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ANNUAL DUES

Individual 15.00
Family 22.50
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MEETINGS

The second Wednesday
at 7 pm, in the Library,
at Truman High School,
3301 South Noland Rd,
Independence, Missouri,
except July, August
and December.

**Visitors Always
Welcome**

FROM THE PRES.....

If this issue reaches you late it is because I have just returned from a Medal of Honor dedication in Portland, Indiana. I have done many of these over the past 14 years but this one was a little more special than some of the others.

First...Pvt. Louis J. Bruner was solely responsible for the saving of over 600 others from capture or certain death at Walker's Ford, Tennessee in December of 1863, yet his obit and none of the local history books even mention this fete or his award.

Second...The Bruner family had gone different ways after the war and the two family groups had never had a reunion. Actually, they did not even know each other existed. The Bruners in Indiana, all related to Louis's brother, have a reunion every year. Over 200 usually attend. This group did not even know their Gr-Gr-Great Uncle had been awarded a Medal of Honor. In the beginning they were not sure I had the right family.

The Bennett family in Georgia, direct descendants, did not even know there were any Bruners still living in Indiana. These folks knew of the Medal of Honor. In fact, they have both his original Medal and the 1904 Re-issue Medal. They brought them to the ceremony.

Had it not been for the research that was done while setting up this dedication ceremony, these two groups may not have ever met. What a joy it was for me to be there when these two groups met for the very first time. Over 130 years of making up to do!

Keytesville...Plan on *departing* the K-Mart parking lot at 24 Hwy & Hwy 291 at 8:30 on Saturday, August 9th. We will travel Hwy 24 east, cross the river at Waverly and plan on arriving at the museum in Keytesville at 10:00. Travel with the group or meet us there.

The plan is to tour the museum, visit the estate and have a group picture taken at the statue of General Price. On the way back we will stop at the Dover Cemetery and find the grave of John Newman Edwards, the famous Civil War writer. And, time permitting, we will stop at the Arnold Cemetery and see where Archie Clements may be buried.

As usual the Picnic was a blast. Those folks living on what was once part of the battlefield thought it was a real blast! Boooooom. Hello-o! Anybody home?

The winners of the egg toss game were the Kesingers, father and son, from Warrensburg. Lots of food on the tables. Luckily, no one brought scrambled eggs.

The visit to the Six Man Cemetery brought out a wide range of thoughts. Do we fix up the site so the vandals will know it there or leave it be, a quiet memorial to the ugliness of the Border War. There were several who indicated a willingness to clean up the site. Most agreed we should not publicize the location but neither should we forget it.

Deadman's Lane in the Butler's Oak Hill Cemetery, the Black Soldiers burial site near Harrisonville, the Order Number 11 Memorial in South Kansas City and the Six Man Cemetery, all a part of our area heritage which is slowly being "progressed" away.

The Prairie Star Schools Civil War Days event video is done. Only 20 copies were made. Only 8 are left. Cost is \$20.00 to CWRTWMO members, \$28.50 to all others.

In Memorium...The loss of **Bob Tindall** on July 4th came as a real shock. Bob and wife Charlotte were among our charter members. Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Charlotte**, her sister **Harriet Lionberger** and the family. *Rest in Peace dear friend.*

The August program will be on the Battle of Pilot Knob. Presentation will be by Eric Davis, a History major from UMKC. Price's big boo-boo, I call it. See if you agree.

Room 102, Truman Campus, See you there!

At the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, July 16th at 7:00 pm at Truman Campus. Eleven Board members and 1 member were present.

Mail was distributed and discussed.

The following reports were given...

Newsletter.. 120 printed, 89 mailed, cost \$.56 ea. Spent \$58.52.

Treasurers Report....as of 6/30/97

Begin. Balance \$ 1,110.10 Deposits \$ 52.50

Paid Out \$ 87.13 New Bal. \$ 1,075.47

Balance in Reserve Account \$190.62

Total Funds \$ 1266.09

Coffee Fund Report....as of 7/16/97

Beg. Bal. \$ 63.91 Purchases \$ 14.80,

In Donation Jar \$ -0- New Balance \$49.11

2nd V.P. Report...

Over 60 members & guests at Picnic.

1st V.P. Report....

August 13th The Battle of Pilot Knob

Truman Campus, Room 102

September 10th The Battle of Lexington

October 8th Annual Cemetery Tour

Old Business

Discussed Change in Meeting Site

Several possibilities still being discussed.

Keytesville Trip Set for Saturday,

August 9th. Depart 8:30 am, Return by 4pm.

Discussed recent mailing from IRS.

Discussed this column. Although not the official minutes of the Board Meeting, it is done to keep the members informed of what is going on. Should it be continued in its present format? Board said YES.

Business

Reviewed picnic and trip to Six Man Cemetery. Board voted to tender a \$25 donation to the Lone Jack Museum and a new flag, preferably a square Battle Flag or First National, of their choice to replace the rather tattered one they now fly. The Board also voted to give the Semler's \$35 for bringing the cannon. Dori then donated that money to open the Lincoln Expense Fund, which will now be done. Suggestion was to have Picnic '98 at Pitcher Cemetery.

Reviewed plans for fall trip. The Nov. 1-2 date for the Land of Lincoln Tour is not a good choice. Some sites are not staffed after Labor Day. Looking for another date. We may go with a Cass County Civil War Sites tour on Saturday, November 1st.

Resignation. The Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Jeanne Carey from the Board and Secretary's position. Others will fill in until the next election.

Joel Semler found a list of old boats sunk in the Missouri River. Copies are available from Joel.

Meeting dismissed at 9:11 pm.

A Hearty

Welcome to New Members

Phil Smith

of Bethany, Mo.

and

Dale Snair

of Warrensburg

and renewal

Dorothy Moore

of Merriam, Kansas

Do you
know
how good
your
item or
book
review
would look
in here?

Darned good, I'd say!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August

Sat. 9th **Keytesville Tour**
Call Sonny or Tim for details

Wed. 13th **CWRTWMo Meeting 7:00**
Truman Campus, Room 102
The Battle of Pilot Knob

Wed. 20th **Board Meeting 7 pm**
Truman Campus, Room 101

September

Wed. 10th **CWRTWMo Meeting 7 pm**
At Lexington Battlefield Site

Wed. 17th **Board Meeting 7 pm**
Truman Campus, Room 101

October

Wed. 15th **Annual Cemetery Tour 7 pm**
Elmwood or Liberty

Wed. 22nd **Board Meeting 7 pm**
Site to be announced

Upcoming Re-enactments

Sept 6-7 St. Charles, Mo.

Sept 13-14 Fulton, Mo.

Sept 20-21 Lexington, Mo.

Looking Ahead

Possible Day Trip Dates

Sat. Aug. 9th--Keytesville, Mo.

Tour Sterling Price Museum

Sat. Oct. 25th--Cemetery Search

Old Trail Sites East of Little Blue

Possible Two Day Trip

Sat.-Sun., Nov. 1-2--Springfield, Ill.
Includes the Lincoln Home, Lincoln Historic District,
Lincoln Home Visitors Center, Lincoln-Herndon Law
Office, RR Station, Lincoln's Tomb, Old Salem and more.
Depart 7 am Sat. Return 9 pm Sunday

Upcoming Programs

August 13th- The Battle of Pilot Knob
Price's Biggest Blunder by Eric Davis, UMKC

September 10th- Tour Lexington Sites
Visitor's Center, old homes and more.

October 15th-Cemetery Tour
Elmwood or Liberty Fairview

Of Special Note...

Civil War Witches & Fools Gathering
Friday October 31, 1997

*In a barn south of a famous outlaw's grave,
commencing at sundown with a walk down a
haunting trail and ending with a blood
tasting (of sorts). No need to tell you where,
your spirit knows. Dada dada dada*