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## THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF WESTERN MISSOURI, INC.

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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 pm.  
July-Annual Picnic.  
September-Cemetery Tour.  
December meeting is  
Annual Christmas Party

**Visitors Always  
Welcome**

from the editor...

A hearty welcome to new member **Orval L. Henderson** who resides on North Pleasant in Independence.

New membership cards are being readied and will be mailed with the newsletter, possibly as soon as next month.

Those speaking at last month's open meeting included...

**Richard Abbot**...comments of Peculiar Cemetery

**Howard Thompson**...shared data on all four of his great-grandfathers who lived during the Civil War.

**Fran Mason**...told of research she has done on her family and its ties to early Jackson County and read a recently discovered letter her great aunt wrote during the War. Fran also donated a book on Maps of Civil War Battlefields to the Round Table Library. Thank You Fran.

**Faye Dennison**...had articles and an original manuscript about the Battle of Lone Jack.

**Charles McCorkendale**...told how his kin were affected by the war and showed a spoon engraved *Confederate Home* which he recently found.

**John Morgan**...shared information on a soon to be released book about the myths of John Wilkes Booth.

**Toby Giese**...talked about John Jarrett and John Jennett. Are they the same person? Will we ever know for sure?

**Dale Snair**...showed a display of tin types and other Civil War era photos and explained the uniqueness of each one.

**Mary Wheeler**...Show a book which was found after a fire had destroyed her father's home. The book traces the Jackson lineage back to jolly old England. Mary is related to a King, Andrew Jackson and Stonewall. Mary then donated the book to the Round Table. Thank You Mary.

**Sonny Wells** displayed about 20 coins from the Civil War era including a half cent, a large cent, a flying eagle penny, a two cent piece, a trime, a three cent nickle, a half dime and an 1863 penny dented by shot.

As usual, the open round table night was interesting and informative. Cookies were supplied by **Harriet Lionberger** and **Charlotte Tindall**. Thanks to all who helped with the coffee, cookies, sodas and ice.

Here's hoping everyone remembered the meeting this month was moved to the third Wednesday to accommodate the Lincoln Presenters schedule.

### LAST CALL FOR 1998 DUES.

No medals, No flag raising, No music, No TV cameras...just drop a check in the mail to **Beverly Shaw**, 17313 E. 51st Terr. Ct., Independence, Mo. 64055



## At the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00 pm at Truman Campus, Room 101. Sixteen members were present.

Incoming mail was distributed.

The following reports were given...

**Newsletter..** 100 printed, 86 mailed, Average cost \$.63 ea. Spent \$59.80.

**Treasurers Report...** as of 1/31/98

Begin. Balance \$ 748.70	Deposits \$ 100.00
Paid Out \$ 260.11	New Bal. \$ 588.59
Balance in Reserve Account	\$202.29
Total Funds \$	790.88

**Coffee Fund Report...** as of 2/15/98

Reg. Bal. \$ 41.92	Purchases \$ 28.11
In Donation Jar \$ 10.00	New Balance \$ 23.81

### 2nd V.P. Report...

36 members at February meeting. Dori also went over incoming mail in the last two months. Moved and seconded to renew membership in Civil War Associates.

### 1st V.P. Report....

Wed. March 18th The Lincolns

### New Business

**Donation of Envelopes** by Charlotte Tindall for use with newsletter.

**Book Donation** Fran Mason donated a book, *Battle Maps of the Civil War*, to the Lender Library.

**Discussion of future programs** Faye Dennison distributed a resource list.

**Field Trips** Board voted to set May 30 as the date for a field trip to Cass County Civil War sites. Travel by bus if 24 or more sign up. Cost \$12 per person. Otherwise car pool. Cost \$5.00.

Also set October 24 as tentative date for day trip to Lexington-Higginsville area. Possible picnic at Mason's place on return.

**Picnic '98** at Pitcher Cemetery on Wednesday, July 8th, 5-9 pm.

**Update on Lincoln's visit** -- Contributions new total \$100 for the Lincoln Fund. Added to the agenda is a dinner at a Victorian Home in Atchison on Tuesday, March 17th at 5 pm.

### Of Interest

**Kathleen Touhey** has received a grant to help with fix up of Pitcher Cemetery. She also wrote an article for the Jackson County Historical Society's Spring '98 newsletter on the 12 hotels in Independence.

**Beverly Shaw** updated everyone on the upcoming Designer Showcase House. Our day to work is Thursday, May 7th.

**Sonny and Karen** thanked everyone for the plaques they were recently given.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### March

Wed. 18th **CWRTWMo Meeting 7 pm**

Max & Donna Daniels as

Abe & Mary Todd Lincoln

Auditorium, Truman High School

Wed. 25th **Board Meeting 7 pm**

Truman Campus, Room 101

### April

Wed. 8th **CWRTWMo Meeting 7 pm**

Surprise, surprise, surprise

Truman Campus, Room 102

Wed. 15th **Board Meeting 7 pm**

Truman Campus, Room 101

## Upcoming Re-enactments

Fri-Sat, May 1 2

Living History Camp

Valley Park School

123rd & Lamar

Overland Park, Kansas

## Looking Ahead

### Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, March 18th

**Abe & Mary Todd Lincoln**

Max and Donna Daniels are back for an encore performance. If you saw their presentation last year you will be on the lookout for the changes made for this year's performance.

If you missed their program last year, come prepared to be enlightened, entertained and educated.

In the auditorium at Truman High School, same place as last year.

As usual, coffee and cookies will be served during the reception which follows the program.

**Wednesday, April 8th**

There will be a meeting in April.

Topic, subject and site will be announced at a later time.

**Wednesday, May 13th**

Members of the Kansas City Costume

Society will do a program on Civil War and Victorian apparel. Word is to expect a few surprises on this one, possibly even a review of the process of getting into a formal gown.

## Upcoming Activities

As we have for the few years, the Round Table will be participating in the 1998 Designer Show House.

Our day to help will be Thursday, May 7th from 5 pm to 8 pm.

We need at least a dozen to act as docents to keep the crowds moving and to answer questions. (We also get to tour the house).

This year's home is on Westover just a couple of blocks from last years.

Beverly will have flyers to pass out at the next two meetings.

Be sure to contact Sonny or Beverly to sign on for this always fun and exciting activity.

There will be a series of programs sponsored by the Jackson County Historical Society coming up.

Watch for a listing in the paper or contact the JCHS.

Books recently added to our library include *Battle Maps of the Civil War*, donated by Fran Mason. This book has some outstanding maps, most taken from actual battlefield drawings.

And a book on the Jackson surname, donated by Mary Wheeler. This book traces the Jackson family all the way back to old England and includes data on President Andrew Jackson and Stonewall Jackson, both of whom Mary is related to.

The May 1 & 2 Living History Camp at Valley Park School, 123rd & Lamar in Overland Park, will include several sessions with the students during the school time, a camp meal and nite firing demonstration on Friday evening and guided tours of the camp on Saturday morning.

This will be similar to what was done at Prairie Star School last year, but on a smaller scale.

Only the students and their parents will be involved. Visitors will be allowed only at the Friday night firing demonstration and on Saturday.

The Landis Battery is the host unit.