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## Meetings

Second Wednesday

of the month at 7 pm

at Blue Valley

Community College,

3 miles East of Hwy 291

on 23rd Street. (Hwy 78)

in the Law Enforcement

Training Building

**Visitors always  
welcome,**

*the coffee pot is always on*

*for more information*

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## from the Prez....

Our June 12th meeting will be a work session. We will be putting the final touches on the book *Civil War Monuments and Memorials in the Greater Kansas City Area*.

Each table of 3 or 4 people will be given two pages to work with. Correct, eliminate or add to the wording and pick the best two pictures of those monuments.

When these two pages are done, there will be two more, until all 66 pages are done. The finished product will then go to Harmony Printing where the finish work will begin.

The Table of Contents, the Index and additional notes will be finished once the text is complete. Only 120 copies will be printed. Each Round Table member will get a book (one per family), Mid-Continent Library will get 3 for distribution, one for Genealogy and one for Reference, Johnson County Library, Wyandotte County Historical Society, Johnson County Historical Society, Jackson County Historical Society, Clay County Archives will get a book.

Plus, school librarians in the 5 county area who requests one will get it. (Reserving 50)

It is important that we get this job done. Please be present and contribute to the effort.

**BIG NEWS...**I have been contacted by a Civil War newspaper about setting up a two day tour of the battles of Western Missouri. Tentative date is June of 2003. The scenario I submitted is Little Blue, Lone Jack and Lexington on Saturday and Outlaws on Sunday.

This newspaper has done many other tours over the past few years sometimes having as many as 5 busses. We are planning on only two busses.

Also in the works...The Western Outlaws and Lawmen Association is having its reunion in Kansas City in June of 2003. Their plans include a tour of the famous outlaw sites and graves on Friday, June 13, and a possible visit to the Younger graves on Saturday afternoon.

Today is Friday and I am still recovering from the soreness left over by Monday's Memorial Observance at Elmwood Cemetery. I reviewed the video tape, had a couple of laughs, and was very pleased. I made a copy of the video for Rev. Culver to send to his dad (even though dad lives in Oklahoma and the good Rev. is an avid Sooner fan). And another for the folks at Elmwood.

The speakers did very well, especially the ladies. Hubbies, you should be very proud.

Special thanks to Larry Daniels for taking the video and to Helen Daniels for assisting. Kelton did a super job with the WWII artifacts and Terry was a whiz at the PA controls.

The program went so well I almost hesitate to mention the flubs. I was so engrossed in trying to get Peggy Smith to be a flag bearer I forgot to tell Terry to start the John Phillip Sousa music 5 minutes prior to the start of the program. I worked for two weeks to find the exact music I wanted and then forgot to have it played.

The new battery we bought, as a backup for the video camera, had short in it and was not useable. Larry had to tape the whole thing, tour and service, with only 1 good battery.

Pam, from Elmwood, called on Tuesday. She was very happy with the program but also expressed a desire to see some changes next year.

**OUR ANNUAL PICNIC...**this one will be our 10th. It will be at Pitcher Cemetery, about one mile north of Royal's Stadium at the intersection of Blue Ridge Blvd. and Blue Ridge Extension, behind the Auto Repair Shop (formerly a Skelly Station), on July 17th

We will start setting up around 5:30 and plan to eat at 6:00. This is a "bring it" event. Bring a friend, bring your chairs, bring your plates and utensils, bring your bug spray, and bring a dish (food, not a blonde in a thong bikini). On second thought....oh, never mind.

Churches chicken, soda pop and ice will be furnished. Start planning now!..

I hope to see you at the meeting.

Sonny



## On the Calendar

June 2002

**Thursday, 6th, 7 pm**  
**Unusual M.O.H. Missourians**  
Cass County Gene. Soc.  
Pearson Hall, Harrisonville

**Sat & Sun, 8th & 9th, Bus Tour**  
Civil War Re-enactment,  
Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneers,  
1880's Restored Town and Train  
Pioneer Village, Fort Kearny Museum,  
J. Sterling Morton Mansion & a Runza!

**Wednesday, 12th, 7 pm**  
**CWRTW Mo. Meeting**  
at Little Blue Community College

**Wednesday 14th, Flag Day**  
Fly the Colors

**Wednesday, 19th, 7 pm**  
**Board Meeting--Big News!!!**  
A nationally advertised Civil War tour  
may be coming to KC in 2003!

**Saturday-Sunday, 22nd-23rd**  
**Civil War Re-enactment**  
Jacksonville, Illinois  
(80 miles east of Hannibal)  
Ask Sonny for more info

**Monday, July 1st, 12:01 am**  
**Stamps go up 3 cents, \*@#%&\*!**  
(Newsletter will be mailed on June 29th)

**Wednesday, July 17th, 6:00-8:30 pm**  
**Annual Picnic**  
Historic Pitcher Cemetery  
Blue Ridge & Blue Ridge Extension

**Monday, June 8th**  
**Charles McCorkendale's Birthday**

**Tuesday, June 9th**  
**John Morgan's Birthday**

Monday, July 1st, 1961, 7 pm  
Harold Franklin Wells Jr. &  
Karen Kay Klamert  
united in marriage at  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
(formerly Buffalo Creek German Evangelical Lutheran Church)  
Buffalo Creek, Nebraska

## At the Board Meeting....

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, May 15 2002, at 7 pm in the Board Room at the Regional Law Enforcement Training Building at Blue River Community College.

Sonny passed out copies of the new Elmwood Cemetery Walking Tour map to all present.

### Reports...

**The Newsletter....**100 printed, 78 were mailed. Total cost was 58.68.

**Treasurer's Report....**Total funds on hand is \$4,658.55

**Coffee Fund Report...**Beg. Bal. \$51.40, Purchases \$5.86, In Jar \$11.48.  
New Bal. 58.02.

### Officer's Reports

**2nd V. P.....**Art Kelley reported we think we are up to date name tags and gave the head count for the last meeting.

**1st V. P.....**Tim was at a meeting about his daughter's impending trip to Spain and was unable to give a report. He had talked with me earlier in the day and is up to date on all group activities.

**President.....**Again this year our group will be setting up a Memorial Sunset Service for Elmwood Cemetery on Memorial Day.

This year a walking tour will precede the service. There will be 6 stops on the tour, all Civil War related. This is the first time we have done a walking tour at this cemetery.

The annual picnic will be on Wednesday, July 17th, from 6-9 pm at Pitcher Cemetery in Independence. Church's chicken, sodas and ice will be furnished. B.Y.O.P.--(Bring your own plates, etc. and chairs). Salads, chips and dips are suggested. A little bug juice might be a good idea.

The Board meeting has also been moved back one week to July 24th.

Tom Carroll has requested a leave of absense from his duties as a Board Member. Request accepted with regrets.



## Memorial Day 2002

For the third year in a row members of our group assisted at the Memorial Day Sunset Observance at Elmwood Cemetery.

Again this year the program came off very well. I heard people say this was the best one yet.

Presenters and participants from our group included Lucky Mason, Sharon Gibson Kelley, Fran Mason and myself.

Terry McConnell ran the PA system and Kelton Smith was at the WWII artifact display. Steve Olson, from the Clay County Archives and Historical Museum, and Rev. David Culver, of Liberty Christian Church, were also presenters.

Art Kelley, John Morgan, and Terry McConnell assisted with the set up and take down. Jerry Klukow and Richard Abbot also helped with the take down.

Other Round Tablers present included Joyce Morgan, Harriett Lionberger, Charlotte Tindall, Ron & his wife and Beverly Shaw & Blakey.

Prior to the memorial observance there was a walking tour of the cemetery grounds.

During the tour Karen Wells placed a pot of red and white flowers in the WRC Memorial Bowl and Harold Dellinger placed a 1st National Flag at the VMI Cadet's grave. About 50 took the tour.

Larry Daniels, of Liberty, made a video of the tour and the program. Copies are available to CWRTWMO. members only for \$5. It runs about 50 minutes. Contact Sonny.

Thanks to Fred Truog, Pam Gray and Bill Winbigler, of the Elmwood Cemetery Society, for helping with the Memorial Observance program.

Submitted by Sonny Wells

### About the Logo on the Memorial Day Program

Several asked about the logo which I had on the inside cover of the Memorial Day program.

The logo shows a soldier and a young boy with a bugle standing with a flag which is swirling around them. The words below the etching are...

**"Poor is the nation which has no heroes.**

**Shameful is the nation that has them and forgets".**

This is the logo I always have on the program at a Medal of Honor Memorial marker placement, particularly if the current grave marker has no mention of military service, no mention of the Medal of Honor, or the grave was unmarked.

I even use it on my official Medal of Honor Historical Society letterhead and on all newsreleases.

This logo is considered to be the "unofficial" logo of the MOHHS, since it would take an act of Congress to be the "Official" logo.

Submitted by Sonny Wells

## Civil War Sources

(used by Sonny at many genealogy conferences)  
[Condensed]

As of January 2000, it is estimated there are 100 million Civil War descendants. Is it any wonder there is so much interest in this very tragic time in our nations History.

Below are listed some of the sources which can be used to help people locate their Civil War families. Try to get a name, middle initial and unit of service as a start, then wherever the trail leads, follow. Remember...*Don't give up*, the information you are seeking is out there someplace.

**Dwyers Compendium of Records of the War of Rebellion** by Frederick H. Dwyer, Vol. 3, Regimental Histories, gives names and dates of all actions of each Federal unit.

Records are broken down by state and type of unit. Also has breakdown of casualties

**Missouri Sketch Book** by Clifton C. Odom

@1983, Kelly Press, Columbia, Mo. Day-by-day diary of the battles and skirmishes in Missouri, pgs 146-155.

Lots of Drawings of Civil War notables. Many sources listed in Bibliography.

For families which went to Texas...

Harold B. Simpson Confederate Research Center,  
P. O. Box 619, Hill College, Hillsboro, Texas 76645  
Phone 817.582.2588 Over 3500 books

Also...Confederate Library at Paris, Texas, much info on Col. Sidney Jackman. C.S.A, one of Shelby's Officers.

Public Library at Granbury, Texas, has lots on General Hiram Granbury, C.S.A.

For those who fled to South America...

**Lost Colony of the Confederacy** references over 8,000 who went to Brazil. University of Mississippi Press, Jackson, Mississippi 39211

**Foot Steps of the Blue and Grey**, Brown Publishing, Box 25501, Little Rock, Arkansas 72221

Good Contact... Confederate Descendants Association, Box 233, Athens, Alabama 35611

Confederate Home of Missouri at Higginsville and surrounding towns. Remember there was a two year residency rule. Check Dover, Page City, Alma, Blackwater, etc. Applications had lots of data on them. Still at site.

Check the prison and hospital lists, if available, including the death lists.

Don't forget...Military Pensions, Union Veterans started in 1866 in Missouri.

Confederates started receiving Mo. State pensions on July 1, 1913, 47 years later.

Check Military Records Center of National Archives for any separation papers. Gives unit, date of discharge, description, sometimes more.

Don't forget the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

Good hunting and remember...Don't give up.



## Tracing Your Civil War Kin

### Understanding the abbreviations

E.M.M.	Dis. Cav.	Artificer
Prov. E.M.M.	Mtd. Inf.	S.S.
Mo. Mil.	La. Afr. De.	Adj.
MSG	Esc.	L.A.
H. G.	Ill. V. V. I.	H.A.
U.S.C.T.	Bal. Co.	.S.S._(ship)=
U.S.C.I.	.C.H.G. Cav.	U.S. Inf.

### Finding the Unit he served in

i.e....2nd CCHG Cav became 2nd Mo. H.G. Cav which became part of 6th Kansas Cav.

**Remember...**All veterans had to sign Loyalty Oath or be disenfranchised (lose voting rights).

### The Veterans Support Groups

**Union.** a/k/a Federals, Yankees, Blue Bellies, Red Leggers  
 G.A.R.--Grand Army of the Republic &  
 L.G.A.R.--Ladies of the G.A.R.  
 W.R.C.--Womens Relief Corps, the largest of all  
 S.U.V.--Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865  
 D.U.V.--Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
**Confederate.** a/k/a/ Seseshes, Rebels, Partisans, Guerrillas  
 D.O.C.--Daughters of the Confederacy  
 C.V.A.--Confederate Veterans Assoc.  
 Ex.C.A.-- Ex-Confederate Assoc.  
 U.C.V.--United Confederate Veterans  
 S.O.V.--Sons of Old Virginia &  
 D.O.V.--Daughters of Old Virginia  
 S.C.V.--Sons of Confederate Veterans  
 U.D.C.--United Daughters of the Confederacy  
 Q.--The William C. Quantrill Society

### RESOURCES

**Dwyers Compendium of Records of the War of Rebellion,**  
**Vol. 3, Regimental Histories,**  
 lists Union units, battles they fought in and losses

**Reunion rosters from State or National Encampments**

**1890 Special Census of Sailors, Soldiers and Widows**  
**Tallied by State, County and Township, not alphabetized**  
 lists unit of service, date enlisted & date discharged

**1877 unpublished Veterans and Widows Tally**  
 Not alphabetized--lists pensioner as far back as Rev. War  
 listed by state, then county.

**Federal and State Pension Records of Civil War Veterans**  
**Old Men of \_\_\_\_ County** printed by St. Hist Soc. 1883-1889

**State Historical Societies and Local Historical Groups.**

**County Records**--such as Wills, Probate Records, Lawsuits,  
 Land Grants, Court Records, etc....

**Family Histories, Obits, Memorial Day lists**

**Grandma's Bible**--be very careful on this one..  
 great stories, many not verifiable

Compiled by Harold "Sonny" Wells, of Kearney, Mo., for  
 the Northland Genealogical Society, Nov. 2001

## So, What else is new?

Some of Richard Abbott's barn wood framed photos are showing up around the area. The Clay County Savings and Loan office in Kearney hung one of the reward posters, the one about the robbery of the Clay County Savings Association in February of 1866, in their lobby.

When John Davis, the CEO of CCS&L, saw it he wanted one for his office. So I picked out a matched pair, the wanted poster and the 1864 Jesse photo, and delivered them to his. John was very pleased with the set.

And there is a barber shop in Kearney which has a couple of Richard's frames hanging in it also.

Some of Richard's bird houses, all painted up by Rosella Moritz of Liberty, have ended up in Minnesota.

Some of Rosella's kin was down a couple of weeks back and took a whole trunk load of houses back with them to give one to each of the nephews and nieces.

Donna Warren has donated a book to our ever growing collection, one which will be of interest to many. It is an autobiography by Charles Windolph about his time in the 7th Cavalry during the Indian Campaigns, including details of his actions on a point near the Little Big Horn massacre site which protected the water hole.

Windolph was one of 24 who received a Medal of Honor for their actions in trying to rescue Custer. He died in March 1950. age 99.

A bus leaves Saturday morning, June 8, for a two day trip to visit museums, a restored frontier village, a 52 room colonial mansion, ride a restored 1880's train, and tour a piece of old trail history.

I am also looking at a 5 day tour for this October which will include a Pony Express Station, Chimney Rock, Scott's Bluff, Front Street in Ogalala and old Fort Laramie.