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2nd Wednesday of each month
7:00 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall
Village Heights Community of Christ
Church
1009 Farview Drive
Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 25.00
Family ----- 35.00
Student (under 21) ----- 5.00
Newsletter Only (no meetings) 12.00

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President's Letter

BECAUSE THE ISSUE I CHOSE TO WRITE ABOUT IS VERY CONTROVERSIAL, I WANT TO START WITH A DISCLAIMER. THIS IS NOT INTENDED IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM AS ENDORSING EITHER POINT OF VIEW. IT IS ONLY INTENDED TO START A DIALOG.

I have been giving the monument issue a lot of thought lately. How can you avoid it when it is in every media outlet? I don't have an answer. I certainly could never think of a solution that would satisfy all. However, I do have some random thoughts on the issue.

To those who view the monuments as celebrating a time of oppression, I say this: Don't view the Civil War and its history as a time of oppression; rather choose to view it as a source of strength. Remember the past to remember what your ancestors overcame so you can be what you have become today.

Don't tear down someone else's story. Build your own. Tell your history so people can understand and appreciate the great contributions that have been given to our country. It is a great story.

Instead of tearing down a history story, my wish is that this same energy to destroy would be used to create a tangible evidence of a history so often overlooked or underappreciated. Use your energy to teach.

To those who wish the monuments to remain, study both sides of Civil War history. Learn why what you revere may offend another.

Violence is not the answer. Tearing down or hiding history is not the answer. The answer may be in true meaningful dialog. You don't have to win the argument. You only have to respect the other person's opinion and agree to continue a meaningful, sincere search for understanding.

~Mike Calvert

President, Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

CWRTWM Calendar

September 2017 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
Village Heights Community of Christ Church, 1009
Farview Drive, Independence, MO. David Jackson:
*Born A Slave: Rediscovering Arthur Jackson's
African American Heritage.*

September Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – After
refreshment time following our program.
Discussion of revision of our first “Monuments”
book.

Trip to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield

October 7-8, 2017. Transportation by private
car to arrive by noon at Wilson's Creek. If
you need a ride, we suggest a \$15 donation
to the driver. Expenses to be paid to the Round
Table so we can give one check are for the Sleep
Inn at Springfield, MO and lunch Saturday and
Sunday. Per person cost is \$54.67 for double
occupancy at the hotel or \$99.04 for single
occupancy. Breakfast on Sunday is part of the
hotel rate. Dinner on Saturday night is on your
own. To reserve a spot, please send your check
payable to “Civil War Round Table of Western
Missouri,” P. O. Box 3019, Independence, MO
64055 or turn in your check at the September 13th
meeting. For questions about a ride or roommate,
please call Beverly Shaw, treasurer, at (816) 225-
7944 cell. We would like to confirm reservations by
September 15th.

Other History Events

Shoal Creek First Saturday

Saturday, September 2, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Shoal Creek Living History Village, 6800 NE Barry
Road, Kansas City, MO. Free family event with
living history reenactors, food, and craft vendors.
Family activities and demonstrations. Some
activities do charge for their services (cash only).
Inside Robert Hodge Park and Golf Course. From
I-435 take 152 east ½ mile and turn north onto
Barry Road. Go west on Barry Road to Hodge
Park. Follow the road past the driving range
and up the hill to the iron gate entrance.

Celebrating 50 Years of the Excelsior Springs
Museum - Tuesday, September 5, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
Excelsior Springs Library, 1460 Kearney Road,
Excelsior Springs, MO. A presentation “Ensuring
the Legacy” of the Excelsior Springs Museum and
Archives with a special focus on Sam Sherwood,
Earl Gray, and Virginia Crockett. RSVP to (816)
630-6721.

Liberty, Missouri Walking Tour

Saturday, September 9, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. Jewell
Historic District. Meet at the corner of Leonard
and Kansas Streets, Liberty, MO. Free.

Hermann, MO Civil War Reenactment

Saturday and Sunday, September 9-10, 2017.
Battles on Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
at the Industrial Park Site. Additional skirmishes
and battlefield duel at 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on
Saturday at Riverfront Park.

Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
Pearson Hall, Cass County Library, 400 E.
Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Arnold Schofield:
Abe Lincoln's Lost Guard.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet
menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 N. W.
Skyview Ave. Kansas City, MO (near Home
Depot). Robert Jones: Death Valley Ghost Towns.”

Directions to Meeting Place; Village Heights Community of Christ Church

The address is 1009 Farview Drive in northeast
Independence, Missouri. Take Highway 291
north to Highway 24. Turn east about .8 of a mile
to Farview which is across the street from
Hardee's in Susquehanna Shopping Center. Turn
north and you will find the church at the
intersection of Farview and Swope Drive. The
parking lot is on the east side of the church, and
we enter from the east side to the fellowship
room. If you are unsure if weather and road
conditions will prevent a meeting, you can call
Beverly Shaw on her cell phone: (816) 225-7944.

Lincoln and the Abolitionists

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO.
Fred Kaplan: *Lincoln and the Abolitionists: John Quincy Adams, Slavery, and the Civil War.*
RSVP to 816 701-3481.

Freedom's Frontier Partners Meeting

Thursday, September 14, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.
Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm Historic Site, 1200 E. Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS.

Frank James to be Jailed!

Thursday, September 14, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
1859 Jail and Marshal's Home, 217 N. Main Street, Independence, MO. Ralph Monaco and Friends will give a presentation about Frank's arrest and jailing. Friends of the National Frontier Trails Museum Annual Meeting. Friends members-Free. Non-members-\$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors. Limited seating. Reservations at 816 325-7575.

Reenactment of Battle of Osawatimie, Kansas

Saturday and Sunday, September 16-27, 2017.
Freedom Festival at John Brown Memorial Park, 10th and Main Street, Osawatimie, KS. On August 30, 1856 John Brown and 30 Free State guerillas fought John Reid and 250 pro-slavery militia. There will also be a reenactment of a battle between Union troops and Confederate partisans. Civil War weapons and drill demonstrations, frontier artisans, horse drawn surrey and trolley rides, a medicine show, food vendors, arts and crafts, and other family fun activities.

Grant Symposium at Cape Girardeau, MO

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 – 1:00 p.m.
Heritage Hall, Cape Girardeau, MO. Three speakers from 1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Reception from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Keynote Address at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Common Pleas Courthouse, 44 North Lorimer Street. Dr. Ronald C. White: "Ulysses S. Grant, A Fresh Vision for American Leadership." Go to www.mocivilwar.org/symposium2017.

Brown Bag Lunch at the Shawnee Indian Mission

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – Noon. Bring your own lunch and enjoy a speaker about 12:30 p.m.. 3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway, KS. North

building; come up stairs from the street. Alexis Woodall: Mahaffie Farmstead.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Kelly Erby, Washburn University: "Overview of the Abolitionist Movement."

Clay County Museum's Third Thursday

Thursday, September 21, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Steve Noll: Artifacts of Kansas City History.

Battle of Pilot Knob Reenactment

Saturday and Sunday, September 23-24, 2017.
Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site, Pilot Knob, MO. Main Battle both days – 1:30 p.m. Grand ball on Saturday – 7:00 p.m. Blowing up the Fort – 8:30 p.m. Event ends at 4:00 p.m. Sunday.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.-Dinner (\$27). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor. John Michael Priest: Battle of South Mountain, a Prelude to Antietam. Dinner reservations must be made by Thursday noon, September 21, 2017 by calling Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

40th Annual Austin Bean Eatin' Day

Saturday, September 30, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. – ?. Grounds of the Austin Baptist Church, Austin, MO. Serving ham and beans, corn bread, coleslaw, homemade pie, tea or coffee. Music, horseshoe pitching, cake walk, kiddie games, local authors with books. All proceeds go for the upkeep of the Austin Cemetery.

Coming Event

William Clarke Quantrill Reunion

Saturday, October 7, 2017 – Noon – 8:00 p.m.
Bates City Bar-B-Que, 201 E. Market, Bates City, MO (convenient to I-70 at mile marker 31 in western Lafayette County, MO). Guerilla Tour leaves at Noon. Stops include Greenton Cemetery, Lexington State Historic Site, Wellington, Odessa Cemetery, and the Fickle property. Returns at 4:00

p.m. Quantrill Society Annual Meeting at 5:00 p.m. and Awards Banquet at 6:00 p.m. Guerilla Bus Tour is \$13 and Awards Banquet is \$10. Reservations requested by October 2, 2017. Mail check to William Clarke Quantrill Society, P. O. Box 520123, Independence, MO 64052. Late inquiries may be E-mailed to info@wcqsociety.com.

Exhibit

Photographs Along the Underground Railroad
Friday, September 1, 2017 through Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Wyandotte County Historical Museum, 631 N. 126th, Bonner Springs, KS. Hours are Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Closed Sundays and Holidays.

Free admission. A pictorial exhibit “Through Darkness to Light: Photographs Along the Underground Railroad.” In conjunction with this traveling exhibit from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Wyandotte County Museum will also display Civil War and Quindaro Township artifacts.

News About Members and Friends

Bill Curtis is back at home after spending time in the hospital from June 9th to July 14th. Unfortunately he brought home an infection which is being treated with new antibiotics. Bill has had another fall which brings his total up to two broken hips. We wish the best to both Bill and Annette.

Barbara Hughes is winding down her first person programs for the season. Her “Titanic” program featuring Mrs. Mahala Douglas and her husband, Walter, has proved to be very popular. She will be doing one at the Blue Springs South Library on Friday, September 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Riverside Library. She has also researched a family history of William and Rhoda Harris of Blue Springs to give at the Harris Family Reunion on September 10th. Some of their relatives also lived in the area where the Drumm Farm and Milton Estates are today in Independence.

The City of Independence will be sponsoring the **Heritage Festival** on Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Hill Park, 2201 S. Maywood Avenue. Showcased through live stage entertainment, food vendors, merchandise booths and children’s activities, the variety of cultures and history of the citizens of Independence will be highlighted. The annual **Ted Stillwell Heritage Award** will be presented to an outstanding citizen.

The National Frontier Trails Museum has now been transferred from the State of Missouri to the City of Independence by the signing of a bill in August by Gov. Eric Greitens. It opened 27 years ago and is in need of architectural repairs and hopefully an expansion to better tell the story of Independence in the historic Santa Fe, Oregon, and California trails in the decades before the Civil War as well as those of the Mormon Trail and the Lewis and Clark journey of 1804-06.

Karen Wells celebrated her 75th birthday on August 19th with family and friends and thanks everyone for their remembrance.

Quantrill Reunion

Harold Dellinger has once again come up with interesting stories in the career of William Clarke Quantrill and his associates for the annual Quantrill Reunion. Lafayette County is the site this year of the Greenton Cemetery with the numerous engagements in the Greenton and Texas Prairie area. At Lexington the focus will be on Annie Fickle and Andy Blunt who attempted to break guerrilla Otho Hinton out of prison. Brant Meer and Jennifer Kerr will tell that story in a presentation called “Bad Girls of Lafayette County.” Odessa is where Annie Fickle presented the Quantrill flag to him.

The annual awards banquet will honor Ralph Monaco and Harold Dellinger with the “Don Hale Award.” Chris Edwards will receive the “Captain Napoleon David Award” and Thomas Rafiner will receive the “John Newman Edwards Award.”

Membership in the Quantrill Society is \$12 a year.