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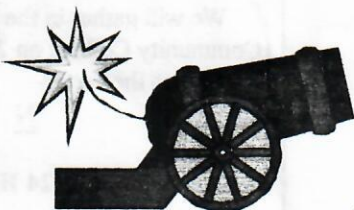
ANNUAL DUES

Individual 15.00
Family 22.50
Student (Under 21) 5.00

MEETINGS

The second Wednesday of
the month at 7:00 p.m.
in Truman H.S. Library
July - Annual Picnic
September - Cemetery Tour
December - Christmas Party

Visitors Welcome



Next Meeting

5th Annual Historic Cemetery Tour

Wednesday September 8th, 1999

Visit Lobb Cemetery

(North of Blue Springs off Hwy 7)

and

Civil War Soldiers Burial Plot

(Near Independence Power Plant)

Gather at 6:30 pm at
Blue River Community College
(Two Miles East of M-291 on 23rd St.)

Car pool to sites

Expect to be at Lobb Cemetery at 7:00

Depart Lobb at 7:30

Return to BRCC approx. 8:30

Iced Tea, Sodas & Cookies served

Wear comfortable clothing and bring bug spray!

(See Map on Page 2)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September

- 3,4,5 **Bethany Missouri County Fair - See Ferris Battery in Action**
- 3,4,5,6 **Santa Cali-Gon Festival - Independence Square Celebrates Santa Fe, California and Oregon trails.**
- 8 **6:30 PM - 5th Annual Cemetery Tour (Lobb and Thompson) See map in next column.**
- 11 **Old Settlers Days Parade - Olathe, KS**
- 15 **7 PM Board Meeting - Truman Campus, Rm. 101**
- 18 **Lynnville, Iowa - Medal of Honor Dedication for Edward Bebb - Civil War (see Sonny for details)**
- 25 **Austin, Missouri - Bean Eating Days - 3 miles North of town on Harris Farm - \$4 for meal which includes dessert.**

October

- 1, 2, 3 **Nebraska City, Nebraska Civil War Event (See Sonny)**
- 13 **7 PM - CWRT-WMo Meeting - Truman High School**
Program: George Caleb Bingham & Order #11
Presenter: Tim Cox, President, CWRT-WMo
- 16 **Little Blue and Big Blue Tour (Details at later date)**
- 16-17 **Wyandott Days at Wyandotte County Park, Bonner Springs, KS**
- 20 **7 PM Board Meeting - Truman Campus, Rm. 101**
- 23 **Field Trip - Optional trip - Must have 10 or more interested. Call Sonny Wells to confirm your attendance. Meet at 9:00 AM (location to be determined). Will travel the Civil War trail from Waverly to Independence, including, Dover, Berlin (Shelby's Town), Arnold and Anderson Cemeteries, ending at 5 PM for a wiener roast at Fran and Lucky Mason's. (Details Later)**
- 23-24 **Battle of Plattsburg - 135th Anniversary Reenactment**
 Battles on Sat. and Sun. Ladies Tea and Fashion Show, 1800s Ball w/Period Music, Church Services. Ph: 816-370-2532 for information.

November

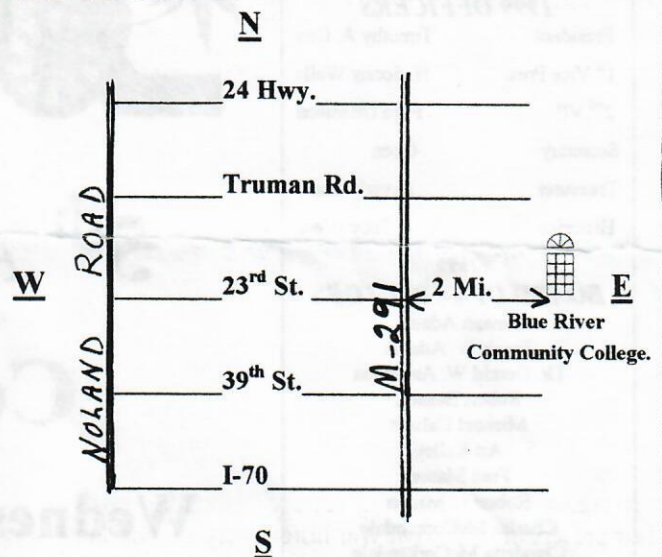
- 4 **Jackson County Genealogy Society, Presentation by Sonny Wells - Wm. Chrisman HS Library**

December 4 - Christmas Party!

BITS N' PIECES

September 8th Cemetery Tour

We will gather in the west parking lot of Blue River Community College on 23rd St. in East Independence. The fewer cars the better.



Bingham Waggoner Special Exhibit Reminder

CWRT members who have artifacts and memorabilia to put on display at the Bingham Waggoner Home are urged to contact Mike Calvert, 836-1013. Items may or may not be used depending on available space. Items will be insured and security is provided.

Mid-Continent Library Programs

Sept 21 - Border Wars of Missouri - Lee's Summit Branch, 150 N.W. Oldham Road, presented by Joe Kelley, director of the 1859 Jail in Independence. Joe will present a program on Jonathan Edwards, a chronicler of Missouri Border Wars. Time: 1PM

Special Thanks to Sonny Wells ...

for taking time out of his busy schedule to make a special presentation at the United Methodist Church in Independence on August 29. He shared Independence History with one of the adult classes. Again... thanks, Sonny!

PRESERVATION

The Civil War Heritage Trail in Arkansas was established by the AHPP (Arkansas Historic Preservation Program) to help preserve historical resources of the Civil War. The NWACWHT (Northwest Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trail) committee, in partnership with the Department of Arkansas Heritage, the National Park Service, the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism and educators and historians throughout the state, has completed and printed an Arkansas Civil War history curriculum. The curriculum is available free of charge to Arkansas teachers (not important to Missouri teachers).

The Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trail is a network of regional private, nonprofit, volunteer organizations seeking to identify, protect, interpret and promote Arkansas properties related to the state's Civil War experience. General guidance for the groups is provided by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

It seems our neighboring state of Arkansas takes their preservation of Civil War history very serious and are working hard throughout the state to preserve their history and sites.

Many Civil War activities in Arkansas are coming up in the near future. For further information contact the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Center at Little Rock, AR, phone number (501) 324-9880.

URGENT! WANTED

The position for a "recording secretary" on the Board of Directors is still open. The position requires the recording secretary to take notes at the Board meetings which are held only once a month, excluding December. Won't someone please step forward and take this responsibility?

Karen Wells has done an outstanding job for several years and now it is time to "pass the torch"! **Please Contact Sonny or Tim.**



THE FRIENDS OF HISTORIC LONE JACK

The Lone Jack Museum is forming a "Friends of Historic Lone Jack" group. The purpose of the group will be to actively preserve the only Civil War cemetery and museum in Jackson County. The goal of the "Friends" will be to help tell the story of this unique area and keep the legacy for future generations.

A special drive is underway for charter members of this special group. Charter members will receive Special Recognition for being First Year members. Membership Dues will be...

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| Individual | \$ 25 |
| Student w/Student ID | \$ 5 |
| Family | \$ 35 |
| Educator | \$ 30 |
| Contributor | \$ 50 |
| Patron | \$100 |
| Benefactor - over | \$100 |
| Business Benefactor | \$100, \$250, \$500 |

Some of the ways your membership dues will help:

1. Sponsor Special Events
2. Commemorative Tree Project
3. Handicap Accessibility
4. Furnace, Air Conditioning, and Humidity Control
5. Site drainage

This non-profit corporation is organized to strive to support, protect, and preserve the unique history of the Lone Jack area. The primary focus is on the Civil War Cemetery, adjoining grounds, and the Civil War Museum. The desire is to ensure the future education of our children, to go forward while remembering our very important past.

Some additional "perks" will be: **Individuals**, free admission for one year for two adults, Annual Picnic, Newsletters, Story of Lone Jack book, and Calendar of Events. **Students** will receive the same benefits with proper Student ID. **Families** also will receive the same benefits allowing admission for two adults plus children under 18 in the household. **Contributor**, same benefits but allowing 4 adults admission plus children under 18 in the household. **Patron**, all of the above plus a T-shirt. **Benefactor**, all of the above plus invitations to special programs. **Business Benefactor**, all of the above plus special on-site name recognition. **Educator**, above benefits of **Family** plus: A special education packet and a copy of the book, "A Patchwork Story of Lone Jack."

The first meeting was held at the Lone Jack Civil War Museum on Saturday, August 28. However, persons interested in being a new member of "Friends" should call the museum at (816) 566-2272 for further information.

STORY OF ANTHONY LOBB

Since the CWRT-WMo group is planning a trip to Lobb Cemetery on September 8th, the following article seems appropriate to share. The article was found by happenstance in the Jackson County Archives. It is undated, but by some calculation it may have been written sometime around 1935, perhaps earlier. This is only a guesstimate!

"I am a brother in black; am about 84 years old. I was born a slave in Simpson County, Kentucky; belonged to one Joseph Gibson, until he died, in Jackson County, Missouri, when I was a strip of a boy, and then lived with my "mistis" about fifteen years longer, when she died, and was then taken with others to the court house in

Independence and sold by the sheriff, William Botts, and bought by Aguella Lobb at public auction for \$1,301, at probably about thirty years of age.

I lived with Mr. Lobb up to the Civil war and through it, and helped to save his property. After the war still staid with Mr. Lobb and worked for him for wages untill we got money saved up, and then bought 78 acres from Mr. Lobb. I paid him \$1,660.00 for the land, and then lived in the neighborhood ever since. I was very fortunate in my masters. I was treated by Mr. Gibson and his widow and by Mr. Lobb, always with kindness. I tried to be a faithful servant, and they appreciated it, and all their descendants remembered my

conduct with gratitude and are always glad to see me. I have no complaint to make against any of them. I was very fortunate in belonging to good people.

It was a ticklish time when I was sold. Mr. Lobb owned my wife, and I wanted him to buy me. Morgan Walker wanted me and bid up after Mr. Lobb had stopped at a thousand dollars; but Mr. Lobb had an understanding with Mr. Joseph Hudspeth to bid for him, and his bid took me to a good home and united me with my wife, who died about four years ago.

I still live in the old neighborhood and expect to finish my life there, and to be buried by the side of Mary"



NEW FINDINGS BY MEDAL OF HONOR RESEARCHERS

There were 24 Medals of Honor awarded for actions at the Little Big Horn on June 25-26, 1876. All involved the troopers who tried to fight through to rescue Custer and the subsequent battle that raged for two days after that. None were awarded to the men who perished on Custer Hill.

Of those 24 men only 13 of their burial sites had been located until July of this year when three more were located and confirmed by MOH Historians.

Benjamin C. Criswell was discharged at Fort Yates, Dakota Territory on 3 April 1878. He disappeared for nearly 40 years. His Medal of Honor was awarded on 5 October 1878. It is not known if his Medal was ever presented to him.

He died on 17 October 1921 at Eldorado, Oklahoma, according to Mike Barry, a distant relative.

Criswell was thought to be buried in the Eldorado area but exactly where was the question. Mr. Barry remembers going to the gravesite as a youngster with his mother, a niece of Criswell's, but did not remember where the cemetery was.

The cemetery turns out to be Pleasant Hill Cemetery, about 6 miles from Eldorado. Since the cemetery is in a very sparsely populated area and is not maintained, the remains may be moved to the National Cemetery at Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

William M. Harris, George D. Scott and Thomas W. Stivers all came from Lancaster, Kentucky, and enlisted in the 7th Cavalry in Mount Vernon, Kentucky.

They were all discharged at Camp Rosebud, Montana Territory, on 5 August 1877 after serving out their five year enlistments. None of them ever filed for a pension and no medical records were found. In short, they just walked away from the Army.

John Trowbridge of the Kentucky Military History Museum in Frankfort, recently located the graves of Harris and Scott.

Scott is buried in the City Cemetery at Lancaster, his home town, and Harris was buried in an old family burying ground near Mount Vernon. Harris has since been reinterred at Camp Nelson, Ky., National Cemetery.

There are still over 300 Medal of Honor Recipients whose graves have not been located, two from Kansas, one from Iowa, and one from Missouri.

William T. Holmes, Civil War, is listed as buried in the Old Bean Cemetery in Rural St. Clair County, Southeast of Appleton City.

Some folks from Butler found what is believed to be the cemetery, but it was so badly overgrown they could not locate a tombstone of any kind.

Submitted by: Sonny Wells