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Individual \$15.00
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MEETINGS

2nd Wednesday of month at 7 PM
Truman H.S. Library, 3301 S.
Noland Rd., Independence, MO
July - Annual Picnic
September - Cemetery Tour
December - Christmas Party

**VISITORS
WELCOME!**

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 9, 2000

7:00 PM at

Jackson County Archives

Brady Courtroom, 2nd Floor

Historic Courthouse on the Independence Square

Bushwhackers of the Border

Presented by: Patrick Brophy, Author

Note: The courtroom can only be accessed by stairs. Refreshments served on the first floor, followed by a business meeting in the Archives. The bookstore will be open (10% discount to CWRT members).

September Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

At

Truman High School Library

3301 S. Noland Road

Independence, Missouri

7:00 p.m.

Kansas Flag Preservation

Presented by: Blair Tarr, Curator of Decorative Arts,
Kansas Museum of History

Refreshments

*This is a combined newsletter for August + September.
NO NEWSLETTER IN SEPTEMBER*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 2000

- 5-6 Battle of Athens State Historic Site, Athens, MO - Battle Site -CW Encampment - (Call 660/977-3871)
- 9 7:00 PM - CWRT-WMo Meeting - Jackson County Archives - Program: Bushwhackers of the Border by Patrick Brophy, Author
- 12-13 7 AM Sat., and 10 AM Sun: 138th Annual Commemoration - Battle of Lone Jack 12 mi. E of Lee's Summit on US 50 (816-566-2272 or 816-697-2503)
- 16 7 PM - Board Meeting - Truman Campus, Rm. 101
- 25 3 PM - Mid-Continent Public Library, 8600 Ambassador Drive, KCMO - Common Soldier of the Civil War presented by Greg Higginbotham - Register by calling (741-9011)

September 2000

- 13 7 PM - CWRT-WMo Meeting - Truman HS Library Program: Kansas Flag Preservation by Blair Tarr, Curator of Decorative Arts, KS Museum of History
- 16-17 Civil War Reenactment - Lexington, MO
- 20 7 PM - Board Meeting - Truman Campus, Rm. 101
- 30 Austin Bean Eating Days- Contact Faye, (816) 524-3315, or Sonny, (816) 628-9910 for further infor.

October 2000

- 11 7 PM - CWRT-WMo Meeting -
- 18 7 PM - Board Meeting - Truman Campus - Room 101

Upcoming Reenactments

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| August 12-13 | Lone Jack |
| September 16-17 | Lexington |
| October 14-15 | Booneville |
| December 2-3 | Prairie Grove (Arkansas) |

Author Patrick Brophy's book Bushwhackers of the Border was first published in 1980. It has been fully rewritten. It is a summary and appraisal, not an exhaustive account, and offers no new "facts," merely a fresh, commonsense look at the "facts" already in our possession.

Head Quarters, District of the Border Kansas City, Mo. August 25, 1863

It was on August 25, 1863 that Brig. General Ewing issued his well-known General Orders No. 11. For those of you who have not read the order, this seems like the right month to pass it on to you.



General Orders - No. 11

I. All persons living in Jackson, Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri, and in that part of Vernon included in this District, except those living within one mile of the limits of Independence, Hickman's Mills, Pleasant Hill and Harrisonville, and except those in that part of Kaw Township, Jackson County, north of Brush Creek and west of the Big Blue, are hereby ordered to remove from their present places of residence within fifteen days from the date thereof.

Those who within that time, establish their loyalty to the satisfaction of the Commanding Officer of the Military Station nearest their present places of residence, will receive from him certificates stating the fact of their loyalty and the names of the witnesses by whom it can be shown. All who receive such certificates will be permitted to remove to any military Station in this District, or to any part of the State of Kansas except the Counties on the Eastern Border of the State. All others shall remove out of the District. Officers commanding Companies and detachments serving in the Counties named, will see that this Paragraph is promptly obeyed.

II. All grain and hay in the field or under shelter, in the District from which the inhabitants are required to remove, within reach of military stations, after the 9th day of September next will be taken to such stations, and turned over to the proper Officers there, and report of the amount so turned over made to District Head quarters, specifying the names of all loyal owners and the amount of such produce taken from them. All grain and hay found in such District after the 9th day of September next, not convenient to such stations, will be destroyed.

III. The provisions of General Orders No. 10 from these head Quarters, will be at once vigorously executed by Officers Commanding in the parts of the District, and at the stations not subject to the operation of Paragraph I of this Order. -- and especially in the towns of Independence, Westport and Kansas City.

IV. Paragraph 3, General Orders No. 10 is revoked as to all who have borne arms against the Government in this District since the 21st day of August 1863.

By order of Brig. General Ewing

Book Corner



A new book written by Timothy Wayne Burford and Stephanie Gail McBride relates the story of a broken band of black-sheep Rebels who were all that stood between Little Rock and Federal occupation. The rebels were cut off from the Confederacy, and splintered by inner conflict, the ragged Rebels faced down an invading horde of first-rate Yankee cavalry; and lived and died in the 'Crucible of Democracy,' forging the evolution of a nation.

The Division, Defending Little Rock, August 25th-September 10th 1863, delivers a highly detailed narrative of the 16 days leading to the fall of Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1863. The battles of Brownsville, Reed's Bridge, Shallow Ford, (The Walker-Marmaduke Duel), Ashley's Mill and Fourche Bayou are vividly relived for the first time in history.

Fifteen years in the making, six generations forgotten, *The Division* is a story whose time has come.

The book can be purchased for \$29.95, (check or money order-add \$3.00 for shipping and handling) from:

WireStorm Publishing
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Who Am I?

It's a rare person who doesn't get discouraged. Whether it happens to us or to an associate we're trying to cheer up, the answer centers around one word: perseverance.

The value of courage, persistence, and perseverance has rarely been illustrated more convincingly than in the life story of this man (his age appears in the column on the right):

| | Age |
|--|-----|
| Failed in business | 22 |
| Ran for legislature--defeated | 23 |
| Again failed in business | 24 |
| Elected to legislature | 25 |
| Sweetheart died | 26 |
| Had a nervous breakdown | 27 |
| Defeated for Speaker | 29 |
| Defeated for Elector | 31 |
| Defeated for Congress | 34 |
| Elected to Congress | 37 |
| Defeated for Congress | 39 |
| Defeated for Senate | 46 |
| Defeated for Vice President | 47 |
| Defeated for Senate | 49 |
| Elected President Of the United States | 51 |

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Regimental Flag, Eighth Kansas Infantry

The Eighth Kansas Volunteer Infantry went further east than any other Kansas regiment in the Civil War.

The regimental flag of the Eighth Kansas recalls five battles fought by the regiment between October, 1862, and November, 1863. The regiment saw action in Tennessee, Kentucky and Georgia.

Carrying the flag of the Eighth regiment became a deadly honor when out of nine flag bearers, four were killed, three wounded, and two survived unharmed.

The flag is one of the first treated and stabilized under the Kansas State Historical Society's "Save the Flags" conservation project. It has not been unfurled since 1905.

The flag is painted silk, measures approximately six square feet and has the names Perryville, Lancaster, Mission Ridge, Chicamauga and Hoovers Gap written on it with a large eagle in the center. An arch above the eagle shows two rows of stars, numbering a total of 34.

Source: 1998 Kansas State Historical Society

Quantrill's Flag on Display in Kansas Museum of History

Quantrill's flag is on display in the Main Gallery of the Kansas Museum of History. This flag's existence raises many questions because Quantrill is not known to have carried any sort of flag. This statement is made in support of some of his men in post-war accounts who claim he did not carry a flag.

In popular writings of the 1880s some claim that he carried a black flag with misspelled name of "Quantrell" in red on it. However, it was just after midnight on September 7, 1862 when Olathe, Kansas was overrun by Confederate guerrillas under Quantrill's leadership. The raiders killed several men and looted businesses and private homes. Apparently a flag was carried by one of the raiders and dropped in the public square because it was found there after the raid by a resident of Olathe. The son of this resident, Orion, donated the flag to the Kansas State Historical Society in 1930.

This particular flag measures seven by thirteen inches. This may have been what was known as a "streamer" flag, placed on the staff above the regimental flag. But if Quantrill carried no large flag, it doesn't make sense that there would have been a companion "streamer" flag.

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Okay, ladies! This is the last cookie recipe for awhile...
this time from Charlotte Tindall

Butterscotch Icebox Cookies

- 3 cups sifted flour
- 2 tsps. Calumet baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 cup shortening (use 1/2 butter for best flavor)
- 2 cups light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 2 eggs, unbeaten
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup finely chopped nut meats



1. Sift flour once, measure, adding baking powder and salt, and sift again.
2. Cream shortening, add sugar gradually, creaming until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla and beat well.
3. Add flour, in small amounts, mixing well after each addition. Add nuts with last amount of flour.
4. Shape in 4 small rolls, about 2 inches in diameter, and roll each in waxed paper. Or line two 8x4x3-inch loaf pans with waxed paper and press dough firmly into pans; cover. Chill overnight or until firm enough to slice.
5. Cut in 1/8 slices...if molded in loaf pans, cut in half for slicing. Bake on ungreased baking sheet in hot oven (425 degrees) about 10 minutes. Makes 130 cookies.

Answer to "Who Am I":
Abraham Lincoln!



Captain George W. Todd

The following is a copy of Capt. George W. Todd's military record on file by Confederate Organizations: Missouri Units. "A carded muster roll of Capt. Wm. C. QUANTRILL's Co (MO) shows Geo. W. TODD was serving as a 2d Lieut in that organization early in 1862. The report of Lieut Col Walter KING, 4 Regt MO S.M. Cav (U.S.A.) dated Lexington, MO, May 5, 1863, shows in regard to operations in that vicinity, 'QUANTRILL is here; he came from PRICE to conscript; he came with forty men; he has joined REID's, JARRETT's, TODD's, YOUNGER's and CLIFTON's gangs to his own'. In a report of a march from the Missouri to the Canadian Rivers, made to Maj Genl PRICE and dated OCT 13, 1863, W. C. QUANTRILL, Col Comdg, refers to 'Capt TODD' as a member of his command. Capt TODD, and his "gang", or "band of guerrillas", is referred to in numerous places and various volumes of the printed Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies as operation with QUANTRILL and independently in Missouri in 1863 and 1864. No records of Capt Geo. W. TODD's Co have been found but the names of twenty-three men who are shown to have been "Soldiers", or "Ex-Soldiers", of Capt TODD's Co appear in miscellaneous records, and they are reported to have been received of Lt Col T.A. SWITZLER, Prov Mar Genl, S.W. Dist, MO, Springfield, MO, Nov, 1862. No further record of these men found.

Quantrill's Flag (Cont'd)

One other possible explanation is it might have been a "Bible" flag, which was used by both northern and southern families. These flags were placed in large family Bibles of the time to mark passages of scripture. Perhaps one of the raiders carried the flag as a keepsake, only to lose it in Olathe.

The Quantrill flag is one of about 75 flags in a collection of the Kansas State Historical Society.

You can check out the Kansas State Historical Society web page at www.kshs.org/places/coolquan.htm for further information about the flag collection. The site also includes information on the First Kansas Colored Infantry regimental flag, the Springfield Flag (Second Kansas Infantry), and information about the Save the Flags project.

Source: 1998 Kansas State Historical Society

The Springfield Flag

The Springfield flag is also in the collection of the Kansas State Historical Society. This flag is quite tattered, but has 34 stars on a blue background, seven red stripes and six white stripes with the name "Springfield" across the stripes.

Originally, the battle of Wilson's Creek was referred to as the battle of Springfield, although it took place ten miles southwest of that Missouri city. A second battle took place on January 8, 1863 within Springfield, and the earlier battle would be referred to by the creek, which divides it. This explains the "Springfield" designation on the flag.

(All of the articles published here were taken from the Kansas State Historical Society's website. There is a great deal more information on the site and it is well worth taking a look at. More importantly, the upcoming Round Table meeting in September by Blair Tarr will be interesting and informative about how these flags are