



★ *The Border Star* ★

Official Publication of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri
"Studying the Border War and Beyond"

THIS MONTH IN THE WAR: Two Federal mandates in July 1862 which affect us to the present: Federal income tax and land grant colleges. On July 1, 1862, President Lincoln signed a Federal tax which levied a 3% rate on annual incomes of \$600 to \$10,000 and 5% over \$10,000. On July 2nd he signed the Morrill Land Grant Act which gave states apportionments of public lands on which to build agricultural colleges which later became important to the further development of vast agricultural lands in the West.

July/August 2012

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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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
Family ----- 30.00
Student (under 21) ----- 5.00
Newsletter Only (no meetings) 10.00

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FIRST ANNUAL "INDOOR" PICNIC

We don't know whether to blame global warming or just that we are getting soft in our old age, but the Round Table decided some months ago to schedule our July picnic indoors at the Villages of Jackson Creek. Now that we are having 100 degree weather, it seems like a prudent choice. Therefore we are inviting members and guests to join us on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck picnic at the Villages of Jackson Creek, 3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, Missouri. We will be using the lower level to provide an array of picnic food and seating at tables. The Round Table will provide fried chicken and drinks, and you can bring a dish to share and your own plate and utensils. We are inviting the owners of the antebellum homes which we toured in May to be our guests so you might bring a little extra food this time.

If you can't get there at the stroke of 6:00 p.m., don't worry. Just come when you can and get a plate. We will tidy up and arrange the chairs around 7:00 p.m. for our program to be given by musician Chris Edwards on Bloody Bill Anderson.

If a few of you can come before 6:00 p.m. to help arrange tables and chairs and put on tablecloths, that would be very helpful. We will have name tags arranged on the pool table in the lounge so please pick yours up. Pat Gradwohl is also providing a notebook for members and guests to sign in for meetings so that we can send our guests a newsletter the following month.

We look forward to seeing you at our first annual indoor picnic.

~Beverly Shaw, Treasurer

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 2012 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, July 11, 2012 – 6:00 p.m. Potluck Picnic; 7:00 p.m. – Program by Chris Edwards on Bloody Bill Anderson. Indoor picnic at the Villages of Jackson Creek, 3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. Round Table provides fried chicken and drinks. Please bring a dish to share and your own service.

Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 18, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51 Terr. Court, Independence, MO.

August 2012 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, August 8, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
The Villages of Jackson Creek, 3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. Movie Night with 3rd in the Ken Burns Civil War series: 1861-The War Begins.

No Board Meeting in August, 2012

Other Civil War Events

Walking Tour-Liberty, MO

Saturday, July 7, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
Three downtown churches. Meet at Presbyterian Church, corner of North Main and Mississippi Streets.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, July 10, 2012 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner from \$20 to \$30. Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee Street, Kansas City, MO. Darryl Levings: “The Lost Soldiers.” The 11th KS. Volunteer Cavalry attacked at Red Buttes and the Platte Bridge in Kansas by an Indian party. Reservations to Ann Schultis at (816) 456-0669 or by E-mail to aschultis@hotmail.com.

Border War Showcase at Mahaffie

Thursday, July 12, 2012 – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop, 1200 Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS. Stories of the Border War and activities such as camp life and cannon firing. Free.

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Thursday, July 12, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Courthouse Exchange, 113 W. Lexington (south side of the Square), Independence, MO. Jim

Beckner: Missouri Civil War Confederate Medal of Honor Winners. Visitors Welcome.

Missouri Militia

Thursday, July 12, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
State Information Center, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO. “Evolution of the Missouri Militia into the National Guard of Missouri, 1804-1919.”

Race and Radicalism in the Union Army

Sunday, July 15, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.
Haag Hall, Room 301, UMKC campus, NW corner of 52nd and Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO. Mark Lause, Professor of History at the University of Cincinnati, will talk about his groundbreaking study of the dramatic multi-racial alliance of abolitionists, African-Americans and Native Americans during the Civil War in Kansas and present-day Oklahoma. Sponsored by the Community of Reason. Free.

Jesse James in the Movies

Sunday, July 15, 2012 – 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Western author Johnny D. Boggs examines the cinematic heritage of Jesse James to separate fact from fiction. RSVP to (816) 701-3400.

History Trivia Night!

Monday, July 16, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Belvoir Winery (former Odd Fellows Home), Liberty, MO. Clay County Museum is hosting a trivia night in 5 categories: U. S. History, Civil War History, Missouri History, Clay County History, and Odds ‘n Ends. \$5 at the door for a night of fun and prizes. Wine and cheese trays available to order. Grand prize - Free night’s stay at Stone-Yancey Bed & Breakfast, Liberty, MO. (Winning team will have a drawing to see who gets the prize).

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, July 18, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Courthouse Exchange, 113 W. Lexington, Independence, MO. Speakers will be Harold Dellinger and Terry Elliott.

Battle of Westport Reenactment Planning Meeting

Wednesday, July 18, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.
Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Those interested in planning a

reenactment for 2014 at the Big Blue Battlefield are cordially invited.

The Pharis Farm History

Thursday, July 19, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Emily Doolan: “The Pharis Farm and the Bell Family History.” \$3 donation.

Cass County Fair-Pleasant Hill, MO

July 20-21, 2012. Encampment near the Museum, 125 Wyoming, Pleasant Hill, MO. Artifacts from the Civil War era on display. A descendant of a soldier at the Battle of the Ravines will display a pistol used in the battle.

Living History in Swope Park

Saturday, July 21, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Party in the Park, 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO. Battle of Westport Museum open to view exhibits and see two short films. Tours of the Battle of Westport (Big Blue) at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Reenactors in military uniforms will fire cannons and guns, drill in formation, tell stories around the campfire. Period music throughout the day. Free.

Follow the Drinking Gourd

Tuesday, July 24, 2012 – 2:00 p.m.

Sugar Creek Library, 102 S. Sterling, Sugar Creek, MO. Sponsored by the Wornall House. Interactive event for the whole family. Sing-along of “Follow the Drinking Gourd,” hard tack tasting, and discussion of the Quilt Code and the difference between slavery in Missouri and elsewhere in the U.S. RSVP to (816) 701-3489.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, July 24, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Dan Smith: Jackson County, MO in the Civil War, Part 1: 1860-1862. Followed by Part 2 on Aug. 28th.

Hail to the Chiefs (no, not those Chiefs)

Thursday, July 26, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.

Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Mark E. Neely, Jr., author of *Lincoln and the Triumph of a Nation*, examines charges that Lincoln played fast and loose with the Constitution during his presidency. RSVP to (816) 701-3481.

Guerrilla Warfare: Bushwhackers and Jayhawkers

Friday, July 27, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Watkins Community Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, KS. Lead by Jeremy Neely, history professor at Missouri State University, this speaker’s theater is created from historical letters, diaries, and newspaper articles from the Civil War era.

Abraham Lincoln, A Man of His Time

Monday, July 30, 2012 – See website below.

Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Opening of exhibit “Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, A Man for All Times.” Exhibit continues for 4 weeks courtesy of the Gilder Lehrman Institute and a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. www.westporthistorical.com.

Battle of Kirksville 150th Anniversary

Friday, August 3 – Sunday, August 5, 2012. Visit www.Kirksvillecity.com.

2012 Kansas Network to Freedom Conference

Saturday, August 4, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Leavenworth, KS. “The First City of Kansas and the Underground Railroad.” Keynote speaker is Mark Christ: “An eagle on his button and a musket on his Shoulder.” Black regiments in Civil War Arkansas. Further details by Googling “2012 Kansas Network to Freedom Conference.”

Dougherty Historic District, Liberty, MO

Saturday, August 4, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

Walking tour of the Dougherty Historic District. Meet at Rotary Park, corner of Franklin and Gallatin streets, Liberty, MO.

James Aull and the Santa Fe Trail

Monday, August 6, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

Cave Spring Park, 8701 E. Gregory Blvd., Kansas City, MO. Dedication of the newly erected “Barnes Enclosure” marker. Roger Slusher, President of the Santa Fe Trail Association, portrays James Aull in period dress and tells of adventures of this outfitter in the 1820s – 1840s.

OCTA Annual Convention, Lawrence, KS

August 6-11, 2011. Lawrence Holiday Inn and Convention Center. Author Night – Aug. 9th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Oregon-California Trails Association hosts authors with books about trails, western history and border wars. Go to www.octa-trails.org.

George Caleb Bingham at Truman Memorial Building - Tuesday, August 7, 2012 – 6:30 p.m. Truman Memorial Building, 416 W. Maple, Independence, MO. Kansas City Library's "Meet the Past" series will feature Crosby Kemper III interviewing frontier painter George Caleb Bingham in Independence rather than the Central Library. To reserve a seat please go to www.KCPL.org/events or call (816) 701-3400.

The Civil War West of the Mississippi August 9-11, 2012 – Fayetteville, Arkansas Symposium presented by the National Parks Service and Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. Outstanding Speakers and guided tours of Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove Battlefield Parks. For additional information please go to www.arkansascivilwar150.com/symposium.

McCoy Park Marker Dedication Saturday, August 11, 2012 – 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. McCoy Park, Independence, Missouri (south of the Truman Library). Unveiling of 5 panels that interpret pioneer trails history related to McCoy Park and Independence, MO. Special guests from National Park Service. Shuttle bus available from parking lot at Truman and Main Street.

First Battle of Independence 150th Anniversary Saturday, August 11, 2012 – Various times. Pioneer Trail Adventures Wagon Tours: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. \$30-Adults; \$15-Children. Chuckwagon Tour at 4:45 p.m. with meal catered by Elena's. \$40-Adults; \$20-Children. Tour of the route taken by the troops in a mule-drawn covered wagon with various historic stops. For reservations; www.pioneertrailsadventures.com.

Living history and book signings at 1859 Jail and Marshals' Home, 217 N. Main Street, from 10:00 a.m. – Noon. Usual admittance fees.

Civil War era fashion show, lectures and book signings from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific. Museum admission applies.

Elizabeth Pilcher, Survivor of the Battle of Lone Jack - Thursday, August 16, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. Lone Jack Library, 211 N. Bynum Road, Lone Jack, MO. 150 years-ago-to-the-day Barbara Hughes impersonates Elizabeth through music, PowerPoint and first person vignette. RSVP to (816) 697-2528.

KS-MO Border War, 1854-1861 Thursday, August 16, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. Midwest Genealogy Library, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Tom Rafiner discusses the climate of the Missouri-Kansas border before the Civil War. To RSVP call (816) 252-7228.

Colonel Routt and the Carr Family Thursday, August 16, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Cheryl Holtman: "Colonel Routt and the Carr Family." \$3 donation.

Battle of Lone Jack 150th Anniversary Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 18-19, 2012 – Various times. Major battle reenactment on the Noel farm about two miles from Lone Jack with shuttle buses from the Lone Jack Museum. Candlelight tour of the camps. Civilian living history interpretation. Wreath laying at the cemetery.

Quantrill at the Central Library Tuesday, August 21, 2012 – 6:30 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Crosby Kemper III interviews William Clarke Quantrill as portrayed by Aaron Worley. To reserve a seat call (816) 701-3400 or you may go to www.KCPL.org/events.

Barbara Hughes at Lexington, MO Thursday, August 23, 2012 – 2:00 p.m. Near the Anderson House, 1101 Delaware Street, Lexington, MO. Barbara will portray Quantrill's mother and her view of the chaos of the War. In case of rain, the program will be held in the Visitor's Center.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City Tuesday, August 28, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Dan Smith: Jackson County Missouri in the Civil War, Part 2: 1863-1864.

News about Members and Friends

A couple of our members have been under the weather. **Bill Jewett** suffered a stroke about a month ago and has been in rehab. We hope that he is now at home with Lucille.

Kathy Pickering was in an auto accident near Centerpoint Hospital and suffered injuries from the collision. She has had rehab at the Groves and hopefully is now home and ready to resume her volunteer duties with the NorthWest Communities Development Corporation where she is a board member.

Mike Calvert spoke to the Sons of Union Veterans on the Kansas side on June 28th about the First Battle of Independence.

We were glad to see **Ken Cavanah** at the June membership meeting. He didn't have far to come because he is now living at the Villages of Jackson Creek where he has had time to work on his tan.

Harold Dellinger contributed a funny story to **Ted Stillwell's** column on "Separating outlaw fact and fiction" in the June 20th *Examiner*. After retiring from the outlaw life Frank James and Cole Younger set up a Wild West Show. After a show in Illinois Frank and Cole got drunk in a dive and were mugged and robbed in a back alley by some young twit. The author uses the word "twit" because surely no one in his right mind would mug two of the most "notorious" outlaws of the Old West.

Carolyn Grover, wife of our member **Bob Grover**, serves as Good Citizen chairman of the Independence Pioneers chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In June she presented Good Citizen certificates and pins to area high school seniors.

Greg Leech, our consultant for the two low-profile markers for the Battle of the Little Blue, is now living just north of Seattle, WA.

Darryl Levings of the *Kansas City Star* was honored in June with the Joe McDuff Lifetime Achievement Award. We know him best for the outstanding Civil War series in the *Star*. In the June 27th issue he wrote about the "Beast" Butler in New Orleans and the way the ladies of the city showed

their disdain for him by placing his picture in the bottom of their chamber pots.

"Family asks: Is **Clell Miller** in his grave?" This was the headline in the *Kansas City Star* on June 12th. **Clell Miller** was a gun-toting Confederate bushwhacker raised in Clay County who was gunned down during a botched holdup by the James Gang in Northfield, MN. His family thought he was buried in the Muddy Fork Cemetery at Kearney, but it's possible his skeleton was kept by a medical student. Our member from Platte County, Judy Tharp, is a descendant of the Miller family. She asked her father once if they were related to Clell. He said he didn't know for sure but took her on a ride to a gooseneck of the Platte River and gestured to where "Bad" Miller lived. I guess there are just some things we will never know for sure.

Congratulations to **Audrey Elder** and **Liana Twente** who received the Hickman Award for Historic Preservation in May 2012. Through their business called "**Past to Present**" they research the history of houses in Independence and present a booklet to the owners. They researched the Napoleon Bonaparte Stone Home on Noland Road which we visited during the Independence Antebellum Homes Tour and were kind enough to share their research. They also serve on the Independence Heritage Commission with **Mike Calvert** who is Chairman presently.

Columnist **Leonard Pitts, Jr.** has written a new book called *Freeman* and had a book signing in Kansas City in June. It covers the period of time after the Civil War when former slaves traveled long distances to be reunited with family members and build a new life. His dialogue style was influenced by seeing the movie "True Grit" and noticing that people were less likely to speak with contractions which makes their conversation sound courtly. He also says that people are still hashing over the motives for the Civil War – States rights or Slavery. He thinks that we have a tendency to mythologize our own history.

A new documentary about the history of **Olathe, Kansas** is being shot in the area. A picture in the June 24th edition of the *Kansas City Star* is captioned "This is not an actual raid." It shows

horsemen impersonating Quantrill's raiders near 106th and Ridgeview Road.

Congratulations to **Dan Smith** and the **Monnett Battle of Westport Fund** for their ongoing efforts to acquire property at the site of the Battle of the Big Blue (Byram's Ford), Day 2 of the Battle of Westport. **Brian Burnes** of the Kansas City *Star* wrote the article called "A fight to save where they fought" in the July 3rd edition. There was also a photo of **Joe Mattox**, a volunteer at the Battle of Westport Museum in Swope Park. Dan is convening a meeting of those interested in planning a 150th anniversary reenactment in 2014. See the calendar for July 18th.

Brian Burnes also interviewed the young man from Texas, **Andrew Druart**, 12 years old, who has been nationally honored for raising funds for battlefield preservation. He has raised \$500 for the preservation of the Byram's Ford battlefield and hopes that one day it will offer the same transporting experience he had at Gettysburg.

Ted Stillwell set the historical tone for the recently published 2012 City Guide to Independence by writing an article called "Journeys put Independence on trail to becoming key city." While researching the homes toured on the Round Table's Independence Antebellum Homes Tour in May, it became very clear that the movers and shakers of Independence were the men and women who traveled the Santa Fe Trail (parts of which are still visible in Independence) and decided to put down roots and provide the amenities such as hotels for the people moving west.

In June it was revealed that the 19th poet laureate of the U.S. is an inter-racial woman from the South, the first Southerner since Robert Penn Warren in 1986. **Natasha Trethewey** won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for her poetry book *Native Guard*, the story of a black Civil War regiment charged with guarding Confederate soldiers held on Ship Island off Mississippi's Gulf Coast. She takes us into history that was never written. Librarian of Congress, James Billington, chose her because "she takes the greatest human tragedy in American history – the Civil War, 650,000 people killed, the most destructive war of human life for a century – and she takes us inside without preaching."

Quantrill Research Project

Richard Stewart and the Gentry Public Library in Arkansas are very kind to share their research on

Quantrill associates and those he interacted with. These are just thumbnail sketches which can be fleshed out with further research. If you have an interest in a particular person, call or E-Mail Beverly Shaw and she will forward more details. E-mail at bevjoshaw@hotmail.com or call (816) 225-7944 (cell).

These are the result of Richard's recent "reveals" on the Quantrill website: Thomas Warren (Lawrence raid, *Marcella* steamboat raid, German settlement raid in July, 1863, possibly Centralia, surrender at Lexington in May 1865), Samuel Hays (Baxter Springs fight), Simeon Welch (no known battles), Mary Welch (recovered body of Andy Blunt, cleaned and prepared it for burial), Lemuel Welch (skirmish with Feds in Lafayette County, MO), James Welch (no known battles), Joseph Coyl (Richfield, MO ambush, Plattsburg, James Farm in Kearney, MO), Jesse J. Carl (no known battles), Henry Wolfenbarger (Independence, MO in August 1862), William Gosney (White Oak Creek, MO in August 1862), Mackendry Poisal (Skirmishes in Lafayette County, MO; possibly at Lawrence raid), Duncan Hughes (no known battles), Duncan Johnson (Union. Benjamin Potter massacre at Lone Jack, MO in September, 1863), Thomas Walker (Union. Union soldier captured at Independence, MO in August, 1862), George Barnes (Union. Sacking of Osceola, MO), and Stinson Stearns (Businessman of Osceola, MO during sacking in September, 1861).

Expressions of Freedom Student Contest

The National Park Service is sponsoring a student contest in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the national parks system. Open to students 13-18 years it has three categories: photography, poetry, and digital short film. First-place winners will receive a \$2,500 academic scholarship and second-place will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Submissions are due October 15, 2012 and will be accepted beginning September 1, 2012 on the African American Experience Fund website.

Artists are encouraged to develop projects in collaboration with a national park or park partner organization in their community. If you know of a student who would like to participate but needs a mentor or coach, please let us know. Call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 (cell) or E-Mail at bevjoshaw@hotmail.com.

THE CIVIL WAR WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI

A symposium presented by The National Park Service and the
Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission

August 9-11, 2012 ★ University of Arkansas Global Campus ★ Fayetteville, Arkansas

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The National Park Service and the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission present a special symposium on the Civil War West of the Mississippi August 9-11 in Fayetteville, exploring one of the most fascinating yet least studied areas of the war. Topics include the vital issues that were at stake and the Civil War experiences of people living west of the Mississippi River, including Arkansas. Nationally known scholars from across the country will offer presentations on the war, life on the home front, and the experiences of the diverse peoples of the Trans-Mississippi. The symposium also will include guided tours of Pea Ridge National Military Park and Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park. Registration for the symposium is \$25 and limited to the first 350 paid participants. Please register by July 20, 2012. Registrations cancelled within 24 hours of the conference will receive a full refund. Speakers will include:

- [Dwight T. Pitcaithley](#), Professor, New Mexico State University & former NPS chief historian
- [Ernesto Chavez](#), Professor of History, University of Texas at El Paso
- [Steven E. Woodworth](#), Professor of History, Texas Christian University
- [Daniel Sutherland](#), Distinguished Professor of History, University of Arkansas
- [Jerry Thompson](#), Regents Professor, Texas A&M International University
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- [Linda Reed](#), Associate Professor, The University of Houston
- [William C. Davis](#), Professor of History, Virginia Tech
- Mary Jane Warde, Independent Historian

The conference hotel is the Holiday Inn Express and Suites at 1251 N. Shiloh Dr. in Fayetteville, with rooms available for \$77 per night. To make reservations, call (479) 444-6006.

Register on-line at: <http://www.arkansascivilwar150.com/symposium/>

For Conference information, contact: Tim Townsend, program chair, (217) 492-4241 or Laura Miller, local arrangements, (870) 777-4455.

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ARKANSAS CIVIL WAR
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JACKSON COUNTY MISSOURI IN THE CIVIL WAR

Part 1: 1860-1862, July 24, 2012, 7:00 pm

Part 2: 1863-1864 August 28, 2012, 7:00 pm



As part of its summer series, the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City will present a series of two talks by Daniel L. Smith, concerning the Civil War in Jackson County, Missouri at the Plaza Branch of the Kansas City Public Library on July 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and August 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

On the border where the violence in Territorial Kansas had presaged the coming Civil War, the citizens of Jackson County Missouri tried in vain to remain neutral in the face of the hostilities at Fort Sumter and the capture of the Liberty Arsenal.

The Garden of Eden that was Jackson County Missouri in 1860 became Hell on Earth in 1861. The four years that followed in Jackson County were marked with the horrors of insurgency and total war even before Sherman's famed March to the Sea.

These talks will focus on the events in this pivotal Missouri border county that shaped the ordeal for civilians and soldiers alike in this crucible of conflict. Smith in the first segment will cover the years 1860 to 1862. The second segment will focus on the turmoil in 1863 until the eve of the Price Missouri Campaign and the Battle of Westport in October 1864.

Smith is a past president of Civil War Round Table of Kansas City and current chairman of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund. He is a frequent speaker upon topics related to the history of Westport and the Battle of Westport.