the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri to visit the farm and view the swales (ruts) created when the land was used as a staging area for the Russell, Majors, and Waddell freighting company.

Don Bates of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City continues to liquidate some of his Civil War book collection which is of excellent quality both for the selection of titles as well as being preserved in archival book jacket covers. Many are also signed by the author. If you would like to see an updated list, please call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944, and she will send you a copy or see her at the July meeting.

The Bushwhackers Bookstore Tour will be July 23-August 13, 2016. Visit 9 area book stores and get prize packages, gift certificates, and a tour tee-shirt. There will also be special events and book signings. The bookstores are Anastasia’s Books on 63rd Street in Kansas City, MO, Carlyle Books in Odessa, Dog Eared Books in Independence, Inklings Books and Coffee Shoppe in Blue Springs, Read It Again Books in Oak Grove, and Recycled Reading in Pleasant Hill. For complete addresses, phone numbers, and websites, call Beverly at (816) 225-7944.

The 153rd anniversary of the **Battle of Gettysburg** will be held July 1-3 and coincides with the actual days of the battle in 1863. The reenactment will be held at the Gettysburg Movie Site overlooking the Round Tops and historic Sachs Mill Covered Bridge adjoining Gettysburg National Military Park.

The Quindaro Press owned by **Aaron Barnhart** has reissued Tanya Anderson's award-winning book *Tillie Pierce: Teen Eyewitness to the Battle of Gettysburg* for a price of \$14.95 in softcover; www.quindaropress.com).

In 1863 when she was 15, Tillie, her family, and all their neighbors watched helplessly as Union and Confederate forces took turns rampaging through town. Here is an account of the Battle of Gettysburg from the point of the civilian population. Drawn from Tillie's vivid eyewitness account and Tanya Anderson's meticulous research, the book picked up many honors in 2013.

Truman High School graduate **Karly Kinsey** is a speech and debate student who is one of six finalists for the William Woods Tate Jr. Memorial National Student of the Year award. While at a recent competition she gave an expository speech on the famed area Confederate guerrilla Bloody Bill Anderson.

Another Civil War themed movie is coming out in July 2016, but so far it does not have wide distribution. It's called "**Men Go to Battle**" and is the story of two brothers who live on a family farm in 1861 Kentucky. When one of the brothers is humiliated in front of a woman of preeminent background, he flees town and reemerges later as a Union soldier. In order to get footage of a battle reenactment, the actors dressed in their period military garb, wrapped the camera in a burlap sack, and party-crashed the Battle of Perryville, the deadliest in Kentucky history.

Courtesy of Dick Titterington, the Editor of the *Border Bugle* newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, we have found that the **North & South Magazine** has ceased publishing, but you can buy their entire run digitally for \$25. Go to www.northsouthmag-sales.com.

Thanks to Steve Hatcher we have received notice that the American Association of State and Local History (AASLH) has given its prestigious Leadership in History Award to the **North Carolina Office of Archives and History** for the publication of *The Old North State at War: The North Carolina Civil War Atlas*. It is said to be the most comprehensive examination of the war that divided families, destroyed the region's economy and took the lives of tens of thousands of North Carolinians. It is the only state-level Civil War Atlas of its kind and sells for \$85 (\$105 with shipping and handling). Copies may be ordered at;

www.ncdcr.gov/about/history/historical-publications

Ted Stillwell, historian, author, and artist, was recently honored with a poem by Michael E. Scott called "A Salute to Ted Stillwell" and published in the *Examiner* on June 21, 2016: To the men from the past his portrayal/The stories fantastic, so it goes/Of the battles of Quantrill and the soldiers/Jim Bridger's escapades that will curl all your toes./Let us trace back to days, some forgotten/But of others, the battlefields fell/A true artist with all his life's dwelling/Than most special our dearest Ted Stillwell./But it doesn't (stop) here all my dear friends/All stories are endless and true./The Independence *Examiner* publishes many of them./So come on over, go online; or just phone./Obtain a copy or two.

In addition to his work as Editor of the *Border Bugle*, **Dick Titterington** also recently edited *The Story of a Cavalryman: The Civil War Memoirs of Bvt. Brig. Gen. Edward F. Winslow, 4th Iowa Cavalry* by Edward F. Winslow. He was assisted by Dan Smith who also wrote the foreword. It is available from Amazon in paperback and Kindle editions. All proceeds benefit the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund.

Dick recently was contacted by someone who has an ancestor who served in the 18th Missouri Infantry and would like to have more information from anyone who has done research. You can call Dick at (816) 377-9453 for more information.

Danone Zupko of Independence had a couple of pictures published in the *Examiner* of her dog Daisy Mae's first encounter with a box turtle with the title "What IS that thing? There was even a close-up of the box turtle feasting on some spaghetti squash which the chickens rejected. Danone visited the Round Table meeting at the Lone Jack Museum.

The U. S. Grant Symposium III

This year the Grant Symposium is scheduled for July 23-24, 2016, which commemorates the anniversary of his death on July 23, 1885. The symposium is hosted by the Missouri Civil War Museum adjacent to the historic parade ground at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, MO. On Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to Noon, Molly Kodner will discuss her book *My Dear Molly: The Civil War Letters of Captain James Love* along with selected documents that touch on Grant's life and career. From 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 Pete Grady will present a one-man show called "Unconditional Surrender: An Afternoon with President Grant." The Keynote Address will be given at 2:00 p.m. by Frank J. Williams about *The Politics of 1864: Ulysses S. Grant, George B. McClellan, and Abraham Lincoln*. For more information, E-Mail: greg@mohumanities.org.