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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.

**Civil War Stamp sets are
at the Post Office NOW!**

FROM THE PRES.....

Biggest news of the past four weeks falls into two categories...Locked out and picnic. More about the latter on page 3.

We were on the school's schedule. People had called the school and were told same. At least two different parties told Tim of their calls.

People were at the building at the proper time. What happened? The janitor simply forgot to unlock the front door.

Tim tried to call several people and come up with an alternate meeting site, it just wasn't to be. Our bunch was willing but the door wasn't!

The Vice Principal was very apologetic to both Karen and Tim the next day. It took some time to figure out why the foul up.

The speaker will be re-scheduled for early next year. 'nuff said!

Some of you have been asking about the upcoming re-enactment at Fulton. All I know is the camp site is North of town. Take I-70 to the Fulton/Mexico exit, mile marker 148, and turn South. Watch for signs.

Del Warren called from Gettysburg, Pa. He said the July 1-2, event was another mud-a-thon, even worse than Pea Ridge. The camps were in an uncut wheat field. About a thousand re-enactors and 15,000 spectators. He expects more troops this weekend and more spectators with over 25,000 tickets already sold for the second half of this two weekend activity. Then his car phone went out of range. End of conversation.

The Medal of Honor Dedication at Hebron, Nebraska, went real well. Over 200 of Pvt. Joseph Prentice's descendants were among the 350 or so present.

The oldest was an 83 year old granddaughter from Cozad, Nebraska, and the youngest was a 2 month old grt-grt-grt-grt-grt grandchild from Hebron.

Prentice was awarded the Medal in 1894 for gallantry under fire at Stone River, Tennessee, on 31 December 1862, while a Pvt. in the 19th U.S. Infantry.

He farmed at Aibany, Kansas and Fidelity, Kansas, and ran an implement store in Sabetha, Kansas, from 1866 to 1894. Albany was 3 miles North of present day Sabetha and Fidelity was 5 miles South.

I suppose a comment about this newest "Jesse Thing" is in order. My brother in Lincoln, Nebraska, sends me an article in which some self proclaimed Jesse expert in some little town south of Omaha claims credit for starting all this fuss. Then the Kansas City Star says some guy in St. Joseph is being quoted that he is the one. Haven't these guys got anything better to do than trying to grab a headline? C'mon guys, leave the poor guy rest in peace.

One good thing about it all...the Confederate Veterans tombstone that Chris Edwards, Milt Perry, and I put on Jesse's grave 6 years ago sure shows up nice.

And guess who ordered that stone and whose name is on the VA order form as being responsible for that stone? Well it isn't Milt or Chris, that's for sure.

I have not been contacted by anyone to see if I would object to the disturbing of that tax payer owned, U.S. Government, Veterans Administration, Department of Memorial Affairs, marker, but if I am.....

SEE you at the picnic...See You at the picnic...See You at the PICNIC

New Stone, Plaque Placed on Grave of 'Dirty Little Coward'

By Howard Hill

Ray county's most infamous dead citizen--Bob Ford, "the dirty little coward that shot Mr. Howard and laid poor Jesse in his grave" -- is again memorialized for posterity with a permanent marker in the Richmond City cemetery.

The gravestone with a bronze plaque marking the grave of the killer of Jesse James is a gift of the Xi Delta Kappa chapter of Beta Sigma Phi at Hardin.

Xi Delta Kappa had planned for the gravestone to be presented before or during Ray county's sesquicentennial celebration in July. Delivery was delayed because of difficulties in verifying the date of Bob Ford's birth and the date that he killed his fellow outlaw, Jesse James, who at times used the alias of "Mr. Howard."

The marker for the grave of Bob Ford was a county service project of the Xi Delta Kappa chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

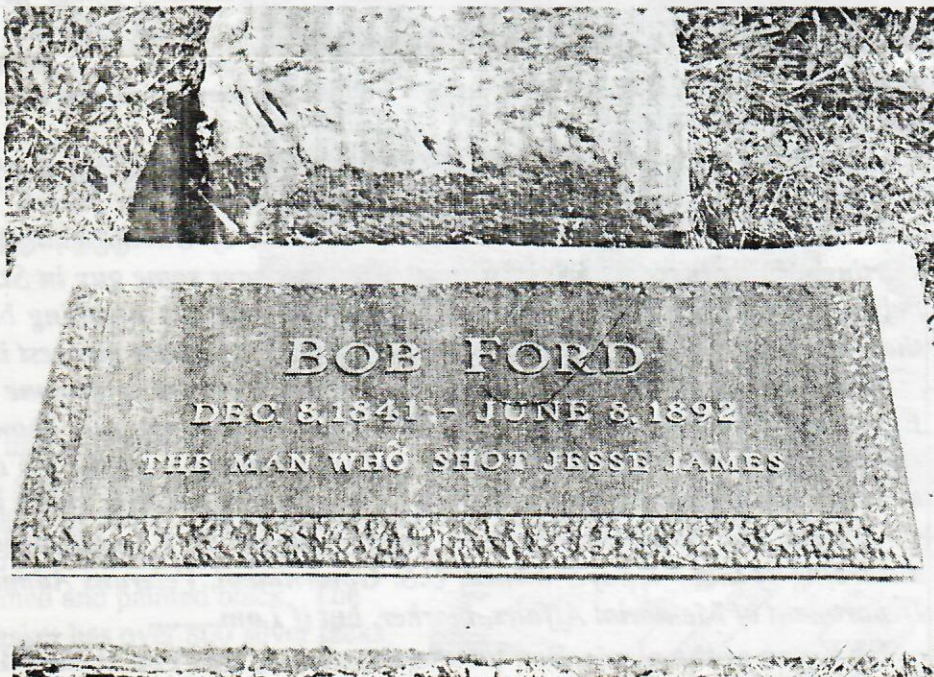
A stone formerly at the Ford gravesite had been chipped away by souvenir hunters.

Xi Delta Kappa expressed its thanks to Rev. Clark Hargus, president of the Ray County Historical society; Jewell Stewart, Norborne, formerly of Richmond; Don Lauck and son, Bob Lauck for help in getting necessary information for the marker and placing it in the cemetery



BOB FORD GRAVESTONE: Mrs. Alfred McKemy, (second from left, above), past president of Delta Kappa of Beta Sigma Phi, Hardin, and Mrs. Ed L. Rust, (third from left) service chairman of the sorority, compare the old chipped marker at the gravesite of Bob Ford,

member of the Jesse James outlaw gang, with the new bronze permanent marker, set for them by Donald Lauck (far right) and his son, Bob Lauck, (left), in City cemetery. A close-up photo below shows the bronze plate on the marker.



From
The
Richmond
(Missouri)
News

Sept. 15, 1971

Submitted by
Charles &
Claudetta
McCorkendale

Civil War Picnic, 1995 Style

Let's have a picnic, someone said. And thus it will happen. Wednesday, July 19th, from 6 to 9 pm at the Pitcher Cemetery and Phil Roberts Park site, just North of the Sports Complex, was the choice.

A flyer is with the newsletter with a schedule of activities. Please share it with your friends.

Start setting up tents and tables about 5:00.

The covered dish dinner is open to anyone who shows up. Bring your own service, chairs, blanket, bug spray and a dish or two for the buffet.

Raspberry sarsaparilla, old fashioned vanilla creme soda and iced tea will be furnished. .

To allow for smaller grouping, two cemetery tour times are listed.

Kathleen Tuohey will lead the first one. The second may be self guided.

The coin display will include such coins as 2 cent pieces, trimes, 3 cent nickels, half dimes, half cents and an 1863 penny dented by a mini-ball .

Did you notice the *trime*? What in the world is that? You will know on the 20th if you are there on the 19th.

What is a "Knickers" game. Well, it is fun, addictive, easy, not physically demanding and hard to master.

The Name That Tune contest will feature ten tunes of the era.

Composer's or lyricist's name may be a part of the question.

There will be at least three different versions of the most popular tune/song of the time.

The Werline's and the Semler's will have their cannons on display. They are both part of Landis' Battery.

Suggested parking area is on the SE corner of Blue Ridge and Blue Ridge Extension, just across the street.

Pull in, unload your stuff and then go to the parking area. This will make things easier for everyone.

There will be plenty of shade, cool drinks and gally-knippers. All that is needed is for you to be there.

Kiss of Death Tour Changed Again

Me thinks the folks in Ottumwa, Iowa, have named this tour correctly.

After three postponements, everything is finally set to go and then we get word that Highway 13, between Richmond and Lexington, is washed out. And I mean really gone...kaput!

This has forced us to change the route of the tour. We will still see the same places only in a different order.

Gather at the Hardee's in Kearney at 11 am on Saturday, July 22nd.

First stop is at Jesse's grave. How fitting with all the hullaballou currently going on. Then to lunch at Jesse's grt-grt-grt-cousin's place in Kearney, G B's, (stands for Gerry Barr, Jesse's daughter married his great-great uncle).

Then to the bluffs above Byram's Ford and the Big Blue Battlefield.

After a cremey cone break it is on to the Loose Park area and then to the U.D.C. Memorial and Shelby's Hill in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Motel Rooms are in Lexington, so it is on to there for the walking tour of the Battle of Lexington and a side trip to the Confederate Memorial Park and Cemetery at Higginsville.

Sunday at 10:00 am, we gather at the Little Blue Battle Field Park on 24 Hwy just east of Independence.

From there we go to the 2nd Battle of Independence sites (depending on time) and lunch at Furr's at 11:30.

After lunch it is on to Orrick and the Battle of Albany, with its memorial to the Confederate Partisans including Captain William Anderson, otherwise known as Bloody Bill.

Last stop is in Richmond to see Bloody Bill's grave an the tombstone of "The Man Who Shot Jesse James"

Thus we start with Jesse and we end with Jesse.

The tour should be over by 4 pm.

Leftovers From Last Month's Trivia
Who am I?-

C.S.A. General Leonidas K. Polk

New Members & Visitors

Despite the "saga of the locked doors" there were several guests at last months meeting site and one membership renewal.

A BIG, BIG

WELCOME

TO ALL OUR VISITORS

Carol Parnell of Independence

Janene Cline of Blue Springs

Holly Wilcoxon of Sugar Creek

The Semlers of Blue Springs

Dick Ray's Guest

Mary Ann Hazzard's Guest

Jeanne Carey's Guest

AND

A BIG GLAD TO SEE YOU
SMILE TO JEANNE CAREY

Calendar of Events

JULY

Sat-Sun 14-15 RE-ENACTMENT,
Fulton, Mo.

Wed 19 CWRT PICNIC,
Pitcher Cemetery

Sat- 22 BIG BLUE-LOOSE
PARK Tour

Sun 23 LITTLE BLUE &
ALBANY Tour

AUGUST

Sat-Sun 5-6 RE-ENACTMENT,
Glasgow, Mo.

Wed 9 CWRT MEETS
Tour Lee's Summit Cem

Wed 16 BOARD MEETING

Sat-Sun 19-20 RE-ENACTMENT,
Lone Jack, Mo.

SEPTEMBER

Wed 13 CWRT MEETS
Civil War 103,
The War in Missouri

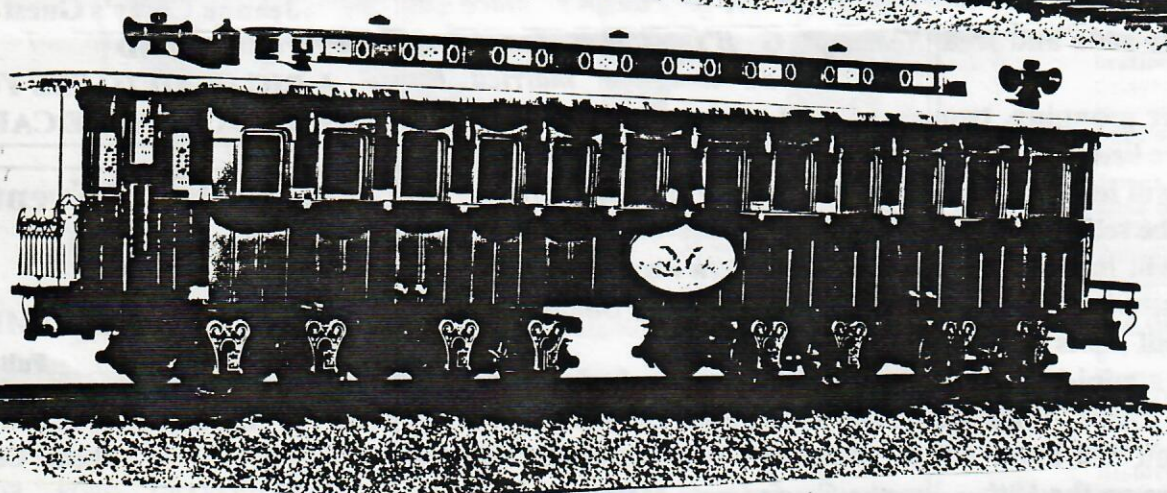
Wed 19 BOARD MEETING

THE LINCOLN TRAIN IS HERE!

Note..In 1993, I
sent the names
of the Lincoln
Train Guards to
Mr. Wesolowski
for which I am
listed as a
project donor.
SW.



Lincoln train replica



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The ornate hearse used for Mr. Lincoln's funeral was sent by the mayor of St. Louis and cost \$6000 in 1865. The model plumes are miniature Christmas trees turned upside down, trimmed and painted black. The miniature casket has over 800 silver tacks.

CIVIL WAR PICNIC AND LIVING HISTORY DISPLAY

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH
6 PM - 9 PM**

PITCHER CEMETERY & P.R. PARK

**TWO BLOCKS NORTH OF 40 HWY & BLUE RIDGE EXTENSION
JUST NORTH OF THE SPORTS COMPLEX**

TWO CANNONS ON DISPLAY

INFANTRYMAN'S TENT & EQUIPMENT

DISPLAY OF CIVIL WAR ERA COINS

PERIOD DRESS OPTIONAL

FREE.....PUBLIC WELCOME.....FREE

ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:

6:00-7:00--COVERED DISH PICNIC

**BRING YOUR OWN SERVICE, CHAIRS & A DISH FOR BUFFET LINE,
SASPARILLA, CREME SODA & ICED TEA PROVIDED**

6:45 & 7:30--CEMETERY TOUR

**INCLUDING CIVIL WAR MASS BURIAL SITE &
REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER'S GRAVE**

7:30-8:00--"KNICKERS" COMPETITION

KID'S CLASS & MEN'S CLASS

8:00-8:45--NAME THAT CIVIL WAR TUNE

MUSICAL CHAIRS OF CIVIL WAR SONGS

8:45-9:00--CLEAN UP & PACK UP

AFTER THAT..SIT AROUND, SIP SASPARILLA & SWAT SKEETERS

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