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Individual 15.00
Family 22.50
Student (Under 21) 5.00

MEETINGS

The second Wednesday
at 7 pm, in the Library,
at Truman High School,
3301 South Noland Rd,
Independence, Missouri,
except July, August
and December.

**Visitors Always
Welcome**

FROM THE PRES.....

Good vibes continue to be received about the Prairie Star Schools Living History event. Those who took the time to be a part of this activity certainly have a lot to be proud of.

The video is done. It is nearly two hours long and has footage of the crafters, interviews of several re-enactors, including the **Semler's**, the **Werline's**, and much more. It also has some great footage of the night fire by the Landis Battery.

The firing was taped from three angles. When all the editing was done it looks as if they fired nine times instead of three. Good job by Pat Lamb Video Productions, as usual.

Now that the very hectic month of May is out of the way I can get back to a more normal pattern of things. I started by getting to work on the newsletter. Then found out Karen's mom & sister will be with us June 6-10th.

Request has been made for information on how to get on the Gettysburg National Military Park mailing list. Unless budget restraints have changed things you simply write to GNMP, 97 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, Pa., 17325, and ask to be put on their list.

In case you didn't notice **Kathleen Tuohey** was featured in both The Examiner and The Star in recent articles. I think the price of her autograph will be increasing if this keeps up.

Richard Abbott, Pat Hall and Charles McCorkendale have sent copies on some interesting items of late. Thanks to all for sharing their information.

Have we taken the time to thank the ladies who keep the coffee pots full and the cookies fresh. May I start with my own better half, **Karen**, and continue with those who have been helping out, **Claudetta McCorkendale, Mary Ann Hazzard, Janann Adams, Jeanne Carey, Beverly Shaw** and the rest. Now that iced tea season is here I guess there will be less coffee and more cool soda and tea. What ever, it will be consumable. Thanks gang!

And let me not forget **Toby Giese**. He always has a bag of ice with him which usually comes in pretty handy. Granted, a bag of ice is not pretty but it is definitely handy.

The covered dish dinner/board meeting of May 21 was attended by 31 people. The smoked sausage were really good. Look for Thorn Apple Valley Smoked Sausage at Sam's Wholesale. Cost \$3.69 for package of 18. Surprisingly good, and quite inexpensive.

Among those attending the dinner were Tim's wife **Kay** and their three children, **Ruby Abbott, Samantha**, escorted by **David Short**, and **Gaylen Goldsberry**.

Kudos are in order to one of the Cox twins, I won't say which one. It seems that during a recent ball game the ump stood up in front of him just as young Cox went to throw to first base. The ump got zonked right in the head. After a brief dizzy spell, the ump recovered. How many times have we all wanted to zonk an ump? Way to go catcher Cox.

Congratulations also to Tim & Kay's daughter, Sarah, who recently received an award for academic excellence. Way to go Miss Sarah!

Good comments continue to come in about the new promotional pamphlet **Tim Cox** recently finished. If you have not picked one up be sure to get one at the next meeting.

Weather permitting, we will be able to visit the Six Man Cemetery after the dinner at the annual picnic. The museum will also be open to tour. There will be a shortage of chairs so be sure to bring a card table or blanket.

Special **Thanks** to Louise Barry for a very interesting program about her book. I am looking forward to another interesting program in June from Mr. Johnson.

See you there!

At the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, May 21st, at 7:30 pm on Karen & Sonny's deck. The meeting was preceded by a covered dish dinner. Twelve board members and nineteen guests were present.

Mail was distributed and discussed.

The following reports were given...

Newsletter.. 100 printed, 97 mailed, cost \$.52 ea. Spent \$50.12.

Treasurers Report.... as of 4/30/97

Begin. Balance \$1,119.36 Deposits \$ 82.50

Paid Out \$ 56.11 New Bal. \$ 1,145.75

Balance in Reserve Account \$185.06

Total Funds \$1330.81

Coffee Fund Report... as of 5/31/97

Beg. Bal. \$ 34.25 Purchases \$ 22.19,

Donation 5-14-97 \$ 25.15 New Balance \$47.34.

2nd V.P. Report...

42 members & 6 visitors at May meeting.

1st V.P. Report...

June 11th Jimmy Johnson

July 9th Civil War Picnic '97

August 13th Cemetery Tour

Old Business

Review Prairie Star Civil War Days

Several involved commented

Report on Designer Showcase Home

Very successful. Over \$100,000 raised.

Review New Pamphlet

Good job by Tim and the committee.

No other items were discussed.

New Business

Board Member...A former member who had not paid his 1997 dues or attended any board meetings was removed from the Board.

New Board Member ...Janann Adams was nominated and elected to serve out the term of the open board position..

School Program ...Discussion on whether to commit to more school programs, such as the Prairie Star event. Decision was to try it for one year and then take another look at it.

New Meeting Place..Attempt will be made to contract with the school district for use of the Truman High School Library on nine selected dates.

Meeting dismissed at 8:53 pm.

Welcome

New Members

Faye Dennison of Lee's Summit, Mo.

Jim Ridenauer of Manhattan, Kansas

Mel Kisner of Warrensburg

Christie Kennard of Mission, Kansas

Robert Crick of Independence

Rex Stark of Independence

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June

Wed. 11th **CWRTWMO Meeting 7 pm**

The Plantation Dig

Truman High School Libr.

Wed. 18th **Board Meeting 7 pm**

Truman Campus, Room 101

July

Wed. 9th **Civil War Picnic '97 5:30 pm**

Lone Jack Museum Park

Wed. 14th **Board Meeting 7 pm**

Truman Campus, Room 101

August

Wed. 13th **Annual Cemetery Tour 7:00**

Elmwood or Mt. Washington

Meet at site

Wed. 20th **Board Meeting 7 pm**

Truman Campus, Room 101

Upcoming Re-enactments

June 13-14 Columbia, Mo.

June 21-22 Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Sept 6-7 St. Charles, Mo.

Sept 13-14 Fulton, Mo.

Sept 20-21 Lexington, Mo.

Looking Ahead

Possible Day Trip Dates

Sat. Aug. 9th--Keytesville, Mo.

Tour Sterling Price Museum

Sat. Oct. 25th--Cemetery Search

Old Trail Sites East of Little Blue

Upcoming Programs

June 11th-Digging up History

Excavating an old Plantation

by Jimmy Johnson

7 pm, Truman High School Library

July 9th Civil War Picnic '97

5:30-8:30, Lone Jack Battlefield & Museum Park

August 13th-Cemetery Tour

Elmwood or Mt. Washington

Of Special Note...

Living History Encampment

July 4-6, Fort Kearney, Nebraska

What an opportunity to see this partially restored facility that was so important to the travelers of the era many of which started their trek west from our area. Also visit nearby Pioneer Village at Minden, Nebraska.

Quiz

Match the Month to the Battle

Part 1

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|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. Jan. ____ | A. Chancellorsville |
| 2. Feb. ____ | B. Fredericksburg |
| 3. Mar. ____ | C. Shiloh |
| 4. Apr. ____ | D. Murfreesboro |
| 5. May ____ | E. Wilson Creek |
| 6. June ____ | F. Franklin, Tn. |
| 7. July ____ | G. 1st Bull Run |
| 8. Aug. ____ | H. Pea Ridge |
| 9. Sep. ____ | I. Mechanicsville |
| 10. Oct. ____ | J. Springfield, Mo |
| 11. Nov. ____ | K. Antietam |
| 12. Dec. ____ | L. Westport |

Part 2

Now list these battles by the year in which they took place.

How many were in 1861? ____

How many in 1862? ____

How many in 1863? ____

How many in 1864? ____

How many in 1865? ____

Part 3

Actually, there is one month in which no major actions took place.

I threw in a filler from the *Missouri Sketch Book* to make all things match.

What was the filler? ____

Part 4

Give the exact date(s) of...

The Siege of Lexington ____

The Battle of Carthage ____

The Battle of Pilot Knob ____

1st Battle of Boonville ____

Centralia Massacre ____

1st Battle of Lexington ____

Battle of Liberty ____

1st Battle of Independence ____

The Battle of Albany ____

Raid on Missouri City ____

2nd Battle of Lone Jack ____

2nd Raid on Liberty Arsenal ____

Part 5

Which one doesn't match?

Pitcher Cemetery

Mockeby Farm

Big Blue

Mahaffie Farm

Little Blue

LONE JACK

THE BATTLE AND COMMENTS

Douglas Seneker
Prairie Village KS, 1982

August 16, 1862. After a clear, moonlit night the sun began its orange glow onto cornfields east of Lone Jack, Missouri. Blue-suited cavalymen were poking at last night's coals to get the coffee boiling. Some of the luckier horses were already eating their breakfast, as were the group's officer corps.

As he seated himself at a table in the Cave House Hotel, Major Emory Foster had not an inkling that almost two thousand Southern troops were just a few feet to his west, preparing to open one of the fiercest battles in Missouri's bloody Civil War.

The framework for the Battle of Lone Jack had been built almost one month earlier, as Union General Schofield issued orders that every able-bodied man in Missouri would be required to join his militia force. Men from all over the State, who up to then had wished only to stay out of the War, were forced to take sides or head for the brush. Seizing upon this opportunity, Southern recruiting officers streamed over the State and groups of angry farmers and townsmen headed south or formed into volunteer companies.

In August, 1862, Colonels of various Southern regiments headed for their home counties to assemble the new recruit companies into regular Confederate units or those of the pro-Southern Missouri State Guard. One such body of recruits was a volunteer company raised in Lone Jack, under the captaincy of Dr. Caleb Winfrey, local physician and druggist. They were promptly assimilated into the regiment of Colonel Upton Hays, himself from Jackson County, and later to become part of General Jo. Shelby's famed Iron Brigade. It was the presence of these swelling Rebel units in the area that made Federal authorities fear for the garrisons in Lexington, Leavenworth, and Kansas City. To drive the concerns home more firmly, Independence was stormed by Southern troops on August 11 and swiftly fell.

Now, at 5:00 am on Saturday, August 16, Southern regiments from several camps near Lone Jack crouched in tall weeds on the west side of town waiting for a mounted unit under Captain David Shanks to open the fight with a feint on the Federal rear. Somewhere a lone musket fired, the drowsy bluecoats sprang to their arms, and the five-hour battle was underway.

Two iron 6-pounder cannon had been placed near the present-day battlefield museum by the Federals, commanding the mile long road connecting the "new" part of Lone Jack to the "old town" section, north of the first fighting. Union cavalymen gathered to the safety of the booming guns as Rebel troops advanced to within fifty yards of the artillery position.

Bart Cave's hotel was used as a fortress by Union riflemen until it was set afire by order of Colonel Hays. Mrs. Lucinda Cave, wife of the proprietor, fled west through the Confederate lines with her two small children to hide in the corn. Rising on an elbow to check a crying child, however, she was shot in the chest by a stray bullet, dying two weeks later.

The Southern commander, Colonel J. Vard Cockrell, had little control over the fighting after the first hour. It sprang like brushfire over the entire city, in all directions, and hard, desperate, street-fighting set in under the now hot sun.

When Federal soldiers began taking shelter behind their horses, Colonel Hays ordered the mounts killed, giving many of the Northern troops no longer any choice but to stand and fight. Another cause for the fierce stand by the besieged Federals was the rapidly spreading rumor that the attacking force was that of guerrilla chieftan William C. Quantrill, which meant they could expect no quarter.

The Southern troops, on the other hand, were largely new to combat and were fighting with the conviction that battles were fought until one side or the other was wiped out. Both sides, or at least those of their number who survived, learned as the War progressed that a prudent commander often made a "strategic withdrawal" after suffering five or six percent casualties. Not so at Lone Jack. Of Major Foster's initial 800 troops almost 300 were listed later as dead, wounded, or missing. The Southerners went into the battle with about 1100 effective troops and perhaps 700 unarmed recruits. They suffered, by one account, 118 killed and wounded and an undetermined number missing.

As the fighting spread, thirteen homes and buildings in the town went up in flames, as those standing quickly were turned into makeshift fortresses and hospitals. Captain Winfrey led an attack on his own home and adjacent drug store to dislodge Federals who were barricaded within.

The Federal artillery pieces played a pivotal role in the fighting. The guns had actually proved the undoing of the Federal command when they were fired briefly on the previous evening at a portion of Colonel John T. Coffee's command west of town. It was the cannon fire that alerted the scattered Southern camps that a body of Federals was in Lone Jack and permitted their coordinated attack the next morning.

Between 5:00 am and 10:00 am Saturday, the guns changed hands no less than five times as the fighting ebbed and flowed across the Federal campgrounds. When first captured by the Confederates, one excited young soldier leaped atop one of the guns, waving his hat and shouting "Hurrah for Jeff Davis." He almost as quickly fell to a Federal burst of fire. The guns were again taken by the Rebels and again seized by their blue-clad crews and supporting cavalry. In the last recapture of the guns by the Federals, Major Emory Foster was seriously wounded and his brother, who attempted to carry him to safety, was killed.

While Quantrill did not personally fight at Lone Jack, a large number of his troops were attracted to the firing. Despite their leader's order to remain in camp, they heeded a call for help from the embattled Confederates, by this time almost out of ammunition, and headed toward Lone Jack at a gallop. As their dust cloud rose in the west Confederate troops in Lone Jack shouted "Hurrah for Quantrill". This was too much for the Federals, who broke off, abandoned their guns and retreated to Lexington, pursued by Quantrill's guerrillas.

The Southern commanders, Colonels Cockrell, Tracy, Jackman, Hunter and Hays, gathered their troops and, the next evening, left Lone Jack in the face of other gathering Federal forces under Generals Blunt and Warren. That it was a decisive Southern victory, however, there can be no doubt. This was acknowledged in the official reports of Generals Blunt and Schofield. The aroused Union forces, however, were able to deny a strong Confederate presence in Jackson County thereafter, until the return of Sterling Price in 1864. In a sense, both won, and both lost.

3rd Annual Civil War Picnic

Wednesday, July 9, 1997

5 pm - 9 pm

Lone Jack Battlefield Park
Hwy 50 at Lone Jack Exit

Featuring...

Lots of Grub
Site Tour

Weapons Display
Period Music

Schedule

5:00...Visitor's Center open

6:00...Chow Line Forms

7:00...Annual Egg Toss Competition

7:30...Tour to Six Man Cemetery

9:00...Memorial Moment

*Old fashioned Creme Soda and
Raspberry Sarsaparilla will be served*

Cost of Admission-Anything for the Chow Table

Period Dress encouraged but not required

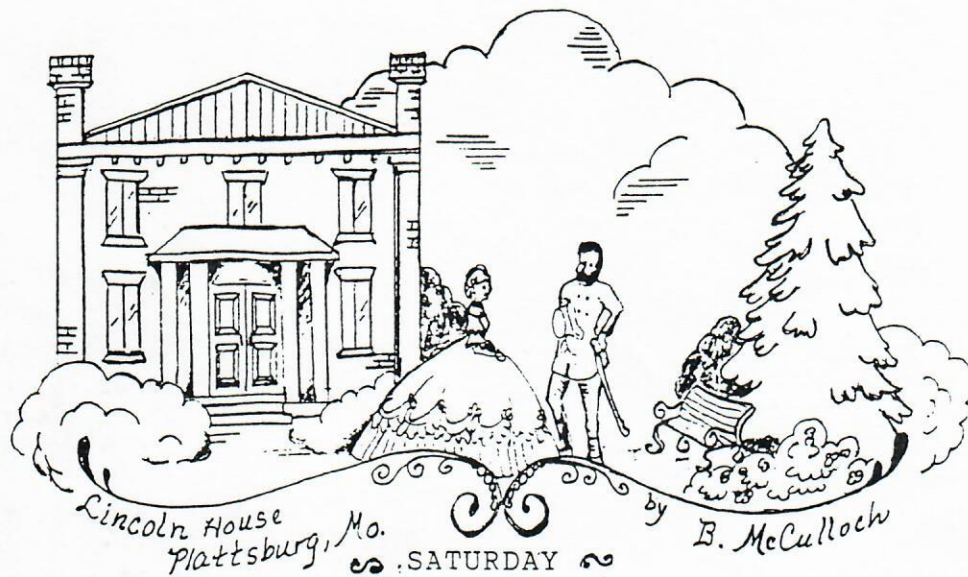
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and Bug Spray**

For More Information 628-9910 or 836-9051

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CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY-June 28, 1997

CANNON FIRING DEMONSTRATION-LANDIS BATTERY 11:00
12:00
1:00
2:00

REENACTOR CAMPING-Free wood, bathrooms, water; Set up
by Spease's Antique Mall East of Courthouse (Fri.)

PUPPET SHOW-11:30 Lincoln House Players By the Courthouse
(If there is rain- inside courthouse) Free drawing for ice cr.

CAMP MUSICIANS- Call if you or your group would like to perform;
Bev McCulloch-370-2532

HOMES TOUR-1:00-6:00 \$6.00-adv. \$8.00 at door *

FREE PUBLIC RECEPTION-on Courthouse lawn weather permitting. 2 to 4
(inside Courthouse if rain) This will be given in appreciation
to the public for supporting the 1858 Methodist Church Restora-
tion through purchasing of the Historic "Throws" and to
many others who are donating time and support. The following
businesses have displayed our Historic Throw: Iron Dove,
Spease's Antique Mall, Curiosity Corner II, and Suzanne's.
We are so grateful for their support.

DRAWINGS- Please make a donation and your name will be in a drawing
for gift certificates at local businesses.

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