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From the President's Pen ...

BUSINESS NEWS UPDATE.....

By the time you receive this, the Articles of Incorporation of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri will have been filed with the Missouri Secretary of State's Office.

This filing relieves individual members of the group from any and all liability in the groups functions except in cases of one's own negligence.

Progress has also been made in determining our tax exempt status.

The IRS Office has been very helpful. It has been suggested that we consider a 501(c)(7) status.

Tax exempt mailing privileges, exemption from most state taxes and we would be eligible for a Missouri Tax Exemption Certificate.

However, gifts to the group would not be tax deductible.

I hope to have all this data in a presentable form for the new board to act upon at its June meeting.

Sonny Wells

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED TO WORK IN THE CWRTWMO BOOTH AT THE CIVIL WAR SHOW.

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9 am-1 pm Sat Need 1 more (2 on a crew)
1 pm-5 pm Sat " 1 "

FROM.. Soldier's Letter Vol 1 #16
18 Feb 1865 Fort Riley Ks

Five eclipses are announced...for 1865
Partial elcipse of the Moon, April 10,
in the evening, visible;

Total eclipse of the Sun, April 25,
visible in North America;

Partial eclipse of the Moon, Oct 4,
Visible;

Annual eclipse of the Sun, Oct 19,
in the morning, visible in U.S.

A TOTAL eclipse of the SOUTHERN CONFED-
ERACY, already begun, visible all
over the world.

PLEASE NOTE...

I will be out of the area from May 9 thru May 16 and will miss the May 12th meeting.

While gone I will be visiting numerous Civil War historic sites and battlefields.

A video of our trip is being made and will be available for private viewing on a loaner basis upon our return.

Don Hale has graciously agreed to run the May 12th meeting.

Others will be helping.

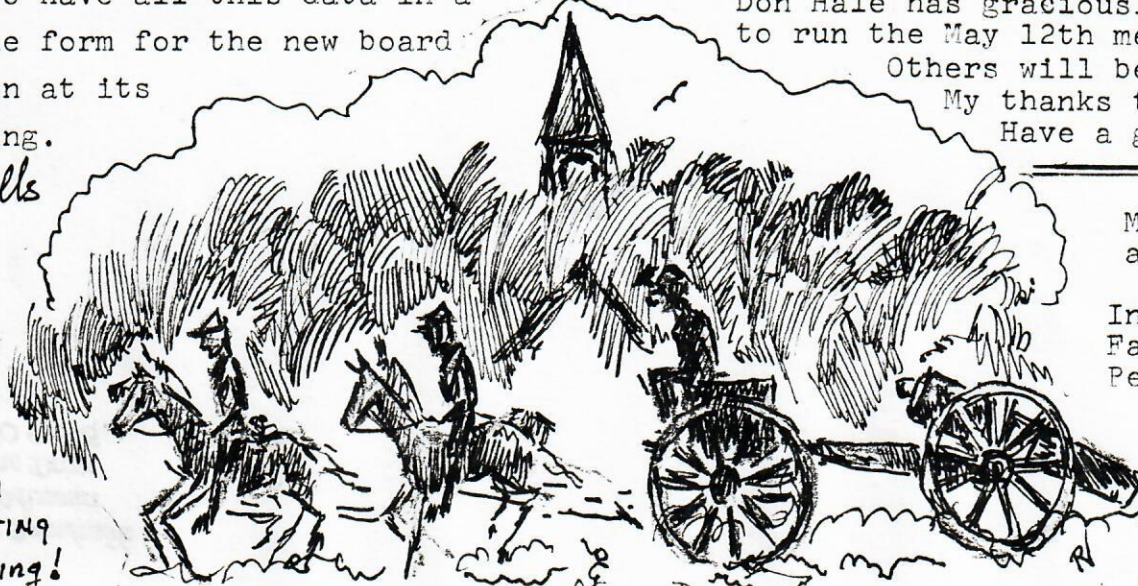
My thanks to all.

Have a good one!

MEMBERSHIP
as of 4-30

Indiv	49
Fam (12)	29
Pending	1

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DRAWN by a
member during
"business" MEETING!

To

OUR MAY MEETING

WEDNESDAY MAY 12, 1993
Truman High School Library
3301 South Noland Road

FRANK & JESSE JAMES
In the Civil War

Pat Mallory, well known James
Gang and Quantrill researcher will
be our speaker, with an open forum
to follow.

OUR PROGRAM FOR JUNE.....

Old Pitcher Cemetery, a true piece of
Jackson County history with direct ties
to the early trails, the Independence to
Westport Trace(trail) and the Battle of
Westport, will be the site of our June
Meeting.

Our speaker, Kathleen Tuohey, has spent
over four years researching and restoring
this unique little piece of our heritage.

A walking tour of the grounds will con-
clude the program.

A mass grave of soldiers, both Union
and Confederate, killed at the skirmish
at Pitcher School on Oct. 21, 1864, is
here as is a Revolutionary War veteran.

Bring a lawn chair or simply spread a
blanket.

FROM THE NOV. 4, 1864, Liberty Tribune
Fort Scott Oct. 24, 1864

Saturday night about 100 guerrillas,
supposed to be under (Fletch)Taylor
entered Marmaton about midnight and
enacted a sequel to the Lawrence
massacre. Col. Knowles, Brown, Hawk-
ins, McGonigle, Shadwick and Stout
were shot down and left weltering in
their own blood. Two guerrillas were
wounded. Two stores, one church and
several dwellings were burned on re-
tiring. They murdered old squire
Reynolds and two others.

M.H. Insley Capt & Com
Submitted by Ed Harris

FROM Soldier's Letter Vol 1 #1
August 1864 Independence Mo

INDEPENDENCE is the county seat of
Jackson County, and lies nine miles
East. The town is very tastefully
laid off and has been remarkable for
its neat, and comfortable buildings,
and its wide and well paved streets.

But since the Rebellion began it
has changed greatly; many houses are
tenantless or occupied only by refu-
gees, of whom a large portion are
broke. Business is almost at a
standstill and the place looks cheer-
less and melancholy. it contains
about 150(0) inhabitants.