

THE BORDER STAR

A Publication of The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri
2704 Glenwood Independence, Missouri 64052

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN . . .

Our numbers continue to grow. Over eighty attended the February 13th meeting, including twenty-three first timers, several of which became members.

The list of those wanting charter member certificates has seventy-four names on it with 6 others on the "send you a check" list. The list will be finalized by March 1 and the certificates will be ready for distribution at the April meeting.

Speaking of the April meeting, the first part of the meeting will be an open forum. There will be a sign-up sheet for speakers at the front table. The names will be called in the order listed. This will allow speakers from our general membership to make short presentations. The idea is to promote exchange of ideas within the group. (More information on the April meeting on page 2.)

Thanks to Connie McQuain and Sue Valentine for the snacks and munchies at our February meeting.

Jo Anna Dale has done an excellent job of putting our membership together. I am sure she has received much assistance from her kitty kats. It seems she has done a purr-fect job!

Harold "Sonny" Wells

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Jo Anna Dale and Mary Sue Balkey have been working on compiling our membership roster. This roster will consist of names, addresses and phone numbers of all paid members and will be ready for distribution by April 1. If you do not want your name, address and/or phone number listed in the roster, you must inform Mary Sue Balkey (842-4401) by-

March 10

DISPLAY TABLES

Please visit the display tables at our regular meeting. The purpose of this display is to allow our members to share Civil War publications, artifacts and other related items with our group. If you have items of interest, please bring them to show. If items displayed are for sale, include that information on your display. As a reminder, the majority of these items are on loan and are to be viewed at the table, not dispersed throughout the group.

BOARD MINUTES AND FINANCE REPORTS

The above items will be available at each regular meeting. If a member has a question or concern, please contact any officer or board member (listed on page 2).

THE NEWSLETTER

As you can see, our newsletter is still growing and transforming. We are beginning to set some patterns and regular columns. I would like to get the members' ideas and feelings in regard to the following monthly columns:

On the Border- List of events and activities

Trivia- Question and answer section

Where is it?- Sites and stories of the Border

Research Roster- Civil war research material listings

The Civil War-Yer- Civil War serial ((fiction) based on factual occurrences of the war.

If you have a comment or suggestion on newsletter content, please call Vicki Beck 1-816-249-9560 evenings (Toll free from most K. C. Metro exchanges) or write to: Vicki Beck, P. O. Box 645, Buckner Missouri, 64016. Deadline for news items and classified ads is the **20th** of every month.

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NEW MEMBERS

We will be publishing a membership
roster by April 1. Thereafter, new
members will be listed in this column
monthly. Total current membership:

100 !!!

DUES

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

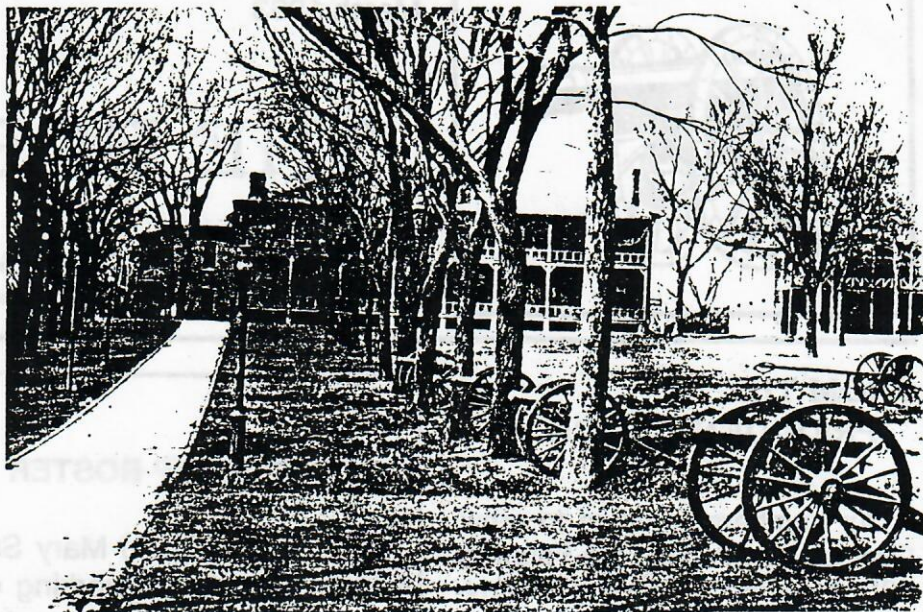


Photo courtesy Kansas State Historical Society-*True West Magazine*, April 1970

Cantonment Leavenworth, later designated Fort Leavenworth, was established May 1827. The post is still operative and has the honor of being the oldest post established by the United States west of the Mississippi River. Originally intended for protection of the Santa Fe Trail, it became an important supply and military post in the 1840's and served as an arsenal during the Civil War. Please attend our March meeting and hear the program:

Fort Leavenworth and the Civil War

Speaker: John Reichley

Trails West Library, 11401 E. 23rd Independence, Mo.
Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m.

APRIL MEETING

The April meeting will be an open meeting. The idea of an open forum is to prompt participation from our members.

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. The members' names will be called in the order listed. 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. Each member is asked to check a reference source and bring some figures to the meeting. Please remember to identify the source of the figures you have found. There are many differences to consider-regulars or militia, recruits or citizen volunteers- it will be interesting to see what we come up with.

NOTE: An excellent source of Federal troops is *Dyer's Compendium of Records of the War of the Rebellion*

The real fun will be finding numbers on the Confederates!

CLASSIFIEDS-

Our newsletter staff has decided to give some space in our publication for an "exchange market" for our readers. 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 non-members

deadline is the 20th of each month. Any funds received from this section will help offset the cost of our newsletter. Submit ads to: Newsletter Ads, 2704 Glenwood, Independence Missouri 64052.

ASSISTANCE WANTED

WANTED- SOMEONE TO DO PHOTO REPRODUCTION WORK. NEED TO PRODUCE NEGS FROM ORIGINAL PRINTS. 1-249-9560

ON THE BORDER ...

ACTIVITIES:

* **March 6-11:00 am.** *The Border Star* staff meeting at The Blue Springs Examiner. Call 1-249-9560

March 9-7:30 pm. "As the Wind Rocks the Cradle." True stories of the Oregon Trail. UMKC, White Recital Hall. (UMKC History Dept.) 235-2704

* **March 10-7 pm.** CWRTWM Meeting. Trails West Library, 11401 E. 23rd, Independence. 461-4776 or 781-7322.

March 10-7:30 pm. "As the Wind Rocks the Cradle." True stories of the Oregon Trail. National Frontier Trails Center. (Jackson County Historical Society) 461-1897

* **March 17-7pm.** CWRTWM Board Meeting

* **April 14-7 pm** CWRTWM Meeting
April 17- Genealogy Conference , "Researching Civil War Vets." Family Center in Olathe, KS (Latter Day Saints) 781-7322

May 20, 21, 22- Company of Military Historians Convention, Adams Mark Kansas City. 781-7322

May 29 -10 am. Union Cemetary 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 * March 5-7-MURFREESBORO, TN

X March 26-27-Lone Jack (living history)

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 22-23- Lone Jack, Mo. (living history)

X* June 12-13-Pleasant Hope, Mo.

X June 26-27-Lone Jack (living history)

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- 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)

TRIVIA-

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTIONS;

1. Ole Pap- Major General Sterling Price
2. Partisan leader- William Clarke Quantrill
3. Federal unit- 2nd Colorado Cavalry
4. Federal Commander- General Blunt
5. School- James Lewis Elementary

THIS MONTH'S QUESTIONS;

1. Who was the commander of the military district of St. Louis during Price's Great Missouri Raid?
2. Major General Pleasanton of Kansas commanded the military district of Central Missouri. Where was his headquarters?
3. A young Confederate, wounded at the first Battle of Independence, died at the Ralston home and was buried in the family buring grounds in what is now Hill Park. Can you name him?
4. Name the Big Blue River crossing on the Independence to Westport Trace
5. Can you name the drive-in which sets on a portion of the second Battle of Rock Creek site?

RESEARCH ROSTER

This section of the newsletter is intended to inform our members of the many Civil War research sources available. This will include information in regard to periodicals, books, libraries, archives and more. Resource information will be provided in the next several newsletters. Of course, it will be impossible to list all books, etc. that include information pertinent to our subject. It is my goal to give our readers a good selection of sources to investigate. Keep in mind, simply because a resource is listed does not mean that the material is without error. It is recommended as always, that several different sources be used when researching a subject.- The Editor

PERIODICALS

America's Civil War Magazine

Empire Press
602 S. King St. Suite 300
Leesburg, VA 22075
*P.O. Box 383 Mt. Morris, IL
61054-7947
\$16.95/yr.? Bi-monthly

American Heritage Civil War Chronicles Magazine

P.O. Box 6903
Syracuse, NY 13217
\$10/yr Quarterly

Blue and Gray Magazine

P.O. Box 28685
Columbus, OH 43228
\$19//yr. Bi-monthly

Camp Chase Gazette

Box 707 B
Marietta, OH 45750

The Civil War News

(Newspaper)
Cutter and Locke, Inc.
4 Water St.
Arlington, MA 02174
\$24/yr. 10 issues
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Civil War- The Magazine of the Civil War Society

Cool Spring Associates, Inc.
P.O. Box 770
Berryville, VA 22611
\$39/yr. includes membership or
non-member price \$19.97/yr.
Bi-monthly

Civil War Regiments

Subscription Dept.
1038 Leigh Ave. Suite 100
San Jose, CA 95126

Civil War Times Illustrated Magazine

Cowles magazine, Inc.
6405 Flank Dr.
Harrisburg, PA 17112-2753
\$21/yr. Bi-monthly
1-800-435=9610

Confederate Veteran

P.O. 710287
Houston, TX 77271-0287
\$13/yr.

The Courier

(Newspaper)
P.O. Box 1863
Williamsville, NY 14231-1863
\$17/yr? Bi-monthly

Military Images Magazine

Harry Roach
R.R. 1 Box 99A, Lesoine Dr.
Henryville, PA 18332
\$20/yr. Bi-monthly

North/South Trader's Civil War Magazine

256 E. Main St.
P.O. Drawer 631
Orange, Va 22960
\$25/yr. Bi-monthly

If you know of additional periodical publications that deal with the Civil War please let us know.

WHERE IS IT?

Troy David Chrisman

Listening to the likes of Sonny Wells and Jonathan Linn during Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri meetings, one is bombarded with many "hows" and "whys" of the war in Missouri. But I feel the question in the back of most members' minds is "where?"

My first thought when hearing of the battles and actions on the Missouri-Kansas border is venturing out to the locations these events occurred. And when I get there, I want to know what I'm looking at. I realize asking for a personal interpreter is a little much, but by utilizing various members' experiences and story-telling abilities, every newsletter will carry maps and descriptions of related local sights.

This month's "Where is it?" topic is the site of noted guerrilla "Bloody" Bill Anderson's demise. Anderson, known for his cold eyes and Unionist scalps hanging from his horse's bridle, fought his final battle Oct. 27, 1864 just north

of present-day Orrick, MO.

After spending the fall of 1864 destroying telegraph lines, burning railroad cars and tearing up track throughout Northern Missouri, Anderson and his men encamped near Albany, nine miles west of Richmond.

Meanwhile, in Richmond, Maj. Samuel P. Cox and a force of 150 Missouri Militia received word of Anderson's whereabouts and moved toward Albany.

When within a half-mile of Anderson's camp, Cox's men dismounted and set an ambush on either side of a small lane. Cox sent a small detachment forward, drawing Anderson and his men into the open. As Anderson sped toward the Union lines with reins in teeth, Cox's men let loose a volley dropping Anderson behind the Union lines.

"Bloody" Bill had experienced his last ambush.

Today a single granite marker rests upon a hill overlooking the Albany battle site. It honors the 11 guerrillas

who fell that day, including Anderson.

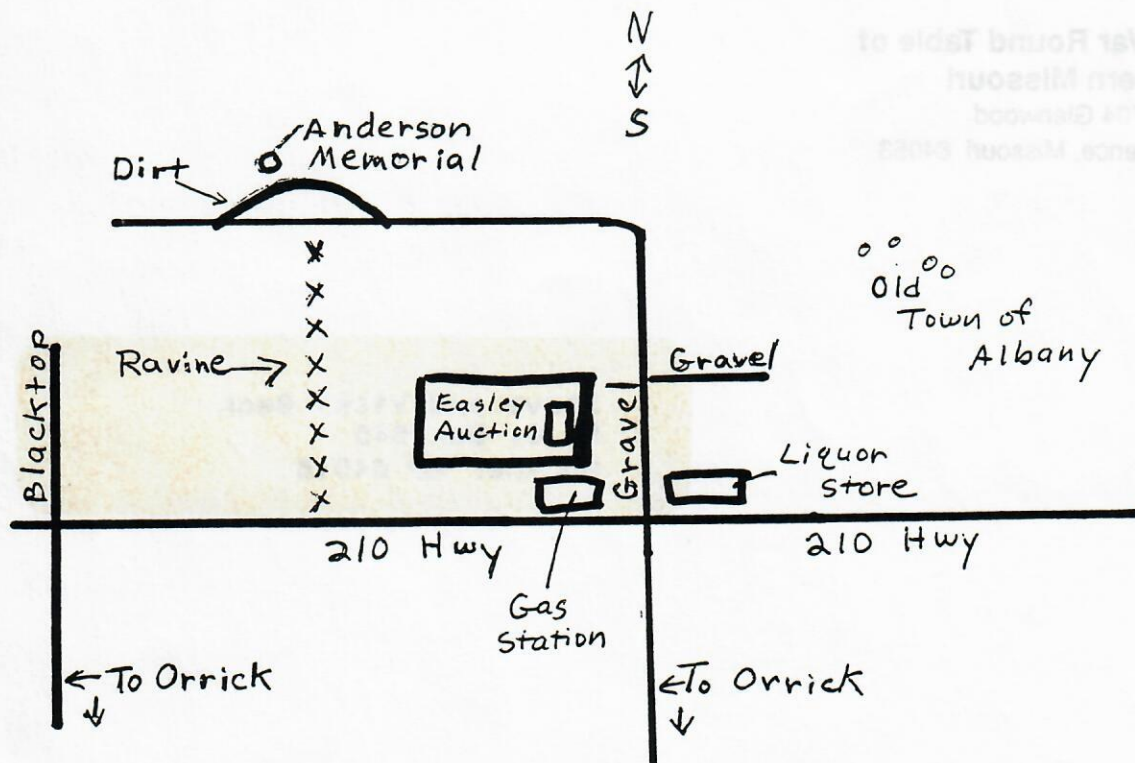
Orrick is about 14 miles East of Sugar Creek on 210 Highway. Once in Orrick, one takes the road leading north between two gas stations just on the northern side of 210. Once on this road, the Easley Auction Co. will be on your right

The road soon turns to gravel and splits. To the left (east) lies the town of Albany. Straight ahead (north) lies the lane in which Cox's men set their ambush. As the road turns left, the open field on the left marks Anderson's final battleground.

The road leads to the west and splits up a hill to the right. Once on the hill, a walking path marks the way to the marker. The final resting place for 10 of the 11 listed on the marker is subject to debate.

Some claim the bodies were thrown into the ravine surrounding the site, while others claim the stone markers on the hill mark their graves. Anderson, however is known to be buried in Richmond.

Where? Wait for another column.



Editor's note: The following is an article that has been submitted to me as a monthly serial. The present day author's goal is to take the reader through history "In the first person." Please let me know if this is something you would like to see run monthly-Vicki Beck.

SEPTEMBER 1864

With winter approaching, we are moving back into Missouri, our last hope of saving our boys in the Southern Nation. General Price, known for victories at Wilson's Creek and Lexington, has been selected for this mission because of his knowledge of the terrain and tactics of the men defending it.

We had to go into the bush to gather deserters to man this campaign. The men we had to bring back in at gun-point don't seem like assets, more like liabilities. We don't have enough supplies to even give every man a canteen, mine is one of the Union.

The guerillas helped with the guns, in trade for clothing and feed for their horses.

I have been riding double for three days. I expect I will have to steal a horse for myself when it comes my turn. I have ill thoughts about this, but it is war....

...We have camped a half days ride from Pilot Knob at a place called Iron-ton. The men have already been beaten and nobody even fired a shot. Still most of the men don't have any guns and I wonder how they expect us to fight...

The Civil War-yer

