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ANNUAL DUES

Individual \$15.00
Family \$22.50
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MEETINGS

The Second Wednesday
Of the month at 7 pm
July-Annual Picnic
September-Historic Tour
December meeting is
Annual Christmas Party

**Visitors Always
Welcome!**

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 12, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Where: Law Enforcement Academy

Next to Blue River Community College
20301 East 78 Highway
Independence, Missouri

Cheryl Harness

**Sketches and Information on her book
"Ghosts of the Civil War"**

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Refreshments following program

It's been awhile since we had a quiz.

1. What was Jefferson Davis' middle name?
2. For whom was Jefferson Davis named?
3. Lee's famous horse, Traveller, was earlier known by these two names?
4. What Virginia battle is considered Lee's greatest tactical victory?
5. Where did Stonewall Jackson die?
6. What Confederate general laid aside his Episcopal bishop's robe for a uniform?
7. Who did Lee call the "Old War Horse?"
8. How many Southern generals died or received mortal wounds in battle?
9. What Virginian was given the name "Swamp Fox of the Confederacy?"
10. What was a Fougass?
11. What was the "fog of war?"
12. What was the first pro-Southern state upon which Lincoln inflicted martial law?

Submitted by Fran Mason

(Answers to quiz on page 4)

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, September 8

St. Charles, Missouri
Civil War Encampment and
Antique Store Crawl
Call Sonny for details

Tuesday, September 11

Cass County CWRT 7 pm
Freeman, Missouri
The Battle of Morristown
September 17, 1861

Wednesday, September 12

CWRTWMO Meeting, 7 p.m.
Cheryl Harness
Sketches and info on her new book
"Ghosts of the Civil War"
At Law Enforcement Academy
By Blue River Community College
Small Meeting Room

Wednesday, September 19

Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
At Law Enforcement Academy
Conference Room

Saturday, September 22

CWRTWMO Historic Sites Tour
Tour Mine Creek & Trading Post Museum

Saturday, September 29

Austin Bean Eating Festival
Camp Site—North of town 4 mi.

Thursday, October 4

Lakeview Middle School Outdoor Ed. 10-4
At Camp Shawnee, West of Parkville
"Family life during the Border War"
5 classes, by Sonny

Saturday-Sunday, October 6-7

Harrisonville, Missouri
Heritage Days Festival &
Civil War Encampment

Birthdays:

Monday, September 3, Sonny Wells
Wednesday, September 5, Lucky Mason

Want your name included on the Birthday List?
Give Sharon or Sonny the date

DUES FOR 2001

Dues for the year 2001. You can pay at a meeting, or mail a check made payable to:

CWRT-WMO

Mail to: Beverly Shaw, Treasurer
17313 East 51st Terrace Court
Independence, Missouri 64055

Dues are:

Single	\$15.00
Family	\$22.50
Student	\$ 5.00

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next issue of

The Border Star will be

September 22, 2001

Articles are always welcome

Send them to: Sharon I. Kelley, Editor

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At the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors had not met for two months, and the agenda was loaded.

Beverly Shaw and Jerry Klukoe were the hosts for the meeting. We were well fed, comfortably seated, and partook of considerable liquid refreshment.

A couple has offered to donate a copy machine to the Round Table. Where can we keep it and make it available for use by the members? Board members are searching for a home for the unit.

A Liberty couple has offered to donate a cannon to the group. It needs to be restored, so it can be used at school demonstrations. The Board voted at its last meeting to accept the donation. A letter of intent was approved by the board and has been mailed to the potential donors.

A Veterans Day Parade chairperson has contacted us about participating in their Saturday, November 10th parade.

This will be similar to the parade we participated in at Independence in '99. The vote was favorable.

The Cass County/Harrisonville Heritage Days Festival Committee has asked our Round Table and the Ferris Battery to participate in their event the first weekend in October. The Board approved.

Reports on the Annual Picnic, our bank balances, the Coffee Fund, and the Newsletter were presented.

Tim announced he has asked Cheryl Harness to be our program on September 12th at the Regional Police Training Academy located behind the Blue River Community College Campus.

The previously announced Open Round Table discussion on the movie "Ride with the Devil" has been scrubbed.

The Board voted to re-imburse the Coffee Fund \$35 toward the expenses for the Annual Picnic.

Submitted by Sonny Wells

Was it Fate?

Years before the war, Jesse Grant, father of Ulysses, lived and worked in the home of Owen Brown, whose small son, playing noisily about the frontier homestead, grew up to be John Brown, the Abolitionist martyr, who lit the fuse of the war.

What's in a Civil War Name?

The conflict known to most of us as the Civil War has a long and checkered nomenclature. Some samples:

- The War for Constitutional Liberty
- The War for Southern Independence
- The Second American Revolution
- The War for States' Rights
- Mr. Lincoln's War
- The Southern Rebellion
- The War for Southern Rights
- The War of the Southern Planters
- The War of the Rebellion
- The Second War for Independence
- The War to Suppress Yankee Arrogance
- The Brothers' War
- The War of Secession
- The Great Rebellion
- The War for Nationality
- The War for Southern Nationality
- The War Against Slavery
- The Civil War Between the States
- The War of the Sixties
- The War Against Northern Aggression
- The Yankee Invasion
- The War for Separation
- The War for Abolition
- The War for the Union
- The Confederate War
- The War of the Southrons
- The War for Southern Freedom
- The War of the North and South
- The Lost Cause

Taken from The Civil War: Strange & Fascinating Facts by Burke Davis, The Fairfax Press, New York, 1982 edition.

Why Research a Civil War Veteran?

A nearly five year search for the descendants of a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient is nearing a close. This one has been an exciting search.

Allan Houston Dougal, First Lieutenant, 88th Indiana Volunteer Regiment, was awarded a Medal of Honor for rescuing the Regiment's Colors at the Battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, on March 19, 1865. His Medal was awarded on February 16, 1897, nearly 32 years later.

Dougal returned to the family farm after the war. He died on May 22, 1912, in Fort Wayne, and is buried in the family plot in I.O.O.F. Cemetery in New Haven, Indiana, near where the family had settled after arriving from Scotland in 1856.

The last known living link to Mr. Dougal was a daughter, Josephine Church, who died in Marquette, Michigan, in May of 1958, at the age of 78. The burial was handled by a funeral home in Marquette, according to the family records.

No living descendants had been found up until two weeks ago. A call to the Mortuary mentioned in the family records revealed that the funeral home had no record of the burial, or of any service for such a person.

A call to another funeral home, Swanson-Lindquist, was a hit. So much information surfaced, it is hard to get it all into proper order.

First of all, the remains were prepared for shipment to a funeral home in Fort Wayne for burial in New Haven. Josephine was in fact the last person buried in the family plot, and has been right next to her daddy for over 40 years.

Next, the niece, who signed for the bill, lived on St. Joe Road near Fort Wayne, and was married to a well-known State Senator.

The grandson who accompanied the body on the trip to Fort Wayne was John Lathrop Dougal of Portland, Oregon. And another Dougal attended the services, listing his address as San Francisco. His dad was A.H.'s firstborn son. Wow!

This week, a reporter called from Fort Wayne. He has found an obit on John H., which lists five children, not three as was believed, and it gave their names and home towns.

I then called the Genealogy Room of the Allen County Library, came up with data on all five children, and over 20 other descendants. Sha-Zam, Bingo, and all that stuff!

On Saturday, November 10, 2001, at 2:00 p.m., there will be a dedication of a Medal of Honor Memorial Marker for Lieutenant Allan Houston Dougal in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in New Haven, Indiana. Some of his descendants will no doubt be there and should be very proud. I will not be at this one, but I also will be very proud, the 69th Medal of Honor recipient's grave I have helped mark.

Submitted by Sonny Wells, MOHHS

What's in the News

There was a really great picture of our own Dori Semler in the Neighborhood News of *The Kansas City Star* on Wednesday, August 22, 2001. The caption read "Dressed in period costume, Dori Semler of Clinton, Mo., waited along with spectators for the Battle of Lone Jack Civil War re-enactment to begin Saturday afternoon." Way to go, Dori!

Hunley followup

The June 2001 issue of *The Civil War News* reports that eight crewmember remains have been found inside the Confederate submarine H. L. Hunley, which sank on February 17, 1864, after it successfully rammed an explosive charge into the Union blockade ship Housatonic, four miles off Charleston. It has been more than a year, since the submarine was removed from the water and taken to the former Charleston Naval Base, where it was placed in a water tank at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center. It is suspended at the same 45-degree angle at which it sank.

Civil War News says that "the remains were found at the crew's stations, indicating that the Hunley sank quickly, and there was no rush to escape."

It will take years for the Hunley to be stabilized, according to the article. When it is, there is a museum in Charleston where it will be on display.

If you're curious, and have access to the internet, you can log on www.hunley.org. This site gives all of the details of the war surrounding the conception of the idea of the Hunley, "the mission," as well as pictures and profiles of the men involved in the planning, investment, and on the crew.

It's Really True!

Two brothers, Jack and Jasper Walker, of Charlotte, North Carolina, fought at Gettysburg with the 13th North Carolina. Jasper, the younger, was wounded on July 1, as the fifth color-bearer of his regiment to be shot. A surgeon amputated his leg. Jasper was captured and sent to a Northern prison.

On the retreat from Gettysburg, Jack Walker was also shot and lost his left leg by amputation. He went to another Federal prison.

The brothers returned home after the war to become prosperous citizens, familiar in the town as they stumped about on cork legs. On Jasper's wedding day, when he accidentally fell and broke his artificial limb, he borrowed the leg of his gallant brother - a perfect fit.

This, as Confederate veterans were fond of telling youngsters, was the only case on record in which one man was married while standing on the leg of another.

Taken from The Civil War: Strange & Fascinating Facts by Burke Davis, The Fairfax Press, New York, 1982 edition.

Where are we going this time?

Saturday, September 22, 2001, will be the date of our annual Historic Site Tour.

We will depart at 8:30 a.m. from the parking lot between the Cracker Barrel and the lumberyard at I-70 and Lee's Summit Road.

We will travel to the newly opened Battle of Mine Creek Visitors Center via Highway 71, south to Butler, then west to Trading Post and south to the Visitors Center, arriving about 10:00 a.m.

We will have over two hours to view the exhibits and battlefield sites.

Plan is to depart the Mine Creek site by 12:30 p.m., and travel to the Trading Post Museum and Marais des Cygnes Massacre Monument.

Be sure to bring a sack lunch of some kind, because there is no place to eat in route. Cold sodas will be furnished.

Donation to the Trading Post Museum and the 1880's School House is only \$2. We will have only 2 hours at this site.

If the Trading Post site is not open, and that possibility exists, we will travel to Butler and visit the Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, which is housed in the old Bates County Jail.

You will be "behind bars," literally, as you view some of the exhibits.

There is a great place to eat at the west edge of Butler. Or, we can stop at Mickey D's for a cone on the way in or out of town.

Sorry, no time to hit the antique shops, as we must depart by 5:00 p.m., to return to the starting point by 6:00 p.m.

We will travel in as few cars and vans as possible. Passengers should expect to chip in on the gas. A couple of bucks should suffice.

Friends and visitors are welcome. Call Sonny or Tim for more information.

Famous Onlookers

Abraham Lincoln's funeral procession, rolling down New York's Broadway on April 25, 1865, was watched by two small boys from a second-floor window at Fourteenth Street. They were Theodore Roosevelt, age six and a half, and his younger brother Elliott, the future father of Eleanor Roosevelt. The boys were nephews of the Confederate chief of secret service in Europe, James D. Bulloch.

Answers to Quiz

- 1) Finis; 2) Thomas Jefferson; 3) Greenbrier and Jeff Davis; 4) Chancellorsville; 5) Guiney's Station, Virginia; 6) Leonidas Polk; 7) Gen. James Longstreet; 8) 77; 9) Col. Meriwether Thompson; 10) A land mine; 11) Black powder gun smoke; 12) Maryland.