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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 ----- 15.00
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**** **NEW Website** ****

www.CWRTWM.org



The bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861 was the opening engagement of the American Civil War. The 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War is upon us!
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President's Letter

Many years ago when I was just a lowly freshman at the University of Missouri, Rolla there was a road sign just as you made the turn onto Pine Street (the main street) that read "Rolla Missouri, the Watch Me City of the Show Me State" Little did I know that that same sign could have describe Rolla in 1861. At the terminus of the St Louis-San Francisco Railroad, Rolla was a strategic depot for all the campaigns into southwest Missouri to follow. Seized by Franz Siegel for the Union on June 14, 1861 it remained in Union hands throughout the war. So important as a supply depot that two forts were built to protect it (Fort Wyman and Fort Dettec). 20,000 troops were stationed there under orders from President Lincoln to hold it at all costs. Phil Sheridan was stationed there as a Captain in the commissary department.

The Civil War in southern Missouri funneled through Rolla and as I trudged across campus at the early hour of 7:30 a.m. for my first semester of calculus, when all was quiet, I should have been able to hear the ghosts of the men and animals. Rolla has long been the home of a university and now because of the sesquicentennial it is being recognized as a vital part of the Civil War history of Missouri. What other places in Missouri will be "discovered" over the next four years is yet to be determined. Some will be very familiar while others will be, not just a surprise, but a shock to many of us. Here's to discovering something new or the embracing an old friend. See you on the discovery trail.

P.S. Don't miss the article on our new website. Thanks Lucky. Thanks Fran.

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

Use of Code for Entrance and Exit at the Villages of Jackson Creek

Our meeting place is very generously provided by the Villages of Jackson Creek, an Independence assisted living and nursing care facility. We meet in the eastern wing of the building which is occupied by the assisted living clients. In the evening the front doors are secured and can only be accessed by the keypad with the code **1207***. When you leave after the meeting, please be sure to utilize the keypad rather than forcing the doors open. Once you have entered **1207***, you will need to stand directly in front of the doors to activate them. If you have a problem, you can call Beverly on her cell phone number (816) 225-7944 to ask for assistance.

CWRTWM Calendar

Lewis-Gregg Cemetery Cleanup

Saturday, April 2, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Bring your own gloves, rakes, etc. Preferred route from Highway 24 is to turn north on Salem Drive and take it to Colony Lane, go right on Colony Lane to the dead-end (cul-de-sac) where we walk through the field, going north to the cemetery. We have some discoveries to share about the burials from research done by David Jackson and Kathleen Tuohey.

April 2011 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level),
3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO
Carolyn and Steve Hatcher: “The Firing on Ft. Sumter” from a recent visit there.

April 2011 Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51st Terr. Court,
Independence, MO.

Civil War Battlefield Tour - May 2011

Saturday, May 14, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Guided bus tour to Clay County, Missouri.
Meet at the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe, 106 E. Walnut, Independence, MO. Off-street parking one block away in the lot on the northwest corner of Walnut and Liberty. The book store will be open before departure at 9:00 a.m. \$40 for bus, box lunch, and admittance fees. A minimum of 30 people are needed to reserve the bus so we request your reservations by the end of April.

Other Civil War Events

Park Day at Lone Jack Battlefield

Saturday, April 2, 2011 – 9:00 a.m., Lone Jack Battlefield, 301 S. Bynum, Lone Jack, MO.
Volunteers needed to rake leaves and pick up sticks to clean the cemetery. Also inside cleaning at the museum.

The Battle of Liberty

Saturday, April 2, 2011 – 10:00 a.m., Corbin Theatre, 15 N. Water Street, Liberty, MO, Jay Jackson, historian and re-enactor: The Battle of Liberty. Free and open to the public.

Raytown Ambassadors Meeting

Monday, April 4, 2011 – 10:00 a.m., Raytown Historical Society, 9705 E. 63rd Street, Raytown, MO. “Early Days of the Civil War.” Free and open to the public.

Kansas and the Civil War

Monday, April 4, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., Kansas City, KS Public Library, 625 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS. Brian Craig Miller: Examination of how the Civil War affected the state of Kansas.

What Happened on April 12, 1861?

Tuesday, April 5, 2011 – 6:30 p.m., Central Library, 14 W. 10th St., Kansas City, MO (free parking in library parking garage at 10th and Baltimore after 6:00 p.m.). Ethan Rafuse of the Military History Dept. of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth: “Events leading up to the Confederate attack on Union-held Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor.” RSVP to (816) 701-3400.

Blue or Gray? Civil War Military Records

Tuesday, April 5, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., Kearney Library, 100 S. Platte-Clay Way, Kearney, MO.
Tour of primary source material for Civil War research. RSVP to (816) 628-5055. Class repeated at Midwest Genealogy Center on Saturday, April 9th at 9:30 a.m. and at Blue Ridge on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. See calendar.

Civil War in Jackson County

Wednesday, April 6, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., Raytown Library, 6131 Raytown Road, Raytown, MO.
Gregg Higginbotham: A war which turned neighbor against neighbor and brother against brother. RSVP to (816) 353-2052. Program repeated on Thursday, April 28th at Grandview Library. See calendar.

Civil War in the West

Thursday, April 7, 2011 – 2:00 p.m., National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Discover how the Civil War impacted western settlement in a 30-minute guided tour. Regular museum admittance rates: Adults are \$6, Seniors 62 and older are \$5, Youth 6-17 are \$3, 5 and under are free. Repeated Thursday, April 14th and Thursday, April 22nd.

Confederate Veterans and Homes

Thursday, April 7, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Historian Jim Beckner discusses the fate of thousands of Confederate veterans after the Civil War. Cost is \$6 and advance reservations required by calling (816) 325-7575.

Fort Sumter, Then and Now

Thursday, April 7, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Carolyn Hatcher: Fort Sumter from its construction, to the Civil War bombardments, to the current day. Suggested donation at the door is \$3.

Common Soldier of the Civil War

Thursday, April 7, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., Buckner Library, 19 E. Jefferson, Buckner, MO. Greg Higginbotham, a common foot soldier re-enactor, takes you through his daily life. RSVP to (816) 650-3212.

Blue or Gray? Civil War Military Records

Saturday, April 9, 2011 – 9:30 a.m., Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Tour of primary source material. RSVP to (816) 252-7228.

Civil War Music

Sunday, April 10, 2011 – 2:00 p.m., Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. The Shortleaf Band with Michael Fraser present a concert of original and traditional music from the Civil War. Features fiddle, flute and guitar. RSVP to (816) 701-3481.

The Camp Jackson Affair (St. Louis, MO)

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., Pearson Hall in Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. The Cass County Civil War Round Table presents author Donald Gilmore talking about the Camp Jackson Affair. Free and open to the public.

Childhood in the Civil War

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., Antioch Library, 6060 N. Chestnut, Gladstone, MO. How did the Civil War affect children of the time? Were Yankee children different from Rebel children? RSVP to (816) 454-1306. Ages 8 and up. Repeated

at Blue Springs North on April 20th at 2:00 p.m. See calendar.

Opening of Missouri's Civil War Museum

Tuesday, April 12, 2011. Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, MO. Go to www.mcwm.org.

Tombstone Series

Thursday, April 14, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. John Mark Lambertson: Gone but Not Forgotten: Tombstones of the Famous and Infamous. Cost is \$6. RSVP to (816) 325-7575.

50th Anniversary of Bates County Historical Society

Friday, April 15, 2011 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Robertson Hall, 802 Elks Drive, Butler, MO. Golden anniversary ceremony at 7:00 p.m. and come and go reception. Special displays.

Medical Practices on the Western Trails

Saturday, April 16, 2011 – 10:00 a.m., Historic Oxford Schoolhouse at Ironwoods Park, 147th and Mission Road, Leawood, KS. Drew Bodner will give an introduction to the historic western trails that passed through this area. Dr. Pete Cuppage, retired from the University of Kansas Medical Center, will examine frontier medical practices in period costume with his portable cabinet of medicines. Free.

Battle of Kirksville Re-enactment

Saturday and Sunday, April 16 - 17, 2011 Milan, MO. Go to www.battleofkirksville.com.

Thundering Hooves on the Border

Saturday and Sunday, April 16 - 17, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Fort Scott National Historic Site, Old Fort Blvd., Fort Scott, KS. Civil War cavalry weekend. Cost is \$3.

Women in Missouri During the Civil War

Tuesday, April 19, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., Kearney Library, 100 S. Platte-Clay Way, Kearney, MO. Barbara Hughes portrays Laura Flanery as a woman forced out of her home who walked to Texas from Jackson County. PowerPoint, music, and historic replicas. RSVP to (816) 628-5055. Repeated at Camden Point on April 25th.

MO/KS Border War Network

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 – 10:00 a.m., Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO.

Childhood in the Civil War

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 – 2:00 p.m., Blue Springs North Library, 850 NW Hunter Drive, Blue Springs, MO. How did the Civil War affect children of the time? RSVP to (816) 224-8772.

A Tour Guide to Missouri's Civil War

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 – 6:30 p.m., Plaza Library, 4801 Main St., Kansas City, MO., Gregory Wolk discusses his new book *A Tour Guide to Missouri's Civil War*. Nearly half of the battles fought in 1861 were in Missouri. RSVP to (816) 701-3481.

Raid of the Liberty Arsenal

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers of Liberty City Hall, 101 E. Kansas, Liberty, MO. Jay Jackson will present a PowerPoint on the Raid of the Liberty Arsenal 150 years ago. Free and open to the public.

Red Badge of Courage

Thursday, April 21, 2011 – 1:00 p.m., Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce Street, Leavenworth, KS. William Clyde Brown examines the Stephen Crane classic Civil War novel which blends a stately narrative voice rooted in epic literature with a naturalistic account of the experiences of war.

150th Anniversary of the Raid on the Liberty Arsenal

Saturday, April 23, 2011 – 2:00 p.m., Southview Drive, Liberty, MO. Because the site of the Liberty Arsenal is on private property, cars are asked to park along the side of Southview Drive near the Fireworks Stand, but please do not use the Fireworks Stand lot. From Highway 291 take the Old 210 exit and go west to Southview Drive.



Liberty Arsenal

Women in Missouri During the Civil War

Monday, April 25, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., Camden Point Library, 401 Hardesty Street, Camden Point, MO. Barbara Hughes portrays Laura Flanery who was forced from her home and walked to Texas. RSVP to (816) 280-3384.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, April 26, 2011 – Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Alicia Scott: "The Sultana." Dinner is \$25. For reservations call Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

America Aflame

Tuesday, April 26, 2011 – 6:30 p.m., Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO (Free parking in library parking garage at 10th and Baltimore). Historian David Goldfield discusses his new book *America Aflame* to examine the influence of the Second Great Awakening which infused evangelical religion into politics. RSVP to (816) 701-3400.

Blue or Gray? Civil War Military Records

Tuesday, April 26, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., Blue Ridge Library, 9253 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO. Tour of primary resource material for Civil War genealogy. RSVP to (816) 761-3382.

The Life and Times of Thomas W. Sweeney

Thursday, April 28, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., Missouri State Archives, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO. Jack Morgan: Through American and Irish Wars – The Life and Times of Thomas W. Sweeney, 1820-1892.

Civil War in Jackson County

Thursday, April 28, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., Grandview Library, 12930 Booth Lane, Grandview, MO. Historian Greg Higginbotham discusses the war that turned neighbor against neighbor. RSVP to (816) 763-0550.

Formal Ball at the Alexander Majors Home

Saturday, April 30, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Majors Home, 8201 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO. Participate in period dancing (with help from re-enactors), pie auction, and grand march. \$15 for dessert buffet and entertainment. Purchase tickets in advance by calling (816) 444-1858 or E-Mailing

Kandice@wornallhouse.org. Come in period costume or modern attire.

Battle of Carthage Tour – CWRT of Kansas City
Saturday, April 30, 2011 – 8:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Tour bus picks up at the Auto/Bus Commuter Lot at Red Bridge Road and 71 Highway. \$47 for bus, Noon meal and Bushwhacker Museum. Go to www.cwrtkc.org/Battle-of-Carthage-Tour-20110430.

Camp Jackson: A Tipping Point
Saturday and Sunday, April 30 - May 1, 2011, Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, MO. Saturday will include a scripted re-enactment of the Missouri Volunteer Militia's encampment known as Camp Jackson in early May, 1861. Sunday will include a full battle re-enactment of M. Jeff Thompson's 1861 operations in eastern Missouri. For pricing go to www.mocivilwar150.com/event/505.

Coming Attractions

Lunch 'n' Learn

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 – Noon, Truman Memorial Building, Independence, MO. Mike Calvert will talk about the Border Wars, 1854 to 1861. Bring a sack lunch if you wish. Drinks and Dessert provided as a part of Historic Preservation Month. Complete schedule to come in the May 2011 *Border Star*.

Trails, Tribes and Territories Tour

Saturday, May 7, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., bus leaves from Johnson County (KS) Community College. See reservation page in *Border Star*.

We're Live!

The new website of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri is now available for viewing at www.cwrtwm.org. A special thanks goes to Fran Mason for a generous gift in memory of her husband Lucky Mason. Dennis Myers did yeoman duty in keeping our "free" website posted while we were preparing our searchable website. We want to thank our consultant Neale Shour, our Webmaster Steve Hatcher, and our President Mike Calvert for meeting together to plan what we wanted. Mike says he mainly just sat back and listened with amazement as Neale & Steve spoke "computerese," but he likes what he sees in the end product.

A website is not a static entity; it has to be updated to meet the needs of our members and friends. If you see something there that you think is confusing, let us know. The first thing that has been a puzzle for people looking at the website is the "Members Only" feature. What we intend to do here is to post information of interest to our dues paying members or subscribers to the *Border Star*. In order to set up a database of users, we are asking you for a "Name" and a "Password." This is NOT what you use for your own personal computer. Each name has to be unique for our database so we have decided to use your last name, and all you need to tell us is what "Password" you want to use for this section. Make it something simple that is easy for you to remember and E-Mail it to Beverly Shaw at bevjoshaw@hotmail.com. She will be recording these on a database that hopefully will be in effect by our April 13th meeting.

We invite your contributions to our website. You can submit pictures, articles, calendar items, etc. You can reach us at mail@cwrtwm.org. It is preferable to send items by attachment to your E-M mail so that it's easy to copy them to our website. If you don't have access to a computer, you can still offer pictures and articles by mailing them to CWRTWM, P.O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055. Even if you don't have personal internet access, you can go to most public libraries and use a computer. You will find that there are many websites that make research a lot easier. You will enjoy seeing the special website for the Missouri sesquicentennial at www.mocivilwar150.com. Steve is in the process of setting up links to other Civil War sites at our new website.

Preview of Monthly Programs for 2011

Patricia Gradwohl, 1st Vice President and Program Chairman, has a wonderful array of programs for 2011. On May 11th we will be hearing Tom Rafiner talk about his new book *Caught Between Three Fires*, the story of the Border Wars especially in Cass County. On June 8th Jim Beckner will be giving us a rundown of the "Battles of 1861." On Saturday, June 11th, we have a special speaker coming to the Truman Library to participate in the Talkin' Truman series at 11:00 a.m. Jay Jackson will speak about the Battle of Blue Mills Landing. On July 13th we will have our summer picnic on the lawn of the Lawson Moore House on Blue Mills

Road and will have the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery open for tours beforehand.

Pat is hoping to have musicians come to play Civil War era selections after we eat. On August 10th we will be back in the lounge of the Villages of Jackson Creek to watch the second installment of Ken Burns' Civil War series on the big screen. It's called "A Very Bloody Affair." On September 14th Bill Worley will share research he has been doing on U. S. Grant. On October 12th Pat will be inviting someone to talk about Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. On November 9th Barbara Hughes will present a PowerPoint on William Clark Quantrill. Finally, on Saturday, December 3rd, we will share a Christmas potluck luncheon with the Union Cemetery Historical Society and show the DVD of the George Caleb Bingham Memorial Service filmed on March 19 and 20, 2011 on the occasion of his 200 birthday.

Civil War Movies on Turner Classic Movie Cable Channel

During the month of April 2011, the Turner Classic Movie Channel (#54 on the Comcast Digital Starter Tier) will show Civil War movies or movies set during the time period. They will be shown on Monday and Wednesday and go back to some of the classic silent films which will have a musical score. Some of the silent films are "Birth of a Nation," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "The Coward," "Grandma's Boy," and "The General." Some of the talkies are "Gone with the Wind," "Raintree County," "Friendly Persuasion," "Band of Angels," "Of Human Hearts," "Little Women" (1949), "A Southern Yankee," "The Littlest Rebel," "Advance to the Rear," "Golden Girl," "Outlaw Josey Wales," "Major Dundee," "The Horse Soldiers," "Escape from Fort Bravo," "A Time for Killing," "Alvarez Kelly," "Virginia City," "The Siege at Red River," "Great Day in the Morning," "Hangman's Knot," "Glory," "Gettysburg," "Red Badge of Courage" (Audie Murphy version), "Abraham Lincoln" (1931), "Tennessee Johnson," "Romance of Rosy Ridge," "Durango," and "Count Three and Pray."

If you don't have access to the Turner Classic Movie channel, you might check your local library or a movie rental shop to see what's available.

Tourism Sites: Civil War History in Independence

Many Independence historical sites have special programs for the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The *Border Star* calendar lists the special programs at the National Frontier Trails Museum. For our younger patrons you might check out the Puppetry Arts Institute's staging of an original marionette production called "Trouble on the Border, Order No. 11," for ages 9 and older. It will be shown on Friday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 16th at 2:00 p.m. at the Sermon Center, 201 N. Dodgion. Call (816) 833-9777 for reservations. It will also be shown at the Harry S. Truman Library, 500 W. U.S. 24 Highway, on Saturday, April 30th, at 2:00 p.m. Admission is included with paid admission to the Library.

The 1859 Jail and Marshal's Home, 217 N. Main Street, will be open for tours to show where famous Civil War figures were housed such as William Clark Quantrill and Frank James. Call (816) 461-1897 or go to www.jchs.org for more information. While you are there, you could catch a ride on the wagon provided by Pioneer Trails Adventures which goes by the Bingham-Waggoner Estate where the famous painting "Order No. 11" was created by George Caleb Bingham. The Truman Library has a special exhibition honoring Bingham and his work called "Steamboats to Steam Engines: George Caleb Bingham's Missouri from 1819-1879." It includes a rare chance to see one of the two "Order No. 11" paintings which is being loaned by the State Historical Society of Missouri. The exhibit is free with a regular paid admission and goes through September 8, 2011. Go to www.trumanlibrary.org.

Civil War Deconstruction

If you taste runs more to the printed word rather than movies, you are also in luck. As Noah Homola of the *Kansas City Star* writes in the March 27, 2011 issue, "As the 150th anniversary of the bloody conflict approaches, an army of books finds new niches to explore." Some of them are of local interest such as *Kansas's War: The Civil War in Documents* by Pearl Ponce, *A Tour Guide to Missouri's Civil War: Friends and Foes Alike* by Gregory Wolk (who will be appearing at the Plaza Library on April 20th at 6:30 pm), *Financial Fraud*

and Guerrilla Violence in Missouri's Civil War, 1861-1865 by Mark Geiger, *America Aflame: How the Civil War Created a Nation* by David Goldfield (who will be appearing on April 26th at the Central Library at 6:30 p.m.), and *Quantrill at Lawrence: The Untold Story* by Paul Petersen of Raytown. So new that it did not appear in the article is *The Battle of Westport (Missouri's Great Confederate Raid)* by Paul Kirkman of Independence who helped research *Lockdown*, the story of the Old Jail in Independence with David Jackson. It is available at the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe in Independence.

News about Members and Friends

Thank you to the **Union Cemetery Historical Society** for planning and executing the George Caleb Bingham Memorial Service on March 19th and 20th. The Round Table helped with refreshments on Saturday when the downpour kept us in the Sexton's Cottage, but being indoors helped the sound quality of **Don Moorehead's** taping of the event. **Jim Beckner** portrayed John Calvin McCoy, the founder of Westport, who gave some historical context for Bingham and introduced **Linda Fewell** who portrayed Mattie Lykins Bingham with great dignity. Don came back on Sunday when the weather was beautiful and taped the procession up the hill to Bingham's grave. We will be showing the film at our joint Christmas luncheon on December 3, 2011. As a remembrance of our visit to Union Cemetery, we were given a copy of *Tombstone Inscriptions* which will be added to our book collection. This listing of all the burials was painstakingly researched by the volunteers of Union Cemetery.

Thank you to the **Civil War Round Table of Kansas City** for planning the Lasting Legacies of the Civil War symposium on March 26th. It was a great success as evidenced by the outstanding attendance. **Kelly Evenson** of the *Examiner* wrote an article in the March 29th issue which outlined some of the points of the speakers. The fact that one of the out-of-town speakers was delayed in airline traffic and still a goodly group stayed to hear him is indicative of the interest in Civil War history. Luckily the members of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri responded to the request for cookies. This helped to give the audience a little burst of energy to respond to the various topics. A

special thanks goes to **Pat Gradwohl** for lending not one but two coffee makers and to the staff of the **North Independence Library** under the direction of **Marge Keck** who served the refreshments and allowed us to enjoy the speakers.

We saw some of the **Kansas City Star** reporters at the Lasting Legacies symposium. **Lee Hill Kavanaugh** said that their series on the Civil War will begin on Sunday, April 10, 2011. She has taken fieldtrips with Editor **Darryl Levings** to Keytesville to interview the curator of the Sterling Price museum, the Confederate Home and Cemetery at Higginsville, the Bloody Bill Anderson grave at Richmond, and the Chiles Cemetery near where she lives in eastern Jackson County. She says that the Civil War has come to life for her during these trips.

One of the charter members of the Round Table, **Joanne Chiles Eakin**, was kind enough to bring cookies when she came to the Lasting Legacies symposium. She and **Annette Curtis** have published a book about Major John M. Laing called *Terror on the Border* which is available from the authors or from Harold Dellinger's on-line service at www.haroldsbookstore.com. Laing's 15th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry plundered their way north in the days preceding the Battle of Westport. Using materials at the National Archives they have made details of his Court Martial known to modern readers. He was found guilty and "forever incapacitated" from holding any military position for the United States.

Speaking of charter members, we recently ran across a list of the original members of the Round Table from 1992 (which makes us 20 years old in 2012). These are the names of people you will probably recognize although not all are still active with the group: **Frank Adams, Steve and Vicki Beck, Don and Rebecca Carver, Troy Chrisman, Harold Dellinger, Joanne Chiles Eakin, JoAnna Dale, Terryl Elliott, Evalyn Johnston, Dana Johnston, David Kesinger, Jonathan Linn, Nancy Lewis, Harriett Lionberger, Robert McAtee, Charles McCorkendale, Connie McQuain, Frederic McBurney, John Royle, Donald Ross, Joseph Rudzik, Phyllis Thompson, Charlotte Tindall, Sue Valentine, Robert and Virginia Werline, Kathleey Tuohey, Del and Jean Warren, and Karen Wells.** By the way, if

any of you packrats have the first two issues of the Round Table's newsletter from 1992 and 1993, please give Beverly Shaw a call at (816) 225-7944 cell. We need those in order to complete our historical archives.

Also please make our newest members feel welcome: **Lowell Burns** from Napoleon, **Dave West** from Independence, and **Richard Spiek** from St. Joseph.

You will notice in the calendar of coming events that on May 4th **Mike Calvert** will be speaking at the Lunch 'n' Learn on the Border War. He has also recently spoken to the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

It was good to see **Kay Cox** at the Westport Historical Society luncheon on March 12th along with her daughter **Sara** and son-in-law **Philip Nicolaus** when they shared our late President Tim Cox's photographic reproduction of Bingham's painting "Order No. 11" which hangs in the Cincinnati Art Museum. It actually preceded the rendering which is on display at the Truman Library on loan from the State Historical Society of Missouri. At one of the Bingham programs in honor of his 200th birthday, someone said the Cincinnati painting was done on wood which is warping so it will probably never travel. The one at the Truman Library is said to be painted on a tablecloth. Kay said that Tim's mother **Virginia Cox** celebrated her 80th birthday in Springfield in March.

Thank you to **Bill and Annette Curtis** for loaning their audio-visual equipment for our March speaker, **Diane Mutti-Burke** to show the PowerPoint presentation about her new book *Slavery on the Border*.

We read in the University of Missouri-Kansas City newsletter that alumna **JoAnna Dale**, one of our charter members, has given a generous scholarship donation for creative writing and music. She was kind enough to make a memorial gift of **Richard Dale's** Civil War book collection to our Mainschein Collection and put us in touch with **Peggy Ruester** who donated a set of OR's (Official Records) of the Civil War to our collection located in the Clay County Archives, Liberty, Missouri.

Barbara Hughes certainly raised the bar for refreshments at our monthly meeting by serving her delicious cake on green plates with matching napkins for St. Patrick's Day. It's hard to know how she found time to bake a cake and also cookies for the Lasting Legacies symposium given all the "American History Women" programs she is giving at the Mid-Continent Library branches.

We want to extend a thank you to **David Jackson**, Archives and Education Director of the Jackson County Historical Society, and **Ted Stillwell**, our former host at the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe, for their interesting historical columns in the Independence *Examiner* and to the *Examiner* for publishing them.

David had a column in March called "Marking Civil War's 150th" and he gave a compliment to our Round Table and the Kansas City Round Table for studying the Civil War and working hard to develop events and activities. On March 16th Ted wrote a column called "Northeastern Part of County Has a Rich History" in which he talked about the neighborhood at Blue Mills which was known as "Hudspeth Settlement." Some of you probably remember our visit to the Old Jail Museum several years ago when we saw the Hudspeth Bible which had been donated to the Jackson County Archives.

We received a nice note from **Bonnie Sommerville** in Higginsville who recently lost four family members. We extend our condolences and best wishes for her strength in this difficult time.

Congratulations to **Tom and Karen Sweeney** of Springfield, Missouri who were recently honored by the Convention and Visitors Bureau at the 2011 Salute to Travel and Tourism. For over thirteen years they managed the Sweeney Museum located north of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield which is now part of the Battlefield holdings.

We missed **Karen Wells** at the Lasting Legacies symposium but we know that she was having a good time with her family on their annual cruise, this time through the Panama Canal to the Pacific Ocean. We expect to see pictures upon her return.

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF WESTERN MISSOURI

GUIDED BUS TOUR TO CLAY COUNTY

Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Departure at 9:00 a.m. from the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe, 106 E. Walnut, Independence, Missouri. There is some street parking available on Walnut and Main Street. Off-street parking available at the city lot at the northwest corner of Walnut and Liberty, one block west of the Blue & Grey. Betty Key will open the bookstore early that day for your shopping pleasure prior to departure.

Cost: \$40 which includes bus transportation with restroom and speaker system, box lunch at the Clay County Museum, and admittance to Watkins Mill State Historic Site. For info call (816) 225-7944.

Stops at:

Jabez Smith Slave Cemetery in eastern Jackson County. From 100 to 200 slaves died of cholera about 1850 and were buried in a persimmon grove.

Site of the Blue Mills Landing.

Site of the Liberty Arsenal which was raided 150 years ago on April 20, 1861 just eight days after the bombardment at Fort Sumter and is considered to be the second aggressive action of the war and was called "Missouri's Fort Sumter." Southern sympathizers seized over 1,000 muskets and rifles and loaded them on the steamboat *War Eagle* to take them to St. Joseph, Missouri where they were successfully hidden until safely transported to General Sterling Price's army.

Clay County Museum, 15 N. Main Street, Liberty, Missouri. An 1877 building on the square with three floors of artifacts in an original pharmacy with the doctor's office as it was at the turn of the century on the second floor. Box lunch will be served here with a little time to stroll around the square. Be sure to visit our friends Del and Jean Warren at **James Country Mercantile**, 111 N. Main Street, for all your period clothing needs. Jean has presented several programs to the Round Table.

William Jewell College which was occupied twice by federal troops – once after the Battle of Blue Mills Landing on September 17, 1861 when they set up a hospital there and made it their headquarters. Again in the summer of 1862 Union troops occupied Jewell Hall and fortified the hill.

Fairview Cemetery

Watkins Mill State Historic Site where we will tour an antebellum house and one of the few intact antebellum woolen mills with the machinery still in place. It is said to have made blankets for the Confederates.

Please make your reservation by April 30, 2011 so that we can keep the comfortable coach bus. Mail your check to CWRTWM, P.O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055. \$40 per person.

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The Trails Head Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association

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A GUIDED BUS TOUR

Saturday May 7, 2011 - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the Johnson County Community College, southeast parking lot. Go south from I-435 and take exit #82 to 113th & Quivira.

► **Tour Includes visits to:**

- *Black Jack Park ruins near Baldwin*
- *Short segments of the Santa Fe Trail near Baldwin*
- *Sites along Quantrill's escape route from Lawrence in 1863*
- *Blanton's Bridge crossing of the Wakarusa south of Lawrence*
- *Sites along the Oregon-California Trail thru and west of Lawrence*
- *Constitution Hall and Lane University Museum in LeCompton*
- *Swales and markers on Oregon-California trail to Topeka*
- *The spectacular Great Overland Station in Topeka*
- *Swales in western Topeka*

► **Lunch served to us in historic LeCompton**

► **In addition, as we travel, we will see and/or discuss:**

- *Routes of the Santa Fe Trail, Oregon and California Trails*
- *The 1830 Indian Removal Act and Kansas Tribes*
- *Kansas Territorial history, slavery vs. free-soil and the Underground Railroad*
- *John Brown and 'Bleeding Kansas'*
- *Quantrill Raid on Lawrence in 1863*
- *Historic sites in Douglas and Shawnee Counties*

► **Cost \$48 per person – For reservations call: Jim Kullberg (913) 441-0262**

Send checks to: Trails Head Chapter
21200 W. 82nd St., Lenexa, KS 66220

Includes:

- Maps, handout materials
- Lunch
- Admission to Museums
- Snacks and drinks

COME JOIN THE FUN & HISTORY!!

Guide: Ross Marshall