



★ *The Border Star* ★

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"Studying the Border War and Beyond"

THIS MONTH IN THE WAR: Kansas: On October 6, 1863, William Quantrill and his band of Confederate guerrillas, moving south from their base in Missouri toward a refuge in Texas, attacked and nearly wiped out a small Union detachment near Baxter Springs, Kansas.

October 2013

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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Villages of Jackson Creek
3980-A S. Jackson Drive
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Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

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President's Letter

20th Anniversary Celebration of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri was founded in 1992 when a group of people who had a common interest, who enjoyed learning and who cared about the history of our great nation came together to share those qualities. In 1994 the organization decided to incorporate. Even this didn't happen without the help of our good friends Max and Donna Daniels known to us as Abe and the Babe. It was through their generous gift the Round Table was able to pay the fee required. Over the years we have met in many places from libraries to schools to retirement homes always with the same interests and always with an open door for visitors. As with all organizations we have seen our membership grow and shrink. We have not been without our losses. I would like to recognize our two past presidents, Harold "Sonny" Wells and Tim Cox. Sonny in the early years with his, I dare say vast knowledge of the Civil War, especially of this area, increased our understanding of the war in our own back yard. Next was Tim with his passion for learning and in-turn his passion for teaching others. I would also like to remember not only these two gentlemen, but also the other members who are no longer with us. Please remember each of these individuals and their contributions.

What about the present? I believe that today we are just as strong and vibrant as we always have been. Maybe a little older, but still as eager to search out and learn new things about our history. We are still as young is spirit today as we were when Sonny had the group stand in the trench line at William Jewell College.

What about the future? Like all history organizations we ask ourselves how we can engage the youth of today. I don't know that I have that answer, but I do have a suggestion. Let's remember what made us want to study the Civil War. Let's remember our need to know and the excitement of our finding out. If we can remember those things and we can pass our passions on to future Round Table members and the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri will not have any concerns for the next 20 years and the celebration of our 40th Anniversary.

Thanks to all who helped make our celebration a success and thanks to all who took time out of their life to join us in remember who we were, who we are and to think about what we will be.

~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

October 2013 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek. Mark W. Kelly: Multnomah and John Dougherty. Dougherty was a mountain man, Indian agent, Missouri State Congressman, government contractor on the Oregon Trail, and proprietor of Multnomah, the grand Little Dixie estate in Clay County, Missouri. Mark is a longtime professional archaeologist/historian and attorney who has just published a limited edition book *Lost Voices on the Missouri – John Dougherty and the Indian Frontier*.

November 2013 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek. Carol Dark Ayres: Lincoln in Kansas.

December Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 7, 2013 – Noon. Loose Park Garden Center, Kansas City, MO. Aaron Barnhart and Diane Eichoff: *The Big Divide*.

Other Civil War Events and Exhibits

Exhibit: Guerrillas in Our Midst

Now through December 29, 2013. Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Drawings and Photographs from the Missouri Valley Special Collections.

Exhibit: Order No. 11 at the Box Gallery

Now through October 25, 2013. Commerce Bank Building, 1000 Walnut Street, Suite 221, Kansas City, MO. Hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. Order No. 11: Martial Law on the Missouri Border. Civil War-era objects and reproductions, map graphics, original portrait of two Missouri sisters caught in the war, a reproduction sculpture of a Civil War-era handcart, and a video which elaborates on the display.

Liberty on the Border – Omaha (NE) Union Station

Now through January 5, 2014. Durham Museum in the Omaha Union Station, 801 South 10th Street, Omaha, NE. Hours: Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Adults: \$9, Seniors: \$7. Children (ages 3-12): \$6. Under 2 years: Free. This Civil War exhibit was designed by the Cincinnati Museum Center and focuses on the border relationship between Ohio and Kentucky. The Ohio River represented a dividing line between North and South and “free” and “slave.” Contains photographs and documents, touchable

replicas, backdrops and dioramas, hands-on interactives, audio visual effects, diaries, and music.

A Wicked War: Polk, Clay, Lincoln and the 1864

Invasion of Mexico. Tuesday, October 1, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. The Mexican-American War paved the way for the Civil War and led to the political rise of Abraham Lincoln. Historian Amy S. Greenberg discusses her book *A Wicked War*. RSVP to (816) 701-3400.

Voices from the Grave – Baxter Springs, KS

Friday, October 4, 2013 – 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Baxter Springs City Cemetery Soldiers’ Lot. A theatrical presentation at the National Military plot in the cemetery west of town which will include music and a tribute to America’s war veterans. The City of Baxter Springs donated the lot to the U. S. after the Civil War. It includes 132 Union soldiers and officers killed on October 6, 1863.

Quantrill’s Attack on Fort Blair – Baxter Springs, KS

Saturday and Sunday, October 5-6, 2013. Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Encampment and events at the Baxter Springs Heritage Center and Museum, 740 East Ave., Baxter Springs, KS. Free event for the 150th anniversary of Quantrill’s attack and eventual massacre of Union soldiers and sympathizers.

Liberty, Missouri Walking Tour

Saturday, October 5, 2013. 10:00 a.m. Mt. Memorial Cemetery. Tour meets at the entrance to the cemetery on campus of William Jewell College. Enter campus from Miller Street and continue up the hill.

Book Signing at Clay County Museum, Liberty, MO.

Saturday, October 5, 2013 – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Ed Chasteen: “My Life on a Bicycle.” Free.

The Role of Guerrilla Women in Missouri’s Civil War

Sunday, October 6, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. Columbia Public Library (Friends Room), 100 West Broadway, Columbia, Missouri. MU professor LeeAnn Whites will discuss how women acted as a domestic supply line in the guerrilla movement. After her presentation, you can take a final look at the exhibit “A State Divided: The Civil War in Missouri.”

Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. – Dinner. \$25. Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee Street, Kansas City, MO. Deb Bisel: Cyrus K. Holiday, the founder of the ATSF railroad who brought it to Topeka and

points west. For dinner reservations call Ann Schultis at (816) 456-0669.

Show and Tell at Clay County Museum

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Bring an historical object, story, or memory to share. Free.

CWRTWM Membership Meeting

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Quantrill Society Reunion

Saturday, October 12, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. Pay for fees and tickets. Grain Valley Historical Society, 506 Main Street, Grain Valley, MO. “Bushwhacker Preacher Bus Tour.” \$13. Reservations needed by October 10th to guarantee a spot. Go to info@wcqsociety.com or call (816) 241-5315. Themes are Bushwhacker Preachers, Little Archie Clement, Historic Highway 224, Guerrilla Activities in Eastern Jackson and Lafayette County.

10:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. - Bus tour

4:00 p.m. - “Martin Rider, Bushwhacker Preacher” by members of the Rider Family. Oil portrait of Mart Rider.

4:30 p.m. - Presentations and programs. Book signing for *Reunion In Death*, Vol. 3 by Duncan Hansen.

5:00 p.m. - Story of Quantrill’s Flag by John T. Hughes SCV Camp.

5:30 p.m. - Quantrill Society Annual Meeting.

6:00 p.m. - Banquet at JJ’s Bar and Grill. Order and pay on your own.

7:00 p.m. - Evening Programs and Presentations.

Quantrill’s Mother-Lone Jack Library

Saturday, October 12, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.
Lone Jack Library, 211 N. Bynum Road, Lone Jack, MO. Barbara Hughes plays Quantrill’s mother and discusses his exploits including the Lawrence massacre and his private life with his wife, Kate King. RSVP to (816) 697-2528.

Lock Down by David W. Jackson-Westport Library

Saturday, October 12, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.
Westport Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO.

David Jackson: *Lock Down: Lawmen, Outlaws, and Frontier Justice in Jackson County, Missouri*. RSVP to (816) 701-3488.

Remember the Sultana

Monday, October 14, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Oak Grove Library, 2320 S. Broadway, Oak Grove, MO. The Sultana was a steamship launched in 1863. Days after the assassination of President Lincoln, Union soldiers who had been captured were to be sent home. Hundreds lost their lives due to one man’s greed. The presenter is a descendant of one of the lucky men who survived. RSVP to (816) 690-3213.

Strong Women on the Border

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Southview Manor Apartments, 2600 A Hub Drive, Independence, MO. Jean Warren from James Country Mercantile tells how women kept their families fed, protected, and cared for during the Border War and Civil War.

Guided Tour of Black Jack Battlefield, Wellsville, KS

Saturday and Sunday, October 19-20, 2013. In conjunction with Baldwin City’s Maple Leaf Festival. Black Jack Battlefield and Nature Park, 163 E. 2000 Road, Wellsville, KS. Hear John Brown and Henry Clay Pate and their followers talk about events leading up to the battle. Saturday tours at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Sunday tours 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. Free.

Antiques Appraisal Fair – Liberty, Missouri

Sunday, October 20, 2013 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Appraisers include Rick Pence (Pence Estate Sales and Auctions) and Steve Meirowsky (Whiteside Jewelry, Inc.). For \$10 an item or collection, you will receive an expert’s opinion.

Ghosts of Order No. 11 Cemetery Walk – Woodlawn

Cemetery - Sunday, October 20, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (last tour begins at 4:00 p.m.), Woodlawn Cemetery, 701 S. Noland Road, Independence, MO. Parking at Newcomers Funeral Home. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students (ages 8-18). Tours start every 10 minutes in small groups to grave sites where “ghosts” will share personal stories about their experiences during Order No. 11.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, October 22, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner (\$27). Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Arnold Schofield: “Baxter Springs.” Dinner reservations to Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

Celebrate Westport Day: The Signing of Order No. 11
Saturday, October 26, 2013 – Noon to 1:00 p.m.
1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum, 4000 Baltimore,
Kansas City, MO. Free.

Walk with the Civil War Spirits – Lone Jack, MO
Thursday, October 31, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Historic Lone Jack Cemetery, Lone Jack, MO.

Bi-Annual Fish Fry and Tour—Osceola, MO
Saturday, November 2, 2013 – Tour – 9:00 a.m. prompt.
Fish fry – Noon. 4 ½ miles south of Osceola on 82
Highway. Then left at S.E. 150 Road. Fish fry and Tour
– \$18. Fish fry only – \$10. To make reservations by
October 25, 2013, call Richard Sunderwirth at (417)
646-5538. The Sons of Confederate Veterans introduce
you to Cole Younger and Frank James of the Wild West
Rugged Rough Riders!

News About Members and Friends

The Round Table extends its condolences to **Steve and Carol Olson** on the death of his mother, Celestine Beatrice (June) Olson on September 7, 2013. Carol's mother has also suffered a setback when a severe coughing spell caused her to break three bones in her lower back. She will be in rehab for up to eight weeks.

We extend congratulations to **Frank Adams** who celebrated his 90th birthday on September 19, 2013. Frank is now at home on his farm with 24 hour help. If you would like to send him a card, his address is 23306 E. Adams Road, Independence, MO 64058, and his phone is (816) 796-8362.

The visiting hours for the **Battle of Westport Visitors Center and Museum** in Swope Park in Kansas City, Missouri are drawing to a close for the season (April-October, Thursday-Saturday, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.). If you plan to visit, you might want to send **Alisha Cole** an E-Mail at amcole2@mac.com to be sure a docent will be available. The Visitors Center will be a hub of activities for the *Battle of Westport 150 Commemoration* in October 2014.

We would like to welcome two new members to the Round Table – **Robert Bowling, Jr.** and **Tristyn Bowling** of Blue Springs, Missouri. Tristyn visited our September membership meeting with another young man and brought his father to our 20th anniversary celebration. Tristyn has volunteered to help **Steve Hatcher** update our website as needed.

Frederick J. Chiaventone, an award-winning writer has produced a novel called *Gone to Kingdom: Being the*

Recollections of a Missouri Bushwhacker. It's the story of two young men who come of age on the Missouri-Kansas border as the Civil War rages around them. They associate with some of the war's most controversial figures such as William Quantrill, "Bloody Bill" Anderson, and the James brothers. It's now available on Kindle from Amazon by going to www.amazon.com.

There's a new website that was introduced on September 25 at the Central Library in Kansas City, Missouri. It's called www.civilwaronthewesternborder.org and features the Missouri-Kansas Conflict, 1854-1865.

The Fall 2013 issue of "Our Clay Heritage" had some complimentary things to say about **Steve and Carolyn Hatcher** whose volunteer service for the Clay County Museum helped get it through a rough financial patch and increased membership while administering the museum's website, writing grant applications, and publicizing events.

The **Historic Truman Court House** on the Square in Independence is now open for business and is the headquarters for a new Visitors Center and the **Jackson County Gallery** of George Caleb Bingham paintings. The phone number for the Visitors Center is (816) 325-7890, and you can inquire when group tours will be available for the Gallery. The **Jackson County Historical Society and Archives** are also located in the renovated building.

Barbara Hughes portrayed Mattie Rice Tate on September 14, 2013 at the Rice-Tremonti House during the remembrance of Order No. 11. Mattie lost her husband on September 6th to federal gunfire at Lone Jack.

We appreciate the information that **Stephen Miller** has passed along about Battle of Westport markers 20 and 21 in south Kansas City which need some brush and weed removal.

John Nischwitz has started a Civil War Trivia blog at www.civilwartriviajunkie.wordpress.com.

We appreciate the efforts of the **Oxford University Press** to keep publishing Civil War books. The latest is called *Appomattox: Victory, Defeat and Freedom at the End of the Civil War* by historian Elizabeth R. Varon. She tries to present a new, more accurate interpretation of Appomattox's meaning. From the start, the peace was uneasy, fragile, and fraught which was reflected in varying degrees of renewal and reform during Reconstruction. Oxford is sending the Round Table a review copy.

The 35 souls who still reside in **Papinville, Missouri** in Bates County are to be congratulated for the front page article in the *Kansas City Star* on September 26, 2013 called "They won't let go of this town." The town was established in 1847 and has an historic cemetery, bridge, and a museum. It was burned by Order No. 11 on August 25, 1863 and has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Many of you have probably visited the **Pea Ridge National Military Park** in northwest Arkansas. It's now being threatened by a new high voltage electrical transmission line that would sever the main Pea Ridge Battlefield from the Little Sugar Creek Battlefield and Battle at Dunigan's Farm. Hopefully the Public Service Commission will listen to citizens and Civil War tourists to keep the lines away from the Park.

We are happy to announce that the veteran's stone for **Hiram Robinson** has been installed at Mound Grove Cemetery in Independence, Missouri, and may now be viewed across from the Joseph Smith marker, accessible from Gate 3 of the cemetery. **Richard Stewart** obtained the stone from the VA because there were no descendants to request it. Mound Grove set the stone free of charge and the Round Table paid the modest perpetual care fee. Hiram Robinson stood guard at Lincoln's casket and later moved to Independence, Missouri. Since the time Richard obtained the stone, the VA has changed the rules so that only family members can request a government stone and not even then if the grave is already marked by a family stone. These new regulations will reduce the number of Civil War veterans whose graves will be appropriately marked. Another of Richard's historical interests is the Quantrill Collection at the Benton County (Arkansas) Historical Society. He has donated many hours to assembling the collection and in research about the Quantrill guerrillas. You can read the results of his research on three blogspots:

www.josieqscr.blogspot.com
www.qscrfarm.blogspot.com
www.qscrclass.blogspot.com

Brian and Sharon Snyder wrote an eloquent letter to the editor in the September 6, 2013 *Examiner* to acknowledge the pioneer trails history all around us and to compliment the Oregon-California Trails Association for their work with the National Park Service to mark the trails with approximately 50 street signs in Independence.

Michael Snyder, a member of the Sterling Price Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, is still researching his Confederate ancestors in Lafayette County, many of whom fought at the Battle of Lexington. Many are

buried at Shore Cemetery in Sni-A-Bar Chapel Hill in southern Lafayette County. If you have knowledge of some of the family names such as the William Harris family who might be cousins to the Youngers, Bennett E. Phillips who married Amanda Jane Harris, and the Joyner family, please give Michael a call at (314) 724-8266.

Bonnie Sommerville from Higginsville, Missouri, has been able to mark the Dawson W. Arnold gravesite in the Hollywood Cemetery at Richmond, Virginia at the falls of the James River. Her maiden name was "Arnold" so whenever she travels she makes it a point to see if that family name appears. She found that Private Arnold of the 5th Florida Infantry was listed as buried there but did not have a stone. The stone was requested and installed in 2013.

Our friends at the **Union Cemetery Historical Society** have announced that they are researching a new book about Union Cemetery to be published by Star Books. It will tell the history of Westport and Kansas City through intimate portrayals of those buried there. It will not just be about the well-known but everyday folks as well. If you think information about your ancestor would be a fascinating addition to the book, please call (816) 472-4990 or contact Kevin Fewell at president@uchksks.org. Publication is scheduled for October 2014.

20th Anniversary Celebration

Thanks to all who attended our 20th Anniversary Celebration and to those who made it so enjoyable. First, we owe a debt of gratitude to our founder and first president, Sonny Wells and the 95 charter members. Of those we had 8 who were able to attend: Harriett Lionberger, Charlotte Tindall, Charles McCorkendale, Connie McQuain, Karen Wells, Joseph Rudzik, Roger Bomar, and Sue Valentine. We appreciated the hospitality of the Walnut Gardens Community of Christ Church and our two members who made arrangements, Barbara Hughes and Terry McConnell. Barbara also provided tablecloths from the church and prepared the PowerPoint of previous activities. Terry was our official greeter and photographer who also brought a display of Civil War weapons. The attractive flower centerpieces were provided by Pat Racki with additional embellishment by Pat Gradwohl. The display of pictures and plaques came from Karen Wells, Mike Calvert and Beverly Shaw. We especially appreciated the framed resolution from the Senate of the State of Missouri provided by Senator Paul LeVota to congratulate us for 20 years of accomplishments. Thank you to our president, Mike Calvert, for his leadership and for inviting Darryl Levings to be our speaker. As always we enjoyed the music of John and Dianne Lehman for our celebration.

GHOSTS OF ORDER No.11

CEMETERY WALK

Sponsored by

Friends of National Frontier Trails Museum

WOODLAWN CEMETERY

701 S. Noland Rd, Independence, MO

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

2:00—4:00 p.m. (last tour begins at 4:00)

Guides will escort small groups to grave sites where our "ghosts" will share personal stories about their experiences during Order No.11.

Cost: \$10 for adults & \$5 for students (ages 8-18)

Pay at the gate—tours start every 10 minutes.

Tour begins at Newcomers Funeral Home where they will provide the refreshments.

Parking available in the Newcomers lot and along the street.