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WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS

At January Meeting,

Harry L. Rinacke - East Indep.

James F. Rinacke - Sibley

Mrs. Markstein's 7th & 8th
Graders from Gower, Mo.

At February Meeting

Joel & Dori Semler - Blue Springs

Nellie Cleavenger - Independence

Michelle Williams - Independence

Steve Hitchcock - Richmond

Arthur Kelley - Kansas City

Toby Giese - Kansas City

FROM THE PRES....

I have just returned from another very productive board meeting.

Among other things, the Board approved issuance of membership cards, the format for a members roster, an informational handout for visitors, participation in the Channel 19 Telethon and readily disposed of all the usual business matters. All in less than 2 hours.

Please note a program change for the March meeting. At the request of the speaker, the topic will be... **SMALL ARMS OF THE WAR.**

As we have not had a program on this subject I expect this will be a very interesting program.

So, what else is new? I received a call from a news reporter about the "possible destruction of a Civil War Cemetery near 39th & Lee's Summit Road. I can't wait to see this one in print. **M-M-M-BOY!**

I also noted with interest a new *Topeka Civil War Society* has been formed with Bill Pollard as head.

I received word from Kathleen Halcro that Tom Goodrich's new book on Quantrill will soon be available at the JCHS Archives.

The winner of the trivia contest with 130 pts of a possible 140 is.... ah shucks, I forgot the name. I'll look it up and tell you next time. *SW*

from Civil War Songs & Poems

By the flow of the inland river,
Whence where the fleets of iron have fled,
Where the blades of the grave grass quiver,
Asleep are the ranks of the dead;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day,
Under the one, the Blue,
Under the other, the Grey.

These in the robings of Glory,
Those in the gloom of Defeat,
All with the battle blood gory,
In the dusk of eternity meet,
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day;
Under the laurel, the Blue,
Under the willow, the Grey.

From the silence of sorrowful hours,
The desolate mourners go,
Loving laden with flowers,
Alike for the friend and the foe;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day,
Under the roses, the Blue,
Under the lilies, the Grey.

The BLUE and the GRAY

Francis Miles Finch

So with an equal splendor,
The morning sun rays fall,
With a touch impartially tender,
On the blossoms blooming for all;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day,
Braided with gold, the Blue,
Mellowed with gold, the Grey.

So, when the summer calleth,
On forest and field of grain,
With an equal murmur falleth,
The cooling drip of the rain,
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day,
Wet with the rain, the Blue,
Wet with the rain, the Grey.

Sadly, but not with upbraiding,
The generous deed was done,
In the storm of the years that are failing,
No braver battle was won;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day,
Under the blossom, the Blue,
Under the garlands, the Grey.

No more shall the war cry sever,
Or the winding rivers be red,
They banish our anger forever,
When they laurel the graves of the dead,
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day,
Love and tears for the Blue,
Tears and love for the Grey.

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ANNUAL DUES

Individual	15.00
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Meetings held the second Wednesday
at 7 pm in the Library at Truman
High School, 3301 So. Noland Rd.
except July, August and December.

WHAT A BUNCH OF PEOPLE

CHERYL HARNESS..gets a write-
up in the Independence Examiner
about her Books and Poems.

ANN BALHUIZEN.... has her new
Geneology book featured in The
Star's FYL.

KATHLEEN TUOHEY..receives a
Medal and Award from a South
Kansas City D.A.R. Chapter.

HOWARD THOMPSON...is part
of a feature article in the KC STAR
on the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

FRANCIE PARK..appears in a KC

STAR article on women in WWII
& gets a trip to Washington, D.C.

GEORGE WEINHOLD.....gets his
contagious smile and long handle
bars in The Star's PARADE Mag.

THE CARVER s.....bring copies of
the Appomattox parole forms to
pass out at the meeting.

PAUL JOHNSTONE makes copies
of the O.R. reports on Centralia
for everyone.

JOYCE MORGAN....makes a very
generous donation to the Coffee
Fund.

ROGER BOMAR.....brings to the
meetings reports on an interesting
book he has read.

The list goes on and on of the
activities and accomplishments of
the members of our small in
number, yet large in stature,
group.

It is truly a nice feeling to be
around such nice people and see
them continually doing such nice
things for each other. Keep it up
gang. 'Tis Nice, Really nice!

LAST CALL 1995 DUES

Please disregard if you have already paid. Thank you.

BOOK REVIEW SHERMAN: A SOLDIER'S PASSION FOR ORDER

by John F. Marszaleck

Be prepared for a few shockers
when you open this one!

..."War is Hell,"...

wrote Gen. William T. Sherman

"I am not the heartless boar I
am often represented," Sherman
said in a letter to one of his critics
during the march on Savannah.

The General deserved respect,
admiration and allegiance," says
the author.

Sherman is the greatest argu-
ment for Hell, because if there is
no Hell, where is W.T.S.?" quote
Gordon Cotton, director of a
Vicksburg museum.

This book gives some family
history and covers the man from
both sides.

The author, a Professor of History
at Mississippi State University,
defends Sherman and also accus es
him.

Comments like *Sherman cried
when he heard South Carolina
has seceded* and *Sherman loved
the South* were a bit hard to accept
as historically accurate.

Daniel Pearl says books like this
one and another by Charles E.
Vetter of Centenary College in
Shreveport, La. are causing present
day historians to re-evaluate
Sherman's historical image. (*Wall
Street Journal*, June 9, 1993, pg1
and pgA9). I sayNOT!

I found this text to be a lot of old
hat but some points are brought out
which are worthy of consideration.

Most books about Sherman will
bring out a few good things and a
few bad ones. This one does more.
One should approach this book
with an open mind. To do other-
wise would be a waste of time.

Sonny Wells July 1994

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WED MAR 8 CWRTWMO

Civil War Guns

THR MAR 9 KCPT Telethon

WED MAR 15 BOARD MTG.

WED APR 12 CWRTWMO

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WED APR 19 BOARD MTG

WED MAY 10 CWRTWMO

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CHANNEL 19

Our Round Table will be assisting with the KCPT Channel 19 Fund Raiser which runs March 3rd thru March 19th.

Our night to answer the telephones will be Thursday, March 9th.

Linda Hill, volunteer co-ordinator for Channel 19, says we will need 18 smiling, warm bodied persons to do the job.

At the February meeting 13 signed on, so only 5 more are needed to fill the need.

Volunteers will be fed at the station and will get a tour of the facility.

They want us to be on site by 5:45 for a training session. First on air time is set for 6:20.

After that it is 25-30 minutes off set and 10-15 minutes on air.

The tour of the station facility will take place during the off set time, as will the munchies break.

It is also suggested the volunteers do not wear *all white* or *all black* clothing.

It is requested we all wear our CWRT tee shirts, either style will do. If you do not have a CWRT shirt one will be loaned to you for the evening.

A special ball cap with CWRTWM is being made for our people. Cost \$2.00.

Most of the time the volunteers come directly to the station from work, Hill said.

Parking is just across the street in the designated parking lot.

The volunteers are done by 11:00.

The station is located just East of Main on 31st Street, directly beneath the former Channel 5 (now Channel 19) broadcast tower, you know, the one with all the burned out lights on it.

If you are not signed on for this rather unusual historic happening, call Sonny or Beverly and get on the list.

HALLOWED GROUND

*One of the songs Chris Edwards sang for us at the last meeting was **Hallowed Ground**.*

I first discovered this song while doing research for the Southern Memorial Association, a group which finds, restores and maintains Confederate Cemeteries throughout the South. I was doing background work on the cemetery in Fayetteville, Arkansas at the time.

This song tells the story of a wounded soldier who dies after hearing "the victory is ours".

It goes on to speak of the sadness of the mother, the widow and the orphans.

*I have never seen a version that had more than the two verses listed below but I have seen versions where the word **nations** or **battles** was used instead of **Southern** in the chorus.*

The song was apparently used quite often as the closing number at many of the reburial ceremonies of Confederate Veterans such as at Fayetteville.

I have used it at the candlelight memorial service at the U. D. C.'s Confederate Memorial in Forest Hill Cemetery in 1989 and at the dedication of Dr. R. M. Slaughter's CSA marker in 1993 in Belton.

Here then are the words as I originally saw them.

HALLOWED GROUND

Composer Unknown

Oh stranger tread lightly, tis Holy ground here,

In death's golden grace, a soldier sleepeth here,
On the red field of battle, our brave comrad died,
and his last smile I caught, as I knelt by his side.

On his lips were a smile, and he begged not to die,
And his ears caught the shout, as it rose to the sky.
The victory is ours, his brave comrades cried,
Thank God said the soldier, as smiling he died.

Chorus

Sleep well my young soldier, and softly I'll tread,
For on this *Hallowed Ground*,

where lie the Southern dead,
And you who are listening, may look upon his grave,
And be proud, of your brother soldier's grave

Second Verse

May God help his mother, the sadness to bear,
May He help the widow, of him who lies there,
May He guard the orphans, whose little heart's greive,
No more of their father's, fond gifts to receive

Then stranger tread lightly, tis Holy ground here,
In death's golden grace, a soldier sleepeth here,
'Tis the grave of the hero, 'neath the grass covered sod.
His spirit's in Heaven, at home with his God.

Repeat Chorus

WAS HE OR WASN'T HE?

The next time you are in Pleasant Hill stop by the cemetery and put a flag on the grave of **Patrick Marriott**. He certainly deserves one.

Trouble is, which flag do you put there? You see his name shows up in the records of **both sides!**

On line 36, page 43, Vol 2, *Federal Pensioners List, Department of Kentucky*, his name appears.

Records show he joined Co. G, 9th Kentucky Cav. on 22 Aug. 1862, and was mustered out on 21 Aug. 1863, having served one year.

Similar data appears in the 1890 Special Census.

But...P. H. Marriott also appears in the Records of the *Confederate Army of Kentucky*.

This entry lists him as a private in the 9th Kentucky Calvary with an enlistment date on August of 1862 for a period of 1 year. Served under Gen. Morgan.

It appears as if Marriott was one of the very few Confederate veterans who slipped into the Federal Army Pension System and got away with it simply because he filled out the pension application and did not say which side he fought for.

Actually, he didn't have to because there was no such question on the application form.

Marriott died in 1932, without ever telling which entry was correct. His obit said only that he was a veteran of the Civil War.

So.....Which was he?.....You figure it out!

And by the way, which flag will you be taking with you to the cemetery?

from Civil War Veterans of Cass County Missouri

TOUGH MAN OR WEAK TREE?

In later years, members of Quantrill's Rangers held almost yearly reunions, usually at Wallace Grove, the home of Miss Lizzie Wallace, just off 24 Hwy at Blue Ridge.

The following story was printed in *The Examiner* after the 1915 Reunion, told by Capt. George Hicks.

"The tightest place I was ever in was when the Redleggers caught me. They said I had to tell them where Quantrill was.

If I told them they let on as if it would be easy for me and if I didn't I was a dead man.

Well, I didn't tell. Of course, they strung me up and left me for dead."

"But you're here today," said Miss Wallace.

"Yep," said Hicks, "didn't kill me, killed the tree."

AGES OF CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS

from The Civil War-Strange & Fascinating Facts

UNION ARMY

CSA ARMY*

		In 70's	2
		In 50's	86
Over 45	16,000	In 40's	400
25-44	46,000	In 30's	1,800
21-24	600,000+	18-29	8,000
18-21	1,000,000+		
Age 17	600,000+	Age 17	366
16	100,000+	16	200
14-15	100,000+	15	31
		14	3
13	300	13	1
10	25		

(Based on 2,700,000 forms surveyed)

* (Only 11,000 forms surveyed)

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS PARTY RECIPE

BOURBON LACED

CHOCOLATE PECAN CAKE

FROM THE KITCHEN OF HARRIETT LIONBERGER

(Makes 12 servings)

2 cups pecans	6 eggs
1/2 lb unsalted butter	1/3 cup bourbon
plus butter for pan	1 cup unsweetened cocoa powdr
8 oz bittersweet or	1 1/2 cups of sugar
semi-sweet chocolate	

For the Glaze

4 oz bittersweet or semi-sweet chocolate

1/4 lb unsalted butter

Spread pecans on baking sheet and toast in 350 degree oven until fragrant (about 10 minutes). Set aside to cool.

Cut circle of parchment to fit bottom of 9 inch round cake pan. Butter pan well and line with parchment circle.

Melt 1/2 lb butter and chocolate in top of double boiler over simmering water. Stir until very smooth. Set aside to cool

Mix sugar, cocoa and eggs until well combined.

Add melted chocolate mixture, stirring to combine.

Coarsley chop pecans and stir in 1 1/2 cups.

Stir in the bourbon....all of it...No sipping on the side!

Pour batter into prepared pan. Place pan inside larger pan and pour hot water to level of 1 inch in outer pan.

Bake at 350 until cake is firm to touch (about 45 min).

Cake surface may crack slightly.

Cool cake on wire rack, then remove from pan, leaving parchment paper attached. Wrap cake in plastic wrap and refrigerate overnite.

Prepare Glaze....Melt chocolate and butter in top of double boiler over simmering water. Stir until completely smooth. Cool about 5 minutes.

Remove cake from refrigerator and place upside down on wire rack with sheet of wax paper underneath to catch drips.

Peel off parchment circle, then drizzle spoonfuls of glaze along edges of cake to drip down and coat sides.

Smooth remaining glaze on top of cake with icing spatula.

Cover sides of cake with remaining pecans by pressing gently against glaze with open hand.

Keep refrigerated until 1/2 hour before serving.