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ANNUAL DUES

Individual 15.00
Family 22.50
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MEETINGS

The second Wednesday of
the month at 7:00 p.m.
in Truman H.S. Library

July - Annual Picnic
September - Cemetery Tour
December - Christmas Party

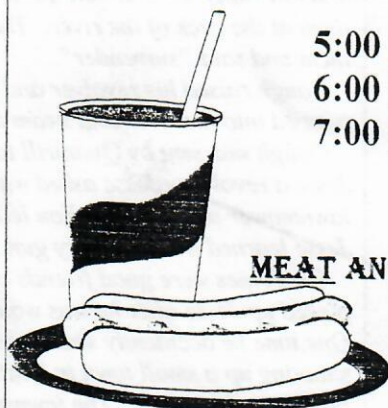
Next Meeting - July 14th, 1999

ANNUAL PICNIC

at

LONE JACK MUSEUM

(Take 50 Highway East to Lone Jack Exit)



5:00 p.m.: Set up for picnic

6:00 p.m.: Eat

7:00 p.m.: Program

MEAT AND DRINKS WILL BE FURNISHED!

Members Bring

- 1 Covered dish (salad, dessert, fruit, etc.) of choice
- 2 Lawn chairs
- 3 Table service (plates, silverware)

**The Lone Jack Museum Visitors Center will be open
for our members to tour. A side trip is also being planned.
Plus... egg toss and much, much more!**

CWRT-WMo Parade Winners!

Congratulations to all of our members who participated in the
Independence Heritage Salute Parade. Our group won 1st place in the
"Costume" category!

The overall event was such a success. that the Heritage commission is
talking about making it an annual affair!

Visitors are Always Welcome



Preservation Prevails

The following article appeared in the Asheville, N.C. Citizen-Times, June 10, 1999. This editor found it interesting that Civil War Round Table groups around the country are working at preserving Civil War sites.

In a place easily missed by passer-bys, "the gravesite of the first sheriff, Robert Thomas, of Henderson County, NC, was recently discovered among the weeds."

It seems that Thomas had returned to his farm and was no longer sheriff of the county in 1865 when Confederate marauders shot him to death in his yard. He died less than two weeks after Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox courthouse. His family was a large and prosperous one.

Families, of course, buried their loved ones in small plots on their property, a tradition which had its roots in a Colonial law that required plantation owners to furnish burial plots for their family members, slaves and poor neighbors.

History buff Barry Hollingsworth in Hendersonville "brought the little cemetery to the attention of the Civil War Roundtable, a local group made up of those interested in the Civil War."

Thomas's gravestone was overturned, and is just one of hundreds of graves in the small family plot. Volunteers from the Sheriff's department and other volunteers want to clear trees and weeds, tear down old fencing, and reset toppled headstones. Eventually they want to erect a marker to honor the county's first sheriff.

Truly, Preservation Prevails throughout the country!

Speaking of News Articles



The following article was written July 8, 1908 and published in the Kansas City Journal. This is a biographical sketch narrated by one of Quantrill's men.

"William Gaugh age 63 years old died at his home at 28th and Cleveland. He was with Quantrill from 1860? Until the death of Quantrill. Gaugh was a 2nd Lieutenant with Quantrill.

He was born in Lexington, Kentucky. In 1857 he moved to Kansas City. He wanted to join the army when the Civil War started. His parents objected because he was only 16 at the time. One day General Price was in the city and Gaugh asked him if he could join him. Price told him that he was too young. Gaugh was one of the first men to join Quantrill though.

After the war he returned to Kansas City. Many of his former guerrilla friends had now turned outlaw and they asked him to join them saying that the people would not let him live in peace. He refused them. He could not live among the Union people though and finally moved to Florence, Kansas where he bought 160 acres and started farming. He had to move from there because someone from Kansas City told that he was a Quantrill man. The people there were all Union sympathizers. He then

came back to Jackson county. Here he purchased a farm near Leeds in the Blue Valley and farmed here until several years ago.

He was at Lawrence and was on the firing line all day and night. Quantrill sent three men to make him come in.

Gaugh was considered one of the best shots. Frank James relates that often in passing through a town, Gaugh would shoot the tails off of the dogs that barked at him. He carried four six-shooters all the time. When charging he held two in each hand, holding the reins with his teeth.

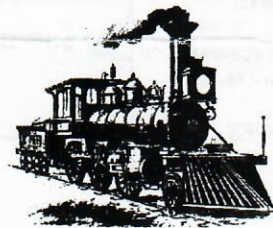
He was of small stature, but well set up, curly black hair, and quick blue eyes. He was often trusted by Quantrell for the most important missions. Once Quantrill wanted to make an impression of going north of the river instead of going south to raid in Southern Kansas. Quantrill sent Gaugh and four men across the river to "raise hell" and fool the people in believing that they were the entire force. They killed 35 men and Gaugh and one other were all left alive. A Federal Company cornered them at the neck of the river. The Union captain approached them and said "surrender".

Gaugh raised his revolver and shot the officer dead and then jumped into the river and swam across amidst a hail of bullets.

Gaugh was sent by Quantrill to enlist Jesse James. He handed Jesse a revolver. Jesse asked what is that? It is called a lawnmower said Gaugh. You learn to mow 'em down with that. Jesse learned with that very gun.

The James were good friends of Gaugh. At Centralia, Gaugh picked up Jesse after he was wounded and carried him to safety. One time he accidentally shot Frank James in the cheek. They were shooting up a small town in Southern Missouri and holding the bridles in their teeth. The townspeople were shooting back. Frank rode up to pass Gaugh's side. He was grazed by a bullet. Frank still carries the scar today."

Editor's Note: You may find this article entertaining and can take it in all or part as being true or not. It is written as it appeared in the article (even with Quantrill's name misspelled in several places).



ROBBING THE BELTON TRAIN

On July 10-11 Ferris Battery will be robbing the Belton train. Members of Ferris Battery are Joel and Dori Semler and Bob and Virginia Werline. Come to the depot in Belton and take a ride on the train and watch the troops rob the train!

Schedule of Events

July

9-11 Trans-Mississippi Civil War Conference - University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri

Military and Civilian Sessions

- 9- PreConference Hands On Workshops - Evening Opening Session and Scavenger Hunt.
- 10- Infantry, Cavalry & Artillery Schoolings along w/Civilian Sessions - Evening Period School
- 11- Sessions and Wrap-up

Contact Trans-Mississippi Civil War Conference Committee
P.O. Box 499, Walford, Iowa 52351 or
TransMisConf@unidial.com

10 10 a.m. - Life and Work of Matthew Brady, Civil War Photographer - JCHS Archives - Mark Armato, Presenter

1:30 p.m. - Songs of the Civil War Era - 1859 Jail and Museum - Mark Armato on the guitar.

10-11 Belton Train Robbery - Belton, MO - (See Page 2 for details)

10-11 Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Englewood Theatre - (See next column for details)**

12 Medal of Honor Ceremony - Warrensburg, MO - Honoring Union Veteran John A. Falconer - (Call Sonny for details.)

14 Picnic - Lone Jack Historic Site & Museum - 6:00 p.m. (See Page 1 for details)

17-18 Honey Springs, OK - Olathe Union Guard Encampment

21 Board Meeting - 7 PM -Truman Campus, Rm. 101

August

11 Michael N. Ingrisano, Jr. - "An Artilleryman's War" Meeting in Judge Scofield's Court Room in Court House on Indep. Square - Refreshments in JCHS Archives (See next column for details)**

14 10 a.m. - Was it Murder - the Swope Family deaths of 1909 - Debra Parson, JCHS Educational Director - JCHS Archives - Independence Square Courthouse

1:30 p.m. - Music of the Midwest - A variety of songs of American Traditions - Harry N. Langdon, Retired Professor of Theater and Music - 1859 Jail, 217 N. Main, Indep.

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****Englewood Theater Anniversary**

Colorado Territory is the show that opened the Englewood's doors in 1949. It stars Joel McCrea, Virginia Mayo, Dorothy Malone, and James Mitchell. Two performances will be held. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at the JCHS Archives or 1859 Jail.

Saturday's performance is at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$8.00. Saturday's highlights are door prizes, street fair, and special guest appearances from the Kansas City Film Society.

Sunday's performance is at 3 p.m. and tickets are \$5.00. No special activities are planned for this performance. Proceeds will benefit The Jackson County Historical Society.

****An Artilleryman's War**

An Artilleryman's War: At the outset of the Civil War, the training of the Regular Army provided the Union with the means to hold off the Confederates until more manpower could be recruited.

This book sheds light on the role of the artillery in the Regular U.S. Army before and during the Civil War. It is a first rate account of the war in the overlooked Trans-Mississippi Theater. Smooth prose breathes life into this remarkable story of drama and death, hardship and suffering.

Michael Ingrisano's presentation will be held in the Brady Courtroom upstairs (Second Floor) of the Independence Square Courthouse. A book signing will take place on the First Floor in the JCHS Archives and Bookstore. **Remember:** 10% off to all members of the Civil War Round Table. Refreshments will be served!

Mid-Continent Library Programs

July 13 - 7pm - Civil War Balladeer - Antioch Branch
6060 N. Chestnut, Gladstone, MO - Call 454-1306

July 19 - 7pm - Tales of Jesse James - So. Independence
13700 E. 35th St., Indep., MO - Call 461-2050

July 26 - 7pm - Mathew Brady Photo Exhibition - Claycomo
309 N.E. 69 Highway, Claycomo, MO - Call 455-5030

Caring Thoughts ...

Members of the CWRT-WMO extend condolences
to Bea Cornish in the recent loss of her sister.

Alternative Names of Various Battles



<u>Union</u>	<u>Confederate</u>	<u>Date of Battle</u>
Bull Run, VA	Manassas	21 July 1861
Wilsons Creek, MO	Oak Hills	10 Aug 1861
Logan's Cross Roads, KY	Mill Springs	19 Jan 1862
Pea Ridge, AR	Elkhorn Tavern	6-8 Mar 1862
Pittsburg Landing, TN	Shiloh	6-7 Apr 1862
Fair Oaks, VA	Seven Pines	31 May - 1 Jun 1862
Bull Run, VA (2 nd)	Manassas	29-30 Aug 1862
Antietam, MD	Sharpsburg	17 Sept 1862
Chaplin Hills, KY	Perryville	8 Oct 1862
Stones River, TN	Murfreesboro	30 Dec 1862 - 2 Jan 1863
Elk Creek, Ind. Terr.	Honey Springs	17 July 1863
Ocean Pond, FL	Olustee	20 Feb 1864
Sabine Cross Roads, LA	Mansfield	8 Apr 1864
Opequon Creek, VA	Winchester	19 Sept 1864

HOW WAR DIVIDED THE NATION IN 1861

