



# ***The Border Star***

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## **The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri**

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### **Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Student (under 21) ----- 5.00  
Newsletter Only (no meetings) ----- 10.00

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The bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861 was the opening engagement of the American Civil War. The countdown to the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 12, 2011 is just 643 days away, as of the date of our next Round Table meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

July is here and the deadline for the newsletter just plain got here before I was ready for it. So, I'm going to give you a quick update on what's been going on with the Round Table.

First, notice I wrote Round Table. This is the direct result of the work that has been done on the markers for Little Blue Battlefield. We have been diligently been reviewing the work done by our consultant, Greg Leech. I think we are there. The final review mark ups will be in his hands next week. Now, I know that I have mentioned having an unveiling at our picnic well that isn't going to happen. Beverly and I have been working on the review and made the decision that this work is too important to not do our absolute best. Therefore, we will be planning an unveiling celebration for October. Thanks Beverly for all your hard work on this last push. Speaking as an engineer its great to have a former English teacher in your corner.

Second, the long awaited nomination for national registry of the Battle of Little Blue is in Connie Langum's hands for initial review prior to presentation to the state historic preservation officer. We should have it in the state's hands for their August meeting. Let's hope that he feels the same way we do and that the 2651 acres of the battlefield are eligible for designation.

That's it for now. See you at the picnic at Ripley junction on July 8<sup>th</sup>. I am bringing a couple of things to share. Have a safe 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Calvert, President

The Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri

## CWRTWMO Calendar

### July 2009 Meeting

Wednesday, July 8, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

**Ripley Junction Park, Old Lexington Road, Independence, MO.** Annual Picnic.

Ted Stillwell: “First Surveys – Plats and Maps Of Missouri.” Fried Chicken and Drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to share, service and silver, a lawn chair, and maybe some bug spray. See Article.

### July, 2009 Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51 Terr. Ct. S., Independence, MO. (816) 225-7944 (cell).

### Deadline for Springfield, IL Reservation

**August 15, 2009.** We must have a firm commitment by this date in order to honor our scheduled bus, motel, and Lincoln sites on Sept. 18-20, 2009. See Article.

## Other Events

### Columbia, MO Program on Abraham Lincoln

Tuesday, July 7, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.

Walters-Boone County Museum, 3801 Ponderosa, Columbia, MO. William T. Stolz: “Did Abraham Lincoln Visit Columbia?” In celebration of Lincoln’s 200<sup>th</sup> birthday, Mr. Stolz will examine the myths.

### American History Alive

Thursday, July 9, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee’s Summit Road, Independence, MO. Beginning of a 5 week Class on American History from Native Americans through WWII (including War Between the States). Registration required at (816) 252-7228. Another Session begins July 16, 2009.

### Civil War Artifacts and Memorabilia

Friday-Sunday, July 10-12, 2009. Hours are

Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.. Scott from J & R Ferris Antiques in Madison, NY invites you to visit his booth at the Overland Park Antiques Show, International Trade Center, 6800 W. 115<sup>th</sup> Street, Overland Park, KS.

### Antique and Craft Fair

Saturday, July 11, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bingham-Waggoner Estate, 313 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Free. Over 100 quality vendors, door prizes, and live music. Food and beverages available for purchase. Plenty of shade and free parking.

### Historic Liberty, MO Walking Tour

Saturday, July 11, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.

An hour walking tour of the Garrison District. Meet at the Garrison School, 502 N. Water Street, Liberty, MO. Free.

### Authors at Cass County Library

Saturday, July 11, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Harrisonville Genealogy Branch Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Authors Ellen Gray Massey and Carolyn Gray: “Brothers Blue & Gray” and “Civil War Era Fun & Games.” Program and book signing. Free. See [www.casscolibrary.org](http://www.casscolibrary.org).

### Pharis Farm Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 12, 2009 – 2:00 p.m.

Pharis Farm, Liberty, MO. Take Hwy. H out of Liberty past Liberty Hills Country Club. Turn right on Hwy. EE. Pharis Farm is on the right past beautiful pastureland. Picnic tables available or bring lawn chairs. Newly restored, the home of the late Donald Pharis will be open for tours. No charge but donations accepted.

### Jim Lane: Scoundrel, Statesman, Kansan

Tuesday, July 14, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.

National Archives at Kansas City, 400 W. Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Multipurpose room. Author Robert Collins will talk about the “wild man” who turned the territory into “Bleeding Kansas.” Copies of the book may be purchased at the Kansas City Store at the Archives. A reception will be held at 6:00 p.m. The Kansas-Nebraska Act exhibit is also available for viewing. For reservations call (816) 268-8093 or send an E-Mail to [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov).

### Raytown Historical Society Picnic and Program

Wednesday, July 15, 2009 – Social – 6:00 p.m.;

Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Kenagy Park, 79<sup>th</sup> and Raytown Road, Raytown, MO. Ralph Monaco portrays Col. Thomas Swope, his mysterious death, and the scandal that followed. The Swope mansion was in

Independence near the Bingham-Waggoner Estate. \$10 for grilled hamburger or chicken breast with all the extras, dessert and beverage. Reservations by July 8<sup>th</sup> by calling (816) 356-0444 or by E-Mailing [raytownhistorical@sbcglobal.net](mailto:raytownhistorical@sbcglobal.net).

Mary Easton Sibley at Missouri State Archives  
Thursday, July 16, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. Missouri State Archives, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO. Kristie Wolferman writes about Mary Easton Sibley, a pioneer of women's education in Missouri. She also sheds light on Mary's view of women's social and political roles, slavery, temperance, and religion. Free.

National Archives to Celebrate 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Saturday, July 18, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Cake cutting at 11:30 a.m. Workshops at 10:00 a.m. Introduction to the Archival Research Catalogue, 1:30 p.m.; A History of the National Archives; and 3:00 p.m.; Preservation 101 for two dimensional items.at Noon; Special appearance by **Terence O'Malley** who will show clips and answer questions about his documentary "Black Hand Strawman: The History of Organized Crime in Kansas City." At 2:00 p.m. Kansas City Star reporter and author **Brian Burnes** will be signing his books *Walt Disney's Missouri*, *Great Plains Originals*, *Harry S. Truman: His Life and Times*, and *The Ike Files*. Books also for sale at the Kansas City Store at the Archives.

History Walk and Talk  
Sunday, July 19, 2009 – 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Kansas City Museum Visitor Center, 3218 Gladstone Blvd., Kansas City, MO. Explore historic Scarritt Point and learn about early settlement by Kansas City's founding fathers. Led by Mike Bushnell, author of *Historic Postcards from Old Kansas City*. \$5 for adults (bottle of water included). Children under 10 free.

Triangular Shawl Weaving  
Saturday, July 25, 2009 – 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Missouri Town 1855, Lake Jacomo. Cost is \$20 plus supplies. Adult size shawl which will take 12-15 hours to complete on a triangular loom. Call (816) 503-4864 for reservation or go to [www.jacksongov.org/missouritown](http://www.jacksongov.org/missouritown).

Closing of Lincoln Exhibit in Topeka, KS  
July 26, 2009. Museum of History, Topeka, KS.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City  
Tuesday, July 28, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. No dinner; just water, coffee, and tea. No cost. Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Joe Mattox: "African-American Troops in the Civil War."

Cole Younger and Frank James' Wild West Show  
Tuesday, July 28, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. North Oak Branch of Mid-Continent Library, 8700 N. Oak Street Trafficway, Kansas City, MO. Dave Bears and Greg Higginbotham present Cole Younger and Frank James as they are reunited after Cole spent 25 years in the Stillwater Penitentiary in Minnesota. The year is 1905, and they talk about their exploits in earlier times. Reservations at (816) 436-4385.

### **Upcoming Events**

Missouri River Festival of the Arts  
August 27-29, 2009. Boonville, MO.

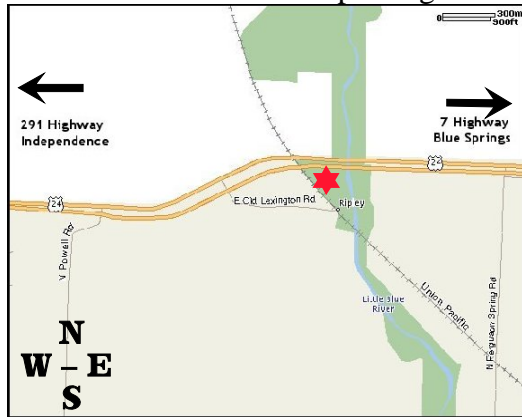
Lewis-Gregg Family Reunion  
September 20, 2009. George Owens Park, Independence, MO.

### **July Picnic**

We have found that it takes many revisions to perfect the Battle of the Little Blue markers at Ripley Junction and Blue Mills Road so they won't be installed by our July 8<sup>th</sup> picnic. We are now looking at a dedication in the fall, perhaps during the month of October when the battle actually occurred. We all want them to accurately reflect the action that took place and make it easily understood by the casual observer. We hope to have some working copies for you to look at during the picnic.

The picnic will begin at 6:00 p.m., but don't worry if you can't get to Ripley Junction by 6:00 on the dot. There will be plenty of food whenever you get there. Bring a dish to share and your own silver and service and a chair. Ted Stillwell will be giving an interesting program, but there are no lights at the picnic shelter so we need to leave before it gets too dark. Please be careful entering and exiting the parking lot because the railroad track is active with freight trains.

Ripley Junction is a Jackson County Park located south of 24 Highway on the west side of the Little Blue River. Look for Old Lexington Road going south from 24 Highway just to the west of the bridge crossing the Little Blue River. The road will go south and then east past some houses and then over the railroad tracks into the parking lot.



Ripley Junction Park  
Old Lexington Road, Independence, MO

### **Lincoln Trip to Springfield, Illinois**

At last we have a working itinerary and price for the trip to Springfield, Illinois, for Friday-Sunday, September 18-20, 2009. We will be meeting at 3:00 p.m. at the Villages of Jackson Creek to leave our vehicles for the weekend and be picked up by Sunset Tours for our trip. We will be chartering a 47 passenger bus so we welcome any and all members and friends who would like to go with us. In order to arrive on a price, we are assuming at least 30 people. If we have less than that, we would have to adjust the price upwards. The motel price is based on double occupancy; if you require a room alone, there would be an extra cost. If you don't know anyone to room with, we can try to match you up with someone compatible.

Our price based on at least 30 people and double occupancy is \$220 per person. This includes bus transportation, motel, all admittance fees for Lincoln sites, and all meals except supper on Friday evening on the way to Springfield and supper coming back. Those meals will likely be a combination rest stop and meal stop at a fast food restaurant such as McDonald's. Naturally any souvenirs and book purchases are on your own.

To reserve a spot, please send a check for \$20 to the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, 17313

E. 51 Terr. Ct. S., Independence, MO 64055. The remaining \$200 will be due by August 15, 2009, or you can pay the whole amount now. If the number wanting to go is not sufficient to make it cost effective to take the bus and we have to cancel, you will get back your reservation money. Our decision will have to be made a month in advance in order to cancel the bus and motel without penalty.

We will be printing a brochure with more details about what we will be seeing and where we will be staying, etc. Karen Coin has done a wonderful job of calling various locations to get the best price and has worked out an itinerary with the Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library to schedule our group. We think you will be pleased with all the things we will be seeing during the 200<sup>th</sup> Lincoln anniversary.

### **Notes About Our Members**

We are sorry to report that Janann Adams passed away on June 23, 2009. She was a longtime member of the Round Table, a faithful volunteer with Jackson County Historical Society, and a gracious lady. Cards may be sent to Frank Adams and his family at 23306 E. Adams Road, Independence, MO 64058.

Mary Ellen Harms, wife of our member Lou Harms, passed away June 27, 2009. She will long be remembered by her family for her gentle touch and unfailing generosity. Cards may be sent to Lou Harms and family, 3917 Grant, Indep., MO 64055.

Claudetta McCorkendale suffered a broken hip on May 30, 2009, but she came through surgery in good shape and is now doing rehab at home. She says she is feeling muscles she didn't know she had. Cards may be sent to Claudetta at 209 Rainey Lane, Richmond, MO 64085.

### **Newspaper Collection at State Historical Society of Missouri**

Carol Olson, volunteer at the Clay County Archives, brought to our attention at the June meeting that there is a wonderful resource of Missouri newspapers at the State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia and that some of them are accessible on-line. The web address is;  
<http://shs.umsystem.edu/newspaper/index.shtml>.