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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.....

Another good crowd for the walking tour at Woodlawn Cemetery on the 14th. Despite a little inappropriate politicking, the tour was well received. The weather did us a favor this time. Just a few sprinkles and a reasonably pleasant temperature. Thanks Boss.

This was an especially thirsty bunch. Went through two big jugs of iced tea and over forty cans of pop. That long walk up the hill may have been a contributing factor to the unusually high consumption of cool beverages. But that was anticipated.

Item... A man in Maine is offering for sale the original letter sent by the citizens of Balltown asking General Blunt to station the 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry permanently in their little community to protect them from the Border Ruffians. Asking price..\$250.00.

How surprising to read this in the Bushwhacker's Quarterly. Our bus tour had stopped at Balltown Cemetery and visited the graves of the 3rd Wisconsin Cav. troopers killed at the ambush at Balltown Crossing just a short ways from the cemetery.

Item... A man in Harrisonville has the original amnesty document signed by Jesse James following his arrest at Dayton in August of 1862. Jesse's signature appears twice on the document. Asking price...\$3,000.00. May be a heck of a bargain for somebody.

Item... A lady in Liberty has a chess set, carved by her great-grand father while a prisoner in Libby Prison, and his diary for the year 1864. I did some quick checking and found out a copy of the diary has already been donated to the State Historical Museum in Indianapolis.

Word out of Nevada is the former Library building will be turned over to the Bushwhacker Museum to become the Museum's new home. To be known as Bushwhacker II, the new facility will house some of the very overcrowded old jail's displays and exhibits.

In my first text of this column I had devoted the rest of this column to the Five Unknown Confederate Soldier's marker making mention of a comment at another Civil War group's recent meeting and an article in a southern Missouri newspaper entitled "No respect for the Dead". I decided not to lower myself to their level and just let it go.

Two of our members recently visited Brunswick, Maine, home of Joshua Chamberlain of Gettysburg fame. Contact was also made with the museum there. The result is a program on Joshua Chamberlain which will be presented to our group in early 1997.

The presentation on Chamberlain will involve another of our student members doing Civil War related research and sharing their findings with the rest of us.

I can't tell you how pleased I am to see our young people getting involved in this way. It almost makes me feel like a proud grandparent. **Michelle, Matt, Eric** and now **Amy**.

Recent dinner guests at our home were Gene and Clara VanderStaay of Leavenworth. Clara is a great-granddaughter of Hiram Rich who was Post Sutler at Fort Leavenworth from 1841 until his death in 1862. Hiram is buried at the National Cemetery on Post.

Hiram did business with John Dougherty, who built Multnomah. We took them to the Multnomah site, the crossings and the cabin. I made a video of the visit.

Clara, who has done considerable research on Hiram, related how she had found documents showing that Hiram had to come to Liberty to pick up the mail and most likely had ridden the very trail we were standing by on many occasions.

The new PX center will be called the Hiram Rich Plaza and a memorial with a plaque on it will soon be placed. Karen and I plan to attend the memorial's dedication.

See you next meeting. **(Show & Tell time about the Five now known Confederates)**

At the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, August 21st at 7 pm at the Truman Education Center.

Incoming mail was passed around and the bus tour was discussed.

The Prairie Grove Battlefield was the big topic. This site has been kept up for many years by a private group. Only within the last few years did the state take it over.

The walking trail is nicely laid out and the markers are very readable.

Most on the tour felt this was the most impressive part of the tour.

Newsletter. 120 printed, 93 mailed out, cost 55.3 cents ea. Spent \$60.60

Treasurers Report....Beg. Bal. \$1,014.35, Deposits \$183.75, Paid Out \$124.77, New Bal. 1122.33.

Balance in Reserve Account \$161.00

Coffee Fund...Beg. Bal. \$-1.26, Purchases \$26.76, In Donation Jar \$43.86, New Balance \$15.84

2nd V.P. Report...Over 100 at the Woodlawn Cemetery Walking Tour. No exact count was kept.

1st V.P. Report...Next month's program will be on the 54th Massachusetts Infantry. October will be on the Sultana Trials.

Old Business...The Reserve fund is now in place at the bank. Beg. Bal. \$161.00

Letter from IRS acknowledging receipt of our Tax Exempt application.

Toby reports only 5 lapel pins and 4 medals remain.

Use of the Bingham-Waggoner grounds as a site for the 1997 picnic was discussed.

New Business...Sales of items at the Cemetery Tour totaled \$137.00 with the 40.00 net going into the Coffee Fund.

Only 15 of the 100 Free Tour Guides were left over. Sold were 25 of 50 four page "Civil War Monuments & Memorials in the KC area" (\$2.00) and 10 of the 25 nine page booklets on the Grinter Farm Ambush and the Second Battle of Independence (\$5.00) as printed in the 2nd Colo. Cav.'s Newsletter.

Also sold were 5 of the Battle of Westport books (\$5.00). This money goes to the Battle of Westport Fund.

The need to re-order T-shirts and Ball Caps was discussed.

Lacking a quorum, no votes were taken. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September

Wed. 11th **CWRTWMO Meeting**
The 54th Mass.

Wed. 18th **Board Meeting**

October

Wed. 9th **CWRTWMO Meeting**
The Sultana Trials

Wed. 16th **Board Meeting**

November

Sat. 2nd **Possible Day Trip**

Wed. 13th **CWRTWMO Meeting**
To be announced

Wed. 20th **Board Meeting**

December

Sat. 14th **Christmas Party**

Upcoming Re-enactments

September

14-15 **St. Charles, Mo.**

Antique Shops everywhere!

October

5- 6 **Nebraska City, Nebr.**

At Arbor Lodge State Park

11-12 **Shelbina, Mo.**

over by Hannibal

Cheryl's Book Reviewed

"Cheryl Harness has done it again. Abe Lincoln goes to Washington, 1835-1865 is a blockbuster, it is not just another illustrated children's book.

An accomplished artist and writer, Ms. Harness melds these talents to tell the story of Mr. Lincoln's rise to greatness in a manner that touches the soul and engenders a healthy interest among young readers in the history of our country during those tragic years.

It is a book that parents and grandparents will want to share with their children and grandchildren."

Edwin C. Bearss

Chief Historian Emeritus
National Park Service

The book will be available from The National Geographic Society in the Spring of 1997.

Cheryl had some of her sketches on display at our April meeting.

Congratulations to Cheryl on such a glowing endorsement.

Report on Battlefields Tour

Twenty-four Round Tabler's and one History loving bus driver (former teacher) traveled to SW Missouri and NW Arkansas on August 17th and 18th to visit some Civil War sites.

Stops included the BallTown Cemetery, the G.A.R. Memorial at Carthage City Cemetery, the Civil War Memorial at Oakwood Cemetery in Carthage, the Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel in Bella Vista, Ark., Pea Ridge Battlefield and Visitor's Center, the Confederate Memorial Cemetery in Fayetteville, Ark., the Prairie Grove Battlefield and Visitor's Center, the Civil War Museum in Carthage, the Battle of Carthage State Historic Site, and Oak Hill Cemetery in Butler.

Along the way we ate at a mom & pop place, a fancy chicken place, a gold plated dinner plate IHOP and a log cabin style McDonalds.

New member David Short tickled the ivories (played the piano) while at the Cooper Memorial Chapel in a most enjoyable way.

The word of the day on Saturday was "Rain" while the word on Sunday was "tired".

The P-P-J party on Saturday night was sparsely attended.

Biggest surprise to most was the Prairie Grove Battlefield site. It is so well maintained and the markers make the battle so easy to envision.

Their newly remodeled visitor's center includes a remarkable miniature recreation of the battle in a glass enclosed display case.

The Confederate Cemetery at Fayetteville (a/k/a/ the Southern Memorial Association Cemetery) is very unique.

Laid out in the form of a Confederate Cross with soldier's from Missouri in the north part, Texas in the west part, Arkansas in the east part and Louisiana in the south.

The monument in the middle is over 50 feet tall with the statue of a soldier on the top. Four cannons point outwardly at the corners of the base.

The officers are in private plots with their families just to the east of the main cemetery, some so overgrown they are hard to find.

Confederate dead from all over northwest Arkansas were dug up and reburied here.

Program for September

The program for the September meeting will be on the 54th Mass. Inf.

This is the unit the movie "Glory" was centered around.

Eric Richey and Matt Lineback, two of our student members from Corder, Mo., High School, will be the presenters.

The program was originally set up as a school presentation. Earlier this year Tim made arrangements with the boys to present the program to the Round Table.

Debbie Richey and Charles and Claudetta McCorkendale will be assisting with the refreshments.

The meeting will be in the air conditioned Library at Truman High School, as per usual.

The October 9th meeting will be on the Sultana Trials. The incredible amount of data Connie and Sue came up with on the Sultana tragedy made it a necessity to break the presentation into two parts.

Previous commitments and the approaching end of the school year made it impossible to do the two parts back to back.

Part II of the Sultana Tragedy promises to be as surprising as Part I.

In God We Trust

Ever wondered where the phrase "In God We Trust" came from?

In the dark days of the Civil War, a country minister wrote to Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase, asking that some suitable recognition of the Deity be placed upon our coinage.

The minister suggested the words "God, Liberty, Law" be used.

Chase was in sympathy with the idea but had a real battle getting the Congress to go along.

Finally. On April 22, 1864, the Congress authorized issuance of a two-cent piece with the motto "In God We Trust" on the reverse.

In 1865, the Director of the Mint was instructed to put the motto on every new style of U.S. coinage.

A BIG, BIG WELCOME

TO RENEWALS

The Gooch Family

Michael, Michelle, Matthew,
Marissa and Micah
of Orrick, Mo.

And

New Members

Jim Ridenour

of Raytown,

Jim Jones

of Lee's Summit,

David Short

of Gladstone,

Jim Kimsey

of Kansas City North

Visitors

at the last meeting included:

Mike Calvert	Jim Cleary
Dawn Cory	Steven Gage
Sharon Johnson	Edith Long
Sue Ross	Armin W. Schannuth
Michael Reed	Linda Stewart

Dale & Sandy Jones
Jim & Noralene Oldham
and Ray & Freda Stinger
all from Independence
and

Theron & Marilyn Byrun
Michael & Matt Heringer
Mike & Betty McGettigan
and Paul Tate
all from Kansas City, Mo.

Paid Memberships now total 106

Old Train Video

Armin Schannuth, the train man, has a video on old steam engines which he is willing to share with other train enthusiasts.

Interested? Contact Armin.

Cemetery Tour Report

Well over 100 were on hand for the walking tour of Woodlawn Cemetery on Wednesday, August 14th at 7 pm.

No exact count could be taken as the crowd just kept getting larger.

Just over 30 signed the guest book and will be receiving a copy of this issue of *The Border Star* newsletter.

The ten stops on the tour included a variety of military stones and some of the more unusual civilian markers.

Unrecorded burials, some with special connections to the early History of Independence were visited.

The Nine Unknown Confederate Soldiers Memorial, the Second Colorado Memorial, the G.A.R. Plot and the U.D.C. Memorial were also among the stops on the tour.

The size of the crowd made it impossible to do the search for the missing which had been planned.

The size of this cemetery made it very difficult to cover all the grounds and keep within a one hour time limit.

Copies of the tour guide will be on the FreeBee Table at the next meeting.

New items for sale at the sales table included a 4 page listing of the Civil War Monuments and Memorials in the Kansas City Area for \$2 and a 9 page booklet on the Grinter Farm Ambush and the 2nd Battle of Independence as recorded in the 2nd Colorado Cavalry's newsletter for \$5.

All proceeds from the sale of these two items go into the Coffee Fund after the cost of printing is paid.

Special Thanks go out to **Jeanne Carey, Cindy Golden and Mary Ann Hazzard** for the tea and cookies and to **Toby Giese, Charles McCorkindale and Richard Abbott** for helping set up, take down and pack up.

Then there is that one person who is always there co-ordinating the set up, answering the questions, making the decisions and being the crutch we often lean on. Thank you dear!

Current plans call for the 1997 tour to be at Elmwood Cemetery in KC.

Cindy's Magic Puzzle

During the recent bus trip **Cindy Golden** pulled a weird numbers game out of her bag of stumpers

Try this ...Pick a number between 1 and 10,...multiply by nine...now add the two digets together (example 36 would be 3 +6 =9)...now subtract 5 ...now correlate your number with the appropriate letter in the alphabet, 1=A, 2=B, 4=D, etc,...now think of a country that **begins** with that letter...now think of an animal whose name starts with the **last** letter of that country...now think of a fruit that starts with the **last** letter of the animal.

Most people end up with....

Denmark, Kangaroo and Orange or Denmark, Koala and Apple.

Why? The key is in the 9. Any number between 1 & 10 that is taken times 9 will add up to 9. Subtracting the 5 leaves only a 4. How many countries in the world start with D? How many animals start with a K and how many fruits start with an O or A?

Mathematically, this one is as easy as the old Pick a number, double it, add 2, divide by 2, subtract the number you started with and your answer will be 1.

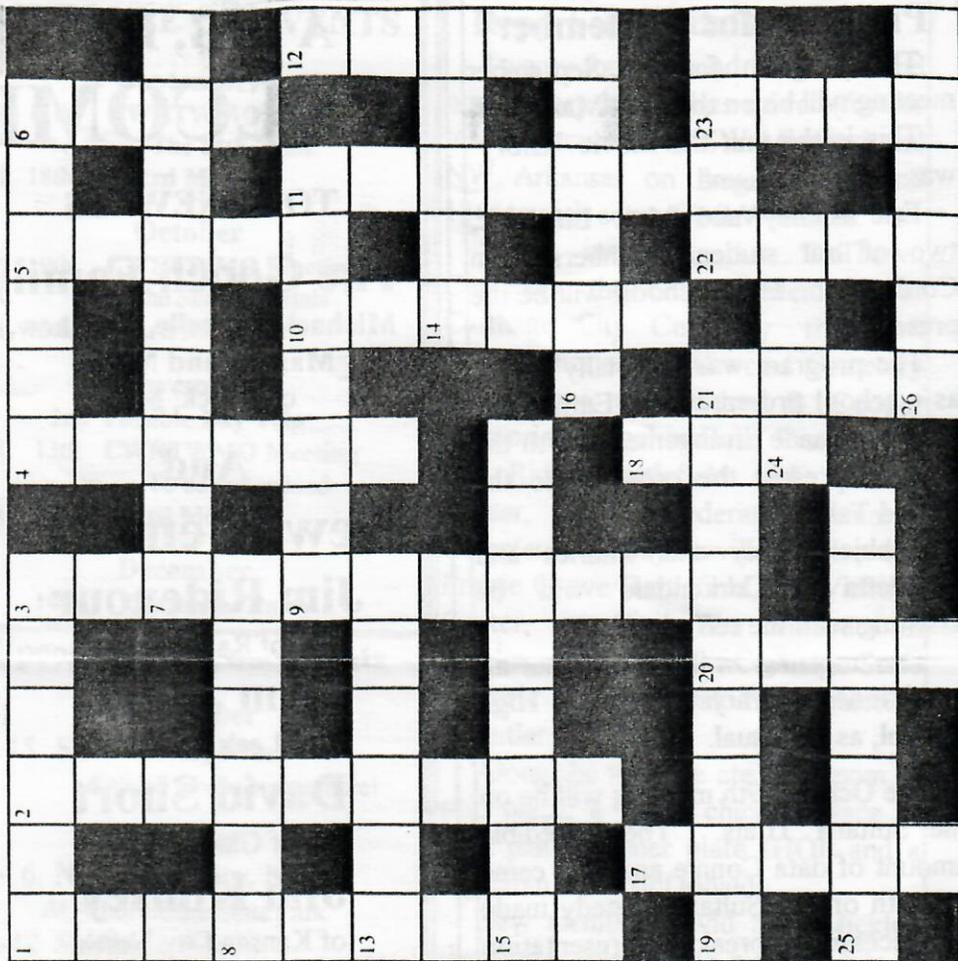
Or try this one....You are driving a school bus. At the school 35 kids get on...at the first stop 8 get off and 2 get back on...at the second stop 9 get off and only 1 gets back on...at the third stop 6 get off and no one gets back on...at the fourth stop 8 get off and one gets back on. Only one stop to go.

How old is the Bus Driver?

Or this one..If a cut on the tonsils is called a tonsillectomy and a cut on the appendix is called an appendectomy, then what is a cut on the head called?

Almost as stupafying is the oldie that goes...How many of each specie did Moses take with him on the Ark? Everyone answers based on the recognition of the word "Ark" not stopping to think about the builder.

CIVIL WAR NAVIES



Across

1. first C.S.N. commerce raider
4. Confederate fort near Mobile
7. Confederate victim of Cushing's daring attack
8. ordnance for one of Porter's schooners at New Orleans
9. Confederate warship that was a converted blockade runner
13. attacked without gunfire
14. *CSS Alabama* used sail and _____ power
15. parts of naval officer's uniforms
16. Confederacy's Biblical torpedo boats
19. fururistic fighting ships of the Civil War
22. Farragut's famour four-letter word
24. "Pook's Turtles were gunboats named for towns on the Mississippi and _____ Rivers
25. *CSS Alabama* was built here
26. USS Monitor's "cheesebox"

Down

1. H. L. Hunley was a _____
2. *CSS Virginia* formerly
3. Farragut's rank (2 words)
4. bay where Farragut's fleet fought *CSS Tennessee*
5. Foote's partner in combined action at Fort Henry and Fort Donelson
6. Mediterranean feeder
10. blockade runners' Bahama rendezvous
11. famous yacht on blockade duty
12. #2 Down blocked advance of Union navy up this river
17. the _____ affair involved the capture of Confederate diplomats
18. "Much _____ About Nothing"
20. fuel for a blockade runner
21. grape or solid _____
22. hatch to a land lubber
23. today's term for torpedo