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### ANNUAL DUES

Individual 15.00  
Family 22.50  
Student (Under 21) 5.00

### MEETINGS

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

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

## Visitors Welcome

## Thoughts from Tim:

Well, we're back! Next Wednesday, October 14, we will meet again in the Truman High School Library. Independence School representatives have cordially extended an invitation for us to hold our regular meetings at the school for the coming year. This is the place of a good many happy memories for our group. It will be nice to be back.

I continue to hear a good many things about our group from the community regarding our donation of the Bingham prints to the George Caleb Bingham 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. People are surprised that our group cares enough to be involved with kids and promote Civil War scholarship. This is just the beginning of a thrust by The Outreach Committee of our group to speak to young people about the importance of preservation and learning of the area's Civil War history. As many of you know, we are planning several things during the coming year, including forming a Speaker's Bureau, expansion of our Trivia Board, and getting involved with the area's student History Clubs.

I visited the George Caleb Bingham 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center this week. Officials there are just beginning to hang our prints. A final location/locations have yet to be determined. I will provide everyone with pictures when they are displayed.

### Election of Officers

*The election of Officers and Board Members will take place at the November meeting, November 11, 1998. The Nomination Committee will present its roster of nominees for consideration in the November newsletter.*

## Plan ahead for October's meeting!

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Our next meeting is  
Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
at

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

Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

John Richley presenting "Ft. Leavenworth in the Civil War"  
(John was the first CWRTWMO speaker after first being organized)

Refreshments to follow

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## Hope to see you there!

\*The Library is located on the main floor, north end of the High School. Enter through either the main entrance facing Noland Road or through the south entrance. Go north down the hall to the Library.



## BITS AND PIECES



*This is the Month for Abe & the Babe*

(October 16 - October 20)

*The Lincolns will be at the Wyandot County Park festivities the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>, and will be performing at area schools on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup>.*

**Contact Sonny Wells, 816-628-9910, for complete itinerary!**

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### Bingham Prints

Regarding the donation of the 4 framed prints at the commemoration of the George Caleb Bingham 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center: At the last Board Meeting, the Board voted to appropriate \$50 for payment of the Bingham CDV print, produced by the Jackson County Historical Society. In addition, Toby Giese was reimbursed for his expenses incurred in producing the plaque, displaying our group's medallion. The plaque will hang with the Bingham collection of prints at the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. It was decided by the Board to initiate a fund for private donations for the remainder of expenditures involving the other 3 prints for this project. Please contact Tim Cox, 881-8895 or 487-8833 if you choose to contribute.

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### Guerrilla War Series Continues...

The Guerrilla War series continues at the Johnson County Library, 8700 W. Shawnee Mission Parkway, Shawnee Mission, Kansas. Programs are held at 2:00 p.m. scheduled as follows:

October	11	- Jackson County - Guerrillas Home Front
	18	- Uncovering Slavery's Unburied Past
November	8	- The Centralia Massacre - The Guerrilla High Tide

**For further information contact the Library at 913-661-0222**

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## Condolences

Subsequent to the printing of the The Border Star's September edition, members of the Round Table received startling and sorrowful news of the passing of the loved ones of two of our members, Dr. Gerald Anderson and Connie McQuain.

A memorial service for Gregory Anderson, the son of Dr. Anderson, was held at St. Michaels Episcopal Church in Independence. A visitation was held at the Carson Funeral Home in Independence, for the mother of Connie McQuain. Some Round Table members were able to attend these functions. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our friends, Gerald and Connie, during their time of great loss.



## Schedule of Events

### October

- 9-11 Living History**  
Lathrop, Missouri
- 10-11 Buffalo Soldiers - Booneville, MO**  
Kemper Military Academy, Booneville
- 14 CWRTWMO Meeting - 7 PM**  
Library at Truman High School - 3301 S. Noland Rd.  
John Richley - Ft. Leavenworth in the Civil War
- 16-18 Wyandot Re-enactment**  
Wyandotte County Park - 126<sup>th</sup> & State Avenue
- 21 Board Meeting - 7 PM**  
Truman Campus, Rm. 101
- 23-25 Civil War Living History Camporee/See Insert**
- 24 Lexington Tour - CWRTWMO**  
See Details in President's message

### Lexington Field Trip - October 24, 1998

The Lexington Field Trip is on. Round Table members have long anticipated a trip to Lexington's many sites of Civil War interest. Well, we're going! Wagons will roll beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the K-Mart parking lot, Highways 24 and 291. We will caravan by car, so if you have a van or large sedan, please consider driving and sharing your vehicle to Lexington.

We will stop for lunch around 12:00 noon in the "downtown" Lexington area. Sack lunches or dining at Hardees are suggested as possible lunch alternatives. Other restaurants are available.

On the return trip from Lexington, the Field Trip entourage has been graciously invited for an "old fashioned" wiener roast at the home of Round Table members, Fran and Lucky Mason.

**Who:** Round Table members, family and friends. Free! - No reservations needed

**What:** Field Trip by car caravan to Lexington, MO

**When:** October 24, 1998 - 8:00 a.m. to whenever fun stops!

**Where:** Meet at K-Mart parking lot, Highways 24 & 291

#### **Tentative Itinerary:**

- Battle of Lexington State Historic Site and Visitors Center
- Lexington Historical Museum
- 1830's Log House Museum
- Old Town - New Town
- Highland Avenue - Elizabeth Aull Seminary
- Monument to Russell, Majors and Waddell
- Wentworth Military Academy
- Linwood Lawn
- Lafayette Courthouse
- Garystone Park
- Machpelah Cemetery
- McCausland and Fredrickson Homes
- Madonna of the Trail Statue





## Lexington Tour...

An old-fashioned wiener roast is planned at the Mason's after the field trip to Lexington on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Lucky and Fran live at 20405 E. Blue Mills Road, Independence, Missouri. Bring warm coats, lawn chairs (if possible), roasting sticks, and a hearty appetite!

An outdoor bonfire will be the means of roasting wieners and marshmallows for Some'Mores. Drinks will be hot apple cider, sodas and coffee. All table service and food provided. You can't beat a deal like that!

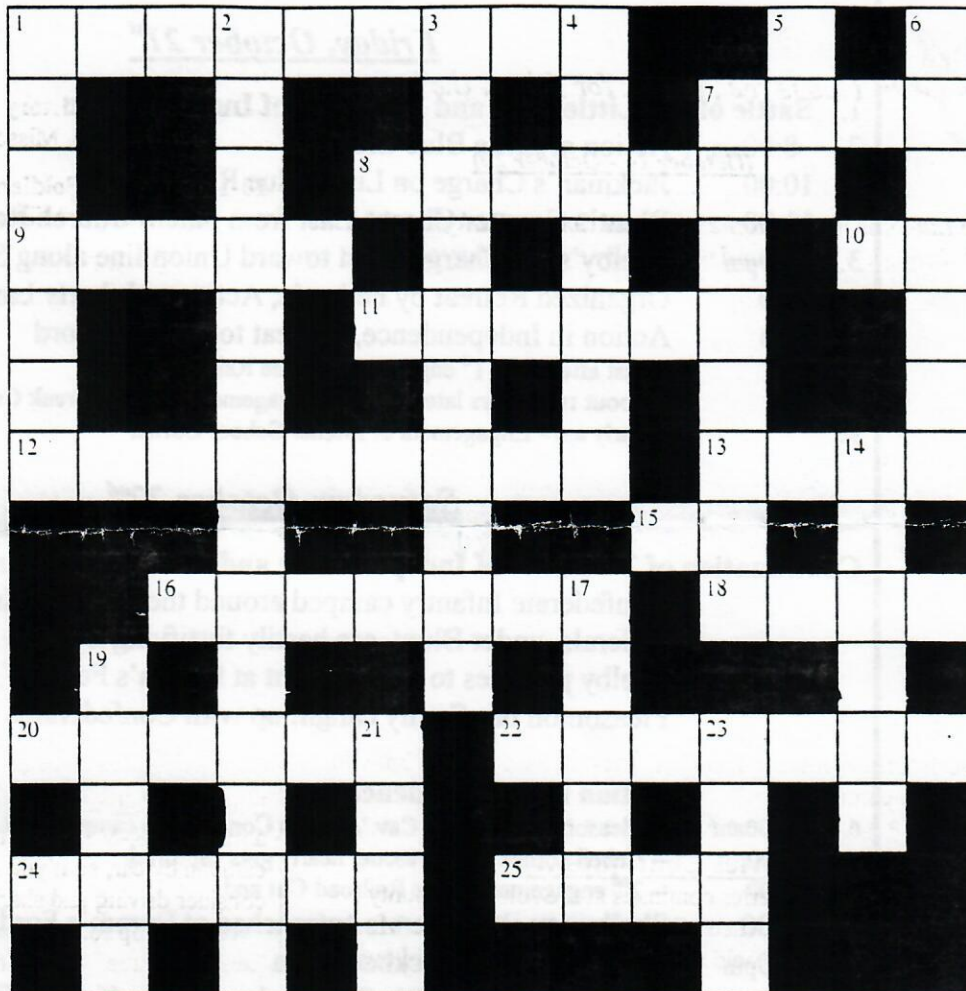
The Mason's mini-farm is actually on a portion of the site of the Battle of Blue Mills!

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**WHO AM I ???**

**Answer to Clues  
in the September Newsletter:**

John Curtis Caldwell  
11<sup>th</sup> Maine Infantry

# LINCOLN'S ASSASSINATION



## Lincoln's Assassination Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Booth's weapon
7. half a Samoan port
8. Union troops \_\_\_\_\_ Garrett's barn in order to capture Booth
9. Booth on the job
10. short for a Union state
11. where Lincoln spent much of his last full day alive
12. Samuel Mudd got in trouble for using his \_\_\_\_\_ skills on Booth
13. Major Rathbone's lifelong reminder of his fight with Booth
15. compass pt. That Booth followed out of Washington DC
16. one of four hanged conspirators
18. number of judges at conspirators' trial
20. Junius, Edwin, etc.
22. intended kidnapping victim of Booth at one time
24. Booth's traveling companion
25. spur snagger for Booth

**Answer in November Newsletter**

### Down

1. Lincoln \_\_\_\_\_ of riding a ship to an unknown shore just a short time before his death
2. Vice president Andrew Johnson took over the \_\_\_\_\_ of the southern states
3. April 14, 1865 was date of Lincoln's assassination and was also \_\_\_\_\_ (2 words)
4. Lincoln's chair at Ford's Theater
5. young Mr. Lincoln
6. arrested conspirators were imprisoned for a while on an ironclad \_\_\_\_\_
7. Lincoln died at the \_\_\_\_\_ house across the street from Ford's Theater
14. Lincoln conspirator sentenced to death
17. the Lincoln conspirators had a military \_\_\_\_\_
19. Laura Keane was in one of her \_\_\_\_\_ at the time Lincoln was shot
21. Lincoln's seat was near one \_\_\_\_\_ of the stage at Ford's Theater
23. Garrett's barn became a \_\_\_\_\_ for the trapped Booth



# **The Battles of Westport**

**October 21-23, 1864**

## **Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

1. **Battle of the Little Blue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Independence**
2. 8:00am Action at Little Blue Crossing
3. 10:00 Jackman's Charge on Little Blue Road
- 11:00 Blunt's Counter Charge East from Salem Church Road
3. 1:00pm Shelby's 2<sup>nd</sup> Charge West toward Union line along Salem Church Road
4. 4:00 Organized Retreat by Federals, Action at Liberty Landing Road
5. 6:00 Action in Independence, Retreat to Byram's Ford
- 5a. -- just after dusk 1<sup>st</sup> engagement at the Railroad Cut
- 5b. -- about two hours later (11:00) Engagement at Rock Creek Crossing
- 5c. -- early am - Engagement at Pitcher School Corner

## **Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Continuation of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Independence and 1<sup>st</sup> Battle at Byram's Ford**  
Confederate Infantry camped around the square in Independence  
Federals, under Blunt, are hastily fortifying Byrams Ford  
Shelby prepares to attack Blunt at Byram's Ford  
Pleasanton has finally caught up with Confederates

### **Action in Independence**

6. 8:00am -- Pleasanton's Kansas Cav. Attacks Confederate camp near the Courthouse.
- 6a. 9:00 -- Cabell comes to the rescue, nearly gets captured.
- 6b. 10:00 -- 2<sup>nd</sup> engagement at the Railroad Cut and
7. 10:00 Shelby attacks Federals entrenched at Byram's Ford
8. 1:00pm Engagement at Mockbee Farm
9. 4:00 Cabell crosses the Big Blue and moves on Kansas City
- Evening Federals fortify Brush Creek and Westport  
Confederates camp West of Byram's Ford

## **Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Battle at Byram's Ford - Action at Brush Creek and Westport**

Dietzler's Kansas Militia in place along State Line  
Curtis' Federal Infantry dug in along Brush Creek  
Pleasanton's Cavalry poised to attack Confederates at Byram's Ford  
Price orders Marmaduke to defend Byram's Ford and moved  
most of his units to the South bank of Brush Creek.  
Price's plan is to overrun Westport and move on to KC and Fort Leavenworth

10. 8:00am Pleasanton overruns Marmaduke at 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Byram's Ford
11. 10:00 Charges and counter charges across Brush Creek have failed on both sides
12. Noon Farmer Thoman's revenge. Blunt attacks the Rock Wall.
13. Major Battle South of Brush Creek. Price's plan falls apart, he orders retreat.
14. 4:00pm Shelby's Last Line of Defense slows Federal attack  
Price's Army begins withdrawal to Arkansas\*