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WHAT IS A ROUND TABLE?

Over 50 years ago, a group of men in Chicago decided to formalize their interest in Civil War history and form what they called "The Civil War Round Table." Its purpose was for "round table" discussion of this great period in American history. As years went by, other groups were formed in other parts of the country with the same purpose in mind, and these too were called "Round Tables."

Perhaps one of the most amazing aspects of the RT (Round Table) movement, and certainly the most encouraging is that these organizations are composed not only of historians, scholars and writers, but that the majority of memberships include men and women whose everyday occupations have little connection with the more formal study of history. To them, the Civil War has become an avocation.

In almost every case, RTs have been the inspiration of local citizens with an interest in the Civil War. There is no national organization or headquarters, although Civil War Round Table Associates was established in 1968 by Jerry Russell to act as a clearinghouse of information for all Civil War Round Tables and Civil War buffs. Mr. Russell continues to be National Chairman and operates from Little Rock, Arkansas. Each RT is founded on a common purpose, "the study and better understanding of the Civil War," but each is autonomous, a free and individualistic organization which operates independently. There is a common interest, and there is unity, but there is no enforced conformity. Each continues to discuss, argue and

APRIL MEETING

NEW LOCATION!!!

Truman High School Library
3301 S. Noland Rd.
Independence
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
7 PM

The April meeting will be presented in an open forum. The first part of the program will be provided by random speakers from our membership. A sign-up sheet will be available at the front table for those who would like to speak. Each speaker will have a maximum of five minutes to present their topic with a three minute question and answer session to follow.

The second part of the program will be an open forum on the subject of the number of Missourians that served in the war.

MAY MEETING

Pat Mallory, formerly associated with the Jesse James Farm and Museum in Kearney, Mo., will be the speaker at our May meeting. We will present more on our May program in our next newsletter.

-Vicki Beck

criticize its own past as it pleases.

Despite the lack of a centralized governing body, the RT movement has made itself felt in achievements that go far beyond the limits of their membership roles. RTs have sponsored projects for preserving historic landmarks and for identifying long-neglected sites. Their efforts are apparent locally through their assistance in marking and preserving sites such as Byram's Ford, the Battle of Westport, Battle of Little Blue, etc. RT members have held a role in preserving national sites such as Manassas, Antietam, Gettysburg and others.

Because we are autonomous of other RTs, we have the freedom to structure ourselves. As with any new group we assuredly will have some "growing pains." There are no defined lines as to how our group must function. Each RT evolves on its own, dependent upon the merits of its members. We set our own goals and create our own special projects. Our geographical area is rich with Civil War history. As a Round Table it is our objective to promote and preserve it.

- Vicki Beck (Basic information taken from CWRTA Organization Guide.)

66 DAYS UNTIL CIVIL WAR RELIC SHOW!!!

The Civil War Show is approaching! The following committees will be forming at our next regular meeting- Security, Finance, Hospitality, Promotions, CWRTWM Booth. Fast action is needed by these committees in order to make the show a success.(VB)

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NEW MEMBERS

Member rosters are ready and will be mailed shortly. In the future, new members will be listed in this column monthly. Total current membership-103!

DUES

Individual membership-\$15/yr.
Family membership-\$22.50/yr.
Student membership-\$5/yr.

BY-LAWS PRESENTED

A temporary set of by-laws was passed by the board at the March 17th board meeting. These by-laws will be followed for the next 60 days and will be used as the basic framework from which to build our formal by-laws. During the 60-day time period, the by-laws committee will produce the formal by-laws which will be the guidelines for our organization.

It was brought to the attention of the board that our structure of officers could present a "stumbling block" in attaining our (501C3) non-profit status. It is uncustomary for a non-profit organization to have 2 heads occupying leadership of the organization. The board concluded, upon passing of the temporary by-laws (which provide for a structure of officers), that because of displacement of some of our officers, a re-organization was in order. The board has passed a slate of officers to present to the regular membership for confirmation. This proposed slate of officers is listed on the side-bar column of this page.

Copies of the temporary by-laws will be provided at our April 14 meeting. If you have a comment or suggestion in regard to these by-laws, please contact one of the following By-laws Committee members: Committee Chairman- Carmalita Kinchle, Fred George, P. J. Cooper, Dr. Anderson, Dr. McKiernan.

CHARTER CERTIFICATE

Information, some contradictory to our previous data, was presented to the board in regard to our charter member certificates.

The money paid for the charter certificates does not cover individual membership to Civil War Round Table Associates, nor does it register our charter status with the group. As stated on page one in this newsletter, CWRTA is a "clearinghouse of information" relevant to other Round Tables. Membership to CWRTA is \$12.50 per year. Applications will be made available at our April meeting.

Previous arrangements presented by a member of our group

to CWRTA in regard to our charter certificates are as follows:

A. Our charter members could purchase a signed charter certificate suitable for framing.

B. Our group would provide the certificates.

C. \$5 from each fee would be donated to HeritagePac, a battlefield preservation lobbyist group.

D. The remainder of the \$10 would be returned to our group.

Since certain facts had not been presented clearly in the beginning, it was decided by the board to bring this issue back for discussion at a special board meeting on March 24.

At the March 24 board meeting, Sonny Wells presented the final certificates and charter membership cards. Mr. Wells had these printed some time ago by a printer in Liberty. Because of the controversy in regard to the signatures to be on the certificates and the \$5 donation to HeritagePac, it was decided to scrap these materials and bring the issue to the membership. It was suggested by the board that we re-print our certificates and have two lines available for signatures of two officers of our organization and attempt to retain the \$5 slated for HeritagePac. It is recommended that a committee be formed to investigate styles and costs of certificates.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting was held March 17 and was followed by a special board meeting on the 24th. Because of the importance of the happenings at these two meetings, minutes will be mailed to members prior to our next regular meeting. Board meetings are open to all members. Regular monthly board meeting dates are listed in the *On the Border* section of the newsletter.

DISPLAY TABLES

A motion was made and confirmed to cease the sale of items at our regular meetings. Display items and flyers are acceptable. Sales displays will be allowed at special meetings (to be announced.)

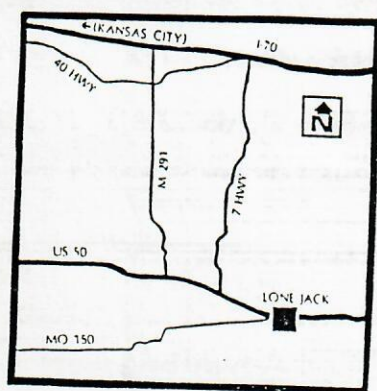
Page by Vicki Beck

CLASSIFIEDS

The items in this section should deal with pertinent historical subjects i. e. books, re-enactment attire, research assistance, metal detecting, etc. The prices are as follows: \$3 for 15 words for members, \$5 for 15 words for non-members. Deadline is the 20th of each month.

INFORMATION NEEDED

SEEKING PERSONS' NAMES WHO WERE GUERRILLAS OR BUSHWHACKERS (WITH REFERENCES) FOR NEW BOOK. JOANNE C. EAKIN, 12400 E. 33RD ST., INDEPENDENCE, MO. 64055



WHERE IS IT?

In the quiet, friendly town of Lone Jack, Missouri a battle raged between Union militia and Confederate recruits Aug. 16, 1862.

Today, a battle still rages over artifacts that have disappeared from the Jackson County Civil War museum located on the site of that 1862 battle.

The Museum was erected by the county in 1963 at a cost of \$54,304. Until recently, the county had been in charge of displays and general upkeep of the museum.

But that has changed. The city of Lone Jack has assumed responsibility for the day-to-day care of the battlefield grounds and the displays inside the building. However, the county still is responsible for maintenance and general upkeep.

The battle taking place is over the removal of some artifacts and display material by the county. Many of these had been donated to the county and

ON THE BORDER ...

ACTIVITIES:

April 14-7 pm CWRTWM Meeting
April 17- Geneology Conference ,
"Researching Civil War Vets."
Family Center in Olathe, KS (Latter
Day Saints) 781-7322
May 12-7 pm CWRTWM Meeting
May 20, 21, 22- Company of Military
Historians Convention, Adams Mark
Kansas City. 781-7322
May 29 -10 am. Union Cemetery
guided tour. 781-7322
June 5, 6- Civil War Show,
Independence 4-H Center
Oct. 9, 10- Quantrill Reunion #4
(more info later)

RE-ENACTMENTS:

X* April 24-25- Cape Girardeau,
MO
X* April 24-25- Lone Jack, MO
(living history)
X May 8- Ironton, MO (Pilot Knob-
living history)
X* May 15-16- Lexington, MO,
Spring Drill.

X May 22-23- Lone Jack, MO (living
history)
X* June 12-13- Pleasant Hope, MO
X* June 19-20- LeCompton, KS. Pre-
war skirmish
X June 26-27- Lone Jack (living
history)
X* June 26-27- Brownsville, NE
X* July 16-18- Honey Springs, OK
X July 24-25- Lone Jack (living
history)
X* July 31-Aug 1- Carthage, MO
(417) 782-2086
X* Aug. 7-9 - Athens, MO
X* Aug. 14-15- Urich, MO (living
history)
X* Aug. 21-22- Columbia, MO
X Aug. 21-22- Lone Jack (living
history)
X Sept. 11-12- Lone Jack (living
history)
X* Sept. 18-19- Parkville, MO (living
history)
X* Sept. 18-19- Fredericktown, MO
X* Oct. 1-3- Battle of Belmont, MO
X-836-1341 (Gaylen)
*-1-747-5728 (Wayne)

are now either in storage or being
divied up between other county
historical sites.

The city of Lone Jack has managed
to keep the museum's displays full
through donations and loaning of
artifacts. But many items present
since the museum's beginning have
wound up elsewhere.

Two items that stand out in my
memory are a large bronze plaque
that sat next to the road describing
the battle and a crocheted map
depicting the troop positions and
building sites of Aug. 16, 1862. Both
are gone. I remember seeing the
plaque inside the museum last year. It
had been broken and was placed
indoors protecting it from further
damage. Its removal gives hope of
possible repairs by the county.

Of course, I can see no reason why
the map would have been taken away.
What better site to display a map
petaining to the Battle of Lone Jack
than on the actual battle site? Where
is it? The "it" I am asking the
whereabouts of is the logic behind
such decisions.

According to museum volunteer

Irene Spainhour, many of the items
taken from Lone Jack have been
placed in storage and are seemingly
up for bids by the various county
historical sites.

"I was told by the county that I could
have some of the items back only if
the (1859) Jail in Independence didn't
want them."

I say put them where interested
people want them: out where they can
be seen. If there is an overflow of
items, the county should simply put
displays on a rotating schedule. Just
get them out of storage.

Lone Jack is located 11 miles east
of Lee's Summit on U.S. 50. The
museum is one block south of the
intersection of M-150 and 50.

For information phone (816) 566-
2272. Admisson is free, but donations
may be made at the door.

-Troy David Chrisman-

Editor's note: Be sure to see some of
our re-enacter members this summer
as they present living histories at
Lone Jack Museum each month. See
On The Border for dates.

MONUMENTS, MARKERS AN PRESERVATION

PAST- PRESENT- FUTURE

VICKSBURG- The monument at the Vicksburg Battlefield Park is dedicated to both Confederate and Union Missourians. At the "Stockade Redan" (site of the marker) Missouri soldiers on both sides faced and fought each other. A bronze plaque on the left side of the monument depicts Missouri Federals attacking position; the one on the right shows Missouri Confederates defending it. Between panels a Roman galley symbolizes the ship of state; above, the spirit of the Republic emerges from the War with new strength.-Ed Harris

BYRAM'S FORD-The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the City of Kansas City, Missouri; the Byram's Ford Industrial Park Association; and the Monett Battle of Westport Fund, Inc., of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, have entered into an agreement concerning the levee on the Blue River which would affect the Byram's Ford battlefield. Additional battlefield land will be acquired by the city, cleared of existing buildings, and donated to the Monett fund. The City has agreed to arrange for the construction of two interpretive areas with parking turn-offs. -Taken from **Battlefield Update/National Park Service**

MORGAN WALKER FARM-

A group of individuals and organizations is making plans to erect a monument on the old Morgan Walker Farm in Blue Springs.

Walker was from Kentucky and settled near Blue Springs in 1834. It was on Walker's farm that Civil War guerilla leader William Clarke Quantrill began his "career".

On the evening of December 10, 1860, Quantrill and five abolitionists from Kansas came to "steal" Walker's slaves. However,

Quantrill had told the Walker family secretly that morning of the plan. An ambush was set that night in which one abolitionist was killed outright, two were killed the next day in the woods nearby, while two fled back to Kansas. The monument will commemorate this event in local history.

The project is being coordinated by Steve and Vicki Beck with the help of Donald Hale, Karol Witthar, Martha Denise, Michael LaDue, John Royle, Francis Vaughn, and Emily Cope, a young Blue Springs citizen who brought the issue to Becks' attention 14 months ago. Groups committed to the project thus far are Blue Springs Historical Society, Blue Springs Preservation

Commission and The Quantrill Society. Other groups are invited to participate.

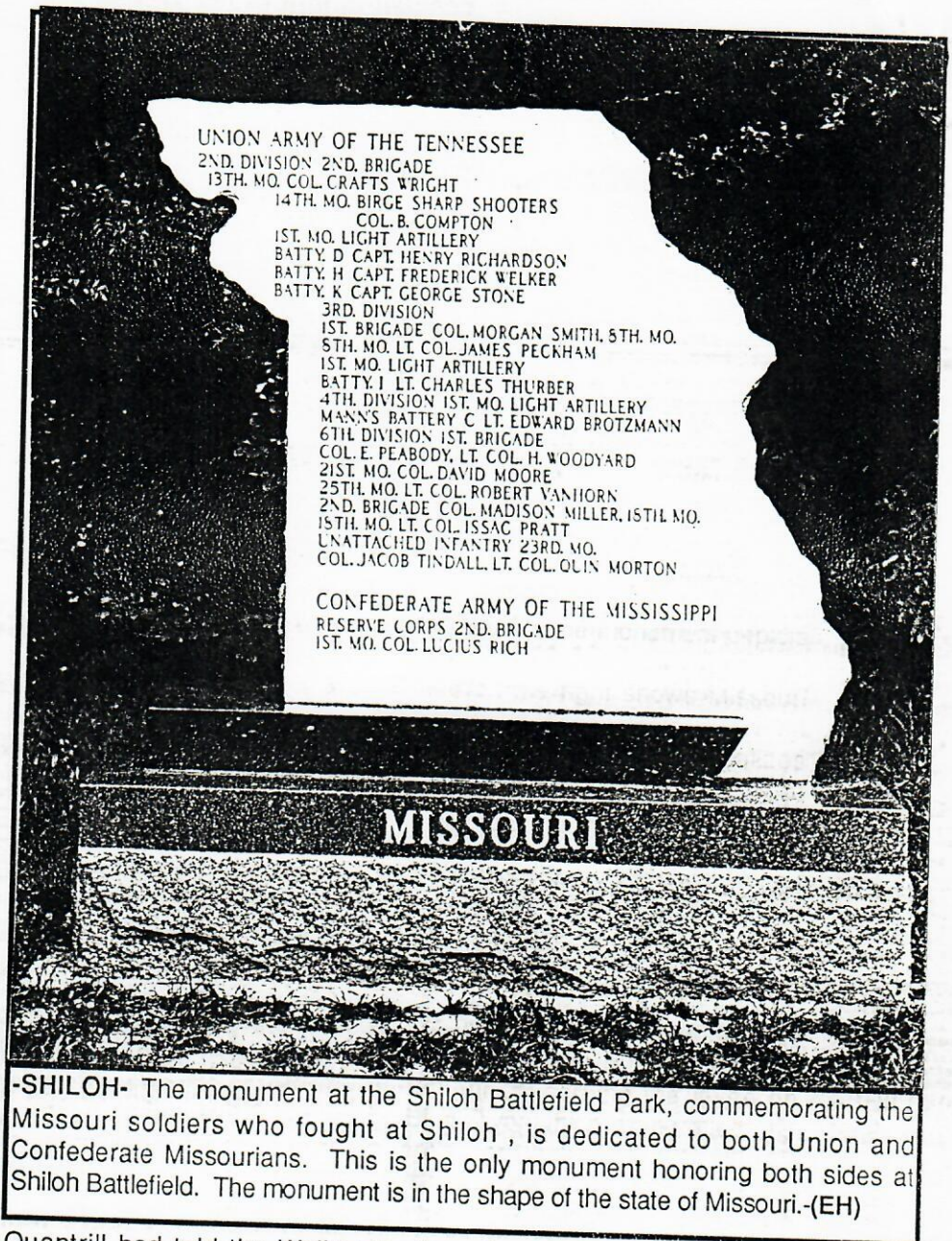
The monument will be erected on Blue Springs RIV School District property adjacent to James Lewis Elementary located north of I-70 and 7 Highway.

The approximate cost of the monument and small marker for the cemetery is \$3000. The monument will consist of concrete and stone masonry with a 30"x36" aluminum plaque with historical text.

You may send inquiries and contributions to: MORGAN WALKER MONUMENT FUND, P.O. BOX 645, Buckner, Missouri 64016

-Donald Hale/Vicki Beck

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BEYOND THE BORDER...

MURFREESBORO/ STONES RIVER

On October 8th, 1862, Union General Don Carlos Buell had ended Confederate General Braxton Bragg's attempted conquest of Kentucky at Perryville. Yet, when Bragg retreated into eastern Tennessee, Buell did not pursue him. For this failure, on October 23rd, Buell was replaced by General William Rosecrans who had orders to march on Chattanooga.

Bragg chose to meet Rosecrans at Stones River just north of Murfreesboro and about 20 miles southeast of Nashville, Tennessee. This site was not well-suited to defense as it was open, rolling country where trees grew in thick patches that could conceal enemy movements and hamper cavalry and artillery action. Bragg then failed to entrench his positions even though it was well known that defenders in a strong position lose fewer than the attackers do.

On December 26th, Rosecrans moved toward Murfreesboro with about 44,000 of the available Union strength of 82,000. The remainder were left to protect the railroads that were under constant attack from Confederate cavalry. Waiting with Bragg was about 35,000 Confederates since Bragg, under orders, had sent 10,000 men to Vicksburg December 20th.

Rosecrans was advancing blindly, without his cavalry to scout for him, as his cavalry was out scouting for the Confederate cavalry. On December 29th, the Union army ran into Bragg's army. Minor skirmishing ensued and Confederate cavalry, under Wheeler, cut a swath through the Union rear, capturing 1,000 prisoners, burning 450 wagons and destroying \$1,000,000 worth of medical supplies and munitions.

The night of December 30th was the famous "Battle of the Bands" where the Union and Confederate bands vied each with music. Ironically, both Bragg and Rosecrans

decided to turn to the other's right flank on the morning of the 31st. This could have made for an interesting "revolving door" type of battle. However, Bragg struck first, pushing the Union right flank back three miles. Therefore, Rosecrans called off his assault and used troops to reinforce his center and his right flank. Since the terrain was very difficult to attack through, the exhausted Confederates were stopped by the new, reinforced Union battle lines.

On January 1st, Bragg was surprised to see that the Union army had not retreated and was still on the field. This day was also spent in minor skirmishing and repositioning of troops.

On January 2nd, Bragg discovered the Federals had sent a small force east across Stones River to a small height, flanking the Confederates right flank. As a further inducement to get the Federals to retreat, he opened heavy cannonade on the Federal center to cover an attack on this Union right which was still in grave danger. The Confederates pushed this Union detachment back and then impulsively pursued them across Stones River. The Union trap was sprung. The Confederates were mowed down by 55-60 cannon to their front and additional cannon obliging them from their right. Now a strong Union force repulsed the Confederates and re-occupied the original position.

January 3rd was also spent in minor skirmishing. Bragg, knowing the Union army had received reinforcements, started his retreat toward Tullahoma, Tennessee about 11 p.m.

The battle had been a tactical draw in that Bragg had taken almost 12,000 casualties while Rosecrans had taken almost 13,000. Strategically, Chattanooga would be safe for another six months, but all of the central and western parts of Tennessee were firmly in Union hands. In addition, it removed any possibility of Bragg being able to draw off any of Grant's forces from the Vicksburg campaign.

-Roger Bomar

REPORT FROM MURFREESBORO MARCH 5-7, 1993

Some of our members recently attended the re-enactment at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The following is a first-hand report from member Gaylen Goldsberry.

Report from Murfreesboro:

For a person who would like to see what it was like to be a soldier during the Civil War, this was a good weekend to experience it.

Due to the bad weather, the battle that was set for Friday was delayed until Saturday. On Saturday morning the fighting around the Brick Kiln was held. The Blue Coats gave us some pretty hard fighting, but we gave it back.

On Saturday afternoon, the battle of Cowan House was very intense. The Blue Coats tore our ranks up pretty bad. The smoke was so thick, the only thing you could see of the Rebels were the flames from their guns. By the time the battle was over the field was riddled with the dead and wounded. The 5th Missouri Company A was almost wiped out. We saw four men come out of the battle alive.

On Sunday, this reporter was unable to see the battle due to the fact that I had return home.

-Gaylen Goldsberry

TRIVIA

LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. Thomas Ewing-author of Order #11
2. Warrensburg
3. Peter Land
4. Byram's Ford
5. Sonic at 23rd and Ralston

APRIL TRIVIA QUESTIONS:

1. The slaves freed at the close of the Civil War represented what amount of investment loss to Missouri slaveholders?
2. Who was Dr. Edward Ragsdale?
3. The owner of the "Little Blue Ferry" also owned a store in Blue Mills which burned during the Civil War. Shortly thereafter the man was arrested by Federals and sent to prison in St. Louis. His son became a Judge of the Eastern District of the County Court (Jackson County). Who was he?

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REFERENCE BOOK ON CONFEDERATE IRREGULARS TO BE PUBLISHED

Member Donald Hale of Lee's Summit, would like to pass along this request to all members:

I am working with Joanne Chiles Eakin, who has published a number of genealogical and historical books. We are compiling a list of names of Confederate guerillas, Partisan Rangers, Bushwhackers, and generally anyone considered an "irregular." This will include those who were with Quantrill, Anderson, Poindexter, Thornton, etc. This book is to be published sometime during 1993 or early 1994.

I would like for all members of the Society to write to me and let me know their ancestor's name, the role they had in the Civil War, along with a brief biography of this person. Please include any references you may have. Also, if you know of other men who rode with the guerillas or irregulars, please pass along their names as well. Individuals contributing information for this publication will be credited in the book.

If you can supply needed information for this very worthwhile and ambitious effort, please write to Don at this address:

Donald Hale, 625 Applewood, Lee's Summit, Missouri 64063

THE CIVIL WAR-YER SEZ:

Civil (siv'il) adj. Between citizens of the same country.

War (wor) n. An armed conflict between states or nations.

Round (round) n. A circle or globe, a fixed course.

Table (ta'bl') n. An article of furniture with a flat horizontal top set on legs.

When defined separately it makes no sense, no common bond of unity. Let's try it a different way and put it all together.

Civil War-conflict between sections or factions of the same nation or body.

Round Table- a meeting place for group discussion.

When looking at the big picture and putting all four together, one gets a whole new meaning- keeping that bond, that unity makes us hold together. Let's look at the big picture and realize why we are all here.

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

(Sources used: Webster's Dictionary)

THE CIVIL WAR-YER

CIVIL WAR MAP OF OZARKS AVAILABLE

Francis Vaughn shared a great display item with us at our last meeting- a 36"x24" three color map of the Civil War in the Ozarks. Several members have expressed interest in purchasing one. This map was researched by John Bradbury-Western Historical Manuscripts and Rick Hatcher-Wilson's Creek Barrlefield. It is published by the Center for Ozarks Studies at Southwest Mo. St. University in association with Ozarks Watch magazine. To order send \$10 to: Ozarks Watch/ SMSU , 901 S. National, Springfield, Missouri 65804