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"Studying the Border War and Beyond"*

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The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm
Via Zoom until further notice
See instructions in this newsletter

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 25.00
Family ----- 35.00
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Newsletter Only (no meetings) 10.00

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Pat Gradwohl recognized by Freedom's Frontier NHS as the Outstanding Volunteer of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

Pat joined the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri in 2004 after taking a continuing education course in Liberty, Missouri given by Tim Cox. She immediately offered to set up a tour of antebellum houses in Liberty for our members to enjoy. Her second tour was of William Jewell College in Liberty.

About 10 years ago Pat suggested that that the Round Table organize a tour of antebellum homes in Independence and offered her help as well as signage and expertise from the Clay County Historical Society.

In the meantime, she had become 1st Vice President and Program Chairman for the Round Table. Even during COVID she managed to provide interesting speakers via Zoom. When we were finally able to meet in person this past summer, she set up a program and tour at the James Farm in Clay County.

Even into her 90's Pat continues to be a lifelong learner and shares liberally with the Round Table.

When the Round Table meets in person on April 13, 2022, we will be presenting Pat with the following "Outstanding Volunteer Award":

In grateful appreciation for your outstanding service and dedication. Your time and efforts made a world of difference. Signed by Jim Ogle, Executive Director of Freedom's Frontier and Mike Calvert, President of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri.

~Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

CWRTWM Calendar

March 9, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting. An invitation will be sent by Email, and you will need to respond in order to receive a code to join the meeting.

James Knights: “Distaff Soldiers in the Civil War.” We will be streaming his talk which was previously recorded, and he plans to be with us in person to answer questions. Jim invites you to see his book *Soldier Girl Blue* available on Amazon.

April 13, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. In person at the Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. This was our pre-COVID meeting place located just off 24 Highway and east of Highway 291 about five blocks. Turn north on Farview when you see the Hardee’s restaurant. The church is located at the fork of the street, and there is plenty of parking on the east side of the building. Masks are no longer required in Independence, but you are welcome to wear one if you wish.

Chery Holtman: “Col. Henry Routt and the Liberty Arsenal” (first Civil War event in Missouri after the firing on Ft. Sumter). Col. Routt is Chery’s great-great grandfather, and his house is still standing in Liberty, MO.

Other History Events

Civil War Wednesdays

Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Opening of its Civil War exhibits on March 2, 2022 from 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. On display are items that formerly were shown at the Battle of Westport Museum in Swope Park.

Harris-Kearney House Tours

4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Oldest brick home in Kansas City dating from 1855. House tours open on Friday, March 4, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. The last tour starts at 4:15 p.m., and the house closes at 5:00 p.m. The house will be closed to the public on March 5th for a private event, but normally house tours are available on Friday and Saturday.

March Bleeding Kansas, 2022

Sunday, March 6, 2022 – 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall, 319 Elmore, Lecompton, KS. Lane Smith: “The Trial of Jefferson Davis and the Issue of Secession.”

Civil War Women Come Alive

Monday, March 7, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Blue Ridge Library, 9253 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO. Joyce Slater presents stories through first person interpretation of the women of the Civil War, both Union and Confederate. Hear the tales of spies, nurses, and wives who lived through the war.

Reservations are required for this Mid-Continent Public Library program. Please go to www.mymcpl.org/events.

The program will be repeated at other branches on March 8, March 17, March 21, and March 31, 2022. See the calendar below for details.

Civil War Women Come Alive

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Weston Library, 18204 Library Drive, Weston, MO. Joyce Slater: Civil War Women Come Alive. Reservations required at www.mymcpl.org/events.

March Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Golden Corral, 8800 N. Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO. “Wyatt and Josephine Earp.”

The Lincoln Family at Home

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Virtual program about the Lincolns’ home life and how they raised their four sons. Presented by the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. This event is FREE and can be accessed on the Looking for Lincoln Facebook page and YouTube Channel. Do not click on any links that take you to a pay page.

Thursday at the Clay County Museum

March 10, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Second Thursday of March to avoid a conflict with St. Patrick’s Day on the Third Thursday. Ton Meyers: “The Beginning of Clay County, Missouri.” Bicentennial in 2022.

Society of Friends of Fort Osage

Saturday, March 12, 2022 – Noon to 2:00 p.m. Fort Osage National Historic Landmark, 105 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. The staff will do a presentation on period clothing for Fort Osage, and volunteers will share resources for making patterns, trading, sharing, and buying period clothing and accessories.

The Agitators by Dorothy Wickenden

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Central Library Auditorium, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO.

Dorothy Wickenden, Executive Editor of *The New Yorker*: *The Agitators* by Wickenden highlights Harriet Tubman, Frances Seward, and Martha Coffin Wright. Reservations are required at this website www.kclibrary.org/node/30951/register.

Third Wednesday Brown Bag Program

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – Noon. Bring your own lunch. Speaker at 12:30 p.m. East Building at the Shawnee Indian Mission, 3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway, KS. Kristen Zane: *The Shawnee Indian Mission from a Scholar's view in the 1840's*. Please RSVP to Ken Cook at KenCook66103@gmail.com.

March Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner cost is \$32. Milburn Golf and Country Club, 7501 W. 69th Street, Overland Park, KS. Todd Stettner: *"Soldiers, Sailors & Spies: Jews in the Civil War."* Reservations required by Wednesday, March 9th. Email to Susan Keipp at skeipp@kc.rr.com.

March Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Sam Gill: *"The Mysterious Vanished Bomber: The Fate of the "Lady Be Good."*

64th Annual Missouri Conference on History

March 16-18, 2022. Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Jefferson City, MO. \$65 Registration. For information on speakers and programs, go to www.shsmo.org. One of the presenters is our friend, Nancy Ehrlich, who will be speaking about "Emancipation of Rev. Nicholas Carper, c 1776-1840."

Civil War Women Come Alive

Thursday, March 17, 2022 – 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lone Jack Library, 211 N. Bynum Road, Lone Jack, MO. Joyce Slater: *"Civil War Women Come Alive."* Register at www.mymcpl.org/events.

Friends of the Missouri State Archives

Thursday, March 17, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. In-person at the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO. Dr. Luke Ritter: *Inventing America's First Immigration Crisis.* The rapid influx of 4.2 million immigrants to the U.S. in the 1840's and 1850's led to the anti-immigration political movement, the "nativists." There will be a reception at 6:00 p.m. with snacks and desserts.

The program will also be available virtually at www.facebook.com/missouristatearchives/live.

31st Annual War of 1812 in the West Symposium

Saturday and Sunday, March 19-20, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. Arrow Rock Missouri State Historic Site, 39521 Visitor Center Drive, Arrow Rock, MO. Open to the public. No registration or fee required, featuring speakers and exhibits on America's most overlooked conflict, the War of 1812. For more information go to the Missouri State Parks website, www.mostateparks.com/event/92586/war-1812-west-symposium.

Civil War Women Come Alive

Monday, March 21, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Riverside Library, 2700 N.W. Vivion Road, Riverside, MO. Joyce Slater: *"Civil War Women Come Alive."* Register at www.mymcpl.org/events.

Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table Virtual Mtg.

Monday, March 21, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Evan Smith: *"Some Events in Civil War Texas."* Zoom invitation will be sent via Email.

Civil War Women Come Alive

Thursday, March 31, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Raytown Library, 6131 Raytown Road, Raytown, MO. Joyce Slater: *"Civil War Women Come Alive."* Register at www.mymcpl.org/events.

April Park Day

Saturday, April 9, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. Lone Jack Battlefield and Cemetery, 301 S. Bynum Road, Lone Jack, MO. Bring your own gloves and garden tools for outdoor cleanup. Lunch provided.

Battle of Lexington State Historic Site – 10:00 a.m. 1101 Delaware, Lexington, MO. Bring gloves to help remove invasive species from the Battlefield. Bottled water and lunch provided.

April Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Golden Corral, 8800 N. Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO. Chris Edwards will be speaking.

April Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table

Monday, April 18, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Virtual. Andy Papan: *"Shiloh."* Zoom invitation will be sent by Email.

April Brown Bag Program

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – Noon. Bring your own lunch. 12:30 p.m. – Speaker. East Building at the Shawnee Indian Mission, 3403 W. 53rd Street,

Fairway, KS. Ken Shoemaker: “Rev. Jesse Greene: My Part of the Shawnee Indian Mission Story.” Please RSVP to Ken Cook at his Email address; KenCook66103@gmail.com.

April Civil War Round Table of Kansas City
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner. Cost is \$32. Milburn Golf and Country Club, 7501 W. 69th Street, Overland Park, KS. Matt Spruill: “The Battle of Chickamauga.” Reservations required by Wednesday, April 13, 2022. Email to Susan Keipp at her address, skeipp@kc.rr.com.

April Independence Civil War Study Group
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Dan Smith: “The Civil War in Jackson County, MO.”

Book Group: Frederick Douglass-Prophet of Freedom - Thursday, April 21, 2022 – 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. North Independence Library, 317 W. 24 Highway, Independence, MO. Book group to discuss Frederick Douglass by David W. Blight. Copies of the book are usually available at the Mid-Continent branch one month prior or call or visit your own branch.

April Third Thursday, Clay County Museum
Thursday, April 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Chery Holtman: “Col. Henry Routt and the Liberty Arsenal.”

April Nature Walks at Fort Osage
Saturday, April 23, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fort Osage National Historic Landmark, 107 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. Stretch your legs with an early spring nature walk. Adults – \$8, Seniors (62 and older) and Youth 5-13 years – \$4, Under 5 are free.

Clay County 200th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, April 23, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Jesse James Farm, 21216 James Farm Road, Kearney, MO. 10:00 a.m. – Opening remarks at the south cabin porch. 11:00 a.m. – History of the cabin. Noon – History of Clay County. 1:00 p.m.- Guns of the Civil War Period. 2:00 p.m. – Samuel Family History. 3:00 p.m. – Jesse James. There will be reenactors on the grounds, James family descendants, and a food truck. Adults: \$9, Seniors 62 and over: \$8, Children (8-15): \$5, Children under 8: Free.

News About Members and Friends

We are sad that we have lost friends of the Round Table in the last several months. **Joanne Chiles Eakin** passed away on January 25, 2022. She was a well-known Civil War researcher and publisher and was active with many historical groups.

Margaret Bardgett passed away on December 14, 2021. She was a good friend of Sonny and Karen Wells and active with the Westport Historical Society.

Orven Schanzer passed away on January 5, 2022 in Los Angeles where he retired from the movie business. Orven grew up in Kansas City and along with his niece, Lisa Gilman, would return about once a year to pursue the history of a different community in the Kansas City area. Orven made many friends among history groups and will be missed.

Dick Hughes, the husband of Barbara Hughes (American History Women), passed away on December 5, 2022. His memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the Walnut Gardens Community of Christ church, 19201 E. R.D. Mize Road, Independence, MO. Visitation to follow.

On the bright side, we are happy to announce that several history groups have hired energetic young leaders. **Johnathon Hart** has been appointed Executive Director of the Black Jack Battlefield and Nature Park in Kansas. Successful fundraising will allow for the construction of a visitors and education center.

The Jackson County Historical Society is pleased to welcome **Chris Stout** as its new Executive Director. Chris was a founder of the Veterans Community Project which built “Tiny Houses” for veterans at 89th and Troost in Kansas City. He looks forward to promoting Jackson County history alongside staff, donors and volunteers.

Our president, **Mike Calvert**, is serving on the Heritage Commission for the City of Independence, MO which is now under the Tourism Board. Mike is planning to present a walking tour of Woodlawn Cemetery in May as a part of Heritage Month. He will also be speaking to the Pioneer Chapter of the DAR on March 1, 2022.

Pat Gradwohl’s brother recently celebrated his 100th birthday with a wonderful party in Liberty, MO with family and friends.