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MEETINGS

2nd Wednesday of month at 7 PM

Truman H.S. Library, 3304 S.

Noland Rd., Independence, MO

July	- Annual Picnic
September	- Cemetery Tour
December	- Christmas Party

**VISITORS
WELCOME!**

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 12, 2000

At

Truman High School - Library

3301 S. Noland Road

Independence, Missouri

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Program: Show and Tell

(This is an "OPEN" meeting. Members are encouraged to bring their Civil War memorabilia, stories, or anything they wish to share with the group. These open meetings tend to be fun and informative)!

Refreshments to follow

Hope to see you there!

P.S. Call Tim if you want to be on the program!



Looking Ahead!

Mr. Jim Sanders, current superintendent of the Truman Home (National Parks Service), will present the February program. He will be speaking on the Stone River Battle Site in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

There will be a return visit by Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln at our March meeting. Both programs will be well worth attending. Be there!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 2000

- 12 7 PM – CWRT-WMo Open Meeting - "Show & Tell"
Truman High School Library,
3301 S. Noland Rd.
- 19 7 PM – Board Meeting – Truman Campus, Rm. 101
(All new officers and Board Members attend)

February 2000

- 9 7 PM – CWRT-WMo Open Meeting – Stones River
National Battlefield – Presented by Jim Sanders, NPS
Truman High School Library,
3301 S. Noland Rd.
- 16 7 PM – Board Meeting – Truman Campus, Rm. 101

March 2000

- 8 7 PM – CWRT-WMo Open Meeting – Mr. and Mrs.
Lincoln Return to CWRT-Wmo
Truman High School Library,
3301 S. Noland Rd.
- 15 7 PM – Board Meeting – Truman Campus, Rm. 101

Stones River National Battlefield

It was dawn on December 13, 1862, a foggy, wet winter morning when suddenly Confederate muskets pierced the eerie silence surprising sleepy Union soldiers.

Before the battle ended on January 2, 1863, more than 83,000 men had fought at Stones River near Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Nearly one-third of the men became a casualty; both sides claimed victory.

One of the nation's oldest National Cemeteries is located here and reflects the sacrifice made by the six thousand Civil War soldiers buried there.

Stones River National Battlefield is located in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 27 miles southeast of Nashville. This writer and husband had the privilege of touring the site in 1998 strolling through the cemetery, museum, and battleground.

Be sure to attend the February meeting to hear Jim Sanders tell about the site and his experiences there while an employee of the National Park Service.

Christmas Party Huge Success!

Thanks to Ivan Wait and the Union Cemetery Historical Society members for participating in our group's Christmas dinner and celebration. Door prizes were given, including a clock, which was won by a member of the Union Cemetery group.

Between fifty and sixty were in attendance. Special thanks to Bob Benson who was chairman of the event, and to Sonny and Karen Wells for bringing the meat and Karen's "scrumptious holiday punch"! There were others who also helped make this annual event a great success and heartfelt appreciation is also expressed to them. See you all next year!

News from Lone Jack

From time to time we like to keep readers informed of the happenings at the Lone Jack Museum Civil War site. The **Friends of Lone Jack** received a grant for beautification from the KC-150 Legacy. The group met on December 5th and discussed plans for the improvements, which will include better handicap access, parking lot improvements, landscaping, etc.

Through the efforts of members from the local United Methodist Church, Christian Church, and the Museum Friends, a live nativity display was set up for the first time in the pavilion at the site. Refreshments were served afterwards in the museum. This event was a huge success and will probably become an annual event.

The next meeting of the **Friends of the Museum** will be held on January 29th at the United Methodist Church on Bynum Road in Lone Jack. The meeting is open to the public and the group welcomes prospective members!

Source: Faye Dennison,
CWRT-WMo Board Member

LETTER FROM ISAAC ADAIR

This letter is the final of three letters written by Isaac Adair while a prisoner of war in the Delaware Prison. The letter dated February 18, 1865 is written after Isaac receives word of his parole. His happiness shows throughout the letter and is a glorious climax to his long ordeal in prison.

Feb 18
1865

Fort Delaware

Dear Sister—Yours of the 11th was received today; and I was delighted to hear from dear old Henry County again. Sister, you have no idea how eagerly I look for your letters. It seems like old times to hear you speak of Mr. Adair and the children. My thoughts are often of you all and I wonder will I ever have the good pleasure of seeing your happy little family at that prairie home. I have been paroled for exchange and suppose will leave soon for the Land of Dixie. Oh, pleasant it is to think of being free once more. I have waited so patiently for that far off day to come. If exchanged I will write to you by Flag-of-Truce and will go to my old command if possible. I have been very much in need of money lately but I suppose you have done all you could to assist me. I wrote to you the first of this month for money, hope it was sent. Answer this immediately and send a one dollar, I do not know that I will be here to get it, but if I am so fortunate as to be gone, I can willingly lose it. If I have an opportunity I will write the day of my departure from Ft. Delaware. But if you do not hear from me anymore, just think that I have gone on exchange and remember me as a dear brother. My love to all. Does Ella and Fannie go to school. Isaac Adair Co. F

Isaac appears on a Roll of Prisoners of War (undated) at Fort Delaware, Del., which states he was "paroled and forwarded to City Point, Va., for exchange February 27, 1865." Another Roll of Paroled Missouri Soldiers, dated Oct. 24, 1865 shows Isaac as one of the soldiers "who arrived at Richmond, March 3, 1865; forwarded by Lt. Col. R. S. Bevier to Brig. Gen. Cockrell under.....", the card was smudged and unclear as to who he was released to or the exact date.

Isaac died in Henry County on February 19, 1878. Whether or not he ever married and had children, this writer has not determined. What I do know is that he, like many others, was quite remarkable to have survived the dungeons of Delaware Prison!



Ride With the Devil

How about some feedback (negative/positive) if you have seen this movie. They will be published in the next issue of The Border Star. Deadline will be February 1, 2000.

Send to Frances Mason, 20405 E. Blue Mills Rd., Indep., MO 64058 OR hand to me at the next meeting on January 12 OR send E-Mail at Fmason3428@aol.com.

A Little Bit of Humor

Civil War Slang as written by Jay Monaghan tells it like it was! For instance Southern women called the Union flag "that old grid-iron." Rebel soldiers, when "coddled" about their ragged uniforms replied, "We'uns don't put on our best suits when we go out to kill hogs."

Yankees were called Hessians or Dutchmen, often "the lop-eared Dutch." Dr. William B. Conway remembered that the Fourth Virginia, while chasing Sheridan in the Valley, caught a little Pennsylvania Dutchman. The conversation went something like this:

"Vat you fellows going to do mit me?" the frightened fugitive asked.

"Hang you," his captors told him.

"Vel, vat ever is de rule," the German acquiesced.

Many of the slang expressions over the past hundred years or so have changed. One of the most noticeable things about Civil War slang used by soldiers was its ruralness.

This editor will continue each month to relate a little "Civil War Humor" from Jay Monaghan's book "Civil War Slang and Humor."

Note: Jay Monaghan, former Illinois State Historian, is widely known for his many contributions to Lincoln and Civil War era history. His two-volume "Lincoln Bibliography" is the standard work in its field. This paper was first delivered before the Southern California Civil War Round Table.



Reminder — dues are due!

Send check to CWRT-WMO, c/o Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51st Terr. Ct., Independence MO 64055, or pay at the next meeting.

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Fort Sumter

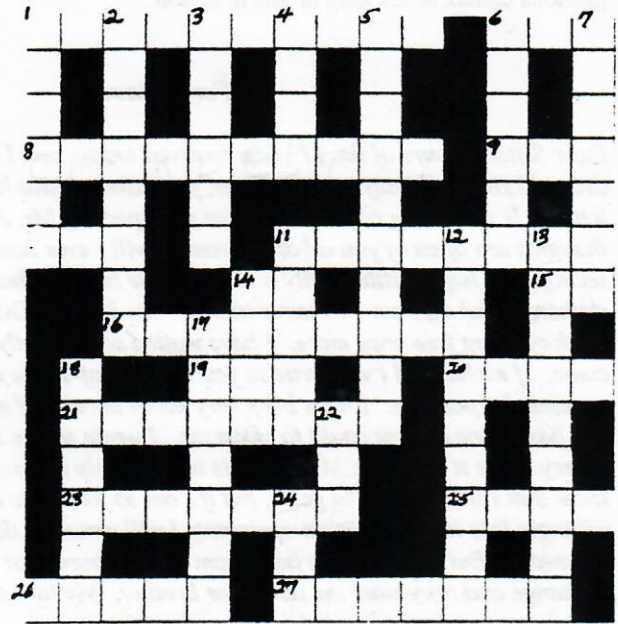
Across

1. Commander of Confederate bombardment of Fort Sumter
6. Some cannonballs were red ____ when Confederates fired them at Sumter
8. what Fort Sumter was built to protect
9. to an artilleryman a cartridge was a ____ of gunpowder
10. family member
11. Confederates fired at Fort Sumter from Fort ____
14. short for a Confederate state
15. Transportation abbreviation
16. Act of seven southern states
19. place for a palmetto cockade
20. number of casualties from Sumter bombardment
21. Fort Sumter's commander
23. rock used to build Sumter's island
25. ____ of the West was a merchant ship driven from Sumter by Confederate fire
26. attack on Fort Sumter was the ____ of the Civil War
27. Fort ____ was held by Union forces near Pensacola, Florida

Down

1. Building material for Fort Sumter
2. state that left Union after attack on Fort Sumter
3. Fort Sumter was armed with smoothbores and ____ cannons
4. Columbiads and dahlgrens
5. Fort Sumter was named for a hero of the ____
6. Water around Fort Sumter
7. A lanyard is to a cannon as a ____ is to a firearm
11. Sailing ship structures
12. see 2 Down
13. armored warships of the Civil War
14. equipment
17. Charleston diarist who recorded her Thoughts about Sumter
18. Sumter to Edmund Ruffin and others
22. Union troops were allowed to fire a ____ hundred gun salute before leaving Fort Sumter
24. the barbette was the ____ level of guns at Fort Sumter.

Fort Sumter



Answers to Ft. Sumter Crossword Puzzle will
Be in February's Newsletter

Good Luck!

Letters to the editor are welcome as well as any articles, etc. that a member would like to have published. E-Mail: Fmason3428@aol.com.



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