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ANNUAL DUES

Individual 15.00
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MEETINGS

The second Wednesday of
the month at 7:00 p.m.

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

Visitors Welcome

Next Meeting is November 11, 1998

At

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

Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

"Famous People of the Civil War and What they Did After the War"

Presented by Edwin Dale Shutte, former president of Wyandotte County Historical Society. Mr. Shutte teaches Civil War History at Kansas City, Kansas Community College, and has been a member of the Greater Kansas City Civil War Round Table for 15 years.

Refreshments to follow

Election of Officers

The election of Officers and Board Members will take place at our November 11 meeting. See page 2 for the recommended list of nominations for the 1999 slate of officers and Board members. Nominations, of course, are welcome from the floor!



A Trip to Remember

Twenty three CWRT members and children attended the Lexington Field Trip on Saturday, October 24. First tour stop was the Anderson Cemetery on the Old Santa Fe Road east of Levasy, Missouri. The Arnold Cemetery, tucked away in a farm field further east off 24 Highway towards Lexington revealed the purported grave of Archie Clements, who was a lieutenant for Bloody Bill Anderson.

Some members toured the Anderson House on the Lexington Battle site, but most members took the walking tour of the battlefield, led by Col. James Ahrens, who has spent sixteen years at the Wentworth Military Academy. Touring the battlefield with Col. Ahrens made the whole battle come to life, and we were fortunate to have such a knowledgeable guide!

Most of the group ate lunch at Hardees, which had a most unusual decor! There are numerous historical pictures of Lexington displayed on the walls, and the glass partitions that separate the dining areas are etched with drawings of some of the historical homes and buildings in Lexington. A most unusual decor!

The tour continued to the 1830's Log House Museum, Madonna of the Trail Statue, Lexington Historical Museum and Machpelah Cemetery. Tim pointed out several other historical monuments and points of interest along the way.

On the return trip from Lexington, the group settled in at the Masons' for an "old fashioned" wiener roast and bonfire. **Thanks Tim, for a well-planned tour!**

BITS AND PIECES



Abe & the Babe have come and gone once again after sharing their talent and knowledge with so many people. If you missed them this time... plan on attending one of their performances in March!



Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the kind words and cards on the loss of mom. It was so thoughtful of you all. Bless you all dear comrades!

Connie McQuain.

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The election of Officers and Board Members will take place at the November 11, 1998 meeting. The Nominating Committee, Beverly Shaw and Mike Calvert, would like to thank the following people who have allowed their names to be submitted to the membership at the November 11th meeting:



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Claudetta McCorkendale
Karen Wells
Robert L. Mason
Michael Calvert
Frank Adams
Janann Adams
Joel Semler

Nominations will also be welcomed from the floor. Plan on attending this important meeting and aid in the selection of next year's officers!

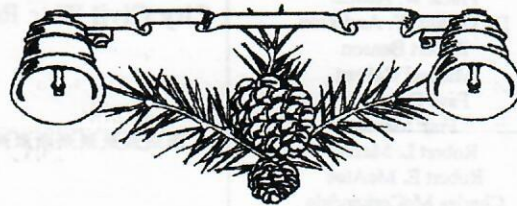
Schedule of Events

November

- 7-8 **Cabin Creek, Oklahoma - Re-enactment**
Sponsor: Oklahoma State Historical Society & Friends of Cabin Creek - 2 battles on Saturday and 1 on Sunday. Call Sonny Wells for details.
- 11 **CWRTWMO Meeting - 7 PM**
Library at Truman High School - 3301 S. Noland Rd. Edwin Dale Shutte - "What They Did After the War"
- 18 **Board Meeting - 7 PM**
Truman Campus, Rm. 101

December

- 5-6 **Prairie Grove, Arkansas Re-enactment**
- 12 **CWRT - Christmas Party - Loose Park**
(See Page 4 for Details)



CHRISTMAS PARTY

- DATE:** December 12
- PLACE:** Loose Park
- TIME:** 12:00 P.M. (Decorations Committee)
1:00 P.M. (Dinner Served)
- DRAWING** 3:00 P.M. (for prizes)

- As in the past, this is a pot luck dinner (bring your "pot" or "luck") whichever!
- Festivities should end by 4:30 p.m.
- Members of the Union Cemetery Historical Society have been invited to participate as special guests of the CWRT-WM.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Did you know that the first CWRT was established in Chicago in 1940?

~ ~ ~ Happenings Around the Area ~ ~ ~

Guerrilla War Series - Final Program

The final program in the Guerrilla War series at Johnson County Library, 8700 W. Shawnee Mission Parkway, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, will be held on November 8 at 2:00 p.m. The program is entitled *"The Centralia Massacre - The Guerrilla High Tide."*

For information, call 913-661-02

North Independence Branch - Buffalo Soldiers

The Buffalo Soldiers played an important part in our country's history. Come and hear Cathy Williams, and how she became the first female Buffalo Soldier.

This program is Thursday, November 5, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mid-Continent Library, Highway 24 & Spring.

For information, call 816-252-0950.

BOOK SIGNING - JCHS & ARCHIVES

December 12 is the date set aside for a "local authors" book signing at the Archives in the old Courthouse on the Independence Square. Visitors to the bookstore are welcome to come in and browse through the many books and talk with the authors. Hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Preservation in Progress - Howard Cemetery

Lee's Summit founder William B. Howard and others are buried in the Howard Cemetery on Woods Chapel Road in Lee's Summit.

According to an article appearing in The Kansas City Star, October 22, 1998, issue, the Lee's Summit Council has granted the Historic Preservation Commission's (HPC) request to rezone the cemetery as a historical landmark.

Samuel and Martha White, who owned the property prior to the Howards are buried in the cemetery in addition to Howard who was buried there in 1896 and his first wife Maria Duncan Strother. It is believed that a number of slaves are buried just outside the wall of the cemetery and it is the intention of the HPC to recognize everyone buried there.

Currently several businesses surround the property. In order to obtain historic designation, "officials will have to identify property lines of the cemetery and then hold a public hearing." The HPC then will be required to show the historic significance of the property.

The HPC believes this is only one of many historic areas in the city that needs to be preserved.

Lee's Summit residents are encouraged to lend their support to the preservation efforts of the HPC.

NOVEMBER 9, 1998

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35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLANTING OF THE BLACK JACK OAK AT LONE JACK MUSEUM SITE

The Black Jack Oak, for which the town of Lone Jack was named, was a tall, lone tree that was a landmark for the area. One account states that the tree died at the beginning of the Civil War, and another states that it still stood until after the Civil War. In any event, the tree was a landmark located at the intersection of two Indian trails used by the Osage and Kaw Indians.

Mrs. John H. Grinter, granddaughter of Galen Cave, one of the original owners of the land on which the lone tree stood, tried for years to locate a "real black jack oak" to replace the one that died. No nursery handled such a tree, and she was told that a black jack oak was not worth planting.

However, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Curtis, amateur historians of the area knew that such a tree could be found in the area.

Sure enough such a tree was located and dug on the Early farm near Bates City, MO.

On November 9, 1963, a new black jack oak was planted and a ceremony held to commemorate the occasion. William Landahl, park director at the time, saw that the hole was dug for the tree in the cemetery (no bones were uncovered), and the tree

was placed several feet to the southeast of the earlier tree because a tall cedar overshadowed the place. Each person present put in a spadeful of dirt. Members of scout troop 307 also participated in the ceremony. Mrs. Grinter told the history of the tree.

The story in Pearl Wilcox's *Jackson County Pioneers* goes something like this: *Martin Rice was a teacher in the first school in the vicinity of the "cemetery east of town." It seems that Mr. Rice met Jimmy Savage, a Baptist preacher in 1836 in Lone Jack. Savage, a plain-looking*



man, had been in Jackson County since 1826.

The conversation between the two men went something like this:

Rice: "Do you live in the vicinity?"

Savage: "Yes, across the creek yander (pointing east), a little piece this side of the Jack."

Rice: "And may I ask what you call the Jack?"

Savage: "Well, look across over yander; do you see that lone tree standing high on the prairie?"

Rice: "Yes, I see something of that sort."

Savage: "Well, that's Lone Jack."

Rice: "And why do you call it Jack, rather than Jim or Tom?"

Savage: "Just because the tree is a Black Jack and not a Black Jim. It's been called the Lone Jack ever since I know't it, and that's been a good long while, I tell you."

Rice: Then you are an old settler in the country?"

Savage: "Old settler? I reckon I am if twenty-five years count anything...."

May the Black Jack Oak continue to flourish as a reminder of an earlier famous landmark in Lone Jack!

ANSWERS TO LINCOLN'S ASSASSINATION CROSSWORD

Recipe for Hardtack

3 cups flour
1-1/2 or so tsp baking soda
1-1/2 tsp salt
water to form a workable dough

Knead the dough. Crackers should be cut to about 3"x 3". Dough should not pull away...if it does, it's too wet. Can use a nail or similar object to punch 16 evenly spaced holes in each cracker. Bake at about 375F for about 50 min. It should be brownish on the bottom (you're not baking cookies here, you are essentially trying to heat all the water out of the cracker. Take out and cool...they should get hard.

Evidence shows that hardtack was made with "self-rising" flour. Actually, no specifications have been found as to what the government called for. Some recipes call for oil, but it has no final effect on the end product. Should end up a nice hard slab of flour.

Submitted by D.J. DalBello

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READ THE BOOK



"Terror at the Door"

This book is written by Byron Shutz, a fifth-generation Missourian, is a story of fact and fiction set between 1859-61, when terrorists lived on both sides of the state line. The book deals with Shutz's heart-wrenching realization that his family (the Marcus Gill family from Kentucky) not only owned slaves, but also harbored William Clarke Quantrill during the winter of 1859!

Shutz relates the challenges faced by a Missouri farmer of the 1860s. He paints a vivid picture of Quantrill after extensively researching the William Clarke Quantrill papers in the Kansas Collection at the Kenneth Spencer Research Library.

FOR SALE

New **CWRT ball caps** will be available at the next meeting. They are blue and white with the CWRT insignia on the top.

Faye Dennison also has new shirts for sale imprinted with a calvary battle scene. Contact Faye or visit the Lone Jack Museum.



Grapeshot or Canister?

The main difference between shot and shell is this. Shot did not carry its own explosive charge and shell carried an explosive charge.

Standard solid shot and standard shell were primarily for destruction of material (fortifications or ships). Canister, grape, quilted shot and shrapnel were used against personnel. However, there were also varieties of (non-shrapnel) shell designed for use against personnel (the hollow was shaped so the shell would split into a relatively few large pieces about the size of small shot).

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