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ANNUAL DUES

Individual 15.00
Family 22.50
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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**

Bates County Women at Peril during Civil War

by Pat McQuire, Curator, Bates County Museum of Pioneer History @1992
as appears in the Bates County Civil War Reenactmen III Booklet, page 21

Mrs. J.J. Clark and her husband lived one and a half miles northwest of Amsterdam.

At election time, Mr. Clark voted against Mr. Lincoln, which was the way most of Bates County voted. Mrs. Clark not having the right to vote. Two men staying with the Clarks at the time voted in favor of the President. This did not set to well with the Clark neighbors.

All one winter the Clarks were visited by the federal troops from a company stationed at Trading Post, always expecting Mrs. Clark to fix a meal and receiving it. One day the next spring six of the soldiers came by on a Sunday morning. On this occasion they did not ask for a meal, they simply chatted and smoked their pipes. One of the men ask if they cared to know the nature of their business, at this time they learned they had been under close watch as a Mrs. Mattox had reported to them that Mr. Clark was a rebel and kept bushwackers under his roof and that they had found this statement to be untrue.

In the spring of 1858, a band of bushwackers crossed into Kansas and killed Mr. Dedo and another man unknown. Mrs. Mattox told the Jayhawkers that Mr. Clark had been the cause of the raid. Mr. Clark at the time had been sick in bed. The next day two men came to the Clark home, pulled their pistols on Mr. Clark, but both guns filed to fire. They started to take Mr. Clark out. Mrs. Clark compelled they leave her sick husband. Which they did. Another time Mr. Clark was carried away by bushwackers, leaving Mrs. Clark to believe him dead. He was released and returned the next day.

Also in 1858, Hamilton (Hambilton) and his followers murdered some men near Trading Post. Matlark and Driffy from this county were implicated in the affair. A band of jayhawkers came across the border and sent one man to West Point to get permission to hunt for Hamilton and his band. While they waited for the reply, they robbed the Clarks of their money and their stock.

Later Driffy was caught and hanged in Mound City, Kansas. Matlark was caught by Hargrove in Platt County, Kansas, returned home and hanged.

Mrs. Clark and her husband moved into Kansas for two years as a result of Order 11. They returned to their home after the war to live out their days.

Mrs. Ward of West Point Township lost her husband when Price and his men moved through in November of 1863. He had been burning grass when the troops came upon him and demanded his horse. He refused to give it up and was killed.

Mrs. Vernon lost her husband the same day to Price and his men. He and his family were also burning the grass around their home in order to protect it from prairie fires when the troops came upon them. They demanded the team of horses hitched to a wagon nearby. Mr. Vernon went for a gun in the wagon. But before he could get it he was shot and killed. The troops left without taking the team. Mrs. Vernon and her two small children managed to get Mr. Vernon's body in the wagon when another band came up, removed Mr. Vernon's body, taking both the team and the wagon. Mrs. Vernon and her children were left to bury the body of their husband and father.

Mrs. Samuel Jackson of Deer Creek township was without her husband for four years and fourteen days, as he was off to fight in the war. It was up to her and four small children to make do. She raised cotton, picked the seeds out by hand, carded it and spun it into cloth to be made into clothing for her and her family.

She sheared the sheep and drove an oxen team forty miles to deliver the wool to the mill. She could and did put out washing (all done by hand) before noon. She cut wood for cooking and heat. She had to leave her children to go to buy corn and take it to the mill to be ground. Being out of flour and becoming tired of corn bread she took the wagon sheet down, placed it on the ground, took some of the shocked wheat and beat the grain out with a stick. The grain was then taken to the corn mill and ground. She had to bake her bread with the bran in it, as the mill sieve would not remove it.

These Bates County women and others like them are the true unsung heroines of the Civil War.

At the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, January 21st at 7:00 pm at Truman Campus. Sixteen members were present.

New President Tim Cox welcomed everyone. Tim commented about the need to cancel last months meeting and the Christmas Party.

Old Business

Tim asked Sonny to report on the Land of Lincoln Trip. The trip will not be a group function.

Sonny reported on the situation regarding the Confederate Statue in Liberty. [Followup...The matter is moot. The UDC claims they own the statue and will fix it up. Clay County says have at it.]

Tim commened on the upcoming production of To Live On, advising board that contact had been made with the production company.

New Business

Tim asked for suggestions as to what the board members wanted to do in the next year. The following items were brought up.

Trips, Speakers, getting young people involved, permanant meeting site, School trunks, Education committee, Lending Library tapes, Web site, Preservation projects, file on Missouri's Civil War history.

Tim wants our Round Table to work on the following....

Updating picture trivia board, getting new members, Review By-Laws, Meeting site, Publicity, form a Technology Committee.

Open discussion on Historians duties and title.

Tim announced his wife will be taking over the publication of the Border Star.

Tim asked Dori for a list of local activities of the re-enactors for 1998.

Beverly Shaw gave a financial report and discussed the Designer Show Case Home. The board approved participation in project as we have done the last two years.

Beverly also brought the need for Membership Cards. Toby was appointed to look into the matter.

Tim went over upcoming meeting site and programs. March board meeting will be on fourth Wednesday because Lincoln program will be on the third Wednesday.

Sonny presented his expence report for the last quarter of 1997 of \$62.50 and an adjusted figure of Christmas Party expenses of \$50. Expenses were approved.

Sonny updated everyone of additions to Lincoln's travel plans.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

New Style Ball Caps, Reprinted T-Shirts & New...Sweatshirts!

All with our distinctive
Civil War Round Table of
Western Missouri Logo

These items will be for sale at the February meeting.

Quantities are limited. Only 8 of the Sweatshirts and 13 of the T-Shirts are left.

The Sweatshirts are Speckled Ash is color with a Navy Blue and Bright Blue print of the logo. Sizes run Med. to XXX. Heavy fleecing and oversewn seems on all sizes. Cost is \$18.50, \$20 for XX and XXX.

T-Shirts are Ash in color with same two color print on the front. Sizes are Med. to XXX. Cost is \$9, \$10 for XX and XXX.

The Ball Caps are all cotton this time. White with blue accents and front bill. The 1861-1865 Eagle emblem is on the front face in two colors. Cost is \$6.00.

Toby still has a few of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri Lapel Pins and Medals.

These will probably never be a collectors item or make anyone rich, but they look very nice when worn.

Any of the above items call be mailed. Please add \$2.25 for postage.

If all items are sold the group's treasury will net \$134. As of this writing we still owe The Civil War Shoppe \$340 on the bill.

from *Claudetta McCorkendale*

The teacher asked one of her students if he knew Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address".

"No, I don't," he said, "But all of our other presidents have lived at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C."

Because there does not appear to be enough interest in the trip to The Land of Mr. Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois, the trip has become a private tour, not a group tour.

Re-enactors Activities

Listed below are the scheduled activities of the Landis Battery of the Missouri Civil War Re-enactors Association and other events as reported to the board at the last board meeting by the Semlers.

April 4-5, Wichita, Kansas

Living History Camp and
Two Battles

April 25-26, Keokuk, Iowa

Encampment
Two Battles

May 1-2, Overland Park, Ks.

Valley Park School
Living History Camp

June 6-7, Hodge Park, KCMO

Just West of Liberty
Living History Camp

June 20-21, Lathrop, Missouri

Frontier Days
Living History Camp

July 3-5, Gettysburg, Pa.

135th Anniversary Event
National Event

August 1-2, Cowgill, Mo.

Living History Camp

August 15-16, Lone Jack, Mo.

Living History Camp

September 5-6, Bethany, Mo.

Labor Day Weekend
Living History Camp

September 26, Kansas City, Ks.

Grinter House, 78th & Kaw
Living History Camp

October 3-4, Nebraska City, Nebr.

Arbor Lodge, Encampment
Two Battles

October 9-10, Lathrop, Mo.

Steam & Tractor Show
Living History Camp

October 17-18, Wyandotte Days

126 & State, Kansas City, Ks.
Two Battles

December 5-6, Prairie Grove, Ark.

State Sponsored Event
Two Battles

December 12, Kansas City, Mo.

Loose Park
Christmas Party

Bear in mind there are many groups in this area and their schedules vary.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February

- Wed. 11th **CWRTWMO Meeting 7 pm**
Open Round Table
In the Library at Chrisman High
- Wed. 18th **Board Meeting 7 pm**
Truman Campus, Room 101

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

Upcoming Re-enactments

May 1 & 2

Living History Camp
Valley Park School
123rd & Lamar
Overland Park, Kansas

Looking Ahead

Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, February 11th
Open Round Table

Your chance to tell the others about your Civil War kin, or show off your newest Civil War acquisition or discuss your favorite Civil War topic. Meet in the Library at William Chrisman High School. Park in the back on the North side of the school. After you enter take a right down the first hallway. Just a few steps down the hall to the Library.

Wednesday, March 18th

Max & Donna Daniels in their roles as Abe & Mary Todd Lincoln. In the Auditorium at Truman High School, same place as last year. Park on the south side of the school. Note this is the third Wednesday and not the second, as we usually meet.

Of Special Note...

The video of the Christmas Party Victorian Clothing Review will be shown toward the end of the coffee and cookie break.

Lincoln's Schedule

The Lincolns have been booked at the following places.

All evening appearances are free and open to the public except the Thursday evening program in Leavenworth.

Sunday, March 15th

7 pm Liberty Christian Church
427 E. Kansas Ave. Liberty, Mo.

Monday, March 16th

9 am St. James School, K-8
South Stewart Road, Liberty, Mo.

1 pm SE Zoo Academy K-8
64th & Swope Prkwy, KC

4 pm at Starved in Prison Memorial
Monticello Cemetery, Ks.

7 pm Mahaffie Farmstead
1100 Kansas City Rd., Olathe, Kansas

Tuesday, March 17th

9 am Lakeview Middle School
6720 NW 64th, KC North

1:30 pm Atchison Elem. School
North 17th, Atchison

3:00 Sante Fe Depot, Atchison

4:00 Methodist Church, Atchison
Site of Dec. 2, 1859 speech

7 pm Eisenhower Aud., Bell Hall
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Wednesday, March 18th

9 am Nativity of Mary School,
10017 E. 36th, Independence, Mo.

11:00 at Black Defenders Memorial
9th & Oakland, KCK

1:30 Clardy School, 2-4th

2:30 Clardy School 5-6th
7900 No. Troost, Gladstone

7 pm CWRTWMO.
Truman High School Auditorium

Thursday, March 19th

9:30 am Glendale School
2911 Lee's Summit Rd. Indep.

11:00 Jesse James Farm & Sites
Lunch at Clem's, Kearney

2 pm Manor Hill School
1400 So. Skyline Dr. Liberty, Mo.

6:30 Dine with the Lincoln's
Leavenworth Co. Hist. Soc. Dinner

Friday, March 20th

9 am Lone Jack Elementary School

10:30 Battle of Lone Jack Museum,
Lone Jack, Mo.

1:30 pm Franklin Elem. School
211 W. Mill Steet, Liberty, Mo.

4 pm James Country Mercantile
111 No. Main, Liberty, Mo.

7 pm Farewell Party,
For more information call 628-9910

Additions to Abe's Schedule

Additional information on the sites the Lincoln party will visit.

Monday, March 16th at 4:00, at the Womens Relief Corps Memorial in Monticello Cemetery between Bonner Springs and Olathe.

This monument was dedicated on Memorial Day in 1895 by the WRC Chapter of Wilder, Kansas. a town which no longer exists.

The inscription on the 8 foot tall shaft reads *In Memory of those who starved to Death in Southern Prisons*. An unusual inscription to be put on a memorial over 30 years after the War.

Boy Scouts who helped clean up this cemetery will be on hand as will a Civil War Honor Guard.

The cemetery is located 1 mile west of K-7 and 1 mile south of Shawnee Mission Parkway (old K-10).

Time permitting, the travel party will then proceed to the G.A.R. Monument in the Olathe Cemetery.

Tuesday March 17th at 3:00, the travel party will stop briefly at the Sante Fe Depot Museum in Atchison, Kansas, and do a short program at the Methodist Church at 4:00.

Dinner will be at the Drury-Pennell Victorian House on North 5th Street at 5:00. Soup & salad, twice baked potato and steak filet for about \$16. Reservations only. Seating is limited.

Wednesday the 18th at 11:00, the Lincoln's will be at the **Black Defenders of Freedom** Memorial in Woodlawn Cemetery at 9th and Parallel in Kansas City Kansas.

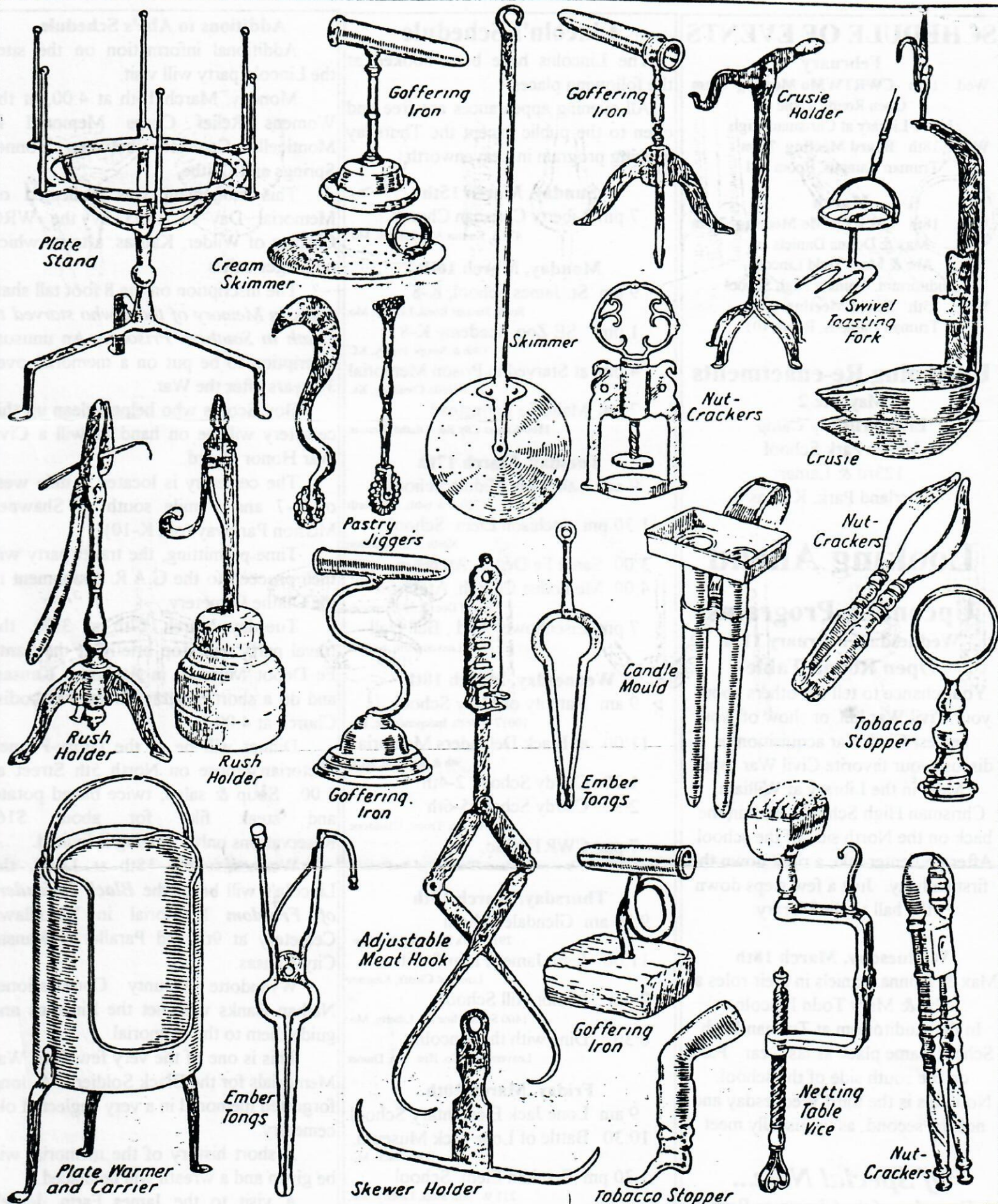
Wyandotte County Commissioner Nathan Banks will met the Lincolns and guide them to the memorial.

This is one of the very few Civil War Memorials for the Black Soldiers. A long forgotten memorial in a very neglected old cemetery.

A short history of the memorial will be given and a wreath will be placed.

A visit to the James Farm, Jesse's grave and lunch at Clem's, will be on Thursday between school programs.

Farewell Party will be Friday evening at 7.



Common Household Items of the Civil War Era

from current issue of The Trans Mississippi News