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ANNUAL DUES

Individual 15.00
Family 22.50
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MEETINGS

Meetings held the second Wednesday
at 7 pm in the Library, at Truman
High School, 3301 So. Noland Rd.
except July, August and December.

Visitors Always Welcome

Report of Nominating Committee

As stated in the By-laws of this organization, the nominations for officers and board members for the next year are to be published in the newsletter in the issue prior to the election.

Chairman Tim Cox has reported the following nominations for publication. Members are reminded nominations from the floor will also be called for.

For President	Harold "Sonny" Wells
For 1st Vice-president	Tim Cox
For 2nd Vice presidents	Jeanne Carey Mary Ann Hazzard
For Treasurer	Beverly Shaw
For Secretary	Loretta Krump
For Historian	Toby Giese

Board Members

Nominated for 2 year term

Frank W. Adams
Cindy Golden
Dori Semler
Joel Semler

Re-nominated for another 2 year term

Troy D. Chrisman

Hold over board members terms expiring December 1996 are

Dr. Gerald W. Anderson
Robert H. Benson
Kathleen Tuohey
Karen Wells

The By-laws call for a board of not less than 5 nor more than 12 members. There are currently 9 board members. Anyone wishing to fill one of the three remaining positions is encouraged to contact the nominating committee.

Chairman Tim Cox expressed his appreciation to Mary Ann Hazzard and Bob Benson for their efforts in this somewhat thankless task.

The Nominating Committee Report will officially be presented to the membership at the November 8th meeting during the business session.

From the Pres....

D.R.D. Those three little words which appear this time of year which mean the annual token of membership which engraciates our treasury for the coming year is now being accepted by the treasurer. In other words...DUES ARE DUE!

The back page of this issue is a crossword puzzle, the first of three little quizzes to appear. Next month's will be on the States of the Confederacy. The texts appear courtesy of Connie McQuain.

Make note...Wed. Nov. 15, 7 pm. Special presentation on the Tax Status.

Multnomah Site Search To Be November 18th

The trail from Liberty to Fort Leavenworth went right past its front door for nearly 40 years.

The man who built it established trading posts at Fort Leavenworth, Fort Kearney, Fort Laramie, and Riboudioux Pass.

The complex once included over 6,000 acres, 200 slaves, its own mill, salt lick, water system and cemetery.

Today, hundreds of cars drive by daily and have no idea of what once was there or its historical value.

The ruins of the old cabin, built in 1859, are still visible, nearby.

A few of the thornless black locust trees, brought from the east in 1859 by Mr. William Claybrook of Centerville, are still evident.

One can stand on the bank and still see the swails of the old trail as they come from the south, cross the rocky ledge bottomed creek and head off toward the fort.

Our plan is to grid off the site of the old mansion and search each grid for any artifact which might tell us more of the buildings past.

Information which may save this site from a developers bulldozers.

In the afternoon session, 1 pm to 4 pm, we will attempt to search out the creek bed and crossing for artifacts, possibly even trace the trail back across the hill.

Of course we will visit the ruins of the old cabin.

Each searcher must check in when they arrive. The registration tent will be at the farmer's lane.

No outsiders will be allowed onto the private property.

Others from a metal detecting club and a dowsers society may be a part of the search team.

Coffee at McDonald's on I-35 & M-152 at 8. Travel to site at 8:30

Gloves, garden tools, notepads, and pencils will be needed.

Support personnel welcome.

Toby's Gettysburg Posters Presented to Truman H.S.

A framed set of Toby's Giese's posters on the commanders and unit leaders at the Battle of Gettysburg was presented to Mr. Holwick, Vice-principal of Truman High School, at the October 11th meeting.

Toby had donated the set to the Round Table for the expressed purpose of presenting them to the school for allowing the Round Table to use the school for our meetings.

Mr. Holwick thanked the Round Table and Toby for the posters.

He added he was pleased to have the group be a part of the school's activities and a link to the adult continuing education program.

On Thursday, October 19th, the set of posters was re-presented to Mr. Holwick in a special program at the school.

Pictures were taken for the school paper and then Toby was interviewed about the posters and his book on John Fillmore Blake.

An article on the Round Table and the posters may also appear in the local NEA newspaper.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 8 CWRTWMO Meeting-
Confederate Home of Missouri
& Election of 1996 Officers
- 15 Board Meeting-
Last Meeting of 1995 Board
- 18 Multnomah Historic Site Search
9 am-Noon & 1pm-4pm

Saturday, December 9 The 3rd Annual Christmas Party

Loose Park Garden Center

51st & Wornall

1:00-Slush Hour

2:00-Pot luck Dinner

3:00-Socialize & Slush

4:00-Drawings & Awards

Period Dress Optional

All Members, Guests, Visitors and
Civil War Buffs are Welcome

"Le Christmus Partae"

Translation-The Christmas Party

Once again it is time for our annual Christmas Party.

Karen will be mixing up some of her Southern Slush, you know that odd concoction of tea, grapefruit concentrate, frozen orange juice and whatever else is in it, for the Slush Hour, that's from 1-2 pm.

Based on past parties, it is fair to assume there will be plenty of whooping good grub on the table by the 2 o'clock dinner bell.

The meat tray will include the 99% fat free sliced beef, 99% fat free smoked turkey and 95% fat free smoked ham from Fritz's Meats and Karen's BBQ brisket.

And it wouldn't be a CWRT, WMO Christmas Party without Claudetta's persimmon pudding and some of that "Recipe" laced chocolate cake from Harriet.

Some of our guys are pretty fair cooks also, remember Troy's multi-bean casserole?

Awards presented at 3:30, followed by a skit put on by the Historical Thespians, led by Tim.

Drawing for door prizes will be at 4 o'clock. Clean-up at 4:30.

Period dress is optional.

No handguns (or cannons) allowed inside the building.

Smoking is discouraged but not banned. There is a designated smoking area just outside.

The price of admission is an item for the pot luck table.

Meat, bread, ice, cups, napkins and coffee will be furnished.

Bring your own dinner plates, tableware and appetite.

Many of our members are on restricted diets so sugar free and salt free items are encouraged.

All members, visitors and friends are encouraged to attend.

Bob Benson is again Chairman of the Christmas Party Committee.

Call Bob or Sonny if you need directions or have any questions.

November's Program

The Confederate Home of Missouri

In 1984, I started a project to correct all the errors on the burial listing of the Confederate Cemetery which was part of the Confederate Home at Higginsville.

I had three lists to work from and several rosters of inmates.

Of the over 800 names listed on the most commonly published list I found errors on 154.

I ended up going to the original applications and having to check each one for initials, units, etc.

Then to the weekly column about the Home in the Higginsville paper.

I soon discovered there was a system to the burials and by crossing the burial dates and locations with the obits I was able to identify some of those in unmarked graves.

I then broke down the rosters and made lists of the states the men came from and, in some cases, the units they served in.

All of this data was turned over to the administrator of the site.

I have copies of the bi-annual rosters, medical reports and a row by row listing of the cemetery as well as an alphabetized listing.

I have never done a program utilizing the data I have collected on the Home. This will be a first.

My intention is to use slides, overheads and handouts to share as much of the data as possible.

Although the facility did not exist, officially, until 1893, there are burials in the cemetery dating from 1891. The State took over in 1895.

So, Where did the idea come from to have the Confederate Home of Missouri in Higginsville?

And what happened to all the buildings and the farm?

Who were the last "inmates" at the place and when?

Did you know that one child was born at the Home?

Many documents will be shown.

New Member

David White

from Lee's Summit

Welcome

to David and the following

Guests at the October meeting ..

Michael Calvert of Independence

Fred George of Kansas City

Jim & Lavetta Harrison

of Lee's Summit

Bonnie Summerville of Higginsville

and Re-enactors

Marcia Beanland Wade's Battery

Jim Beck(ner) 10th Mo. Cav.

Dawn Howle Wade's Battery

Hope you'all come again

Name the Civil War Tune

♫♫♫. Answers ♪♪

1. "The Union forever, Hurrah boys,.....
from *The Battle Cry of Freedom*

2. "Ye Men of Valor, gather round the
Banner of the Right,"
from *The Bonnie Blue Flag*

3. "Let the hero born of woman
crush the serpent with his heel,"
The Battle Hymn, 2nd original verse

4. "You can never win us back, Never!"
from *Southerner's Chant of Defiance*

5. "We are tired of War,"
Tenting Tonite on the old Camp Ground

6. "His musket falls slack,
his face dark and grim,"
All Quiet along the Potomoc Tonite V3

7. "Bear Gently, So Gently,
the roughly made Bier,"
from *Burial at Camp*

8. "Jeff Davis was a hero bold,"
from *Jeff Davis in Petticoats*

9. "On Shiloh's dark & bloody ground,
the dead and wounded lay,"
from *The Drummer Boy of Shiloh*

10. "Away down South in
the Land of Traitors,"
from *Rattlesnakes Dixie*

Misprinted Postcards

It would take more space than I have available here to tell of the hassle it was to get the misprinted Civil War postcards, but it is done.

Our Round Table is set up as a vendor for the U. S. Postal Service Philatelic Service Center.

We have an account number, service representative, the whole bit.

I ordered all items related to the Civil War and Legends series.

The panel of six sets of ready to cut Civil War Stamps is striking.

The postcards were a surprise. I expected the stamp to be on the back and all that but I did not expect the front to be a full size blowup of the actual stamp itself.

The full set of 20 postcards are in a plastic wrap. The question now is will opening the wrap to look at the cards destroy the value. Item #8833.

Set #88833 is postmarked Gettysburg, First Day Issue.

The commemorative book is outstanding. Beautifully done with great pictures and informational data. I highly recommend you check out this item. Item #8830

The biggest surprise was the First Day Program. This little booklet includes a copy of Ballew's famous letter to his wife and a full set of Civil War stamps postmarked Gettysburg, First Day Issue.

This is the only way you can get the canceled stamps and it has not been promoted. Item #8832.

I also picked up a copy of the Legends of the West commemorative book. The quality and content of this book also far exceeded my expectations. Item #08826.

The First Day Issue Program includes a set of Legends of the West stamps which are postmarked in Laramie, Wyo, Tucson, Ariz. and Lawton, Okla. and stamped First Day Issue. Item #9925 (Only \$6).

Items will be on display at the November 8th meeting.

THE CIVIL WAR—STATES OF THE UNION

ACROSS: _____

4. Location of the battle of Antietam
5. Location of the Union prisoner-of-war camp called Camp Douglas
7. Slave state remaining in the Union
9. Another slave state remaining in the Union
14. Home state of the Fifty-fourth Regiment of African American volunteers
17. President Lincoln's state of residence
18. Location of the U.S. Military Academy
19. Birthplace of President Lincoln
20. Home state of Union general Ulysses S. Grant

DOWN: _____

1. State that supplied food for the Union
2. Another slave state remaining in the Union
3. Location of the battle of Gettysburg
6. Another state that supplied food for the Union
8. Smallest state in the Union
10. "Bleeding _____"
11. State that seceded from Virginia and remained in the Union
12. State that supplied gold for the Union
13. Home state of William McKinley, the last Civil War veteran to rise to the presidency
15. Location of a riot against the drafting of Union soldiers in 1863, in which more than seventy-five people were killed
16. State where President Lincoln is buried

