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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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THIS MONTH IN THE WAR: Attack on Fort Wagner in Charleston Harbor, SC. On July 18, 1863, Union forces, spearheaded by the 54th Massachusetts USCT (United States Colored Troops), made a second attack on Confederate Fort Wagner on Morris Island in Charleston Harbor. This assault was made famous in the movie "Glory." By the end of the day, Federal casualties totaled 1,515 to the defenders' 174. Losses to the 54th Massachusetts are especially severe and their commander, Colonel R.G. Shaw, is killed.

The Big Divide

by Diane Eickhoff and Aaron Barnhart

The full title of this new book is "A Travel Guide to Historic and Civil War Sites in the Missouri-Kansas Border Region." It offers insightful reviews, thoughts and interesting facts along with the long history of animosity between these two states, their peoples and struggle for identity. The Civil War Trust recently interviewed Eickhoff and Barnhart, and we quote a portion:

Civil War Trust: After reviewing and writing about more than 100 sites in your region, what qualities of a site provide for the best visitor experience?

Barnhart: Site interpretation is crucial to the future of the Big Divide Region. The best sites have modern signage, not too wordy, offering multiple points of view of what happened at that site, plus knowledgeable docents who can give guided tours....The curators of these sites are battling a large perception, even among Kansans and Missourians, that all the major Civil War battles were fought out East....No one anticipated that guerrilla warfare would explode in 1863 after the Union Army occupied Missouri. ...It produced the greatest act of terrorism on our soil before 9/11 (the Lawrence Raid). And then there was Sterling Price's Missouri raid in 1864, which posed the greatest political threat to Abraham Lincoln in the weeks leading up to his re-election.

Missourians and Kansans have a big story to tell, but they have to tell it together, and they have to incorporate each other's perspectives when they interpret their sites for guests. And they are doing it now. We were very impressed by the high level of interpretation, from National Park Service-run battlefields right down to the best county museums.

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

July 2013 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 2013 – 7:00 p.m., The Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level), 3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. Harold Dellinger: “Prelude to the Lawrence Raid.” The events along the Western Border that led to the August 21, 1863 raid on Lawrence, KS by Confederate guerrillas under the command of William Clarke Quantrill.

We will not be having a July picnic this year because of our 20th Anniversary Luncheon on September 21, 2013. Please save the date from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

July 2013 Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 17, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51st Terr. Court, Independence, MO.

Other Civil War Events

Wednesday, July 3, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.
Antioch Library, 6060 N. Chestnut, Gladstone, MO.
Dressed in costume, **Barbara Hughes** as Sarah Dodge Morris relates her harrowing experiences as an early missionary to the Osage Indians in the 1820’s after Missouri became a state. To RSVP call (816) 454-1306

Old Fashioned Military Holiday

Thursday, July 4, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Fort Scott National Historic Site, Old Fort Boulevard, Fort Scott, KS. 10:00 a.m. – Tallgrass Prairie Tour. 11:00 a.m. – Challenges of Democracy-Bleeding Kansas Monologue. At Noon, Independence Day II – Fireworks at High Tide Ranger Talk. 1:00 p.m. – What to the Slave is the 4th of July by Frederick Douglass on July 5, 1852. 2:00 p.m. – What the 4th of July Means to Me historical skit and patriotic music. 3:30 p.m. – Load, ready, fire artillery demonstration. 4:00 p.m.- Flag retreat. Free.

Shoal Creek Living History Museum

Saturday, July 6, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Shoal Creek Village in Robert Hodge Park (north of the Missouri River off Hwy 152, Shoal Creek Parkway and Barry Road.

Re-enactors bring the village to life with demonstrations, food and craft vendors.

Liberty, MO Walking Tour

Saturday, July 6 – 10:00 a.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO.

Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, July 9, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. – Dinner (\$25)
Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee Street, Kansas City, MO. Mark Kelly: “Major John Dougherty and His Clay County Mansion.” For dinner reservations call Ann Schultis at (816) 456-0669.

Living Abe Lincoln

Thursday, July 11, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Smithville Library, 120 Richardson Street, Smithville, MO. Larry Greer–A riveting account of Lincoln’s life and times. RSVP to (816) 532-0116.

Antique and Craft Fair

Saturday, July 13, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Bingham-Waggoner Estate, 313 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Over 100 antique dealers and crafters. Admission to the Fair is free. Spirit of Independence Community Band plays at Noon. Food concessions and door prize drawings every hour.

Bushwhacker Museum, Nevada, MO

Sunday, July 14, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.
Bushwhacker Museum, 212 W. Walnut Street, Nevada, MO. Dr. Virginia Laas: Women and Guerrilla Warfare in Civil War Missouri. Exhibit of “A State Divided” continues until July 21, 2013.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, July 17, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Southview Manor Apartments, 2600 A Hub Drive, Independence, MO. Jay Jackson: Frank James in Missouri City and one of his first violent acts after joining Quantrill.

The Battle of Fort Wagner

Thursday, July 18, 2013 – 6:30 pm.
Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Military historian Terry Beckenbaugh examines the failed 1863 attack on the Confederacy’s Fort Wagner in Charleston Harbor – an incident that signaled to both the North and South that African-American troops were ready to

fight and die for the Union cause. RSVP to (816) 701-3400.

Third Thursday in Clay County, MO

Thursday, July 18, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main, Liberty, MO. Bryan Ivlow: Civil War Guns. \$3.00 donation.

Party in Swope Park

Saturday, July 20, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Swope Park, 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO. Re-enactors from Kelly's Irish Brigade and Westport Historical Society will fire cannons and guns, drill in formation, present period music and dance, and talk to military doctors and see exhibits of medical equipment. The Battle of Westport Museum will be open for viewing exhibits and seeing two short films. Tours of the battlefield during day 2 of the Battle of Westport will be offered at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Free.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, July 23, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. (No Dinner) Alexander Majors Home, 8201 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO. Arnold Schofield: Battle of Honey Springs.

Davis-Smith Family Cemetery Memorial

Saturday, August 3, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. 12017 E. 350 Highway, Kansas City, MO. See signs for parking. Bring lawn chairs, water and umbrellas. Pioneer cemetery of about 40 burials. Descendants will speak briefly on each person's life. Ralph Monaco will speak about the 15 Union soldiers from the Battle of Oak Creek. Several of the women killed at the Union Prison at 14th and Grand are buried here.

Arrow Rock, MO First Saturday Event

Saturday, August 3, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. State Visitor Center, Arrow Rock, MO. Historians and living history presenters Dr. Herschel Stroud and his wife Jacque: Common Life of a Civil War Soldier and His Wife.

Blood & Ashes: Order No. 11, Martial Law in Missouri - Sunday, August 4, 2013 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Alexander Majors House and Museum, 8201 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO. Lecture on Order No. 11 will take place in the Majors Barn followed by a living history tour through the Majors

Home and grounds replicating the evacuation of the residence.

News About Members and Friends

The Round Table extends its condolences to our member **Scott Cauger** on the death of his father, Theodore Cauger, Sr. on June 3, 2013. Scott lives in New York State but has been here with his father to help take care of his Englewood properties just off Sterling in Independence. Mr. Cauger paved the way for the 1950's and 1960's building boom when he constructed five storefront properties in Englewood. They were once neighbors to the national headquarters of A.V. Cauger Film Service Inc. Ted's father, Arthur Vern Cauger, pioneered motion picture film advertising. In 1920, A.V. Cauger gave Walt Disney his first job in cartoon animation and introduced Disney to motion picture film productions destined for the movie theatres.

The **Confederate Memorial Day** at Higginsville on June 1, 2013 was enjoyable and the weather cooperated. After paying for roses to put on the graves, there was a donation of \$80 to the Confederate Memorial Friends Association which has sent the Round Table a thank you note for our contribution.

Emancipation Hall, the grand space at the center of the new Capitol Visitor Center in Washington, D.C., now has a statue honoring abolitionist Frederick Douglass by artist Steve Weitzman. The space was so named in 2007 to commemorate the slaves who helped build the Capitol between 1792 and 1800. The TV reporter who brought the slave labor to light in 2000 while researching the 200th anniversary of the construction of the White House and Capitol, Edward Hotaling, died on June 3, 2013 at age 75.

We were so glad to see **Charles and Claudetta McCorkendale** at our June meeting as they accompanied **Linda Emley** who spoke about the history of Ray County. Charles has sent us an interesting E-Mail about a new film documenting "Hawaii Sons of the Civil War." Even on this tiny independent kingdom of Hawaii in the middle of the Pacific Ocean there were ripples of the War. On August 26, 1861, King Kamehameha IV issued a proclamation declaring Hawaii neutral. This was done to prevent Confederate naval raiders from

attacking and destroying Hawaiian registered whale and merchant ships. However, this did not stop more than 100 men from Hawaii from going off to fight in the war.

About 50 years ago the **Jackson County Historical Society** received the original historical map of Jackson County by Mrs. John Grinter and her late husband who was a photographer, surveyor, and former deputy county highway engineer. The map is hand-drawn and hand-colored. Later this summer the Historical Society will be moving back into the renovated Jackson County Courthouse on the Square in Independence. The actual dedication of the renovations will be September 7, 2013 at 2:00 p.m, which is 80 years to the minute since Harry Truman oversaw the 1933 renovation of the building which dates to 1838. At one point in those early days before the Civil War, apparently there was a problem with fleas in the building. The solution was to bring in some sheep overnight in hopes the fleas would prefer them. “No environmental consequence whatsoever,” joked Steve Noll, executive director. The renovations will include a tourism center and the Historical Society’s history center on the east side closest to the Truman statue. The actual archives will be located on the second floor accessible by elevator. The Historical Society will offer daily tours of the building.

KCUR-FM, the radio station of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, has recently hosted several locally produced Civil War interviews. On June 7, 2013, “Central Standard’s” Monroe Dodd interviewed James “Jim” W. Erwin about his new book *Guerrilla Hunters in Civil War Missouri*. On June 24, 2013 “Up to Date’s” Steve Kraske interviewed Allen Guelzo about his book *Gettysburg: The Last Invasion*. You can go to www.kcur.org to hear archived programs.

We wish good luck to our friends at the **Lee’s Summit Historical Society** as they look forward to moving their museum to the old post office site at 220 S. W. Main Street. Renovation of this 1939 WPA Post Office Historical Center was included in a bond issue passed in April. The Historical Society needs to meet projected operating expenses to triple its space and expand the number of artifacts on display and offer interactive exhibits and traveling exhibits. They are also working on a partnership to

provide a museum coffee shop that could serve patrons and passengers at the Amtrak station across the street and also serve as an informal visitor’s bureau for travelers.

The Missouri Civil War Museum at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis is scheduled to open June 29, 2013. It’s located at 222 Worth Road, Jefferson Barracks County Park. For more details go to www.mcwm.org.

Another interesting Civil War Museum which was highlighted in the June 23, 2013 issue of the *Kansas City Star* is the **National Museum of Civil War Medicine** in Frederick, Maryland. In addition to its emphasis on the improvements in battlefield care during the Civil War (even though it may still seem barbaric in light of today’s standards), the staff has also given history courses to more than 5,500 military members and emergency responders to get people to think about how decisions get made in combat or crisis.

We are saddened by the recent loss of the “Pioneer Woman” bronze statue at the **National Frontier Trails Museum**. It was stolen in mid-June and hacked up for its metal content. Luckily the scrap metal dealer refused to take it because he saw a hand among the pieces. Three people have been arrested for the crime but the statue is irreplaceable.

We want to thank **Clyde Smith** for the donation of history magazines to the Round Table including the National Geographic edition of May 2012 which had a good article called “Eyewitness to the Civil War” about the sketch artists who followed the battles and sent pictures back to their respective newspapers. These remain pictorial remembrances of the Civil War to the present day.

Richard Stewart reports an enthusiastic opening of the **Quantrill Collection** at the Benton County (Arkansas) Historical Museum on June 9, 2013. Portraits of the partisans greeted visitors upon their entrance to the schoolhouse where the historical society is housed. After Nancy Feroe’s talk about some of the notable Quantrill guerrillas in northwest Arkansas, people hit the bookshelves. They were also quite interested in the gravestone donated by the George family cemetery in Oak Grove, MO.

Richard is getting back to his research on Quantrill partisans and happened to be in contact with a member of the Shore family when the Round Table received an inquiry from **Michael Snyder** who is just now seeking information on his ancestors which include the Shores. He has visited Lexington, MO and Lafayette County to see the family cemetery. He is also seeking leads on the Phillips/Harris/Joyner families who lived and fought in the Sni-A-Bar Township. You can reach him at Mdsnyder1129@gmail.com or by phone at (314) 724-8266.

The Independence *Examiner* reports that 100 years ago the **Independence Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy** decorated five old soldiers of the “Lost Cause” at their meeting. They were Capt. William C. Adams, 135 W. Ruby Street, who was in the siege of Vicksburg, and J. T. Hamilton, J.C. Nevins, B.L. Stone, and T.B. Webb. Crosses were bestowed, a patriotic song was sung and the meeting was adjourned to the city cemetery. Flowers were laid upon the graves of the Ex-Confederate soldiers.

USA Today and the **National Geographic Channel** have published a special edition for the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. It has 48 pages with lots of pictures and costs \$4.95. It should be available at area newsstands through July 8, 2013.

The **Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield** in cooperation with the Springfield-Greene County Library District is sponsoring a 12-day Civil War series of programs from July 10th - July 21st. All events are free and open to the public and will take place in the auditorium of the Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell Ave., Springfield, MO. For a complete list of the programs, contact Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 (cell).

We congratulate our friends at the Mid-Continent Library for the opening of the latest addition to the facilities called the **Woodneath Branch** at 8900 N. Flintlock Road in Kansas City, North. It incorporates a pre-Civil War mansion called Woodneath with a modern library building.

The Wornall House Museum at 6115 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO will be closed for repairs for the summer. The Greek Revival home was built

in 1858 and was used as a field hospital during the Battle of Westport.

“150 Years of Misunderstanding the Civil War”

Tony Horwitz wrote the above titled article for the March 6, 2013 issue of *The Atlantic*. Len Eagleburger referenced the article in his weekly newsletter of Civil War publications, and Beverly Shaw forwarded it to Round Table members and friends who have E-Mail capability. It has caused people to think about its content and respond back to us. For those who didn’t get the E-Mails and responses, we will make hard copies to have available at the July meeting.

Tony Horwitz has written two books with Civil War background: *Confederates in the Attic* and *Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid that Sparked the Civil War* published in October 2011. In his essay Horwitz says that “The Civil War today is generally seen as a necessary and ennobling sacrifice, redeemed by the liberation of four million slaves.”

From the responses to Horwitz’s essay, I think it is safe to say that we are **NOT** all in agreement that eliminating slavery was the linchpin of the Civil War even among Northerners. This point of view is taken by Don Gilmore, the author of *The Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas Border* and Gene Kizer, Jr. in *The Elements of Academic Success* forwarded to us by Nancy Hitt.

Rev. Dr. Larry Delano Coleman takes the view that here in Missouri, where the fighting and killing began, slavery was always the central, defining issue. Dr. Bill Worley says that of course the Civil War was in part about slavery, in part about economic differences, in part about defending states’ rights, and in part about close-minded people on both sides.

Whatever the point of view, I think all would agree that it’s best to read primary sources as much as possible. Dr. Thomas Mackey has published *A Documentary History of the American Civil War Era* which is a three-volume set of fundamental documents and hard-to-find primary sources. He is appearing at the Lincoln Library in Springfield, IL on July 16, 2013.