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MEETINGS

2nd Wednesday of month at 7 PM
Truman H.S. Library, 3301 S.
Noland Rd., Independence, MO
July - Annual Picnic
September - Cemetery Tour
December - Christmas Party

**VISITORS
WELCOME!**

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

At

Truman High School -- Library
3301 S. Noland Road
Independence, Missouri

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Program: *Travelogue: Andersonville by Mike Calvert*
Valentine Museum Clothing Collectibles by Dori Semler
Virginia Military Institute by Sonny Wells



Refreshments to follow

Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Program!

"Chaos Itself!: The Battle of Mine Creek"
by Kip Lindberg, Site Director, Mine Creek
Jackson County Archives

To be held in the Brady Courtroom of the Old Jackson County Court
House in Independence

Reception -- Open Book Store

June 14, 2000

7:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 2000

- 6 4-8pm - Missouri's Defiant Preacher Living History Theatre Pres. - 1859 Jail and Museum, 217 N. Main \$3/adults - \$1/children
- 6-7 10-5 (Sat.) and 11-3 (Sun.) - Civil War on the Border Mahaffie Farm, 1100 Kansas City Rd., Olathe, KS (For info. call (913) 782-6972)
- 10 7 PM - CWRT-WMo Meeting - Travelogue: Virginia Military Institute Andersonville, Valentine Museum - Truman High School
- 11 Designer Showhouse - 4:30 - 8 PM
- 17 7 PM - Board Meeting - Truman Campus, Rm. 101

June 2000

- 10 Field Trip - Higginsville Confederate Veterans Home And tour of the Plattenburg/Kropf house in Dover.
- 14 7PM - CWRT-WMo Meeting - Jackson County Archives - Program: Chaos Itself: The Battle of Mine Creek by Kip Lindberg
- 21 7 PM - Board Meeting - Truman Campus, Rm. 101
- 27-1 Heartland Chataqua - Osage Beach, MO

July 2000

- 11 Picnic - Hill Park, 23rd St., Indep. - Eat at 6 PM Smallwood Noland House/Frank James Burial Site
- 18 7 PM - Board Meeting - Truman Campus, Rm. 101

August 2000

- 9 7 PM Kansas Flag reservation by Blair Tarr, Curator of Decorative Arts, KS Museum of History
- 12 138th Annual Commemoration - Battle of Lone Jack
- 16 7 PM - Board Meeting - Truman Campus, Rm. 101

Upcoming Reenactments

May 13-14	Carthage
June 16-17-18	Wilson's Creek
August 12-13	Lone Jack
September 16-17	Lexington
October 14-15	Booneville
December 2-3	Prairie Grove (Arkansas)

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri and The Jackson County Archives and Library to Co-host Presentation on The Battle of Mine Creek

On Wednesday, June 14, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri and the Jackson County Archives and Library will co-host a presentation by historian Kip Lindberg, regarding the Battle of Mine Creek, entitled "Chaos Itself: The Battle of Mine Creek."

This meeting serves as the Round Table's monthly gathering for the month of June, and the annual cooperative meeting of the two history-related entities. The presentation will be held in the historic "Brady Courtroom" of the Old Jackson County Court House in Independence, with a reception, open book store, and Round Table business meeting to follow in the Archives and Library offices.

Mr. Lindberg is the Director of the Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site in Linn County, Kansas and has done extensive research into the Civil War battle as well as been a leader in the preservation of the site. He began employment with the Kansas State Historical Society as the Director of the Mine Creek Battlefield, Marais des Cygnes Massacre memorial, and Adair Cabin State Historic Sites in March, 1997. A visitor center and museum at the Mine Creek Battlefield was opened to the public on October 24, 1998. Mr. Lindberg was previously employed as a Park Ranger, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield and assisted with interpretive programs as well as at Pea Ridge National Military Park, Stones River National Battlefield, Fort Scott National Historic Site, and the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.

The Mine Creek conflict was the last significant action in Sterling Price's 1864 Missouri Campaign. Within a square mile of Kansas prairie over 10,000 mounted men clashed in a bloody, close quarters engagement. After an hour's combat, the Federal force achieved a stunning victory, and despite being outnumbered over two to one, inflicted ten times the casualties upon the Confederate forces than they themselves sustained. The program will focus on reasons for this outcome.

Submitted by: Tim Cox, President

I wish we could say April Fools regarding the omission of David Kessinger and Bud Green from the list of attendees from our Round Table at the Wilson's Creek seminar, in Springfield, on April 1. However, we cannot. The two gentlemen were omitted in error. Our apologies to our friends David and Bud. That brings the total to 13 Round Table members in attendance at that event!

Bits N' Pieces

Higginsville - Confederate Memorial State Historic Site Field Trip on June 10 -- Meet at 8:00 am, Saturday, June 10, at the Kmart parking lot, 291 and 24 highways, for a car caravan to Higginsville.

Jill White, site director, will host the tour and slide show of the Confederate Veterans Home site, including the chapel and the cemetery, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Higginsville.

We will conclude the tour in the afternoon with a visit to the Jonathan Newman Edwards home and gravesite near Dover, Missouri.

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The KC 150 Project is progressing well. Those involved with the picture taking and layout of the pictures for the publication met at the Truman Campus on May 3 for the editing of the pictures.

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Toby Giese has graciously offered to fulfill the term of Paul Tate as the Group's Historian. Toby has admirably served in this capacity in the past and we are sure the duties of the office are in very capable hands.

Thank you, Paul, for your service and commitment. Hopefully, in the near future your work schedule will allow you to serve again as an officer.

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The Board of Directors approved a \$25 donation to the restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building in Independence (commonly referred to as the Truman Memorial Building). This structure does commemorate the service of veterans of our area and certainly includes those soldiers of the Civil War.

A replica paper collection bank of the building will be on display at the next meeting should members or guests wish to contribute individually.

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Congratulations to Dr. Richard Kiper on a very interesting presentation regarding Major General McClernand. Political generals, what can you say? Of course it helps if you're friends with Abe Lincoln.

Our group purchased a copy of Dr. Kiper's book, Major General John Alexander McClernand: Politician in Uniform, for inclusion into the Manschein Collection. Contact Sonny Wells to check out books from the collection.

Submitted by: Tim Cox

Corrections!

Of course it's McCLERNAND.. not McClemdan!

Randall Todd...not Todd Randall.

"Only One Quiz" was submitted by Sue Valentine...
not Connie McQuain

Sorry folks... no one said this editor didn't err once in awhile!

Why is the South called Dixie?

The following article, written by Richard Wright, Dublin, Calif., appeared in a recent issue of Reader's Digest, p. 146 in "It's a Fact" section.

"This term has been a part of American speech since the Civil War era. The story goes that it referred to ten-dollar bills issued by the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana before the war. To accommodate the area's large Creole population, the bank stamped the bills with *dix*, the French word for ten. Locals referred to these bills as "dixies," and this eventually became a term for the entire South.

Some scholars give more credence to another theory: Dixie was apparently the name of a stock African-American character in an 1850 Northern minstrel show. The term was popularized by minstrel Dan Emmett, who wrote the well-known 1859 tune "Dixie's Land."

Submitted by: Beverly Shaw

Answers to April's Only One Quiz

1. Nathan Bedford Forrest
2. John c. Breckenridge
3. Henry M. Stanley
4. Edward D. Baker
5. Andrew Johnson
6. John S. Staples
7. Matthew Brady
8. T. L. Duke
9. George W. Johnson
10. The Stonewall Brigade



Thanks to Sue Valentine for this challenging quiz!
How many did you get right!



Okay, ladies! You've asked for Charlotte and Harriet's Scrumptious Cookie Recipes. So here is one of them... will publish the other one next month.

Harry's Chocolate Pudding Chocolate Chip Cookies

1 Cup	Butter (or margarine..Blue Bonnet, etc.)
1-1/4 Cup	Eggs (chicken eggs preferred!)
1 Pkg	Instant chocolate pudding mix
1 Tbsp	Almond flavor
2-1/4 Cups	Flour
1 Tsp	Baking soda
1/2 Pkg	12 oz. Chocolate chips
1-1/4 Cups	Chopped nuts
1/2 Pkg	Peanut Butter chips
1/2 Pkg	White Chocolate chips (12-oz)

Cream butter, eggs, brown sugar, then add pudding and other ingredients adding chips and nuts last. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 or 325 convection oven for 10 minutes. DO NOT OVERBAKE---LET REST ON COOKIE SHEET FOR 3-5 MINUTES BEFORE REMOVING.

From: Charlotte Tindell and Harriet Lionberger

What Do You Know ...

....about April's prominence in the war? Many of the war's most significant events occurred in April, from the attack on Fort Sumter, which started the war, to Lee's surrender to Grant, which ended it.

1. An April 19, 1861, riot in what city resulted in the war's first casualties?
2. On April 16, 1862, Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed a law creating what for the first time in America?
3. What atrocity occurred on April 12, 1864?
4. What fallen city did President Lincoln tour on April 5, 1865?
5. What event shook the nation on Good Friday, April 14, 1865?

Source: USA Weekend, March 31-April 2, 2000
Don't Know Much About the Civil War,
By Kenneth C. Davis

KUDOS TO KATHLEEN TUOHEY

CWRT-WMo member Kathleen Tuohey recently received attention in The Independence Examiner, March 24, 2000 issue, with her discovery of two old photographs of an original slave cabin on the Adam Hill Farm, along the route of the Santa Fe Trail.

Because of her love of history, Kathleen is credited with writing a book, "The Devil's Backbone," a 100-page, self-published book about the western edge of Independence, Leeds, the Mormon conflict of 1833, the Old Plantation on U.S. 40, the Stone Arch Bridge over Truman Road. Her endeavors in initiating the cleanup of the old Pitcher Cemetery is most notable. Congratulations, Kathleen!



**For the siege of Vicksburg,
Missouri furnished 39 regiments:
17 Confederate, 22 Union**

Letter to President Lincoln dated Sept. 5, 1864 (Cont'd)

This is the second part of a letter written to President Abraham Lincoln by Capt. Terrence Kirby. At this point, the letter continues with the "Old Hero" telling of his own adventures during the War of 1812.

Four companies to rescue the bleeding Fruntiers of Michigan and Ohio. While the Indians was a yingling around my ears like ten thousand wild panthers in the woods, swearing in Indian language that they would have my scalp or haid before day or make their hatchets drunk in my blood, but I bore it with courage and fortitude.

I foute the first battle of Tipacano and the second battle of River Raisin, then drove the Indians from there to Detroit, than cross the river to Canida, then drove Proctor & Elliot from Mauldin to Norovin town. There I shouted victory over Procto & Elliot and Tecumseh's whole Forse. I helped kill Tecumseh & helpted to skin him & brought 2 pieces of his yellow hide home with me.

After a few days rest, there was a call forr vulinteers to defend N. Orleans. I vulinteered at the first tap of the drums, with the immotal Andrew Jackson (sic). I foute the battle of the 8th Jan. & was wounded. There we throud them head & heels, cross & file. They covered 10 acres with blood and wounds, and we sent them home with a dabs end of their forse to "Old England" which made a mash of Lord Wellington Armey (but) when they got there they could not tell the news.

I had one poor boy fell in defense of his country in Mesico in this unholy war (the civil war). I took a bold stand to put down the rebellion on every stump, I mounted. I have a son in the union Arme,y, had had served 3 years & volunteered for 3 more in the 58th Redg. Indiana Woods Division; also 3 gram children in the same Redgment.

All of which is respectfully submitted to your Favorable consideration... signed Terrance Kirby.

Supporting Signatures were:

M. Rhodes | Sheriff and Arthur W. Graham.
W. Loving | S.S. Porter
H. V. Loving | Col. J. H. Grider
S. Barclay | P. J. Patter

One additional note stated that Capt. Terrance Kirby received only such education as was obtainable on a Kentucky frontier at that time. In spite of his handicap, however, he was an able and fearless leader of man.