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2nd Wednesday of each month 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek 3980-A S. Jackson Drive (lower level) Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual	20.00
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Newsletter Only (no meetings)	10.00

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THIS MONTH IN THE WAR: Emancipation Proclamation signed in Washington D.C., January 1, 1863.

President's Letter

1863 and 2013 two important years; the first for the American Civil War, the second for the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri.

1863 became a pivotal year for the War, beginning with the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1st and continuing with the major battles of Stones River in January, Chancellorsville in May, Vicksburg and Gettysburg in July and Chickamauga in September. The Civil War in Missouri was also part of this pivotal year with 201 battles fought within its borders. Marmaduke's raid in April and Shelby's raid in September are counted as the most important. By the end of the year the Battle of Chattanooga is fought and won by the Union. This battle frees Sherman to move throughout the south and sends Grant to Washington, D.C. to become the first lieutenant general since George Washington. The rest, as they say, is history.

What about 2013 and the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri? First, let me thank all of you; without your time and commitment, this organization would not function. It's because of you that our organization holds the place it does in our community. Building on what we accomplished in 2012 this is what the Board will be concentrating on in 2013; First, to continue the first rate monthly programming we've come to expect and enjoy. Second, finish and publish Volume 2 of the Civil War Monuments book. The work done to date has been nothing less than fantastic but if it doesn't become a book, a lot of people are going to miss finding out about the Civil War in their own backyard. Third, dedicate the flag pole and flag at the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery. I know we will find a date on which the weather will cooperate. Fourth, and this is a big one, celebrate the 20 years our organization has been in existence. To have a group of people stay together for 20 years and still find something new to discuss is truly worth celebrating. This is only a starting list I'm sure we will find more to do. There they are - things to look forward to in 2013. Let's celebrate the New Year together by looking at the past with an eye to the future. See you in 2013!

~Mike Calvert, President Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

Winter Weather Advisory

If winter weather causes unsafe roads on a meeting night, Beverly Shaw will place a recorded cancellation notice on her home phone (816-478-7648) and any cancelled meetings cannot be rescheduled.

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

January 2013 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2013 – 7:00 p.m., The Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level), 3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. "Open Round Table." Bring an artifact or a story or a Civil War book you are enjoying. Check in with Mike Calvert at the meeting so he can allocate time.

Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51 Terr. Court, Independence, MO.

February 2013 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 – 7:00 p.m., The Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level), 3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. Movie night: "The Universe of Battle" by Ken Burns.

No Board Meeting in February

Other Civil War Events

American Experience: The Abolitionists

Tuesday, January 8, 2013 – 8:00 p.m. Three-part series on public television tells the intertwined stories of 5 heroes of the original Civil Rights movement. January 8, 15 and 22.

Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, January 8, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Cass County Library, 400 W. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Lee Ward: "Jesse James – Alive Then Dead."

Encore Showing of "Bad Blood"

Thursday, January 10, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. In the Kansas City area, KCPT2 will air "Bad Blood: The Border War That Triggered The Civil War."

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Thursday, January 10, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Ryan's Restaurant, 1511 E. 23rd Street, Independence, MO. Lee Ward: "Jesse James – Alive Then Dead." Visitors welcome.

Clay County Annual Winter Banquet

Sunday, January 13, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.
Stroud's Oak Ridge Manor, 5410 NE Oakridge Dr.,
Kansas City, MO. Dinner, election of officers for
the Clay County Historical Society and program
by Robbie Maupin, Civil War re-enactor. \$28. RSVP to
Carolyn Hatcher at (816) 415-0066 by January 10th.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, January 16, 2013 – 7:00 .pm. Ryan's Restaurant, 1511 E. 23rd St., Independence, MO. Lee Ward: "Jesse James – Alive Then Dead."

Sons of Confederate Veterans-Missouri Division

Saturday, January 19, 2013 – 5:30 p.m. Inn of the Grand Glaize, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet. Tom Rafiner: "Chaos and Order No. 11 – 1860-1865."

Public Preview of Bent-Ward House

Saturday and Sunday, January 19-20, 2013. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday. Noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday. The Symphony Designers' Showhouse is the historic Bent-Ward House at 1032 W. 55th Street, Kansas City, MO. Structure built in 1871 from a design by Asa Beebe Cross. Farm owned by William W. Bent from 1858 to 1871 and then sold to Mrs. Seth Ward. \$5 for predecorated tour.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, January 22, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. "James Montgomery" by Dave Schafer. \$26. Reservations to Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

"Fighting" Joe Hooker

Thursday, January 24, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Ethan S. Rafuse: "Fighting" Joe Hooker and the Challenge of Command in 1863. Rafuse is professor of military history at U. S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. RSVP to (816) 701-3407 or visit www.kclibrary.org.

Civil War Soldiers Write Home

Thursday, January 24, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. Grandview Library, 12930 Booth Lane, Grandview, MO. Program based on the letters of 3 members of the 9th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry during the Civil War. Also Includes photographs, family genealogy and unbelievable coincidences. RSVP to (816) 763-0550.

Bleeding Kansas 2013

Sunday, January 27, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore, Lecompton, KS. "Kansas' First Territorial Elections & the Lecompton Constitution" by Kris Kobach, Secretary of State. Suggested donation of \$3 for adults.

Kansas Day

Tuesday, January 29, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Kansas Museum of History, 6425 SW 6^{th} Ave., Topeka, KS. Programs on presidents. In the lobby will be displayed the Lincoln hat book and a look at voting in 1861 and today.

Anna Mary Kersallen: Colonial Indentured Servant Wednesday, January 30, 2013 – 11:00 a.m. North Independence Library, 317 W. US Highway 24, Independence, MO. Barbara Hughes portrays Anna Mary through music, historic replicas, and Power Point. RSVP to (816) 252-0950.

Bleeding Kansas 2013

Sunday, February 3, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore, Lecompton, KS. "A Few Words in Figures: Breaking John Brown Jr.'s Civil War Cipher" by Bill Hoyt. \$3 donation.

<u>Underground Railroad: The Who, What, Where Did It</u>
<u>Go?</u> Friday, February 8, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.
Grandview Library, 12930 Booth Lane, Grandview,
MO. Brother John shares secret codes, symbols, agents,
and songs. RSVP to (816) 763-0550.

1855 Lexington Pro-Slavery Convention

Saturday, February 9, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. Westport Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO. Dr. Timothy Westcott will speak about representatives from 25 Missouri counties who met at Lexington, MO in July 1855 to discuss actions and resolutions about the Fugitive Slave Law, reaction against eastern state colonization companies and interference with slavery. RSVP to (816) 701-3488.

Bleeding Kansas 2013

Sunday, February 10, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore, Lecompton, KS. "James Henry Lane: Popular Sovereignty Advocate for Territorial Kansas" by Donna Devlin, educator and historian. \$3 suggested donation.

Freedom's Frontier Partners Meeting

Thursday, February 14, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. Location to be announced.

Presidential Birthday Bash

Saturday, February 16, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Special guests are President Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln as well as Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Davis. Food and Drinks. \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

Bleeding Kansas 2013

Sunday, February 17, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore, Lecompton, KS. "The Big Divide: A Complete Guide to Historic and Civil War Sites in the Missouri-Kansas Border Region" by Diane Eickhoff and Aaron Barnhart. Book signing to follow talk. \$3 suggested donation.

Narcissa Whitman: Pioneer Missionary

Wednesday, February 20, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. Blue Springs North Library, 850 NW Hunter Drive, Blue Springs, MO. Dressed in costume, Barbara Hughes tells of making a home among the Indians in Oregon Territory. RSVP to (816) 224-8772.

Sarah Dodge Morris and the Osage Indians

Thursday, February 21, 2013 – 3:00 p.m. Colbern Road Library, 1000 NE Colbern Road, Lee's Summit, MO. Dressed in costume, Barbara Hughes relates the harrowing experiences of an early missionary to the Osage Indians in Missouri. RSVP to (816) 525-9924.

<u>History of Cooley Lake near Missouri City</u> Thursday, February 21, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, Mo. Free.

Records of Antebellum Southern Plantations

Friday, February 22, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Records of farms, plantations and towns are brought to life through ledgers, letters, and lithographs. RSVP to (816) 252-7228.

Bleeding Kansas 2013

Sunday, February 24, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore, Lecompton, KS. "Bleeding Kansas: The Real Start of The Civil War" by Robert C. Jones, author and president of the Kennesaw (GA) Historical Society. Book signing to follow talk. \$3.00 Donation.

Kansas Territorial Characters

Sunday, March 3, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.

Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore,
Lecompton, KS. Play presented by the Lecompton
Players. Simulated reenactment of an 1850's town hall
meeting in "Bleeding Kansas" to decide if Kansas
should come into the union as slave or free. \$3.00 for
adults and \$1.00 for students.

News About Members and Friends

Our condolences go to the families of **Bud Green** and **Bill Jewett** who passed away in 2012. Bud was our "Lincoln Interpreter" from Versailles, Missouri. He died

on May 14, 2012 and is survived by his wife Gladys and daughter Cindy. Bill Jewett and his wife Lucille lived in Prairie Village, KS and made the long drive to be with us for many years. More recently we were glad to see them at the annual Christmas luncheon at Loose Park. Bill was an avid reader and student of history who believed in "lifelong learning."

Frank Adams appeared on the front page of the September 25, 2012 edition of the *Examiner* on the occasion of the celebration of the 90th birthday of excongressman Alex Petrovic, his best friend from William Chrisman High School.

The 100 Years Ago column on October 27, 2012 issue of the *Examiner* had an article about the death of **Sylvester Akers**, a prominent farmer and stock man whose home was near Six Mile Baptist Church. He served for a time under Quantrill and later he enlisted under General Shelby, took part in the Battle of Wilson's Creek and Prairie Grove, and was with Price when the great Confederate leader passed through this county in 1864.

Congratulations to the **Black Jack Battlefield** in Douglas County, KS for being named a national historic landmark for being "the nation's first true open military conflict over the issue of slavery, fought between opposing pro- and antislavery militias." The three-hour battle fought on June 2, 1856, "marked a culmination of escalating violence in Bleeding Kansas and the beginning of John Brown's war on slavery."

Mike Calvert was asked for a comment for the November 18, 2012 story in the Kansas City *Star* called "Civil War Find Is Costly" by Brian Burnes. It concerned a man from Springfield, MO who made an illegal dig at Wilson's Creek Battlefield after seeing a bone jutting from an eroded creek bank. Mike has heard anecdotal stories of possible trench graves or unmarked burial sites connected to Civil War actions near the Little Blue River in eastern Jackson County. "It definitely should not be done," Mike said referring to such scavenging. "Not just because it is a National Park Service site, but there is also such a thing as the consecrated dead. This man should have known better."

The Jackson County Historical Society will hold its Annual Dinner and Awards Program on January 10, 2013. Congratulations to volunteers of the year Joanne Snow at the 1859 Jail Museum and Jim Evans at the Archives and Research Library. The Lone Jack Historical Society will be honored for Celebrating Our Cultural Heritage for the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Lone Jack Re-enactment. One of our members, Scott

Cauger, will be joining the board of the JCHS in 2013. The JCHS hopes to be back in its space in the renovated Truman Courthouse on the Independence Square by next summer.

Our member **Nancy Ehrlich** has written a booklet called "August 11, 1862, First Battle of Independence, Missouri, An Urban Confrontation." Beverly Shaw will bring several copies to our meeting where they will be available for \$5.

Congratulations to the **Friends of Arrow Rock** for receiving a Philly Award in October, 2012 for their outstanding print newsletter. The Philanthropy Midwest conference recognizes the best communication efforts by nonprofits in the Kansas City area.

Congratulations to **Dennis Garstang** for being the President of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City in 2013. He recently visited the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, IL.

Thanks to **John** and **Marilyn George** of Lee's Summit, MO for donating an authentic gravestone from the George Cemetery near Oak Grove to the Quantrill Collection at the Benton County (Arkansas) Historical Society where it will be housed in a glass case. It has no markings or etchings to attribute it to a particular grave site where many Quantrill partisans are buried. This news comes from **Richard Stewart** who recently announced that the Quantrill educational collection has been transferred from the Gentry Library to the Benton County Historical Society at Bentonville, Arkansas.

Missouri Life magazine recently gave a teaser for a new book by Louis S. Gerteis called *The Civil War in Missouri: A Military History*, published by the University of Missouri Press. Gerteis, a history professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, challenges a prevailing opinion that Missouri's Civil War battles played insignificant roles in the war's outcome. He examines the effects of these battles and why the control of St. Louis and mid-Missouri were vital for both sides. 256 pages. Hardcover, \$29.95.

Pat Gradwohl, our First Vice President and program chairman, gave a program at the Hillside Christian Church in October about the history of Clay County. She was also engaged in holding garage sales and moving to her sister's house in Liberty. It was just around the corner, but she says she is still surrounded by boxes. This, however, did not keep her from taking the Holly and Mistletoe Tour of houses in Independence with Beverly Shaw. They very much enjoyed seeing the

renovated Swinney Hall and the administrator's house on the hill at the Drumm Farm.

Bob Grover, major general of the state color guard of the Sons of the American Revolution, was pictured in the September 29, 2012 issue of the *Examiner* as he received a proclamation from Mayor Don Reimal for Constitution Day and Citizenship Day on September 17th, the anniversary of the signing of the U. S. Constitution in 1787. In the November 14th issue of the *Examiner*, columnist Jerry Plantz singled out the SAR and the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) for keeping our history alive. Bob said he also wants to encourage people to be more involved in telling the story of freedom. He pointed out that some don't even stand up or pay respect in a parade as our flag passes by.

The 100 Years Ago column of the *Examiner* on December 15, 2012 brought to light a gaffe of the Electric Theatre on North Main Street in Independence, Missouri when it showed a performance of "**The James Boys in Missouri**" in moving pictures. Many citizens thought it was not a suitable subject to be presented in this city. The manager readily consented to give no more performances.

Congratulations to our friends at the **Kansas City** *Star* for awards won at the Missouri Press Association's convention in September 2012. First place awards went to **Lee Hill Kavanaugh** for a story about rural life or agriculture, and to the team who produced the history stories of the Civil War – **Rick Montgomery**, **Darryl Levings** and **Brian Burnes**.

Best wishes to **Art Kelley**, our Second Vice President, on the occasion of his 80th birthday on December 27, 2012. He continues to receive blood infusions for lymphoma and feels better some days than others.

If you have not seen the movie "Lincoln," you might want to read an archive edition of the Kansas City Star from November 16, 2012. It not only gives a movie review called "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah" by David Frese but also a fact check column by Darryl Levings called "Honest Abe, Somewhat Honest Film." The movie has stunning pictures of Civil War battlefields but at its heart it's a story about the 13th amendment to the Constitution which would forever prohibit human slavery in the U.S. It is based on a small section of Doris Kearns Goodwin's Team of Rivals with her emphasis on Lincoln as a crafty politician. Another story in the December 6, 2012 movie section of the Star talks about sound effects that were recorded from an actual pocket watch owned by Lincoln and the floor squeaks from the St. John's Episcopal Church and the

Lincoln pew. As a prequel, you might also want to read David Von Drehle's detailed look at the life of Lincoln in 1862 called *Rise to Greatness*.

If you would like to help the **Lone Jack Historical Society** with its ambitious plans to restore the old Cave Hotel in Lone Jack, you can join them for an individual dues of \$10 or a family for \$15. Checks can be mailed to P. O. Box 34, Lone Jack, MO 64070.

"My father fought in the Civil War," says 86 year old **Juanita Tudor Lowrey** from her retirement home in Kearney, Missouri. His name was Hugh Tudor, a Union Army veteran, who had late-in-life children with his second wife, Mary, at a farm at Dawn, MO. Juanita is part of an elite group of perhaps 100 people who are "real sons and daughters of the Civil War." Her story is told in a story by Edward Eveld in the Dec. 3, 2012 issue of the Kansas City Star called "A Child of History."

The historical panels at McCoy Park in Independence, Missouri were dedicated August 11, 2012. Pictures published in the September 22nd issue of the *Examiner* show some familiar faces such as **Sharon Snyder**, facilitator of the event; **Cheryl Harness**, Independence illustrator and author who painted the panels; and **Charlotte Olejko** of the Parks and Recreation Department who helped repurpose the shelter into a gazebo to protect the panels. **Charlotte** was our guest at the November membership meeting.

Congratulations to *Missouri Life* magazine for winning five Magazine Association awards for its April 2011 issue which highlighted the Civil War.

Frank Haight's Around Town column in the November 9, 2012 issue of the *Examiner* explained the ongoing support of **Questers** for the **Bingham-Waggoner Estate**. There was a photo of **Janice Pearson**, co-chair of the Research and Restoration Committee, with Madeline Connelly beside the carriage house with its new coat of paint on the roof thanks to a grant from the Ouesters.

Frank Haight's Around Town column of November 23rd described the work of **Mary Potter** and **Barbara Hughes** as Partners in Education with the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders of the Thomas Ultican Elementary School in Blue Springs. Mary is President of the Blue Springs Historical Society and Barbara presents various programs on historical women.

Quantrill's Raid on Lawrence, KS took place in August 1863 when Confederate guerrillas invaded and killed most of the male population. When a new downtown

hotel was recently planned for Lawrence, the story was reviewed about a mass burial of black soldiers at the site. However a recent excavation did not reveal human bones. **Paul R. Petersen**, author of *Quantrill at Lawrence* published in May, 2011, wrote to Mike Calvert in September 2012 to thank him for inspiring him to research and write the book.

David Jackson devoted his October 20, 2012 historical column to the old **Rockwood** area of Independence. The future of the now closed golf club at 2400 S. Maywood is in limbo. Many of the residents of that area had Southern roots. It was said that in order to teach at the Rock Creek School, one had to be an excellent teacher and also be a rebel. There was even a little skirmish during the Civil War called the Battle of Rock Creek. The excitement didn't stop after the war. In 1875 the school burned and its teacher, Annie Ralston, promptly married Frank James. The only way she could have been released from her teaching contract was if the school was destroyed. Coincidence?

Congratulations to **Melanie** and **Perry Johnson** for the opening of the **Silver Heart** bed-and-breakfast in 2013. They were pictured on the front steps of the historic Napoleon Bonaparte Stone house near 23rd and Noland Road in the December 12th edition of the *Examiner*. They were one of our hosts for the Antebellum Homes Tour we conducted in May 2012.

Roger Slusher, President of the Santa Fe Trail Association, presented the dedication program for "The Barnes Enclosure" at Cave Spring on August 6, 2012. It was one of the first stops out of Independence on the Santa Fe, California and Oregon Trails.

The Alexander Majors House and the Wornall House will figure in the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Westport, according to **Anna Marie Tutera**, the new executive director. She was interviewed in the *Star Magazine* of November 25, 2012 for an article called "Stepping Back in Time for Holidays."

Steven L. Warren has now published a paperback edition of *The Second Battle of Cabin Creek*, the story of the raid on the 300-wagon Union supply train in the Cherokee nation on September 19, 1864. This successful raid was planned by the legendary Stand Watie, the only Native American general on either side. (Paperback from The History Press for \$24.99.) Steve also has a limited quantity of hardcovers available for \$42.00 including postage. You can E-Mail him at civilwarren@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to **Shane Seley** and **Ed Leydecker** of **Wide Awake Films** for their Emmy from the 2012 Mid-America Emmy Awards for "August Light: Wilson's Creek and the Battle for Missouri." You will probably remember them also for the film "Bad Blood: The Border War that Triggered the Civil War." It will be shown on KCPT2 on January 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks to **Barb Wormington** we have new name tags for our membership meetings. We put them on a table for you to pick up and wear during the meeting and return afterwards.

We look forward to the opening of the newest (and oldest) Mid-Continent Library branch called **Woodneath** which is pictured in our "Monuments" book. For the past year construction crews have been hard at work to create a state-of-the-art building which will house complete award collections, literary criticism and noted author collections in addition to items people are ordering through Interlibrary Loan; things that are not in high demand, but that contribute to the depth of the collection. By adaptively reusing the 1850's home as a writing center and idea incubator, the Library hopes to encourage the greater Kansas City area to continue to be a community of readers.

Letter from the Treasurer

We want to welcome you back to another interesting year of programs and activities. You can pay dues at the membership meeting or mail them to Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, P. O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055. Individual dues are \$20, family dues are \$30 and a subscription only to the Border Star is \$10.

We are looking forward to celebrating our 20 years of Civil War programs and friendship. We will be publishing Vol. 2 of our "Monuments" book and continuing our very professional website at www.CWRTWM.org.

The Round Table also has an opportunity to order copies of Gregory Wolk's *A Tour Guide to Missouri's Civil War* for our members. Ten copies were ordered and delivered in December, but we found that some of our friends from the Union Cemetery Historical Society also wanted copies so we are making another pre-paid order. The cost is \$20 made payable to "CWRTWM" and we get to keep \$5 for our treasury. This is a savings of about \$10 off the bookstore price.