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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 such a thing could be possible, the second meeting of the 1997 Board of Directors was better than the first. Dates for activities were set, the brochure committee had a fruitful meeting and the planning for the Lincoln's visit was completed. A lot to do in just 2 hours.

The tour to the Ray County Museum will be on Saturday, March 22. The bus will leave from the K-Mart parking lot at 24 Highway and 291 at 8:30 am and will return about 4 pm.

Cost will be \$10 for members and \$19 for non-members, a slight increase than previously announced because the cost of the bus went up over \$50.

Again this year we will be helping out at the Designer Showcase House. Our date to work will be Thursday, May 8, from 4:30-8:30, same day and same hours as last year.

We will need a crew of 12-15. Nine have already signed on. If you want to be a part of this fun activity, call Sonny or Beverly. Pre-registration is a must.

Pages 3 & 4 of this issue are a condensed version of Mr. Lincoln's visit to the Kansas Territory. I found five articles on the trip. One historian wrote about the trip on the 100th Anniversary of the trip and there was a trail ride to commemorate that anniversary.

Many of the stories of the trip state that Lincoln stayed overnight in Atchison on the second night of the trip. Close examination of the records shows that the traveling party actually stayed overnight in Doniphan the second night and went into Atchison the next morning. They did stay in Atchison on the third night before moving on to Leavenworth.

D. R. Anthony, the Colonel with the Kansas Militia who served as the military liaison for the trip, noted that he went to Doniphan to meet Mr. Lincoln and they spent the night there.

The traveling party apparently was scheduled to arrive in Atchison that night but the snow storm had slowed the group.

Lincoln's comments about the Border Ruffians were almost Biblical in nature. His comments on slavery reveal his strong faith in the voters.

Reminder-Pre-Register for Lincoln Presentation Seating is limited, only about 20 spaces remain.

Last week I was contacted by a detective from the Clay County Sheriff's office about a stolen tombstone. I thought he was talking about the Younger & Todd stones. He wasn't.

It seems someone has filed a report with the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department stating I am in possession of a stolen tombstone from that area.

A Lawrence County Sheriff's Department detective contacted a Clay County Sheriff's Department detective who climbed my tree without ever bothering to verify the information.

I was threatened with arrest, ordered to report to the Clay County detective with all names, addresses and phone numbers of those involved by 4pm or a warrant would be issued (later the time was changed to 5 pm or the case would be turned over to an Assistant Prosecutor). I ended up having to contact a Judge and retain an attorney.

The next day a friend and I traveled to Mount Vernon and turned the marker over to the Lawrence County Sheriff. They kept referring to the marker as "stolen property".

After a valiant effort to find the home of this special piece of Missouri's Civil War History and save it from future desecration, what do we end up with?

History, it must be preserved. Or is that ...History, must it be preserved?

Don't forget to make your reservation for an evening with The President & Mrs. Lincoln.

At the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met on February 19th at the usual time.

Mail was distributed and discussed.

The following reports were made...

Newsletter. 150 were printed, 123 mailed, cost \$.465 ea. Spent \$79.88.

Treasurers Report...

Begin. Balance. \$ 962.97, Deposits \$ 420.00

Paid Out \$ 256.02 New Bal. \$ 1,129.95.

Balance in Reserve Account \$174.06

Total Funds \$ 1304.01

Coffee Fund Report..... Beg. Bal. \$ 54.86, Purchases \$ 26.20, In Donation Jar 2-12-97 \$14.31, New Balance \$54.86.

2nd V.P. Report...

39 members and 11 visitors at last meeting.

1st V.P. Report....

Mar. 12th The Lincoln's of Illinois

Apr. 9th Open Round Table

May 14th Louise Barry

Old Business

IRS has recommended we change our Tax Exempt Application to 501 (c) (3), thus having to pay an additional \$350. We are asking for a review of this recommendation.

Plans for tour of Ray County Museum in Richmone were discussed. New date will be Saturday March 22nd.

New Business

Tim Cox reported on the latest date coming from the KC Star on it's new On Line programs for Historical groups. Six of our group are signed up to participate.

The Board voted to participate in the upcoming Wyandotte County Museum Civil War event. Date is yet to be set.

The Board now split into two groups. Group A was the Pamphlet Committee and Group B was the Lincoln Visit Committee.

Group A reported they made good progress in getting a prototype brochure ready for the printer.

Group B reviewed and finalized the plans for the Lincoln's tour and programs. Extra people will be used at the door and on the Cookie & Coffee patrol.

Our date to work The Designer Showcase home was set for Thursday, May 8.

A sheet detailing the activities of the Border War Living History Encampment of May 2 & 3 was distributed.

Claudetta McCorkendale brought in an old scrap book full of items pertaining to Abraham Lincoln and the Kansas trip.

Those planning on going on the Tuesday, March 11, Fort Leavenworth Tour with the Lincoln's should meet at the McDonald's in Platte City at 12:20. Depart at 12:30 Sharp.

Meeting dismissed at 9:35 pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March

Tues. 11th **Tour Fort Leavenworth 1 pm**

with Pres. & Mrs. Lincoln

Wed. 12th **CWRTWMo Meeting 7 pm**

The Lincoln's of Illinois

at Truman High School

Wed. 19th **Board Meeting 7 pm**

at Truman Education Center

Sat. 22nd **Site Tour 8:30-4 pm**

Ray County Museum

April

Wed. 9th **CWRTWMo Meeting 7 pm**

Annual Open Round Table

At Truman High School

Wed. 16th **Board Meeting 7 pm**

at Truman Campus

May

Fri-Sat. 2-3 **Border War Living History**

Prairie Star School

143rd & Mission Road

Thurs. 8th **Designer Showcase Home**

4:30-8:30

Wed. 14th **CWRTWMo Meeting 7 pm**

Louise Barry

Wed. 21st **Board Meeting 7 pm**

Truman Campus Room 101

Upcoming Re-enactments

Sat.-Sun.-May 17-18 Carthage, Mo.

Looking Ahead

Possible Day Trip Dates

Sat. Mar. 22nd--Ray County Museum

in Richmond. A very unique place.

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

The Land of Mr. Lincoln

Springfield, New Salem, the Home,

the Tomb, the family Pew & more

June 7-8, 1997

Upcoming Programs

March 12th-The Lincoln's of Illinois

with Max & Donna Daniels

April 9th-Open Round Table

Annual Show & Tell Session

May 14th-Louise Barry

June 11th-Digging up History

July 9th or 16th-Picnic '97

Site to be determined

Lincoln Trivia

Circle correct answer

1. Born at _____ Ky.

Harrodsburg Hodgenville Harrisville

2. Year of Birth?

1809 1810 1808

3. Mother's Maiden Name?

Todd Hanks Edwards

4. Second Home in his youth?

Perry Co. Ind. Harris Co. Ind. Coe Co. Ill.

5. Year moved to second home?

1820 1817 1818

6. Mother passed in his _____ year

11th 10th 8th

7. Dad's second wife's name?

Sarah Todd Eliza Edwards Mrs. Bush

8. Second wife's nick name

"Sally" "Sara" "Lizzy"

9. Family's third home?

Ada Co. Ill. Macon Co. Ill. Hamlin Co. Ill.

10. Moved to Illinois in what year?

1828 1827 1829

11. Sister's Name?

Elizabeth T. Sarah J. Nancy T.

12. Married by?

Parson Dresser Rev. Edwards Rev. Todd

13. Married at whose home?

Rev. Todd N. W. Edwards Ninian Todd

14. Settled in what community?

Jacksonville Petersburg New Salem

15. Year first elected to office?

1832 1834 1837

16. Elected to what position?

State Rep. Dog Catcher Mayor

17. Moved to Springfield in _____?

1835 1839 1837

Match name and Cabinet Position

1-Salmon P. Chase A- Sec of Interior

2-Simeon Cameron B- 2nd Sec of War

3-Edward M. Stanton C- Sec of Navy

4-Caleb B. Smith D- Attny Gen

5-Gideon Welles E- Sec of State

6-Montgomery Blair F- Postmstr Gen

7-Edward Bates G- 1st Sec of War

8-William H. Seward H- Sec of Treas.

Bonus-His favorite horses's name?

Mr. Lincoln's Trip to the Kansas Territory

November 30-December 7, 1859

by Harold "Sonny" Wells, @February 1997

The trip was the idea of Mark W. Delahay, a traveling newspaperman who was married to Miss Louisiana Hanks, a distant cousin of Lincoln, and of whom Mr. Lincoln was very fond.

Delahay eventually turned to law, was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1845 and soon became a partner of Edward D. Baker, a Senator from Oregon.

In March of 1855, Delahay moved to Leavenworth, Kansas Territory, where he founded the *Territorial Register*. His writings so offended many of the pro-slavers that they mobbed his office and threw his press and type into the river thru a hole they had cut in the ice.

Delahay fled to Alton, Illinois. Two years later he bought another press, moved to Wyandotte, Kansas, and founded the *Wyandotte Register*.

In 1858 the free state party had gained control in Leavenworth. Delahay moved back and began publishing again, his writings now being deemed more acceptable.

Delahay wrote Lincoln inviting him to visit Leavenworth after hearing of the candidates August trip to Council Bluffs, Iowa. Kansas was a territory but was soon to achieve statehood.

Republican Party Presidential Candidate Lincoln departed from Springfield, Illinois, on November 29, 1859. By train to Quincy, Illinois, across the Mississippi River by ferry to Hannibal, Missouri, then across Missouri on the recently completed Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad.

Mr. Lincoln arrived at the recently completed St. Joseph Railroad Station in the south part of town about midday on the 30th.

He was met there by Mark Delahay and D. W. Wilder, owner and editor of the Elwood, Kansas Territory, *Free Press*. Wilder was also a very active Lincoln supporter.

Lincoln was taken up town in a hack. His first request was for a shave and a newspaper. He was taken to a barber shop near the Planter's Hotel. Wilder then went to a nearby newsstand and purchased Chicago and New York papers for the candidate to read.

Later that day the group went to the ferry landing to cross over into Kansas Territory. Wilder wrote, "Mr. Lincoln resembled a great grasshopper with his long legs protruding as he sat on the levee waiting for the ferry boat to arrive."

They crossed to Elwood, and registered at the Great Western Hotel, Elwood's finest, where they would spend the night.

Though tired from his trip, Mr. Lincoln agreed to speak that night in the hotel's dining room. In this speech he referred to John Brown and the Harper's Ferry affair.

*"We have a means provided for the expression of our belief in regard to slavery...
It is through the ballot box...the peaceful method provided by the constitution.
John Brown has shown great courage, rare unselfishness, as even Gov. Wise
testifies. But no man, North or South, can approve of violence and crime."*

The next day they hung John Brown in Virginia.

The morning of December 1st, the travelers awoke to a raging blizzard. Undaunted, the group departed for Troy as scheduled. On the road they met a man bundled up in buffalo robes with icicles hanging from his heavy beard and driving a heavy two horse wagon.

This was Henry Villard, a famous newspaperman who had been in the Colorado goldfields. Villard had driven all the way from Denver to meet Mr. Lincoln. They talked but a few minutes before Villard exclaimed, "Why, Mr. Lincoln, you are blue and shivering from the cold!"

The old overcoat Lincoln was wearing was no match for the bitter Kansas wind. Villard handed him a buffalo robe to wear, which Lincoln later returned.

The party arrived in Troy, chilled to the bone, despite the extra wrap. There they met with Albert D. Richardson, author of *Beyond the Mississippi*.

While in Troy and despite the bone chilling cold, Lincoln spoke for over an hour and a half at the court house to a small group. It was written that he held the group spellbound.

When he had finished he was addressed by one Andrew J. Agey, said to be the largest slave holder in the area, who complimented Mr. Lincoln on his "most logical speech".

Following that speech the party rode on to Doniphan where Lincoln again spoke briefly. Col. D. R. Anthony joined the group there. The party rested and spent the night at Doniphan.

On Friday morning, December 2nd, the ever growing group headed for Atchison. Handbills advertising Lincoln's appearance had been circulated and everyone in town knew he was coming.

A local committee received him and escorted him to the Massasoit House Hotel, the town's finest. The place was packed. Among those there to greet him were John A. Martin, a local publisher, Benjamin F. Stringfellow and John J. Ingalls, delegates to the Wyandotte Convention.

The speech that night was given at the newly built Methodist Church. Excerpts from articles about that speech show Lincoln entered looking rather gangly and awkward. That first impression sent a quick buzz through the crowd.

Within but a few sentences that image was dispelled. Frank A. Root, editor of *Freedom's Champion*, the town's principal newspaper, wrote..."one of the ablest men then in the Great Middle West, an orator of renown--in short, one of the wisest and most profound minds the nation had ever produced".

A band escorted Mr. Lincoln back to the hotel followed by a mass of people. Afterward there was a grand reception in the hotel parlor.

Not surprisingly there was no mention of the speech or reception in John A. Martin's local paper. As it turns out Martin was a Seward supporter.

Lincoln arrived in Leavenworth around noon on Saturday, December 3rd. A number of supporters and pro-slavery people accompanied him on the trip. It was another one of those cold, windy trips in an open fronted carriage to which Mr. Lincoln was now becoming accustomed to.

He was escorted by a marching band and parading citizens which escorted him to the Mansion House for a public reception. Another overflow crowd greeted the candidate.

That evening candidate Lincoln spoke at Stockton's Hall. The place was filled to overflowing, one of the largest political gatherings of the time in Leavenworth.

Lincoln spoke for nearly two hours addressing issues such as John Brown, the border troubles, the Republican Party and constitutional issues. He advised his Republican friends, "*leave your Missouri neighbors alone...drop past differences and conduct yourself that if you cannot be at peace with them, the fault shall be wholly theirs*".

Lincoln, Delahay and Anthony met and talked that night until long after the firewood was gone. "Mr. Lincoln, when you become President, will you sanction the burning of government reports by cold men in Kansas Territory?" one asked.

Mr. Lincoln spent the next two days visiting with the Delahays. He agreed to speak again on Monday, December 5th, the night before the first free elections to be held under the new Wyandotte Constitution.

Stockton's Hall again. This time at 2:30 in the afternoon. The hall was again filled to overflowing..."even some ladies being present", wrote one editor. Another almost two hour speech followed by another public reception, this time at the Planter's House Hotel.

So many were present Mr. Lincoln was asked to speak again. He consented, walked outside, and stood on the broad steps near the entrance. There he spoke for over an hour to a multitude which overflowed into the adjoining streets.

The next day the Delahay's gave a party for Lincoln and that evening he departed by stage for St. Joseph, there to catch a train to take him home to Springfield.

He arrived home on December 9th, never to set foot in Kansas or Missouri again.

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, Inc.

President & Mrs. Lincoln's Schedule

Updated as of Feb. 25, 1997

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1997

Travel to KC, Arriving late afternoon, Check into Motel, Contact Sonny

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997

- = 9:00 Meet at Motel, go over last minute details & day's schedule
- 9:45=10:30 Program at Prairie Star Elem. School (4th & 5th graders)
- 10:45=11:30 Program at Prairie Star Middle School (8th graders)
- Noon= 1:00 Lunch enroute to Fort Leavenworth
- 12:30 CWRT Tour Group Departs from McD in Platte City
- 1:00= 5:00 Tour of Fort Leavenworth & Lincoln Related Sites
 - 1:00 At Buffalo Soldiers Memorial
 - 1:30 At 7th Cavalry Memorial Chapel & Gen. Grant's statue
 - 2:00 At Tom Custer's grave
 - 2:15 Tour Frontier Army Museum
 - 3:00 Photo session at Lincoln Carriage
 - 3:45 Photos at Lincoln Speech Steps, Leavenworth County Museum
 - 4:30 Visit Lincoln Artifacts & Display at St. Mary's College
- 5:30 Light Dinner (Invitation Only) [No Program]
- 7:00= 8:00 Program for Fort Leavenworth Historical Society at Bell Hall,
Home of U.S. Army Command & General Staff College

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

- 9:00 Meet at Motel, go over day's schedule
- 10:00=10:45 Program for Southeast K-8 Zoo Academy
- 11:00=12:00 Open time....the sights of KC, shopping or ???
- Noon Lunch at Gates BBQ on 40 Hwy
- 1:00= 2:30 Open time
- 2:30= 4:30 Visit Del & Jean Warren's shop in Liberty
- 5:00= 6:00 Dine at Harry T's with sponsors
- 7:00= 8:30 Program at CWRTWMO, Truman High School Library

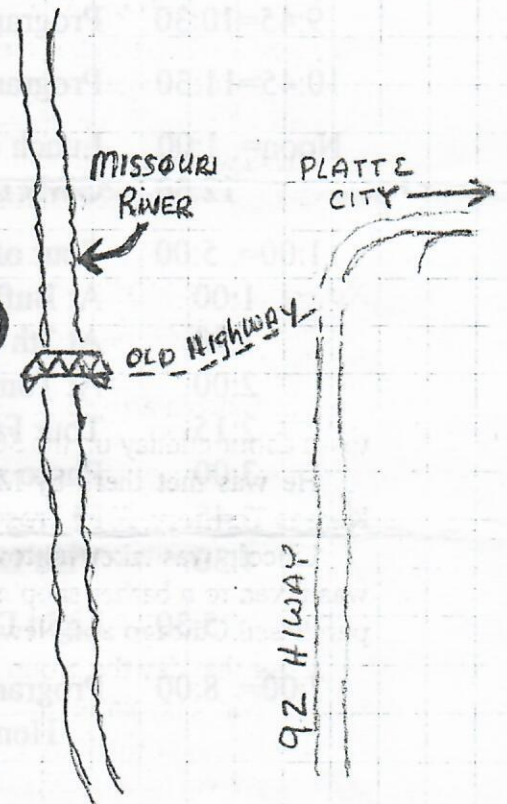
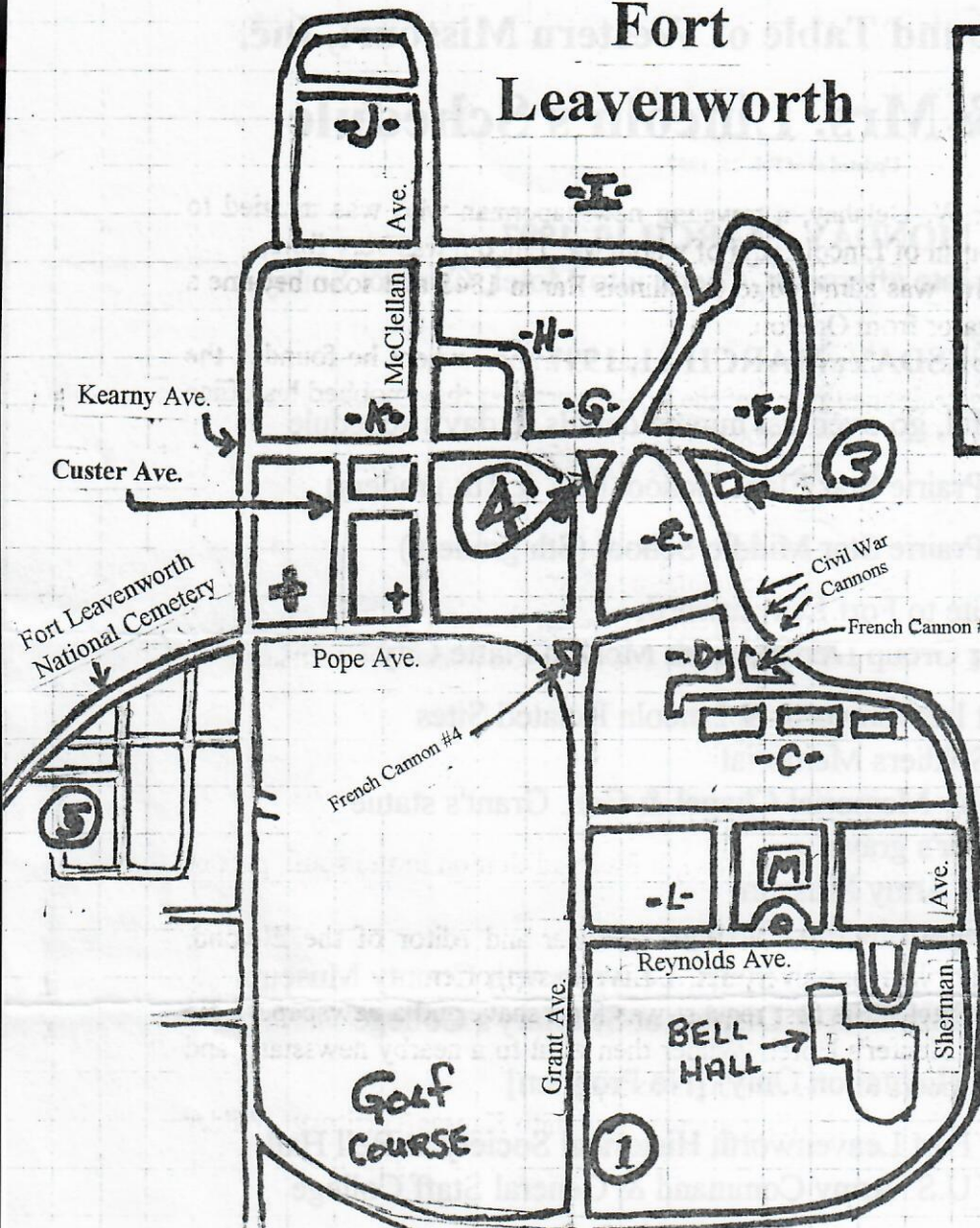
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1997

Travel back to Wheaton, Illinois

Fort Leavenworth

Tour Stops

1. Buffalo Soldiers Memorial
2. Old French Cannons & Whiskey River Bridge
3. 7th Cav. Memorial Chapel
4. General Grant's Statue
5. Tom Custer's Grave
- M. Frontier Army Museum



Sights to See

- A. KC Railway Right of way
- B. MacArthur Bridges
- C. Sherman, Grant, and Sheridan Buildings
- D. #1 Scott Avenue (Haunted) Post Commanders Home (site of 1st Post Cemetery)
- E. Post Sutlers Home 1841
- F. Oregon Trail Swails
- G. Original Fort Walls
- H. The Rookery (Haunted) 1832
- I. Army Disciplinary Barracks
- J. 7th Cavalry Horse Stables
- K. 7th Cavalry Barracks (Haunted)
- L. Original Riding Stables

