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ANNUAL DUES

Individual \$15.00
Family \$22.50
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MEETINGS

The Second Wednesday
Of the month at 7 pm
July-Annual Picnic
September-Historic Tour
December meeting is
Annual Christmas Party

**Visitors Always
Welcome!**

Der An-u-el Pic-a-nic-ka

(Translation - The Annual Picnic)

**When: Wednesday, August 8, 2001
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Where: Fran and Lucky Mason's Place
On Blue Mills Road, By the Moore House**
(Address: 20405 East Blue Mills Road, Independence, Missouri)

Bring your own . . .

**Lawn chairs, plates, cups, and silverware
(Paper plates, plastic cups, and spoons available)**

**Cost: Each family is asked to bring a dish
(Salad or dessert, not a sexy blond)
of some kind**

**Chicken from Church's Chicken
sodas and tea will be furnished
by the coffee fund**

**Ice, bags of chips and dip, always appreciated
The grill will be available
If you want to roast a hot dog (B.Y.O.D.)**

**For more information, call Tim 478-8833, Sonny 628-9910,
or The Masons 796-8954**

The Masons purchased the Lawson Moore House adjoining their property two years ago. They have done extensive cleanup and restoration of the exterior of the house and outbuildings. In addition, they have compiled a great deal of information about the house and its previous owners. This site was a part of the Battle of the Little Blue. The Masons will share this information with those who are interested. The restoration of the interior will begin sometime this summer. Members of the CWRT are welcome to tour the house.

DIRECTIONS TO THE MASON'S: Turn north off 24 Highway at the New Salem Baptist Church, located four miles east of 291 Highway. Continue on north past the New Salem Mortuary and Blue Hills School on the right, and the St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church on the left. As Blue Mills turns in an easterly direction, you will see the Moore House on the right. Please park to the east of the house, between the second set of brick pillars, just before you reach the white fence.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, August 8, 6:00 pm **Annual Picnic & Hot Dog Roast**

Fran & Lucky Mason's Place
On East Blue Mills Road
(by the Moore House)
[B.Y.O.D. - Bring your own dogs]
Coffee, Tea, Sodas & Ice furnished

Wednesday, Aug. 15, 7:00 pm **Board Meeting**

Must to discuss

Fri.-Sat., Aug. 18-19
Battle of Lone Jack Commemoration
Contact Faye Dennison

Saturday, Sept. 8
St. Charles, MO
Civil War Re-enactment and
Antique Store Crawl

Wednesday, Sept. 12
CWRTWMO Meeting, 7:00 pm
Open Round Table

Wednesday, Sept. 19
Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 22
CWRTWMO Historic Sites Tour

Saturday, Sept. 29
Austin Bean Eating Festival
Camp Site—North of town 4 mi.

Sat.-Sun., Oct. 6-7
Harrisonville, MO
**Heritage Days Festival &
Civil War Encampment**

Birthdays: Aug. 20, Karen Wells; Aug. 28, Claudetta McCorkendale;
Sept. 3, Sonny Wells **Anniversaries:** Aug 5, The Kelleys
Want your name included on the Birthday List?
Give Sharon or Sonny the date

THANKS. . .

**To all the Round Table folks who
helped make our 40th Anniversary Bash
such a memorable happening.**

Karen & Sonny Wells

DUES FOR 2001

Dues for the year 2001. You can pay at a meeting, or mail a check made payable to:

CWRT-WMO

Mail to: Beverly Shaw, Treasurer
17313 East 51st Terrace Court
Independence, Missouri 64055

Dues are:

Single	\$15.00
Family	\$22.50
Student	\$ 5.00

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next issue of
The Border Star will be
August 22, 2001

Articles are always welcome

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General Orders, No. 94.

**Headq'rs, Dep't of the Missouri,
St. Louis, Mo., April 6, 1865.**

The practice of officers and soldiers visiting citizens' houses and forcing them to furnish them meals must be stopped.

Hereafter, citizens are requested to report to these Headquarters the names of any officer or soldier ordering them to furnish meals for themselves or commands without proper compensation therefore - when they will be immediately arrested and punished.

By command of Major General Dodge.
J. W. Barnes,
Assistant Adjutant General.

The Order was copied from an actual photocopy, published in St. Louis, Jefferson City, Kansas City, and Liberty. Such practice was common place in Liberty.

Photocopy was submitted by Sonny Wells

Our History is Alive Today

By Charles McCorkendale

My wife and I found history to be alive, when we visited some of the famous Civil War battlefields and historical sites, along with the Pennsylvania Dutch Country, in the eastern United States this year.

One of our first visits was to the Antietam National near the town of Sharpsburg, Maryland. On the rolling fields of corn and woods, on September 17, 1862, Union General George B. McClellan and Confederate General Robert E. Lee and their men, fought the bloodiest one-day battle of the entire Civil War. The two armies suffered 23,110 casualties on that one day. It is believed that on that day, General McClellan missed the chance to destroy Lee's army, when he did not follow Lee's battered troops across the Potomac, and thus end the war at a stroke.

After leaving Sharpsburg, we found this large brick building, once used for Green County, Maryland's, County Home (Poor Farm), nestled back on a mountainside. Its appearance and use as a museum, is much like our own Old Ray County Home and now our Ray County Museum. On its front lawn there was a group of Union Soldier Re-enactors practicing drills.

Our or trip to the famous New York harbor, we visited the old Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal, built in 1889, where we boarded a ferry to go out to Ellis Island Immigration Station, the principal immigration station in the United States, from 1892 until 1954. Ellis Island staff processed 5,000 to 7,000 people per day. It is estimated that over 12 million immigrants entered the United States through Ellis Island. Two-thirds of those immigrants processed landed at the CRRNJ Terminal. For them, the CRRNJ Terminal was the Gateway to the United States.

After leaving Ellis Island, our ferry took us to the 12 acre Liberty Island, where the massive Statue of Liberty stands. The 306 foot 8 inch bronze lady has 179,000 pounds of copper skin, attached to its frame by 300,000 rivets.

In Atlantic City, New Jersey, we got to walk on the world famous Boardwalk and attend the USS Washburn AKA-108 Ship Reunion. For four days, we visited with some of my former shipmates and their wives, telling old sea stories. Some had never met each other before, and for others, it had been over 48 years since we had been together.

Leaving Atlantic City, we crossed the Delaware River at Wilmington, Delaware, traveled into Maryland, and then north into the Pennsylvania Dutch Country in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. With friends, we visited a number of small towns and shops that date back to the early 1700's. It was very interesting to see the fascinating rural lifestyles and farmlands of the Pennsylvania Germans, Amish, and Mennonite people. We visited the historic community of Cloister in Ephrata, founded in the wilderness by Conrad Beissel, a leader of a Brethren congregation in 1732, today they are known as Seventh Day Baptists. A number of the original buildings stand today, dating back as early as 1737. During the winter of 1777-1778, the Cloister was the site of a Revolutionary War military hospital, and today, there is over 500 Revolutionary Soldiers buried on its grounds.

In the town of Lititz, we visited an old 1784 bakery, the birthplace of the "Soft Pretzel" in 1861. The original Soft Pretzels are still handmade and baked in the original 200-year-old ovens.

We visited the world famous Wilber and Sons Chocolate Museum, a company that was started in 1884; Hershey's Chocolate World Visitors Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania; the beautiful 1,050 acre Longwood Gardens outside of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, the land which Pierre S. DuPont's family purchased from a fellow Quaker, William Penn, in the 1700's, and began planting flowers and trees as early as 1798.

We visited the Gettysburg National Park at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where one of the most decisive battles of American and World history took place on July 1, 2, and 3, 1863. An army of 97,000, under Union General George G. Meade, and an army of 75,000, under Confederate General Robert E. Lee, locked in mortal combat over the fate of our nation. More men fought and more men died here, than any other battle before or since on American soil. Within four months of the battle, re-interment began on 17 acres that became the Gettysburg National Cemetery. At the dedication of the cemetery, on November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln gave his most famous speech, "The Gettysburg Address."

We visited Harper's Ferry, West Virginia National Park, where three states meet and the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers join, dominated by the Blue Ridge Mountains. In the 1790's, President George Washington urged Congress to establish a national armory there. In October 1859, John Brown's raid jarred the peaceful town, and the Civil war followed 18 months later.

We traveled south in Virginia through the Shenandoah Valley, bordered by the Blue Ridge and Alleghenies Mountains. At the time of the Civil War, the Valley, known as the Valley Turnpike, was boasted as one of the longest all-weather roads in American, and figured heavily in both major Confederate invasions of the North. In the Valley, we visited the little town of New Market, Virginia, site of the battle of New Market, fought on May 13-15, 1864. Union forces, under M-General Franz Sigel and M-General Julius Stahel, Confederate M-General John C. Breckinridge, M-Gen. Gabriel C. Wharton, B-General John D. Imboden, and B-General John Echols, had over 1,500 casualties. The Confederate Generals called in Virginia Military Institute Cadets from nearby Lexington, Virginia, to fight along side of their men. Never before or since has a college student body been called into battle as the VMI Cadets ere on May 15, 1854.

After leaving New Market, we visited another Navy buddy from Japan and his wife in the historic Civil War town of Marion, Virginia, nestled in the Appalachians. Marion is the home of the county seat of Smyth County, and a popular soft drink "Mountain Dew." We were given an escorted tour of the old historic county and the town of Saltville, Virginia. The mining of salt was the area's primary industry. The production of salt was an endeavor that the South prized and the North wished to end. In 1864, there were two battles fought in Saltville during the Civil War.

Through the beautiful states of West Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois, and Missouri, back to our own beautiful and historic Ray County and Richmond, Missouri.

What's in the News

From Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863.

It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so 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.

July 4, 2001, in Independence, Missouri

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri would like to thank all of the sponsors of the July 4th event, for inviting us to participate.

First, our thanks go to Sonny and Karen Wells, for sharing their sutler's tent for our Civil War Round Table booth, and for dressing in period clothing to add authenticity to the event. You don't realize what a contribution this is, until you have given up your shorts and tank top on a hot day. Sonny also provided his own PA system, and acted as MC for the various cannon firings and cavalry demonstrations on the south lawn.

Tim Cox gave an outstanding presentation on George Caleb Bingham and the painting "Order Number 11," while wearing a period costume, which included a black wool frock coat, handmade by Dori Semler. Our thanks go to Kay Cox and her family, for giving Tim a reproduction of the painting for Christmas, and for sharing his time and talents with our group. Kay and sons were also the go-fers and transporters of the Trivia Board, as well as being the chief brow-moppers to keep Tim from having a heat stroke. Evidence of the interest people had in Tim's presentation, was the fact that several came to the booth to request additional copies of the Bingham handout that Tim prepared.

Terry McConnell and Art Kelley were the chief muscle men, who helped Sonny set up the sutler's tent and table, which is no small feat in light of the temperature on July 4th.

Dori and Joel Semler shared their knowledge and artifacts of the Civil War to attentive audiences. Dori's program on Civil War clothing was very well received, especially by the senior citizen with the binoculars in the highrise apartment building to the north, when Dori did her discreet disrobe to show how a lady of the time would have dressed from the inside out. Joel gave numerous explanations of the firing of the Farris

Battery cannon throughout the day, and answered questions from the audience. He was also very patient with some amateur gunnery assistants from the Round Table, who took training at his home near Clinton. Lucky Mason and others were sure working up a sweat out there.

Speaking of the Masons, we want to thank Fran for being the top salesperson of our Round Table booklets, and for staffing the booth, inviting visitors to take a membership brochure and sign up for receiving our newsletter for a couple of months. We have a new member, Jerry N. Jacobson of Kansas City, Missouri. Other visitors were Bonnie Perkins of Independence, Paul Demo III of Lake Tapawingo, Laura Mullins of Independence (who with her husband is planning a VFW parade in Lee's Summit the Saturday before Veteran's Day). Also from Independence were Virgie and Rebecca Brewer, Frankie Schuelke, Darin Holmes, R. Elaine Zion, Sharon Orton, Jerrie and Pat Fahnestock, Ron Hupp, Terry E. Osborne, and Alan Henson. Visiting from Norborne, Missouri, was Judy Adams.

Thanks to Beverly Shaw for bringing the Round Table folding tables for the booth, and cold pop for the volunteers (at Dr. Anderson's suggestion at the board meeting), and for dressing in costume to staff the booth. She also brought the Round Table scrapbooks for display thanks to Toby Giese, former historian.

Bob and Ginny Werline provided one of the cannons for the Farris Battery, and dressed in period clothing along with their daughter. They were so darn photogenic that their picture appeared in the Independence/Raytown neighborhood section of the Kansas City Star on July 11.

Speaking of celebrities, Harold Barchers' picture appeared in the July 5 Kansas City Star, showing him in period clothing, playing his harmonica at the tent, following his program on the north stage.

Many members staffed the Round Table booth during the day, including Harriett Lionberger, Charlotte Tindall, and John Morgan. Other visitors were Carla Stoebick, with her beautiful little granddaughter who was buying a new chapeau from sutler Karen, Mr. And Mrs. Paul Tate, and Randall Todd.

Thanks also to the Wells Boys (that has a slightly sinister sound to it) and their friends, for setting up a Civil War encampment and providing a cavalry demonstration. Let us not forget the horses for putting up with the heat and the cannon firings, as well as the supreme sacrifice of the chickens on the outdoor spit, and the Price Chopper watermelon, which was carved up by swordsmen on horseback.

All in all, it was a good place to be on Independence Day, 2001.

Submitted by Beverly Shaw

Federals killed at the Battle of Liberty, Sept. 17, 1861

a/k/a/ Battle on the road to Blue Mills Landing
and the Battle of Blue Mills

Killed in skirmish, South Landing Road at Little Creek Approx 8:00 am

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| 1 | Pvt. Linus Miller | Caldwell County Home Guard |
| 2 | Pvt. Daniel Strobe | " " |
| 3 | Pvt. John Smith | " " |
| 4 | Pvt. James Bogan | " " |

Killed in skirmish near the bridge Approx 1:30 pm

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| | Captain Cupp | Adair County Home Guard, body sent home |
| 5 | Unidentified, (believed to be Jason or James Adamly), Adair County Home Guard | |

Killed in ambush near the Beauchamp farmstead. Approx 2 pm

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| 6 | G. W. Bedell | Co. I, 3rd Iowa Cav. |
| 7 | James Brownell | Co. K, " |
| 8 | Benjamin F. Darland | Co. I, " |
| 9 | Thomas M. Mix | Co. I, " |
| 10 | Hasseltine D. Norton | Co. F, " |
| 11 | William B. Miller | Co. D, " |
| 12 | Lester Squires | Co. C, " |
| 13 | Unknown, believed to be Lt. DeGraffenstein of K.C. German Artillery | |
| 14 | Unknown, on German artillery crew, no name given | |
| 15 | Unknown, believed to be William Pope of Liberty who guided Unions troops | |
| 16 | Lorain T. Washburn | Co. I, 3rd Iowa Cav. who died the next day |
| 17 | David H. Dill | Co. E, " Died 9-28-1861, in Liberty |
| | Michael Wierna | Co. H, " Died 11-19-1861, in Iowa |

(Number indicates buried in mass grave at William Jewell)

Note...William Pope is also listed in the Confederate Casualty list as mortally wounded. But his name does not show up in any census records or any other rosters. Possibly a Confederate spy who lured Federals into the ambush.

Remains (large bones of) removed to Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery in Aug. or Oct. of 1912. Re-interred in old Section B (See #18 on Cemetery map), Also moved from Mt. Memorial Cemetery were the remains of two Union soldiers killed at the engagement at Fishing River on 2 July 1864 and 5 other unknowns, from along the tracks by the (Fairview) cemetery believed to be Confederates.

All 24 were buried in the same plot. They all have markers which say....

UNKNOWN U.S. SOLDIER

The Centerville Home Guard

(From the roster of May 6, 1861)

The citizens of Centerville, Clay County, Missouri, hereby organize a company of Home Guard Militia for the protection of our familys, our community and our property.

The stated purpose of this company is to remain independent and neutral, in the best interests of the community and its citizens.

The company will be called the Centerville Home Guard. .

Officers

*William H. Pence	Captain	James M. Gow	2nd Lt.
A. Shepard	1st Lt.	Donald J. Pence	3rd Lt.

Staff

J. T. Hall	1st Sgt.	*James C. Courtney	1st Corporal
J. B. Henderson	2nd Sgt.	J. Gilham	2nd Corporal
A. Henderson	3rd Sgt.	A.C. Hymer	3rd Corporal
W. L. Sayles	4th Sgt.	*Brantly Y. Bond	4th Corporal

Privates (alphabetized)

1. *Arnold, John J.	21. Duffield, William	41. *Pence, Adam, Jr.
2. Arnold, Walter	22. *Dunkin, David T.	42. *Pence, Adam, Sr.
3. Austin, William	23. *Eastin, James	43. Pence, T. M.
4. Baldwin, L. B.	24. *Eastin, Thomas C.	44. *Pipes Alfred
5. Blythe, John	25. Estes, Henry	45. *Ragland, J. F.
6. *Bond, James M.	26. *Estes, J. Ryland	46. *Shackleford, James M.
7. Brockman, G. Mason	27. Evans, Robert	47. Shackleford, Ryland
8. Buster, C. W.	28. Gates, Edward T.	48. Stanton, D. S.
9. Campbell, A. P.	29. Gow, Andrew J.	49. Suddarth, John
10. Campbell, Minor	30. *Gow, James M.	50. Terrill, B.
11. Campbell, William	31. *Gow, Marcus D.	51. *Violet, Joseph
12. Carrette, William P.	32. *Gow, William H.	52. Warren, John
13. Cave, Malery	33. Hawkins, J. C.	53. *Wilhoit, Thomas
14. Cave, Newton	34. Hooker, John	54. *Willis, David
15. *Claybrook, George E.	35. *James, A. Franklin	
16. Courtney, A. C.	36. *King, Corbin C.	
17. Courtney, James R.	37. *Leavell, Leonidas W.	
18. *Courtney, Joseph	38. Mayhew, Wesley	
19. Courtney, William J.	39. McAtee, A. F.	
20. Craven, R.W.	40. Mitchell, J. M.	

The unit met and drilled on Sunday afternoons for over 5 months at the Claybrook House east of town

Note... Of the names on this list fewer than 25 are found in local burial records.

* indicates Burial Site was found