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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 pm,  
July is Annual Picnic.  
September is Annual  
Historic Cemetery Tour.  
December meeting is  
Annual Christmas Party

**Visitors Always  
Welcome**

## FROM THE PRES.....

Many *Thanks* go out to those who helped with the cookies and drinks at the Elmwood Cemetery tour. Joyce, Mary Ann and Claudetta brought cookies. Toby brought extra ice. Charles and John helped out with the tables. Mike passed out the tour maps. It seems everyone who was there helped out in some way.

To boot, John and Joyce also donated a 3 Lb can of coffee to the Coffee Fund.

The Lincoln's visit is still 5 months away and their schedule is already nearly full. On Thursday, March 19th, they will be appearing at the annual dinner of the Leavenworth County Historical Society. Dinner, program and reception, all in one. Tickets are \$19 and may be obtained from the LCHS. Seating is limited.

Five school appearances are already booked, leaving only three time slots open. Appearances are scheduled in Independence, KC, NKC, Valley Park in the Blue Valley School District and Nativity School in Overland Park.

The annual process of selecting new officers and board members began at the last Board Meeting when Bob Benson and Toby Giese were appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee. At least one other person, hopefully a volunteer, is needed to fill out the committee.

Our By-laws state the Committee's recommendations will be published in the Border Star in the issue immediately proceeding the November meeting.

The Board and I openly discussed why I feel I should not be President next year. I feel the need to take some time and get myself back in shape. I am constantly tired and at times hurting. Thus, some things have to change.

Things like the handling of the Coffee Fund and possibly even the task of getting out the newsletter.

I intend to stay around and help out when needed. And I will continue to do the newsletter until the new President appoints some one else.

By the By-laws, I will remain on the Board for one or two years, as an advisor, but the leadership of the group will change. Some new faces will need to step forward and help out to insure a smooth change of leadership.

In the midst of all these changes, we will also be utilizing a new meeting site, William Chrisman High School in the small theater, just off the main entrance of the school. Our first meeting at this new place is on October 8th.

This will surely be an exciting time for this group. The room for growth, under the new leadership, is almost beyond description.

The October 8th program will be on the three day engagement known as the Battle of Westport. An hour by hour scenario listing the 14 engagements which comprise the three day engagement named for the little City in which not one shot was actually fired as a part of the battle.



## At the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 pm at Truman Campus. Eleven Board members were present.

Mail was distributed and reviewed.

The following reports were given...

**Newsletter..** 120 printed, 93 mailed, cost \$.598 ea. Spent \$59.82.

### Treasurers Report...as of 8/31/97

Begin. Balance \$ 962.98	Deposits \$ 15.00
Paid Out \$ 199.59	New Bal. \$ 718.39
Balance in Reserve Account	\$190.68
Total Funds \$	969.07

### Coffee Fund Report...as of 9/15/97

Beg. Bal. \$ 38.51	Purchases \$ 19.61,
In Donation Jar \$ 7.00	New Balance \$ 25.90

### 2nd V.P. Report...

36 members & 3 guests at Sept. meeting.

### 1st V.P. Report....

October 8th The Battle of Westport  
Chrisman High School

November 12th Music of the 1850's  
with John & Diane Lehman

December 13th Christmas Party  
Loose Park Garden Center

### Old Business

IRS-Have received nothing

Discussed New Meeting Site William  
Chrisman High School in small theater.  
Board meetings will still remain the same.

### New Business

Wyandotte Days, October 18-19--Board  
voted to set up display and pass out flyers.

**Appoint Nominating Committee --Bob  
Benson, Board Member, and Toby Giese,**  
appointed office, were appointed. A third  
member has yet to be named.

**Reviewed Lincoln Visit Schedule.** The  
schedule is fast filling in. Schedules and  
flyers were distributed. Another \$20  
donation to the Lincoln Fund was received.

**Discussion--** Changes coming in 1998.  
Sonny discussed with the Board the reasons  
he feels he should not be President in 1998.

A review of the changes this will  
facilitate followed.

**Book Donations** Books on *Researching  
Missouri* and *Beginning Genealogy* have  
been donated to the group. Also, a Board  
Member donated a book "*How the North won  
the War*". The Board accepted both  
donations.

The meeting ajourned and some of the  
members went over to Chrisman High  
School to see the new meeting site.

Meeting dismissed at 8:45 pm.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### October

Wed. 15th **CWRTWMO Meeting 7 pm**

The Battle of Westport  
Small Theater,  
Chrisman High School

Wed.. 22nd **Board Meeting 7 pm**

Truman Campus, Rm 101

### Upcoming Re-enactments

October 4-5, Arbor Lodge  
Nebraska City, Nebraska

### October 18-19

Wyandott Days, Wy. Co. Museum  
126th & State Ave, KCK

Set up display and pass out flyers

### Looking Ahead

#### Possible Day Trip Dates

Sat. Oct. 25th--Cemetery Search

Little Blue Crossing to Waverly Landing

#### Possible Two Day Trip

##### The Land of Mr. Lincoln

Late May or Early June of 1997

Includes the Lincoln Home, Lincoln Historic District,  
Lincoln Home Visitors Center, Lincoln-Herndon Law  
Office, RR Station, Lincoln's Tomb, Old Salem and more.

Depart 7 am Sat. Return 9 pm Sunday

**Estimated Cost \$115 per person**

*Includes all meals, bus costs, site fees & motel  
(Based on double occupancy, singles add \$24)*

### Upcoming Programs

#### October 8th-The Battle of Westport

An in depth look at the last campaign in Missouri

#### November 12th-The Lehman's

John & Diane Lehman present a program on  
the music of the mid 1800's

#### Saturday, December 13th The 5th Anniversary Celebration and Christmas Party

Loose Park Garden Center,  
51st and Wornall,  
Noon - 4:00

### Of Special Note...

*Dori Semler will emcee a period  
Clothing and Uniform Review  
from 12:30-1:00 at the Party.  
After that we will move the tables  
back and dance the Virginia Reel.  
If you don't know how to do the Reel,  
take heart...Sonny will teach us.  
After the dance....Chow Time!!!*

## October Program

(Wed, Oct. 8, 7 pm, Chrisman High School)

A recent call asking about the  
Battle of Westport from a UMKC  
grad who is working on his Masters  
in History had me digging through  
my files looking for some of the  
research I had done for the final  
episode of the Civil War series,  
commonly known as the "Checkers"  
episode.

The caller, a long time Civil War  
enthusiast and re-enactor, wanted  
info on the Brush Creek and Loose  
Park part of the battle.

When I told him I had a listing  
showing the 14 engagements which  
made up the three day battle there  
was a long silence on the other end of  
the line. "How many engagements?"  
was the questioning response.

This is a very common reply when  
one talks about Westport.

Many realize the battle lasted three  
days, but many do not realize the  
fighting stretched from one end of  
town to the other and was an almost  
endless series of engagements.

At three separate places there  
were two active engagements within  
12-15 hours, Can you name all three?  
Most cannot.

By laying the actions of the units  
into an hourly time frame, one can  
more easily see and understand what  
was really going on during those  
fateful days in late October of 1864.

Did you realize that one unit of  
Confederate infantry actually tried to  
capture downtown Kansas City?

Or that some units of Confederate  
cavalry stopped and had breakfast  
while fighting was going on within  
ear shot of their campfires?

All of the well known leaders of the War  
in the West were at this battle. Blunt, Ford,  
Jennison, Moonlight, and Pleasonton on the  
Federal side and Price, Shelby, Marmaduke,  
Cabell, Fagan, Jeff Thompson, Gordon,  
Collins, Perkins and Jackman for the  
Confederates.

Several handouts, including a tour map  
of the Little Blue battle sites will be  
available. Copies of the 1989 Battle of  
Westport souvenir programs will be for sale.