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"Studying The Border War and Beyond"



Above: Frank James at the James Farm, Kearney, Mo

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Individual	\$15.00
Family	22.50
Student (Under 21)	5.00

MEETINGS

The 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Visitors Always Welcome!

1859 JAIL - APRIL MEETING

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 1998, for its April meeting at the 1859 Jail, Marshal's Home and Museum, located at 217 North Main St., in Independence. Joe Kelley, the Director of the Jail, will be our host. This is a site of the Jackson County Historical Society and as most of you are aware, William Quantrill and Frank James were purported to have been incarcerated there. Joe and his staff will give free tours of the facility, discuss the archival holdings, and share with our group his vision of what the Jail can do for the community. As always the public is invited and encouraged to attend. Don't miss this opportunity to share history!

LINCOLNS, A SUCCESS . . AGAIN!

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln reenactors, Max and Donna Daniels, ventured west of the Mississippi once more for a week-long series of presentations in our area, beginning on March the 15th at the Liberty Christian Church. The church, at the corner of, you guessed it, KANSAS AND LINCOLN, was a beautiful setting for the first of the community and school dramatizations that took them and their entourage to Olathe, Atchison, Ft. Leavenworth, Independence, and Lone Jack. On Wednesday, March 18th, for they performed for our Round Table before an audience of about 140 at the Truman High School auditorium.

The nationally recognized, Wheaton, Illinois couple, continue to captivate audiences and draw attention with their costumes and oratorical prowess. They perform full-time, with Max having portrayed Mr. Lincoln in the "Lincoln-Douglas" debates on the C-SPAN cable network.

Here are a few observations from the week's activities:

- * Even if you know it is coming, you still jump when the assassination shot rings out.
- * Kids love Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln. Kids especially love to pull Abe's beard.
- * The school presentations are great. Max and Donna ask the children questions about the Constitution and inspire them with a "can do" attitude. "Anyone can be President," say Abe & Mary. The kids will carry this visit with them in their minds to adulthood.
- * Donna can still make herself cry. For adult presentations, Donna really explores the conscience of Mary Todd Lincoln and gives insight into just what it meant to be "given to depression" and "afflicted" during the 1860s.
- * The Gettysburg address still lives. The words still have power. Max does a great job. "Abe & the Babe" will return next spring and will also be at Wyandot Days in the fall!

A special thank you to the following for making the week and Wednesday night a success:

Nancy Lewis	For helping to schedule the event at Truman High School.
Truman High School	For hosting our Illinois friends.
Joe Kelley	For loaning us the Lincoln funeral procession eagle decal.
Martha Henderson	For loaning us the really cool Lincoln poster.

AT THE BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, March 25, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Truman Campus with 11 members present. Mail was distributed and the following reports were given:

Newsletter Editor: Total expenses of \$45.81 - Copies \$12.81, Stamps \$32, and Envelopes \$1

100 copies printed; 83 mailed

Coffee Fund: Total expenses of \$9.14 No contributions - Balance of \$14.67

Treasurer: Total Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln expenses of \$240.80 - Lincoln fund \$140, Offering fund \$100.80; 3/31/98 account balance of \$1,104.09

2nd V.P.: Attendance of 140 at the March Lincoln presentation.

1st V.P.: April (4/8/98) 1859 Jail

May (5/13/98) Clothing Revue

June (6/10/98) Jackson Co. Archives

July (7/8/98) Picnic-Pitcher Cemetery

Old Business: *Meeting Place - Further discussion of possible permanent meeting site. Still no definitive answer. Continuing to research. *To Live On - Discussion about filming of movie. No official involvement by the group. *Membership Cards - Toby Giese has taken a prototype of a card to the printers. He will report back to the back to the board in April for approval. Designer Showcase 5/7/98 - Beverly updated the board on status. "Technology" & "Outreach" Committees - Discussion about the forming of these committees. Asking for participation at the next general meeting. Newsletter - Starting in April, Tim & Kay Cox will co-edit and co-produce the newsletter.

New Business: *By-Laws - Copies of the group's By-Laws were distributed. Different provisions of the by-laws will be reviewed for possible revision at future meetings. The April meeting will focus on the group's statement of purpose. *July picnic - As previously decided, this year's picnic will return to Pitcher Cemetery. Initial talks were started regarding the details. *Englewood Theater - Brief discussion started regarding the possibility of having a Civil War era movie shown there with the group hosting. *George Caleb Bingham School - New 7th grade center in Independence starting in fall of 98. Do we want to donate some kind of plaque, memento, etc. to the school in their inaugural year? Discussion started. 9:10adj

MARY ANN HAZZARD

At the March 25, 1998 Board of Directors meeting a letter was presented announcing Mary Ann Hazzard's resignation as a member of the Board of Directors. She will continue to be an active member in our group as her work schedule allows.

Volunteer or committee work is not glamorous. Those so dedicated, help others without asking anything in return. They balance busy schedules because they know there are things in life they care passionately about, things that are worthwhile, such as preserving history and helping others learn. Often times they go unrecognized.

Therefore, I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mary Ann for her service on the Board. Her caring attitude and ability to contribute common sense approaches to problem solving will be greatly missed. She helped carry the torch in the early days of our group's history. We are indeed indebted to her.

Mary Ann has served as a Second Vice-President of our group and is a charter member as well. And, oh yea, the most important part - - - she likes to have fun with history too! See you at the meetings Mary Ann and hopefully back on the Board before too long.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL 4/8/98	1859 Jail, Marshal's Home and Museum
MAY 5/13/98	Clothing Revue - The Kansas City Costume Society
JUNE 6/10/98	Jackson County Archives - Cora Wilson
JULY 7/8/98	Picnic-Pitcher Cemetery

FIELD TRIPS

CASS COUNTY	5/30/98
LEXINGTON	10/24/98
ATCHISON	?

(Union Orphans' Home, Train Museum, much to see; suggested on Lincoln Tour)

ECHOES

History Echoes Listen:

It is with great pleasure and much appreciation that I begin this monthly column in the Border Star. My wife, Kay, and I are also taking over the newsletter editor duties from Mr. Harold (Sonny) Wells. This is where the appreciation part comes in.

Folks, everyone in the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, citizens of the K.C. metro area, and yes, even the people who have attended the reenactments in which Sonny (and Karen) have participated, owe a debt of thanks to this couple for their tireless efforts in preserving, and promoting our Civil War and frontier heritage.

I think most of us realize their contributions, but still I often think about their charity toward others, their preservation of many documents and artifacts, and the school programs and living-history events they participate in for us and the generations to come. My oh my, words are so weak, when the standard Sonny and Karen have set is so high.

I am proud to consider them as friends, and just want to publicly thank them for their commitment to our group. This group is prospering but could not be doing so without their energies. Thank you from all members of the CWRTWMO.

Every organization should have goals. At the April meeting I will share the following goals for the year:

- 1) Obtain permanent meeting site.
- 2) Outreach program: Get people involved (especially young people).
- 3) Technology committee: Scrapbook

These goals tie in with what our statement of purpose could say: have fun, learn about & preserve Civil War history, especially Missouri/Kansas.

See you at the meeting. I remain .. Tim