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### ANNUAL DUES

Individual 15.00  
Family 22.50  
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### MEETINGS

Meetings held the second Wednesday  
at 7 pm in the Library, at Truman  
High School, 3301 So. Noland Rd.  
except July, August and December.

Visitors Always Welcome

## Christmas Party '95

**When:** Saturday December 9, 1995, 1-4:30 pm

**Where:** Loose Park Garden Center, Main room

**Dress:** Anything but your birthday suit!

**Bring:** A dish for the Buffet line & an appetite,  
(dishes & utensils might be helpful).

**Furnished:** 99% Fat Free Beef, Ham & Turkey,  
Brisket, Frozen slush & Squirt, Ice & Cold Pop.

**What is slush? Only 1 way to find out!**

See Schedule of Activities for Time Table. For more Info Call Bob Benson or Sonny Wells

### FROM THE PRES.....

Attending the Nebraska-Kansas football game had a lasting effect on me. A sore throat, slight ear infection and an off and on fever. Thus the special Board Meeting to discuss the Tax Exempt application had to be put off until the Wednesday after Thanksgiving at 7 pm at the Trails West Library on East 23rd. I did not feel the meeting was important enough to expose everyone to what ever bug I happened to have.

I felt good enough to be at Multnomah the following Saturday, but was down with it again on Monday. I really enjoyed being a part of the Multnomah search team. I was very impressed by the work the team did. So was the host.

Elections are over. The new Board and Officers are in place. As the group starts into its fourth year, a look back at the previous three years is in order.

**Biggest Downer ...**A northland college PR man and former college president who lied, misled and intentionally deceived our entire group.

**Note:** That former college president is now on the board of one of the largest historical groups in the area. Somehow, that just doesn't seem right. Not after the way he led the total destruction of such a special historic site.

**Second Biggest Downer...**The loss of the Pharis Farm. Those of us who visited the site realize the historic value of the farm site, the old cabin and the documents and displays therein. The land grant was signed by James Madison!

**Biggest Highs...**Tough Choice...The Civil War Picnic, the Lee's Summit Cemetery Tour, The Blackwater Tour, and more. I'll go with the picnic.

For me personally, it has been the support of the group.

See you at the Christmas Party. Be sure to have an O.J. joke. There will be a prize for the best one.(not a Bronco, a new knife or a pair of new gloves)



# 1996 Dues

Tis that time of year when your monetary contribution to the general fund of this Civil War minded, non-profit group is actively solicited.

All those who pay their '96 dues by Dec. 31, 1995, will get a special gift, .....Sonny & Tim will NOT come to your house to serenade you with three versions of Dixie.

Renewals are accepted now thru February of the next year.

The Roster is made up in March from the Treasurer's list of those paid.

The handouts at the meetings, copies of special items, copies of the minutes, the meeting agenda, the cost of printing the Border Star newsletter, the stamps and envelopes, plus the general every day expenses are all items which are picked up by the Dues paying members.

Mail your check to Beverly Shaw or bring it to the next meeting.

Please mark the check 1996 Dues.

## A Century Old Thought

The thought that must have been going through the mind of many a soldier back in the early 1860's is the same thought many are sharing this holiday season...

## LET THERE BE PEACE

### Answers To Last Months Puzzle

#### Across

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|-------------------|--------------|
| 4. Maryland       | 17. Illinois |
| 5. Illinois       | 18. New York |
| 7. Missouri       | 19. Kentucky |
| 9. Maryland       | 20. Ohio     |
| 14. Massachusetts |              |

#### Down

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Kansas       | 11. W. Virginia |
| 2. Delaware     | 12. California  |
| 3. Pennsylvania | 13. Ohio        |
| 6. Iowa         | 15. New York    |
| 8. Rhode Island | 16. Illinois    |
| 10. Kansas      |                 |

## Last Call

### Misprinted Civil War Postcards

All items related to the Civil War Stamps and misprinted Postcards will be on display at the Christmas Party.

This is the last chance to order the books and first day issue items.

Only 4 sets of postcards are left.

Exerpts from

## Secret Files of The Confederacy

### Master Plan Order #1

The Confederacy will refuse General Grant's offer to surrender to General Lee. This decision will prevent our boys from having to invade the Nawth where their speech might become contaminated by them yankee boys.

We do not wish our guys to return home saying "youse guys" instead of "yawl".

(Order dated April 9, 1865)

## In Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Bob Tindall at the recent loss of his mother. Her funeral was on the morning of our November meeting.

## Get Well Quick

A few members of the Round Table are said to have been feeling a bit "purley" of late.

Including:

Claudetta McCorkendale  
Harold Blackburn  
George Weinhold  
Dean Mitchell  
Don Carver

## Take Notice

The head of the Round Table hereby commands the "purley's" to TAKE A HIKE!

## Coming in January Open Round Table

Everyone's Chance to speak their mind or show off their latest aquisition

## Coins of the Civil War Era

by Sonny Wells

Half Cents, Large Cents, Flying Eagle Pennies, No Shield Pennies, Two Cent Pieces, Trimes, Three Cent Nickles, Half Dimes, Gold Quarters, Gold Half Dollars, Tokens, Three Dollar Gold Pieces and the famous Indian Head Penny-the unusual coins of the Civil War Era.

How does one know which ones to be looking for and how much to pay?

**Most Common War Era Coin-The 1863 Indian Head Penny.** Over 49 million made. Price \$3-\$5 for a worn but readable one, \$8-\$12 for one with full reeded rim, and \$15 and up for better quality. The word *Liberty* should be readable in the base of the war bonnet in better quality coins.

**Rarest Civil War Penny-The 1861 Issue.** Only 10,100,000 minted. Cost of this coin will run 4 to 5 times higher than the 1863. Worn but readable 1861's will run \$18-\$25 with better quality coins up in the \$200 range.

**The "Sleepor" among the Indian Heads-The 1859, First Year of Issue.** 36,400,000 minted. No shield on the reverse, only year minted with no shield in the wreath, but for some reason has never been a hot item. You can still get a good one of these for \$6-\$8. Better quality \$20 & up.

### Most Collectable Civil War Era Coins

- 1. Trimes-The 3 Cent Piece in 90% Silver.** Made 1851-1873. Just barely over 1 million were minted during the Civil War. So small, very easy to loose. Not a popular coin with the public. \$15 & up
- 2. Half Dimes-Made 1793-1873.** Liberty Seated style during War years. Some O (New Orleans) and S (San Francisco) mint marks in series. Rare are 1863, 64 & 65, \$150 & up. Most common 63S, \$15 & up.
- 3. Three Cent Nickle-Made 1865-1889.** One type. Most common is 1865, over 11 million minted. This is the same old 3 cents only in a larger, more sturdy design made of nickle instead of silver. \$9 & up.

More on coins in future newsletters



## Multnomah Site Search

Despite cool weather, a massive traffic jam and slow service at a not to be mentioned fast food place, the soon to be well known Multnomah Search Team met as scheduled and made it to the search site almost on time.

The blue skies and warm sun were greatly appreciated. Thanks Boss!

The short breifing session included aerial photos taken in the 1930's and 40's in which the buildings, trail crossings and old trail ruts were plainly visible.

The group set up to do an in line surface search. Once in place, with ground prods in hand and shovels at the ready, the search started.

The initial search concentrated on the back portion of the L shaped house.

Over 100 artifacts were found within the first hour, mostly bricks from the two story, plantation style 1850's home.

Bud Lillard and Kathleen Tuohey found some very unusual type of formed bricks near what may have been a summer kitchen.

Bob Werline's metal detector sounded often, finding some fireplace items.

Joyce and John Morgan came up with some well preserved pieces of burned wood, one of which the grain of the wood was still distinguishable.

Cindy Golden unearthed some very reddish clay bricks which were extremely soft, probably made by slave labor at a nearby clay pit site.

Ginny Werline found an unusual heat twisted brick near the fireplace pit.

Bob McAtee, our expert with a shovel, was kept busy digging up the finds.

Jeanne Carey, with help from son Daniel, took photos of many of the more unusual items found and even found a few herself.

Karen Wells not only brought the hot coffee for the break but found a few items also. This was Karen's first such outing as it was for many of the team.

Sonny just stood around and tried to answer questions.

After a short break, the group went to the south side of the road, across from the home and saw foundations and rock walls which related to the site.

The swails at the creek crossing are still plainly visible, although not nearly as was seen in the old aerial photos.

Bob McAtee found a rusty old mallet head on the creek bank nearby.

The site of a cemetery, believed to be an old trail burying ground, was also explored as well as the crumbling old 1850's cabin and grist mill site.

Yet to be explored are the front part of the plantation house, the trails leading up to the crossing, the creek banks and the west crossing site.

After lunch in Liberty, eight of the group decided to visit another old Antebellum home just west of town, the grounds of which are said to contain several cemeteries.

Three of the five cemeteries were located, several as yet unearthed tomb stones were found in one, the remains of an old Indian Burial Site were visited and there was a spirit encounter with a former resident of the old house.

The home itself has been badly vandalized. The once beautiful curved staircase is totally destroyed as is nearly everything else in the house..

A vision of a bearded man smoking a pipe and a weeping woman in a rocking chair appeared to one of the group. Others also sensed a presence of some kind.

The name Sarah came to the visionairy. Sonny made a quick trip to his truck, grabbed the file and found mother Sarah had lost two infant daughters or granddaughters, ages 3 and 6 months, within days of each other in 1851.

The children are said to have been buried near the house in an unmarked grave. The site of this grave was not definitely determined.

**Next search date-Sat. Dec. 16, &/or Dec. 30. Exploring the crossing sites.**

A BIG, BIG

## WELCOME

### TO OUR VISITORS

The November program on the Confederate Home attracted many visitors to the meeting including two men who lived on the land next to the home for many years and members of the Friends of the Confederate Home group.

Ralph Lampton. of Independence

Melvin Lampton of Bates City

The Haston family of Higginsville

Richard Cawby of Lee's Summit

Chuck Townsend of Independence

Dee Calhoun of Lee's Summit

Carol Parnell of Independence

Michael Calvert of Independence

Stanley & Virginia Calvert Indep.

Dawn Howle of Kansas City

Marian & Ernie Beanland of KC

Denise Ramos of Independence

Hope to see you all again.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Saturday, December 9**

### The 3rd Annual Christmas Party

Loose Park Garden Center

51st & Wornall

Noon-Decorate

1:00-Slush Hour

2:00-Pot luck Dinner

3:00-Socialize & Slush

4:00-Drawings & Awards

*Period Dress Optional*

**All Members, Guests, Visitors and Friends of the above are Welcome**

### January

**Mon. 1st Happy New Year**

**Wed. 10th CWRTWMO 7 pm  
Open Round Table**

**Wed. 17th Board Meeting 7 pm**

### February

**Wed. 14th CWRTWMO 7 pm  
Battle of Lexington**

**Thu. 15th CWRT-Wichita 7 pm  
Program for new RT**

**Wed. 21st Board Meeting 7 pm**



# THE CIVIL WAR—STATES OF THE CONFEDERACY

## ACROSS:

4. Home state of Confederate general Robert E. Lee
5. Largest of the Confederate states
9. State in which the Confederate prisoner-of-war camp at Andersonville was located
11. Last southern state to secede from the Union
12. Slave state that seceded after the battle of Fort Sumter
15. Namesake of a Confederate ship built in Great Britain
16. Location of General Sherman's "March to the Sea"
17. Home state of Confederate President Jefferson Davis
18. Location of the battles of Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg
19. Slave state that seceded after the battle of Fort Sumter

## DOWN:

1. Location of the first and second battles of Bull Run
2. Location of the Monitor-Merrimac battle
3. First state that seceded from the Union
5. Location of the battles of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson
6. Namesake of another Confederate ship built in Great Britain
7. Location of the battle of Shiloh
8. Location of the battle of Vicksburg
10. Location of the battle of Chickamauga
13. Location of the battles of Port Hudson and New Orleans
14. State in which the Confederate capital, Richmond, was located
15. Namesake of the first cruiser constructed abroad for the Confederate navy, launched at Liverpool, England, in 1862

