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Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 25.00
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President's Letter

Abraham Lincoln and Sarah Josepha Buell Hale share a bit of our American History. The day of thanks was celebrated in some form in New England with each state setting aside the date. Hale was an advocate of a national observance. She wrote to five presidents with the idea and the last, Lincoln, finally agreed. At the height of the Civil War, Lincoln set aside a national day of reflection and prayer; a day of thanksgiving. What an idea, in the middle of all the loss of life, to be thankful. What strength, to find something to be thankful for in the middle of the darkest hour of our country. What faith.

"The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle, or the ship; the axe had enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years, with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.

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And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the independence of the United States the eighty-eighth."

Proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln October 3, 1863

May you and your family find true thankfulness during our holiday season and in the year to come.

From my family to yours Happy Holidays!

Mike Calvert, President Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

CWRTWM Calendar

November 2018 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Ted Stillwell, Anne Mallinson, and Jimmy Hunsucker: "Quantrill Men Reunions." There will be special emphasis on those held at Wallace Grove in Independence, MO.

November is the annual meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri with the election of officers and directors for the following year and brief financial reports. Please plan to stay for about a half hour after refreshment time so that we can fulfill this requirement for our organization. If you are interested in running for an office or serving on the board, please let Mike Calvert or Beverly Shaw know so that we can prepare ballots. We always enjoy having new people on our board because they bring their own experiences and expertise. See phone numbers to the left of the President's Letter on page 1.

Nominations may also be made from the floor but please obtain permission from the nominee in advance. Barbara Hughes has already told us that she has a very big project for 2019 and will not be able to continue as Historian. This job entails maintaining our scrapbooks and making them available for events.

You may also pay dues for 2019 at the November or December Meeting, or mail a check to CWRTWM, P. O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055.

December 2018 Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 1, 2018—Noon. Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. The Round Table provides a meat dish, plates, utensils, drinks and cups, and everyone else is asked to bring a dish to share.

Our program will be given by Chris Edwards about the Raid on Lawrence, Kansas, and will begin about 1 p.m. Chris has just published a new book on the subject called *Quantrill's Revenge* with Dick Titterington, and I am sure he will have copies to sell.

The church has graciously agreed to our using the fireplace for our holiday luncheon. Mike Calvert has access to plenty of wood; now all we need is a boy scout to supervise the lighting of the fire. If you can come about 11 a.m. to help us, we would be very appreciative. Please call Beverly at 816 225-7944.

We will **NOT** have a Wednesday evening membership meeting in December.

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 Drive which is across the street from 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 may call Beverly Shaw on her cell phone: (816) 225-7944.

Other History Events

Fall Soup and Craft Days at Rice-Tremonti House

Saturday and Sunday, November 3-4, 2018—11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 1844 Rice-Tremonti House, 8801 E. 66th Street, Raytown, MO. Homemade soups including steak, shrimp bisque, poblano-posole, chicken noodle, and more with cornbread and beverage for \$7. Shop for holiday gifts from talented crafters.

Lone Jack, Missouri Escape Room

Lone Jack Historical Society Interactive “Escape Room.

”Today is Sept 7th 1863. General Ewings' infamous General Order 11 to stop Missouri guerrilla raids has turned Jackson, Cass, Bates and Northern Vernon county into a mass of desperate refugees scrambling to obey. It goes into effect Sept 9th.

You have been summoned by your father, a wanted guerrilla, that once rode with Cole Younger and the James boys under Quantrill, to his house in Lone Jack, Jackson County, Missouri. You are all to escape with him to Bonneville, Missouri where relatives will provide refuge.

Or do you....”

FIND OUT! RESERVE YOUR DATE!

Dates and Times available:

- Nov 3 - 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, and 6:00 pm
- Nov 4 - 12:00, 1:30, 4:30, and 6:00 pm
- Nov 10 - 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, and 6:00 pm
- Nov 11 - 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, and 6:00 pm
- Nov 17 - 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, and 6:00 pm
- Nov 18 - 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, and 6:00 pm

Minimum per group is 2, maximum per group is 6.

Cost:

- 2 people - \$50 for both
- 3-5 people - \$20 per person
- 6 people - \$100 flat charge for all six

While the Lone Jack Historical Society works on getting their reservation page up and running, please send an Email to; president@historiclonejack.org with your reservation. Be sure to include the day and time you would like to book your Escape Room adventure! You can pay securely via the Donation button on-line. In the donation amount box, enter your payment amount based on the fee schedule above.

Your date and time will not be reserved until payment is received!

NOTE: If two reservations for the same date/time are received, booking will be on a 1st come, 1st served basis.

Example: If two reservations come in for the same date/time, the first Email received will get that time slot and the second will be given the opportunity to choose another day or time.

Once a date/time has been reserved, they will update the website daily to remove the reserved time slots.

If you have any questions, please contact them at President@historiclonejack.org

Open Tour at the Antebellum Saunders House

Sunday, November 4, 2018—4 p.m. The Saunders House at 17601 R.D. Mize Road, Independence, MO is on the market. The listing agent has secured permission from the owner, Leslie Hamilton, to let us tour the inside while it is empty. You will be asked to sign a Waiver of Liability form before entering. The house was the home of Mr. and Mrs. White who were members of the Round Table. Jeanne had an antique shop in Independence. It is said that the house was spared destruction because the Saunders family assisted a Union officer when he was wounded. R.D. Mize Road changes directions several times from south to east to south so it is probably easiest to catch it on 23rd Street going east from Highway 291. Take the first right at the light and you will be on R.D. Mize. Then just follow the street signs until you see the handsome brick home with white columns. Parking is on the street going south.

Ambassador's Monday-Raytown Historical Society

Monday, November 5, 2018—10 a.m. Raytown Historical Society, 9705 E. 63rd Street, Raytown, MO. Dr. Michael Sweeney, Director of “Missouri 2021” Commission, will provide updates on upcoming events and plans for Missouri’s 200th anniversary of statehood in 2021.

Freedom's Frontier Partners Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2018—10 a.m.-2 p.m. Carnegie Building, 200 W. 9th Street, Lawrence, KS. This beautiful building is the headquarters for Freedom's Frontier, a consortium of history groups in Missouri and Kansas. The program is on crafting the National Park Service's 2019 workplan for FFNHA. Lunch can be reserved. Call Beverly Shaw for details: (816) 225-7944.

Majesty of the Osage — St. Joseph, Missouri

Thursday, November 8, 2018—6 pm to 7 pm.

3406 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO. Jim Duncan, former director of the Missouri State Museum and former information officer for the Missouri Department of Conservation. He is co-author of *The Petroglyphs and Pictographs of Missouri*. He will be talking about the early migration of the Osage people and how the structure of their clan system reflected their view of the cosmos. The program is Free and is made possible by the Missouri Humanities Council. If you interested in going, we may be able to put together a car pool. Call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944.

Local History Expo- Fort Osage, Missouri

Saturday, November 10, 2018—9 a.m.-4 p.m. Fort Osage National Historic Site, 107 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. Authors, Publishers, Historic Site administrators, and historical organizations will have tables to share information. There will also be panel discussions and special guest speakers. Our Round Table will have a table where we can sell our “Monuments” book and provide our new “rack card” to those interested in Civil War history. The cost is the usual admission to Fort Osage: Adults-\$8, Seniors 62 and up-\$4. Youth 5-13-\$4. Under 5-free. No pets allowed.

Historic Architectural Tours of Downtown

Independence, MO - Saturday, November 10, 2018—10 a.m. Meet on the north side of the Historic Truman Courthouse on the Square. The tour will be of “Historic Churches” and should be less than one mile. Free.

Historic Grinter House Chili Dinner-Kansas City, KS

Saturday, November 10, 2018—4 p.m.-7 p.m. Grinter Place, 1420 S. 78th Street, Kansas City, KS. Veterans’ ceremony. Dinner is \$8 for adults, \$4 for veterans with ID, \$4 for youth under 12. House tours are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Celebration at the Museum — Lee’s Summit, MO

Saturday, November 10, 2018—5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Historical Society of Lee’s Summit, 220 W. Main Street, Lee’s Summit, MO. An evening to celebrate the completion of the new Border War Exhibit and to enjoy drinks, refreshments, and music. Will feature the debut of “Order No. 11” beer brewed by Fringe Beerworks (must be 21 to attend.) Tickets are \$35 in advance at the Museum Gift Shop which is open Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$40 at the door.

Veterans Day 1800s Remembrance Ball—Fort Scott, KS

Saturday, November 10, 2018—7 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Fort Scott National Historic Site, 1 Old Fort Blvd., Fort Scott,

KS. 1800’s period music. Period dress encouraged or semi-formal party wear, or military uniforms. Gloves are required and will be available. Dressing rooms available. Sweet and savory refreshments. Cost in advance is \$20/person or \$25 at the door. Couple cost is \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door. Dance observers-\$5. Tickets available at the Fort Scott Chamber of Commerce, 231 E. Wall Street or call (620) 223-3566. Free dance class from 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. In the Grand Hall (street clothes, please).

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, November 13, 2018—6:00 p.m. Buffet Menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 N. W. Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). DJ Champagne “Women of the West, Wild?”

Brown Bag Lunch at Shawnee Indian Mission

Wednesday, November 14, 2018—Noon. Bring your own lunch and enjoy a program about 12:30 p.m. 3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway, KS. North building. Come upstairs from the street. Jo Beth Nastaz: “Strawberry Hill Museum and History.”

Bravest of the Brave

Thursday, November 15, 2018—6:30 p.m. Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee’s Summit Road, Independence, MO. Learn about Civil War Medal of Honor recipients. RSVP to (816) 252-7228.

Third Thursday at Clay County Museum

Thursday, November 15, 2018—7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. History of the Neath Family in Clay County. The new book and CD guide to Clay County from 1850-1875 is also available for \$25.

Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table

Monday, November 19, 2018—7:00 p.m. Boone County Historical Society Museum, 3801 Ponderosa Drive, Columbia, MO. Barry Cardwell: “The 1st Kansas Colored Infantry.”

Independence, MO Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, November 21, 2018—7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Bob Walz: “The Confederate Railroads.”

1881 Vaile Mansion Holiday Tours

Nov. 23-Dec. 30, 2018—Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday 1-4 p.m. 1500 N. Liberty Street, Independence, MO. “Victorian Christmas Romance” theme. \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6 to 16. Closed Dec. 23-25 Special “A Dickens of a Christmas”

on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner and games for \$40/person. Reservations-Call (816) 325-7430.

Bingham-Waggoner Holiday Tours

Nov. 23-Dec. 30, 2018. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday 1-4 p.m. 313 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. "Tis the Reason for the Season." Closed Dec. 23-25, 2018. \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6 to 16. Twilight tour on Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 4-7 p.m. The beautifully decorated Carriage House is also available for group rentals for 10 to 50 guests. Call (816) 461-3491. If you would like to volunteer your musical talent to play the Steinway piano or your own instrument for tours, please call (816) 461-3491.

Christmas Candlelight Tour at the Harris-Kearney House - Friday and Saturday night, November 23-24, 2018—6:30-8:30 pm. Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Tours begin every 15 minutes. Call (816) 561-1821 or (913) 231-6749 to reserve your tour time. Adults-\$10. Retired military-\$8. Active military-Free. Students-\$6. Children 6 and under-Free. Post-Civil War Christmas festivities. Col. John and Henrietta Harris and their family welcome you into their home to meet some of Westport's most interesting residents and soldiers returning home.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, November 27, 2018—6:30 p.m. Dinner (\$28). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor. Thomas Bogar: "Backstage at the Lincoln Assassination." Dinner reservations must be made by noon Wednesday, November 21, 2018 by calling Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

Christmas on the Farm — Watkins Mill

Saturday, December 1, 2018—2 p.m-7 p.m. Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site, 26600 Park Road North, Lawson, MO. Costumed interpreters as you stroll along the lantern lit paths to the Watkins family home for hot cider and the sound of Christmas carols. Free samples of traditional treats, flaming of the plum puddings, reading of family letters, and a visit with Father Christmas. Activities at the visitor center will include crafts and live traditional music. Free.

McCord Photography Exhibit at Harris-Kearney House - Saturday, December 1, 2018—5:30-7:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese opening reception. 4000 Baltimore,

Kansas City, MO. Exhibit of award winning photographer Craig McCord who specializes in fine art landscape photography. Exhibit will be on display through Dec. 20 but will be closed Nov. 23-24 for the Christmas Candlelight Tour. Normal Hours are Friday from 1-6 p.m. and Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

Prairie Grove, AR Biennial Reenactment

Saturday and Sunday, December 1-2, 2018. Battle of Prairie Grove State Park on US-60 west of Fayetteville, AR. For more details please go to;

www.arkansasstateparks.com/Events/battle-of-prairie-grove-reenactment-117850/

Candlelight Tour of Fort Scott, KS

Friday and Saturday, December 7-8, 2018—6:30-9:30 p.m on Friday and 5-9:30 p.m. on Saturday. Fort Scott National Historic Site, 1 Old Fort Blvd., Fort Scott, KS. Witness magical scenes from the past and the ambience of 700 candle lanterns. \$8 for ages 6 and above.

Missouri Town 1855 – A Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 8, 2018—9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 8010 E. Park Road, Lee's Summit, MO (located at Lake Jacomo). Warm hearth fires, simple but delicious food, period music, an appearance by Belsnickle, and hot cider. No pets, please. Adults-\$7. Youth 5-13 and seniors-\$4. Under 5-free.

Night before Christmas at National Frontier Trails Museum - Saturday, December 8, 2018—2-4 p.m.

318 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. An afternoon of holiday fun with the "Night before Christmas" story, a visit with St. Nicholas, and themed crafts. \$2/person which includes museum tour.

Atkins-Johnson Farm Holiday Events

Saturday, December 8, 2018—Noon-3 p.m. 4109 NE Pleasant Valley Road, Gladstone, MO. Annual Cookies and photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus in the traditionally decorated home. \$6 for family photo.

The Holiday Night continues from 7-9 p.m. Live music and carolers, holiday crafts, spiced cider, vintage toy display, and selfie stations in the traditionally decorated farmhouse. Enjoy the crisp night air as you stroll down the luminary trail. A visit from Santa himself. Free and open to all ages.

Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City

Tuesday, December 18, 2018—6:30 p.m.—Dinner (\$28). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor. Aaron Barnhart and Diane Eichoff: “If it looks like a man—Gender Identity, Female Soldiers, and ‘Lady Bushwhackers’ in the Civil War.” Dinner Reservations must be made by Thursday noon, Dec. 13, by calling Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

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News about Members and Friends

We were sorry to hear recently that **Claudetta McCorkendale** fell and broke her hip in five places. She is just now getting back to normal with the help of surgery, physical therapy, and her stalwart husband, Charles. If you would like to send her a note of encouragement, her address is 209 Rainey Lane, Richmond, MO 64085.

Charles Bianco is looking for a few good men and women to volunteer as cashiers at the 1859 Jail and Marshal's Home, 217 N. Main Street, Independence, MO. It is a 3-hour shift on a very flexible schedule. Call Charles at (816) 589-1254. He has been a very good ambassador for the Round Table while

volunteering at the 1859 Jail. We have welcomed Joyce Gillespie of Raytown as a new member, and Bob Tignor went on our daytrip to Keytesville and Glasgow.

A C-SPAN television crew was in Independence the last week of October to tape significant historical locations for a showing on January 19-20, 2019. An article in the *Examiner* on Oct. 27th had a picture of the producer filming National Frontier Trails Museum Program Manager **Leah Palmer** giving a tour. They also visited the Truman Library and Home and the 1859 Jail

Independence will also be shown as the home of small businesses where the crew had coffee and dinner as well as riding around the Square in a wagon pulled by mules, a first for them.

We recently learned that local military historian **Ethan Rafuse** has been appointed the Charles Boal Ewing Distinguished Professor at the U.S. Military Academy. He previously taught at the Staff and General College at Fort Leavenworth and was a frequent speaker at the Kansas City Library and the Kansas City Roundtable.

Missouri artist **Andy Thomas** of Carthage, MO was flattered to see his painting of “an inside view of the Republican Club” shown in the background of the 60 Minutes interview with President Trump. It shows Trump sitting at a table with other Republican presidents; Nixon, Eisenhower, Ford, Reagan, Teddy Roosevelt, both Bushes, and President Lincoln in the forefront with his back to the viewer.

What's your KC Q? is a new column in the Kansas City Star to research and answer questions from readers. The burning question on Oct. 21st was “Why isn't Kansas City named for the state it is located in.” We are all jarred by the comments from out-of-town celebrities who say they are “so glad to be in Kansas.” The quick answer is that when the “Town of Kansas” was platted about 1839, it was not named for the State of Kansas because there was no such thing. It was all part of Nebraska Territory. Instead the name came from being located at the mouth of the Kansas River. In fact, one suggestion was that the new city be called Kawsmouth. The name for the Kansas River was a derivation of the Kansa Indians.

