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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
Family ----- 25.00
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★ The Border Star ★

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

THIS WEEK IN THE WAR: In August 1861, the citizens of Missouri had two governors from which to choose. The State Convention appointed Hamilton R. Gamble as provisional and acting Governor and Willard P. Hall as Lieutenant-Governor, and they were inaugurated on August 1st. Historian William E. Parrish calls this "one of the most unusual extralegal actions any state ever witnessed." On August 5th southern leaning Governor Claiborne Fox Jackson declared Missouri to be independent.

President's Letter

I have been to the holy grail of battlefields and have seen the light. Two weeks ago I had an opportunity to visit Gettysburg for the second time. The first time I visited was in September during the middle of the week and I practically had the place to myself. Not so this time. It was a Friday afternoon 10 days after the battle anniversary and to top it off the weekend of National Motorcycle Week. Needless to say there were cars and people everywhere and I was not happy. As I stood at the visitor's center and bought two books on the Trans-Mississippi Theater it dawned on my befuddled mind that I was standing not only on hallowed ground, but on a gold mine. The amount of money being exchanged before my very eyes was unbelievable. I was witnessing the zenith of what experts have come to call "heritage tourism." Studies have determined that Gettysburg visitors provide annually nearly \$12 million in state taxes, over \$5 million in local taxes and \$121,080,000 in visitor expenditures*. Now I admit that Gettysburg is the battlefield to visit so what about another one that might compare favorably to let's say the Little Blue Battlefield.

I picked Wilson's Creek, Missouri*.

1. 69 Jobs supported
2. 1,456 visitors needed to support one job
3. \$217,000 annual State government revenue
4. \$144,000 annual local government revenue
5. \$3,121,000 annual visitor expenditures

I know that's a lot of statistics and I only use them to make this point. The preservation of battlefields gives back to the community. The Little Blue Battlefield has been recognized as one of the top 10 endangered historic sites in Missouri and as one of the top 25 endangered historic battlefields in the United States. We now have a grant from the National Park Service to write the National Registry of Historic Places Nomination. Let's make the emphasis on what we do as a group to be the preservation of the Little Blue Battlefield. When someone says building houses on the land is a better than saving it bring up the statistics, ask them how many houses would you need to build in order to put that much money back into the local economy. Here's just a little extra, most of that money is from out of town visitors. I haven't even touch on quality of life enhancement, environmental issues or historic value. Our goal won't be easy to obtain and it won't happen overnight, but if we don't make the effort ... (I can't finish that sentence.)

Heritage tourism - it pays!

*Statistics are from "Blue, Gray and Green; How Saving Civil War Battlefields Makes \$\$\$ and Sense" a study commissioned by the Civil War Preservation Trust

~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

August 2011 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, August 10, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level),
3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO.
Movie Night: A Very Bloody Affair (2nd installment
of the Ken Burns series). Popcorn and Soda.

August 2011 Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 17, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51st Terr. Court,
Independence, MO. Please note new 4-way stop signs at
Downey.

Preview of Coming Events

Tour to Lexington, Missouri

Saturday, October 8, 2011. More information to
follow on this guided bus tour in cooperation with
the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City.

Other Civil War Events

Raytown Historical Society

Monday, August 1, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.
Raytown Historical Society, 9705 E. 63rd Street,
Raytown, MO. “The Civil War Afloat.”

“Prisoners of War and Their Families”

August 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011 – Mon. - Sun.
Special Exhibit Room of Wilson’s Creek National
Battlefield Visitor Center. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Objects
and historic documents from Confederate POW camps
such as Andersonville and Camp Ford and the Union
camp at Johnson’s Island. Wilson’s Creek is 10 miles
southwest of Springfield, MO at the intersection of
Highway ZZ and Farm Road 182.

Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women

Thursday, August 4, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Blue Springs North Library, 850 NW Hunter Drive,
Blue Springs, MO. Alisha Cole, Louisa May Alcott
scholar, leads a discussion of the biography *Louisa May
Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women*. First in a
5-part series about Alcott and her impact on women
throughout time as well as her own generation. By the
way, Alcott lived in the Civil War era and nearly died as
a result of working as a nurse in Washington, DC. See
August 16th listing for Part 2 of the series.

Historic Liberty Walking Tour

Saturday, August 6, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.
Historical Murals. Meet at Lewis & Clark Mural at
Mill and South Water Street, Liberty, MO. Led by
Harold Phillips.

Fort D 150th Anniversary Event-Cape Girardeau, MO
Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 6-7, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. – 9:00
p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.
Night fire of cannons on Saturday. Infantry and Artillery
drill and firing both days. Display and Demonstration of
Civil War medicine and camp life. Free. Earthworks fort
dating from 1861 located in Cape Girardeau off Sprigg
Street, 4 blocks south of MO Route 74. For more
information, visit www.fortdhistoricsite.com.

Battle of Athens Reenactment

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 6-7, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00
p.m. on Saturday. Reenactment of the Battle of Athens
both days – 1:00 p.m. House tours, sutlers, food service,
medical and civilian scenarios. Shuttle to Battlefield
Historic Area near Revere. For information please visit
www.cwrtwm.org and look for the link.

Battle of Dug Springs in Christian County, Missouri

Sunday, August 7, 2011 – 2:00 p.m.
Clever Middle School parking lot, 401 W. Inman Street,
Clever, MO. Re-enactors and artillery firing of cannon
as well as historians to recount this early skirmish which
took place along the old Wire Road near Clever. Free
Please visit www.mocivilwar150.com/attraction/163.

Lawrence: Free State Fortress

August 7-21, 2011 – Mon.–Sat. – 9:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.
Sun. – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Lawrence Visitor Center,
402 N. 2nd, Lawrence, KS. View a 27-minute docu-
drama which chronicles the first 10 years of Lawrence’s
history culminating with Quantrill’s Raid in 1863. Free.

The Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, August 9, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner at the
Golden Ox Restaurant, 1600 Genessee Street, Kansas
City, MO. \$25 for steak or salmon. \$20 for chicken.
Reservations to Ann Schultis at (816) 741-2897. Roger
Slusher: “The Santa Fe Trail Lives On.”

Grant and Lee Speakers Series

Tuesday, August 9, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.
National Archives, 400 W. Pershing Road, Kansas City,
MO. Dr. Terry Beckenbaugh: Grant and Lee – A Study
in Comparative Generalship. RSVP at (816) 268-8000.

The Battle of Wilson’s Creek

Thursday, August 11, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.
Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO.
Dr. Terry Beckenbaugh discusses the first Civil War
battle west of the Mississippi. RSVP at (816) 701-3407.

The Civil War in Douglas County

Thursday, August 11, 2011 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Watkins Community Museum of History, 1047
Massachusetts St., Lawrence, KS. Open house with a
variety of local history organizations with displays and
presentations. Free and refreshments will be provided.

Missouri Germans in the Civil War

Thursday, August 11, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Truman Building, Rooms 490/492, 301 W. High Street,
Jefferson City, MO. Walter Kamphoefner: Missouri
Germans and the Cause of Union and Freedom.

Civil War on the Western Front Dinner

Friday, August 12, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
Historic Eldridge Hotel, 701 Massachusetts,
Lawrence, KS. \$35 plus tax and gratuity. For
Reservations call (785) 830-3988. Dinner guests
include John Brown, Gov. Charles Robinson, Jim Lane,
Abe and Mary Lincoln.

Wilson's Creek 150th Anniversary Reenactment

Friday, Sat., Sun. – August 12 – 14, 2011
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Republic, MO.
Reenactment site is adjacent to the National Battlefield.
Daily tickets in advance are \$20 and \$25 at the gate.
Children 12 and under are free. A 3-day pass is \$50 in
advance and \$60 at the gate. For full schedule visit
www.wilsonscreek150.com. You may also want to read
Jeff Patrick's article "Missouri's Bloody Hill" in the
summer, 2011 issue of *Hallowed Ground* magazine or
visit www.civilwar.org.

Memorial Service – Women's Prison Collapse

Saturday, August 13, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.
14th and Grand Ave., Kansas City, MO. Honoring the
women killed in the Kansas City prison collapse on
August 13, 1863. Sponsored by the William Clarke
Quantrill Society. Visit www.wcqociety.com.

Southern Women in the 19th Century

Saturday, August 13, 2011 – 9:30 a.m. Midwest
Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road,
Independence, MO. Southern women were left to run
the farms of the South during the War of Rebellion. To
register call (816) 252-7228.

Historic Lecompton, Kansas

Saturday and Sunday – August 13-14, 2011.
Territorial Capital Museum, 640 E. Woodson,
Lecompton, KS. *Birthplace of the Civil War Where
Slavery Began to Die*. 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Black Jack Battlefield Tour

Saturday and Sunday, August 13-14, 2011.
163 E. 2000 Road, Wellsville, KS. Tour at 1:00 p.m.
with John Brown. For more information please visit
www.blackjackbattlefield.org.

Louisa May Alcott Wrote That?

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 – 11:00 a.m.
Antioch Library, 6060 N. Chestnut, Gladstone, MO.
Alisha Cole leads a discussion of lesser known works
such as *Hospital Sketches* which began as serialized
stories loosely based on Alcott's volunteer work at
hospitals in Washington during the Civil War.
Registration at (816) 454-1306.

In September there will be a Civil War hospital/medical
interpretation at John Knox Village. Author Randall
Fuller will also be making an appearance at Mid-
Continent Library to talk about his book *From
Battlefields Rising – How the Civil War Transformed
American Literature*. The Round Table has a copy
which can be checked out to members.

"John Brown's Raid" Lunchpail Lecture

Wednesday, August 17, 2011 – Noon
Lawrence Library Gallery, 707 Vermont, Lawrence, KS.
Dr. Jonathan Earle discusses John Brown's Raid and his
influence on the 1860 presidential election of Abraham
Lincoln.

Civil War Battles in Missouri

Thursday, August 18, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO.
Ted Stillwell, columnist, artist, and contributor to the
Independence Examiner and the *Leavenworth Times*,
presents "Civil War Battles in Missouri." \$3 donation at
the door.

The Story of Nicodemus, Kansas

Thursday, August 18, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.
Linn County Library, 209 N. Broadway, La Cygne, KS.
Angela Bates tells the story of slavery which began in
Kentucky and ended in Nicodemus, KS, the only
remaining all-Black settlement west of the Mississippi.

Toys during the Civil War

Friday, August 19, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO.
Participants will play with toys from the Civil War era
and make either a cornhusk or yarn doll or a toy soldier.
Family Fun Night for children 6-10 years. To register
call (816) 701-3407.

Quantrill's Raid Graveyard Walk

Friday, August 19, 2011 – 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Lawrence Parks and Recreation, South Park, 1141
Massachusetts, Lawrence, KS. Visit the graves of
victims of the Raid. Reservations required at (785) 832-
7930. Cost: \$12.

Quantrill's Raid: A Walking Tour

Saturday, August 20, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m.
Watkins Community Museum of History, 1047
Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, KS. Reservations
required at (785) 841-4109. Discussion of events leading
up to the raid, firsthand accounts of survivors and what
occurred after. \$10 per person.

Commemoration of Battle of Lone Jack

Saturday, August 20, 2011 – All Day.
Battlefield Park, Highway 50, ½ block south of
Lone Jack Exit. Parking at High School. 11:00 a.m. –
Wreath Laying Ceremony at Cemetery. 12:00 p.m.–
12:30 p.m. – Order No. 11 and 6-Man Cemetery Skit.
1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. – President Harry Truman
Reminiscences. 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – Deb Goodrich
presents “Dixie Lee Jackson.” Free Admission.

Battle of Morristown Tour and Catered Meal

Saturday, August 20, 2011 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Community Center, 501 N. Main, West Line, MO. Bus
tour of battle sites and Freeman Cemetery with catered
meal. \$15 for adults or \$5 for youth 12 and under. Call
Cass County Historical Society at (816) 380-4396 for
reservations.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. (no dinner)
Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO.
Col. James Speicher: “The H. L. Hunley.”

Kansas Military Forts

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Tonganoxie Community Historical Society, 201 W.
Washington, Tonganoxie, KS. Leo E. Oliva talks about
how the military posts such as Leavenworth and Scott
were essential to westward expansion and served a
critical function during the Civil War.

Kansas and the Civil War in American History

Sunday, August 28, 2011 – 1:30 p.m.
Johnson County Library, 9875 W. 87th Street, Overland
Park, KS. Brian Craig Miller re-examines how the Civil
War affected the state of Kansas.

Kansas Women in the Civil War

Sunday, August 28, 2011 – 2:45 p.m.
Johnson County Library, 9875 W. 87th Street,
Overland Park, KS. Diane Eickhoff examines the
role of Kansas women as nurses, cooks, clerks,
factory workers and even soldiers and spies. She
uses historical photographs and editorial cartoons
to challenge the stereotypical idea of women's roles.

Dreaming of Dixie

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.
Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO.
Karen Cox: *Dreaming of Dixie: How the South Was
Created in American Popular Culture*. For decades
after the Civil War, the South, as a region, was
ensconced in its antebellum past. Cox asserts that the
chief purveyors of this constructed nostalgia were
outside commercial interests playing to consumer
anxiety about modernity.

News about Members and Friends

We wish to extend our condolences to **Scott Cauger**,
our long-distance member in New York State, and to his
family for the death of his mother, Melba Jean Cauger
on June 30, 2011.

Thank you to **Sarah and Daniel Kaleikau** for the use of
their beautiful yard beside the historic Lawson Moore
House for our annual picnic on July 13, 2011. We were
very fortunate to have a break in the hot weather for the
evening so that we could enjoy the Civil War music
played by **John and Dianne Lehman** and to host **Rose
Ann Findlen**, author of two books which have been
added to our collection.

We appreciate the arrangements made by **Mike Calvert**
to allow the Round Table to enjoy its picnic at his
daughter and son-in-law's home. Mike was fresh off the
tour bus on July 13th where he guided a group of
educators who had been meeting at the Truman Library.
Mike's earlier talk at the meeting of the “Live Wires” at
the First Baptist Church, which was arranged by **Fran
Mason**, yielded an E-mail from Florida written by the
daughter of one of the ladies who attended. She was
very appreciative of the two-page bibliography of Border
War books that Mike handed out. She noted that what
happened on the Missouri/Kansas Border is far more
relevant to the conflicts the United States is engaged in
today than the 19th century movements of vast armies in
the Eastern Theater.

Speaking of books in the collection, we noted from the
July 15, 2011 issue of the *Examiner* that Independence
author and speaker to the Round Table, **Terryl W.
Elliott**, recently received the “John Newman Edwards

Award” from the Friends of the James Farm for his book *Dammit, Holler ‘em Across – The History of the Rebel Yell*. The award is named for Edwards who was a newspaper reporter, editor, and founder of the *Kansas City Times*. During the Civil War he was a major on the staff of Confederate General J. O. Shelby’s “Iron Brigade” of cavalry. He later wrote books and articles about Missouri guerrillas and the James-Younger gang.

“The Wedding Before the War” was the subject of the Civil War 150 article in the *Star Magazine* of July 17, 2011. The reenactment of General J. O. Shelby’s wedding in July of 1858 was held in Waverly, Missouri on June 25th and featured the bride played by **Taylor Fillpot** from Texas who is the great-great-granddaughter of the real couple.



The Wedding Before the War

The 4th in the *Kansas City Star*’s series on the Civil War appeared in the Sunday issue of July 24, 2011. It started on page one with a story by **Brian Burnes** called “Terror’s Lessons – The Civil War and Today’s Military.” It continues on page 15 where our member **Lee Ward** was interviewed. “The Civil War soldier’s biggest fear is that they would not be remembered,” says Ward who maintains his own Museum of Funeral History in his home.

One Civil War soldier who was recently remembered is **Pvt. George McCarthy** whose remains were carried to Ft. Leavenworth National Cemetery on July 26, 2011 by

the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War along with other veterans and wives whose remains had not been claimed for burial. The story and picture appear in the Local section of the July 27th issue of the *Kansas City Star*.

Finally, our friend **Tom Garland** from Independence Parks talked about his canine friend Elvis in the July 9-11, 2011 issue of the *Examiner* when residents were asked to share “dog days” memories. He says that 13-year-old Elvis, a shepherd/chow mix, still drags him around on walks like he did at age 2 when he was adopted from the Independence Animal Shelter. He still gets a big grin during car rides (Elvis, not Tom). “Best of all, Elvis loves to tilt his head to the sky and let out a very primal howl when a police car or fire engine goes by with the sirens blaring.”

Earthwork Forts Near Cape Girardeau

From the www.fordhistoricsite.com website we find that in the summer of 1861 four forts were built around the strategic city of Cape Girardeau, Missouri on the orders of General John Fremont. Designed by German-American engineers from St. Louis, the forts were built by soldiers of the 20th Illinois Infantry, Bissell’s Engineers of the West, and local militia. Of the four earthen forts only Fort D still exists thanks to civic action in the 1930s. It is a city historic site just west of the Mississippi River bridge.

Richard Stewart Undaunted by the Heat

Our friend Richard Stewart continues to collect resources for the William Clarke Quantrill Collection at the Gentry Public Library in Gentry, Arkansas, which will officially open next year. His present need is for 5x7 and larger picture frames for the gallery.

Due to the generosity of Round Table members and other Civil War scholars, Richard has been able to collect a good core of written materials in published form about Quantrill and the Border War. Now he is asking you to search your files and research materials for articles, stories, personal study, pamphlets, pictures, etc. In other words, if you have such research materials that you are willing to donate as is, he could assure you of a good home for them. Otherwise, it’s time to “belly up to the copy machine” and share items that may not be readily available.

As if the Quantrill Collection is not a big enough project, Richard also took on the task of marking the grave of Hiram H. Robinson who is buried at Mound Grove Cemetery in Independence. Mr. Robinson served as an honor guard at Lincoln’s casket. The flat white stone has already been manufactured and is in Richard’s

basement. He needs help in navigating the \$200 fee and other hurdles at the cemetery plus the muscle power to deliver it there. If you can help Richard with any of the above, you can E-mail him at qscrnwa@gmail.com.

Applicants Wanted

Cass County Historical Society

Wanted: Executive Director to commence January 1, 2012. Flexible position directing a wide range of activities and programs for the Cass County Historical Society based in Harrisonville, Missouri. Applicants should have a passion for local history and experience organizing educational programs, maintaining archives, directing staff, handling administrative functions, and working with volunteers and the community. Submit resume and cover letter by September 1st to CCHS, Inc., P. O. Box 406, Harrisonville, MO 64701. Visit www.casscountyhistoricalsociety.com for details.

What Can You Do in This Heat?

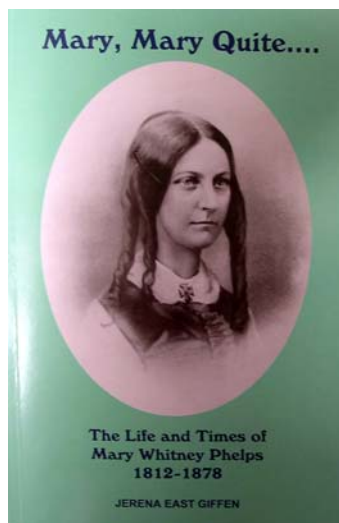
A recent cartoon showed two little boys looking at a foot marker beside a historical marker. The foot marker said "On this spot stands what remains of the oldest historical marker in _____. Sadly, neglect and vandalism have rendered it illegible." One boy says, "My dad would go nuts over this." The other replies, "Yeah, mine too." Maybe it's too hot to go looking at markers, but there are some air conditioned museums with displays.

Through the month of August the Raytown Museum at 9705 E. 63rd Street has a display of Civil War items loaned by their members.

Maybe looking forward to a cooler Fall you would like to order a guide to Civil War markers and monument in the Ozarks. It was compiled by the Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22, Daughters of Union Veterans. It's called *Marking Civil War History in the Ozarks: A Guide to Civil War Markers and Monuments in Twenty-four Southwest Missouri Counties* and is available for \$15 plus \$3.50 for postage and handling. You can order it at www.duvmissouritent22.org. The book cover;



If you are curious about who Mary Whitney Phelps was, you can read a 2008 book by Jerena East Giffen called *Mary, Mary Quite... The Life and Times of Mary Whitney Phelps*. She was responsible for protecting the body of Gen. Nathaniel Lyon (the first Union general to die in the Civil War) after the Battle of Wilson's Creek so that his family could transport it to Connecticut for burial. For mail orders you can send a check payable to "Daughters of Union Veterans," c/o Jody Clifton, 2503 E. Grand, Springfield, MO 65804-0440. The price is \$10 plus \$3 for postage and handling. The book cover;



You might also enjoy a copy of the June/July, 2011 issue of *Missouri Life* magazine which has articles about the Civil War in Columbia and Independence, Missouri.

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri also has a small lending library of books from speakers: *Jo Shelby's Iron Brigade* by Daryl Sellmeyer, *Caught between Three Fires (Cass County, MO., Chaos & Order No. 11, 1860-1865)* by Tom Rafiner, *Borderland Families, Always on the Edge (Journey of the Lykins, Peery & Heiskell Families along the Missouri/Kansas Border)* by Rose Ann Findlen, and *Missouri Star (The Life & Times of Martha Ann "Mattie" (Livingston) Lykins Bingham)* by Rose Ann Findlen. See Karen Coin to check out books at meetings.

The Round Table also has some resources other than books that can be duplicated for a small fee and shared with members: "A Brief History of the Six Mile Territory" by Mary Sue Chiles, "Memoir of a Confederate Veteran, Alonzo H. Shelton, 1839-1930", and "Chapel Hill, Missouri, A History of the Community and Chapel Hill College" by Craig M. Bryan. Call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 (cell).

A World on Fire by Amanda Foreman is a new book reviewed in the July 10th Kansas City *Star* about British and U. S. relations during the Civil War. A decidedly old book is investigated by David S. Reynolds in his book called *Mightier than the Sword: Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Battle for America*. The reviewer, Bob Blaisdell, said that *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was the most famous classic he had never read. He finishes his review by saying, "We've long known that *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was in its time blamed or credited for inspiring the public opinion that led to the inevitability of the Civil War. What I hadn't known was that *Uncle Tom's Cabin* is the Great American Novel."

Finally, if you only have the strength to drag yourself to the computer on these hot days, you might want to read the revised self-guided tour to Independence Civil War Sites at www.visitindependence.com.

If you can't make it to Wilson's Creek for the reenactment in August, you can go to the website www.civilwarvirtualmuseum.org which features high-caliber scans of documents, photographs, and artifacts.

You can even go treasure hunting from the comfort of your own home by joining the Missouri State Archives in the Great Missouri Treasure Hunt and win prizes. Go to www.GreatMissouriTreasureHunt.com.

Two Views of the Battle of Morristown

The Cass County Historical Society published a "150th Anniversary Calendar of 1861 Civil War Events" which shows a map of the Battle of Morristown as the artwork for September 2011. The description of the battle goes like this: On September 17, 1861, about 500 Union troops led by Col. Hampton Johnson attacked about 150 newly recruited Confederate troops of the 10th Cavalry, Missouri State Guard at Morristown. Johnson was killed immediately as he led the charge into town. The battle raged for two hours, the advantage going to the Home Guard who retreated back to Harrisonville while the Kansas troops burned much of Morristown. The Union reported two killed and six wounded; the Confederates, seven killed and six wounded.

Listen to the description from the February 2011 issue of the Cass County Historical Society News to describe the Battle of Morristown: Union troops attacked a Confederate recruitment camp and drove them back to Harrisonville. Five prisoners were forced to dig their own graves and executed. Much of the town was looted and destroyed and Union troops established Camp Johnson to control the area.

Archaeology vs. Metal Detecting

The Springfield *News-Leader* published two views of using metal detectors to offer a glimpse into Carthage, Missouri's Civil War past. The first story was published on July 4, 2011 by writer Wes Johnson:

The high-pitched electronic squeal of a metal detector indicated something unusual was underground. Buried for 150 years, a gruesome reminder of the 1861 Battle of Carthage emerged from the soil – a human bone with an impact-flattened bullet lodged in it. The artifact was from a five-foot-square pit which the metal detector users say was excavated with "proper permission."

Two days later a letter to the newspaper from Neal H. Lopinot, director of the Center for Archaeological Research at Missouri State University, took issue with the excavation: I was told that the hole was excavated on Carthage public park property and the article states they had "proper permission." If true, the permitting public official(s) needs to be flogged. In any regard, knowingly excavating any human remains without a state-issued permit is a felony in Missouri, whether on public or private property. I hope that the excavators contacted the county coroner and Unmarked Burial Committee, State Historic Preservation Office, in accordance with state law. To the City of Carthage and all other municipalities with historical sites deserving preservation, try to get a social conscience in preserving our past for the future. Please pass and enforce an ordinance to protect our historic properties from such looting.

The William Clarke Quantrill Society

The William Clark Quantrill Society is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the study of the Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas border with emphasis on the lives of Quantrill, his men, his supporters, his adversaries and the resulting historical record. For information visit; www.wcqsociety.com or send an E-mail to wcqsociety@aol.com.

Save the Little BLUE Buttons

Just \$1.00 each



Commemoration 1862 Lone Jack Civil War Battle Activities Schedule



Museum Open

Donations Encouraged

Benefiting:

Battlefield & Museum Preservation

**Saturday
August 20, 2011
Free Admission**

Battlefield Park

10 min. east of Lee's Summit

Hwy. 50, ½ block south of Lone Jack exit

Parking at High School

EVENTS

Entertainment Times are Approximate

- 7:00 – 10:00 Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast (Baptist Church)
9:45 Opening Ceremony (Museum Plaza/Flagpoles)
10:00 Parade
10:00 – 5:00 Craft and Information Booths, Helping Hands Food Pantry Jams & Pickles;
Garden of Hope produce; National Guard Rock Climb
11:00 Wreath Laying Ceremony (Cemetery), American Legion Post #499; Roll Call of Honor
11:00 – 5:00 Concessions - Civic Club Homemade Pies; Porky's BBQ; Kettle Corn; Snow Cones;
Identi-Kid - Lone Jack Police Department
11:30 – 5:00 PTA Carnival
11:30 – 12:00 Lizard Creek String Band (period music) under the big tree

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- 12:00 – 12:30 Order #11 & 6-Man Cemetery Skit
12:30 – 12:45 Community Awards - Lone Jack Board of Alderman
12:45 – 1:00 Veterans Wall Unveiling Ceremony
1:00 Presentation of Oldest Attending Veteran, all Veterans & Active Duty personnel:
Presented by President Harry Truman & Rooster Cogburn
1:15 – 1:45 President Harry Truman reminisces, presented by Raymond Starzmann
1:45 Presentation of Oldest Attending Area Resident
Presented by President Harry Truman & Rooster Cogburn
2:00 – 2:45 Deb Goodrich presents "Dixie Lee Jackson"
2:45 – 3:15 Memory Lane, dancers
3:15 – 4:00 Lone Jack High School Choir, past & present
4:00 True Blue - Gospel group

Event sponsored by Lone Jack Historical Society

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Some events may be subject to change/cancellation

Battle of Morristown

& Legacy of West Line

*Tour to Commemorate the 150th Anniversary
of the Sept. 17, 1861 Battle*

Saturday, August 20, 2011

Meet in West Line at Community Building 501 N Main St.

4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

- History & Background of the Battle
 - A/C Bus Tour of the Battlefield area
 - & Freeman Cemetery
 - First—Person Presentations
- Catered Meal West Line history**

**Tickets \$15 each include tour & meal (must pre-register)
\$5 youth 12 and under**

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