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THIS MONTH IN THE WAR: April 8, 1864: By a vote of 38 to 6, the Senate passes the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery in the United States and all areas under its jurisdiction. (From *The Civil War Day by Day*, lent by Don Moorehead).

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(lower level)

Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

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President's Letter

As you all know from time to time I am called upon to speak before various groups. When I do speak, I often times will present a talk I have done before. The benefit is great because I always tell myself I won't have to do any research. For some reason I haven't been able to convince myself that the talk is well prepared and doesn't need to be tweaked.

Over the past couple of weeks I have been updating some of my talks. The advent of the internet has been a boon to research. From my office desk I can reach out anywhere in the world and find information. Did you know that the library at Harvard has muster roles from Shelby's brigade? You can find stuff in the most unusual places. Last week I found a diary from a gentleman who served in the 2nd Colorado Cavalry. The diary was in Columbia, MO and available on line. This was great and I'm glad it's there, but I still went to Columbia and the Western Manuscripts Collection to hold and read the actual words that were written 150 years ago.

The feeling from doing this simple act is hard to put in words. The space here doesn't allow me to tell what I found so you'll have to stop me at our next meeting and ask. There is a vast amount of material to be discovered in our area. The repository of holdings is a long list. There's the Jackson County Historical Society Archives, The Clay County Archives, The Western History Manuscripts Collection at UMKC and the Missouri Valley Room at the KC Public Library to name a few. All have very helpful, knowledgeable staffs. I know I haven't named all the places to go for research. Forgive me if I have not mentioned your favorite. There is one thing that holds true for each and every location, you as an individual can go and hold a piece of history. Can it get any better than that? Go ahead use the internet, you should. It saves a lot of time. Just don't deprive yourself of the chance to touch history.

~Mike Calvert, President

Use of Keypad at Villages of Jackson Creek

Our meeting room is in the Fitness Center on the lower level of the far east wing with the number "3980A" above the entrance. If the inside sliding door is secured, use the keypad on the right to enter 1207* and stand in front of the door to activate. If there is a problem, call Beverly at (816) 225-7944 (cell). To exit the building, use the keypad to the left of the sliding door and enter 1207*. Stand directly in front of the door to activate. Please do not try to force the door but instead call Beverly at (816) 225-7944 for assistance.

CWRTWM Calendar

April 2014 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek, 3980-A S. Jackson Drive (lower level), Independence, MO. Jim Beckner: “The Three Musketeers Attempt to Kidnap Jefferson Davis in 1862.”

We will continue our silent auction of donated items so you might want to bring a little cash. You can donate books and other objects which don't have to be Civil War related.

Let's remember that the hallways at the Villages are next to residents' bedrooms so we need to be quiet when we exit.

No Board Meeting in April 2014

Other Civil War Events and Exhibits

Outstanding Women of Missouri Now through May 31. Fort Osage Education Center at 107 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. Exhibit is free but tours to the Fort are \$7 for Adults, \$4 for ages 5-13, \$3 for ages 62 and older, and free for children 4 and under. The exhibit features such women as Susan Blow, an educator who recognized the importance of early childhood education and opened the first successful public kindergarten in America here in Missouri. Learn of the tenacity of Marie Watkins Oliver, the Missouri woman who designed the Missouri State flag, twice. From authors to astronauts, first lady, or lady Buffalo Soldier, Missouri has been home to some amazing women. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

The Life and Legacy of George Shepard Park. April 1-April 25, 2014. McAfee Memorial Library, Park University, 8700 NW River Park Drive, Parkville, MO. In honor of the 175th anniversary of Platte County, MO, this exhibit highlights Mr. Parks' life, including the destruction of his printing press, thrown in the Missouri River by a pro-slavery mob on April 14, 1855. Original documents, newspapers, photographs, artifacts, and furniture from the Fishburn Archives will be on display. A reception will be open to the public on April 13, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the McAfee Memorial Library. Hours for the exhibit are 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday; and 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday.

Battle of Grinter's Farm

Thursday, April 3, 2014 – 7:00 p.m., Jackson County Genealogy Society at the Truman Depot, 1111 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. Mike Calvert,

president of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, will discuss a short deadly affair that took place near the present-day Truman Medical Center-Lakewood. On July 6, 1864, Capt. S.W. Wagoner and 25 men of Company C, 2nd Colorado Cavalry, were on a scout for guerrillas to the south of the Independence-Harrisonville Road. They encountered George Todd and 100 of his men. Guests are welcome.

Black Powder Shoot

Saturday, April 5, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – Noon at The Jesse James Farm and Museum, 21216 James Farm Road, Kearney, MO. Test your skills and win a prize. Cap and Ball Revolver or Cartridge Revolver, Replicas OK. Fixed sights and dueling stance only. Jesse James Medallion prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Historically accurate costume is encouraged but not required. Registration at 8:00 a.m. Shoot begins at 9:00 a.m. Participants – \$15. For information please call Beth Beckett at (816) 736-8502.

Friends of Arrow Rock African-American Symposium

Saturday, April 5, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitor Center (14 miles north of I-70 at exit 89). Admission, including a buffet at the historic 1834 J. Huston Tavern, is \$25. Participants include Dr. Diane Mutti-Burke (research on slavery along the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers); Master Storyteller and Author Gladys Caines-Coggsell who will portray “Adeline,” a Missouri slave; Author and distinguished Freemason Alton G. Roundtree (*Out of the Shadows: The Emergence of Prince Hall Freemasonry in America: Over 225 Years of Endurance*); Teresa Habernal (traditional gospel music); Cultural historian and author Gary Fuenfhausen (existing slave dwellings at Prairie Park); and Dr. Maude Wahlman (research on secret signs and symbols used by African-Americans in their cemeteries). There will also be guided and self-guided tours of Brown Lodge No. 22 and nearby Prairie Park Plantation. Reservations by calling (660) 837-3231 or on-line at www.FriendsofArrowRock.org.

Friends of Pharis Farm Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 5, 2014. 10:00 a.m. – Noon. Historic Pharis Farm, 20611 EE Highway, Liberty, MO. Visitors welcome. New acquisitions and documents donated by Roger King will be on display. Refreshments provided.

Fabulous Fashions of the Victorian Age

Saturday, April 5, 2014. 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Bates County Museum-Robertson Hall, 802 Elks Drive, Butler, MO. 6th Annual Brunch requires reservations in Advance – \$15. The late Victorian Age brought great prosperity to Bates County because of coal mining, land speculating, the railroad, and investors. The program

will feature ladies and girls' clothing from the late 1880's through 1910 which will be modeled and displayed. Also several exquisite christening gowns. Call (660) 679-0134 for reservations and advance purchase of tickets.

Ladies Spring Tea-Historic – Mt. Gilead Church

Saturday, April 5, 2014 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Historic Mt. Gilead Church, 15918 Plattsburg Road, Kearney, MO. Afternoon of tea and crafts (decorating tins and canning jars). Dave Courtney will play the hammered dulcimer and speak about the history of the instrument. Refreshments served. \$10 – Registration required by calling (816) 736-8500.

Missouri Irish Brigade's Spring Muster

Saturday, April 5, 2014. Spring opening of Alexander Majors House, 8201 State Line, Kansas City, Missouri. Tours of the house from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and children under 5 are free. The John Wornall House will reopen on Saturday, April 26th.

Park Day at Lone Jack Civil War Battlefield Museum

Park. Saturday, April 5, 2014. Registration at 8:30 a.m. Cleanup from 9:00 a.m. - About 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed outdoors to clear limbs and brush and rake the cemetery and flower beds. Indoor duties are dusting displays, mopping floors, and washing windows at the museum and Cave Hotel. Get a free t-shirt and lunch. Please bring gloves and dress for the weather. Please label any tools you bring. To volunteer call Alinda Miller at (816) 805-1815. Located ½ mile south of Highway 50 exit for Lone Jack, Missouri.

The **Lewis-Gregg Cemetery** cleanup will be scheduled for some time later in April depending on the weather. Call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 to volunteer and be advised of the exact date.

1850's Town Hall Political Meeting-Lecompton, Kansas

Sunday, April 6, 2013. 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$3 donation. Members of the Lecompton Reenactors acting troupe will portray famous Kansans of the Bleeding Kansas era such as Charles Robinson, James Lane, John Brown, and Clarina Nichols as they passionately express their feelings on the issue of slavery in Kansas.

Civil War Newspapers – Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, April 8, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. – Dinner. \$25. Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee Street, Kansas City, MO. Darryl Levings of the Kansas City *Star*: "Civil War Newspapers." For dinner reservations call Ann Schultis at (816) 456-0669.

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri Meeting
Wednesday, April 9, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. The Villages of Jackson Creek, Independence, MO.

Sons of Confederate Veterans - John T. Hughes Camp

Thursday, April 10, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Kross Lounge and Ernie's Restaurant, 605 N. Sterling, Sugar Creek, MO. Jim Beckner: "The Three Musketeers Plan to Kidnap Jefferson Davis." The SCV is the oldest organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Visitors welcome.

Fort Scott Civil War Encampment

Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13, 2014. 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Fort Scott National Historic Site, Old Fort Blvd., Fort Scott, KS. Sights and sounds of the Civil War as re-enactors recreate the activities of the Union Army and civilians of Fort Scott in 1864. Free.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, April 16, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Southview Manor Apartments, 2600A Hub Drive, Independence, MO. Mike Calvert: St. Louis and the Civil War.

Civil War at Sea

Thursday, April 17, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. James L. Speicher: *The H. L. Hunley and Her Crew*. To RSVP call (816) 701-3407.

Trivia Night and Silent Auction – Clay County

Thursday, April 17, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for the quilt raffle to benefit the Clay County Museum. To be held at the Shoal Creek Golf Club, 8905 Shoal Creek Parkway, Kansas City, MO. Tables of 8. Reserve seats by April 14th by calling (816) 792-2854. Pay at the door.

The Big Divide

Thursday, April 17, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. National Archives, 400 W. Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Aaron Barnhart and Diane Eickhoff will talk about their book *The Big Divide*, the story of Kansas and Missouri during the Civil War. To RSVP call (816) 268-8010.

Defying Slavery: The Enduring Struggle for Freedom

Thursday, April 17, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Diane Mutti Burke, author of *On Slavery's Border*, will discuss the heroic story of how African Americans resisted slavery. To RSVP call (816) 252-7228.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, April 22, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner (\$27).
Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie
Village, KS. Sam Gill: “Confederate General Jo
Shelby’s Raid.” Dinner reservations to Paul Gault
at (816) 741-2962.

Civil War Oratorio – Columbia, MO.

Thursday, April 24, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Jesse Auditorium,
University of Missouri, Columbia, MO. Combining
music, pictures, and text from the period, this work by
Stefan Freund and performed by the Columbia Civic
Orchestra, will provide an overview of events in
Missouri during the Civil War. Tickets may be
purchased at the door or go to www.cco.missouri.org.
General admission is \$15.

Historic Laurel Hills Cemetery Stroll-Platte County, MO

Saturday, April 26, 2014 – 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Weston, MO. Reenactors will stand by “their graves”
and give a brief monologue. Union and Confederate
soldiers along with slaves are buried there. Free but
donations welcome.

Shot All to Hell-1872 Raid on Northfield, MN

Sunday, April 27, 2014 – 2:00 p.m. Central Library, 14
W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Mark Lee Gardner:
*Shot All to Hell: Jesse James, the Northfield Raid, and
the Wild West’s Greatest Escape*. To RSVP call (816)
701-3407.

News About Members and Friends

Our condolences go to **Karen Wells** in the death of her
brother-in-law, Cal Wells, in Lincoln, NE. He suffered a
massive stroke three weeks ago and died on March 22,
2014. Karen attended the services in Lincoln on March
26. Expressions of sympathy may be mailed to 9753 N.
Smalley Ave., Kansas City, MO 64157.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of **Linda
Mangels’** daughter, Lori O’Dell of Henrietta, MO who
died on March 25th. Services were held on March 29,
2014. Our condolences go to the family. Linda has
been suffering from pertussis (whooping cough) for
months. It is a reminder that adults should get a booster
of their childhood immunization for diphtheria-tetanus-
pertussis (DTP) every ten years. Cards may be sent to
607 NE 115th Terr., Kansas City, MO 64155.

Though not a member of the Round Table, the
reenacting community lost a good member when **Gary
Francis Sullivan** passed away on March 3, 2014. He
and his wife Norma enjoyed going to military balls,
dressing the part in vintage Civil War military uniform.

Our friend **Don Ballard** who worked with Sonny Wells
on recognizing Medal of Honor recipients was pictured
in the March 24, 2014 Kansas City *Star* article called
“Saluting Medal of Honor recipients.” Don is himself a
Medal of Honor hero who earned our country’s most
prestigious military honor in Vietnam in 1968, when as a
Navy corpsman he threw himself on an enemy grenade
tossed at the wounded Marines he was treating.
Fortunately the grenade was a dud, and Ballard now
lives in Grain Valley, MO where he created the Swan
Lake Memorial Park as a final resting place for veterans.
The ceremony at Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City
honored **Pvt. John Henry Ricksecker** of the Union
Army who was honored for valor at the Battle of
Franklin, TN in 1864. Beverly forwarded the *Star*
article by E-Mail to the people organizing Park Day in
Franklin on April 5th and received a reply from **Deanna
Scheffel**, parks coordinator for the City of Franklin, who
passed it along to their Battlefield Preservation
Commissioners and historians. She replied, “It always
amazes me how everything and everyone is connected.”
Our friend **Anne Mallinson** intends to travel to Franklin
this fall for the 150th anniversary of the battle.

We have received a thank you letter from the **Battle of
Westport 150 Chairman, George A. Vesel, to thank
the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri for
its \$200 contribution to the fundraising** to put on the
reenactment on October 25, 2014 in the Byram’s Ford
and Swope Park area where the Battle of Westport
Museum is located. Some of you probably remember
attending the 125th reenactment organized by **Sonny
Wells and Jim Beckner** in Swope Park.

Speaking of bygone times we would like to welcome
back to membership our first recording secretary, **Vicki
Beck**, who formerly lived in Buckner but has now
moved to Independence. She may not be able to come to
many meetings presently because of caring for
grandchildren, but she says “Hello.” She recently
assisted **Jim Beckner** in organizing an event at the
historic Smith-Davis Cemetery in Raytown.

Please also welcome a new member, **Paul Bond**.
Because we like to be able to greet our new members
and visitors at our meeting, we provide name badges that
can be picked up on the counter outside our meeting
room and returned after the meeting. Thanks to
Barbara Wormington for printing the badge inserts
with our logo, **Art Kelley** for inserting them into the
holders and having organized the carrying case for
bringing them to the meeting, and **Pat Racki** for
displaying them in alphabetical order. We also have
stick-on badges for visitors.

Peggy Buhr, Director of the Bates County Historical Society, was interviewed on Channel 5 News on March 18, 2014, in connection with a story about “farming solar power for energy.” She reminded us that Butler was “The Electric City” which built its own power plant after the Civil War.

Many thanks to those who have donated items for our silent auction at the meetings and to those purchasing goodies to take home. We added \$43 to our coffers recently which helps to pay for providing a main dish at our summer picnic and Christmas party. Please feel free to bring items for sale. **Vonda Clark** is working on a braided rug to bring as a donation which we may auction or sell chances on.

Beverly Shaw invites you to participate in the Symphony Designers’ Showhouse by volunteering with our group on Thursday, May 1, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. when we serve as docents. This will be about our 10th year to staff the house on its “late night” shift. The nice thing about the Thursday evening shift is that there is usually a food display with samples and entertainment in the tent outside the house, and we give everybody a break time to go enjoy it. While the house at 1246 W. 59th Street (between Ward Parkway and State Line), Kansas City, MO is not Civil War vintage, it does date to 1921 and was designed by Hoit, Price, and Barnes, a notable architectural firm which has the Power and Light Building to its credit as well as the huge house at 55th and State Line. Beverly researches the “house history” each year and invites you to enjoy the house free of charge while helping raise funds for the children’s programs put on by the Kansas City Symphony. Call Beverly for further details at (816) 225-7944. She also has pre-sale tickets for \$15 which would cost \$18 at the door. The house is open April 26-May 18, 2014.

It was a little unnerving to see a giant wax head of **Abraham Lincoln** in the March 16, 2014 issue of the *Kansas City Star*. Come to find out, it was part of the auction items from the American Civil War Museum in Gettysburg, PA which was selling 95 wax figures and props used to create the 52-year old vignettes. Doubtless they have been superseded by new digital displays at the new museum.

Bob Grover, Color Guard for the Harry S. Truman Chapter of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, marched in the World’s Shortest St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 17th in Blue Springs, MO. The parade extended from one side of the street to the other. It probably took him longer to put on his uniform than to march in the parade, but we appreciate

the time that these men spend in displaying the flag at many civic events.

We were pleased to see some familiar faces in the Spring 2014 issue of “Historic Arrow Rock.” Living history presenters **Jacque and Herschel Stroud** and speaker **Joe Mattox** were pictured. The Strouds have taken some of our Little Blue Battlefield tours, and Herschel presents displays of medicine during the Civil War. Joe was participating in the February programs highlighting the role that African-Americans played in the development of Arrow Rock.

Spring has officially arrived in **Independence, MO** with the opening of its historic sites on April 1, 2014. The 1849 Jail and Marshal’s Home Museum at 217 N. Main, the Bingham-Waggoner Estate at 313 W. Pacific, the Vaile Mansion at 1500 N. Liberty, and the Chicago and Alton Depot next to the National Frontier Trails Museum at 318 W. Pacific will reopen to visitors.

Author William O’Brien, an Independence native, has recently published *Merchants in Independence: International Trade on the Santa Fe Trail, 1827-1860*. In the March 1, 2014 issue of the *Examiner*, reporter Jesus Lopez-Gomez interviewed the author. “As surprising as it may be to some to learn Independence was once a key point of American commerce, the natural question is what changed.” O’Brien has two answers: The railroad and the Civil War. O’Brien reminds us that Independence was nearly destroyed in the Civil War. In the spring of 1861, city businessmen whose establishments had been ravaged by Confederate guerrillas relayed to the U.S. government, “We now live in a state of anarchy and lawless violence.” One of the town’s darkest moments was described by granddaughters of the first mayor of Independence, William McCoy. The family story was that prominent Kansas Jayhawker Col. William Jennison rounded up all the citizens in the town square, holding them at bayonet point and being kept up through the night by McCoy who pleaded for the colonel not to burn the city down.

You may notice some new “**National Historic Trails**” way-finder signs in Independence which show the Independence route of the Santa-Fe-Oregon-California National Historic Trails. They are located on both the Liberty Street and River Boulevard routes down from Wayne City Landing onto McCoy Street and on south past Santa Fe Trail Park to about 33rd Street and Chrysler. All the signs and four replacement exhibits at Wayne City Landing Park were placed before the KC Trails Conference on March 22-25.

The Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table recently had **Rudi Keller** of the *Columbia Tribune* as its speaker. Rudi has been mining old issues of the *Tribune* events of the day during the Civil War and has compiled them into two volumes: *Life During Wartime – 1861 and 1862*. Volume One sells for \$39.95 plus tax, and Volume Two sells for \$44.95 plus tax. Gary Kremer, Executive Director of the State Historical Society of Missouri, says these columns provide modern-day Missourians an opportunity to “experience” the war almost firsthand, with all of its intrigue, treachery, confusion, and anxiety. Len Eagleburger of the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks often cites these columns in his weekly digest of Civil War related writings from all over the U.S.

The Posse of the Westerners recently heard **Christie Kennard**, former President of the Friends of the James Farm, speak about Reverend Robert James, the father of Frank and Jesse. She focused on four letters the James Farm and Museum recently acquired, all written in 1850.

We are sorry that the **Lee’s Summit Historical Society** has hit a wall in its efforts to acquire enough space to adequately display its extensive holdings which are now in storage. They thought they had an arrangement to lease space in the renovated 1939 U. S. Post Office built by the Works Progress Administration. Unfortunately the bids for renovation were so high that they would eat all the money, leaving the historical society without support for exhibiting its collection.

Writing for the *Star Magazine* on March 2, 2014, **Darryl Levings** tells the fascinating story of Allen Pinks, a former slave who experienced similar treatment in Weston, MO to the story in the Oscar nominated movie “12 Years a Slave.”

The Daily Beast says that “**Yes, Lincoln Would’ve Done ‘Ferns.’**” In case you missed it, President Obama appeared on “Between Two Ferns,” the Zach Galifianakis-hosted web show to urge younger viewers to sign up for health care coverage. Bill O’Reilly, author of *Killing Lincoln* and Fox Network talk show host, says, “All I can tell you is Abe Lincoln would not have done it.” The Daily Beast takes exception to this statement and says that Lincoln absolutely would have done “Ferns” as an unconventional means of communication. For Lincoln his method was story-telling. He used them to illustrate a political point or to humanize himself with his audience. “I feel like I once did when I met a woman riding horseback in the woods. As I stopped to let her pass, she also stopped and, looking at me intently, said: ‘I do believe you are the ugliest man I ever saw.’” Said I, ‘Madam, you are

probably right, but I can’t help it!’ ‘No,’ said she, ‘you can’t help it, but you might stay home!’”

The **Clay County Historical Society** had a meeting to discuss the Joy of Quilting as their inaugural topic for 2014. **Linda Mangels** share some interesting facts about Civil War quilts and their hidden messages and meanings as used on the Underground Railroad. During the Civil War, the U. S. Army commissioned 250,000 quilts for its soldiers’ “comfort.” From that we get the word “comforter” to mean a covering for the bed. The Clay County Historical Society is currently holding a raffle for the chance to win three “comforters,” – a cross stitch quilt, a block quilt in a diamond pattern made by Donna Kitterman and **Linda Mangels**, and an “Historic Liberty Throw” displaying different historical buildings in Liberty. Tickets are \$10 each and only 100 tickets will be sold. The items are on display at the Clay County Museum, and tickets may be purchased there (14 N. Main Street, Liberty, Missouri.) Call for hours: (816) 792-1849.

We have eleven people going to St. Louis April 4-6, 2014 for the Grant Symposium. Nine will be traveling on Friday evening including Lila Aamodt from the Kansas City Round Table, and **Connie Roman** and her husband will be traveling separately to also visit relatives. Those traveling by car are **Terry Chronister, Pat Racki, Don Moorehead, Vonda Clark, Beverly Shaw, Pat Gradwohl, Karen Wells and Liz Murphy.**

A Missouri Civil War flag of the **Sixth Missouri Cavalry** is being repatriated to the State Museum of Missouri by the Arkansas History Commission. The ceremony took place at the Pea Ridge National Military Park on March 20, 2014.

We enjoyed hearing from Richard Stewart about his “Quantrill Collection” at the Benton County (Ark.) Museum at our March meeting. The Round Table donated \$30 in lieu of a speaker’s fee. If you would like to donate to the cause to help purchase binders, photocopies, etc., you can send a check payable to his wife Donnia (his banker): Donnia Stewart, 120 E. Walnut, Independence, MO 64050.

The city of **Sugar Creek** has given up for now the effort to annex land in Eastern Jackson County from the Missouri River east to the Little Blue River but north of where the Battle of the Little Blue took place. A problem with the legal description caused them to remove this item from the ballot. The area comprised 2,700 acres but had few inhabitants.