



# *The Border Star*



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## **The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri**

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### **Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:00 p.m.

Villages of Jackson Creek  
3980-A S. Jackson Drive  
(lower level)

Independence, Missouri

**Visitors Always Welcome!**

### **Annual Dues**

Individual	20.00
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### THIS MONTH IN THE WAR:

- May 4, 1865 - West of the Mississippi, Confederate forces are still officially at war. There is fighting near Lexington, MO
- May 8, 1865 - Federals clash with Confederates near Reads ville, MO
- May 10, 1865 - William Clarke Quantrill, the most notorious of all Confederate guerillas, is mortally wounded near Taylorsville, KY
- May 11, 1865 - General M Jeff Thompson, the famous Southern military leader of the Missouri-Arkansas region, surrenders the remnant of his command at Chalk Bluffs, Arkansas
- May 13, 1865 - The Battle of Palmito Ranch on the Rio Grande River, last significant land battle of the war.
- May 23, 1865 - The nation's capital holds a grand review for the Army of the Potomac. As General George Meade's army marches past throngs of cheering Washingtonians, the flags of the city fly at full mast for the first time in four years.
- May 24, 1865 - Federals continue to operate against guerrilla bands in the west, with some skirmishing near the town of Rocheport, MO

### ***President's Letter***

Last weekend I had the opportunity to speak at the Andrew County Historical Society in Savannah MO. It was a great afternoon and I really had a great time. I brought two things away from my experience. Andrew County has an excellent museum and one to be very proud of. Extremely well laid out with professional displays, it tells the story of Andrew County through the stories of its citizens. Using artifacts and first person accounts, a visitor is told the contribution stories of the farmers, bankers, shop owners and ordinary people who called Savannah home. Take the time on some weekend and travel an hour north to enjoy a small, but well done museum.

You can tell we're getting close to summer. I have had more conversations this last week with people planning their summer travel. I found out in general, the more people talked about going to some far off place the less likely they were to have discovered the places they could see in their own back yard. I can't help myself; I always have to promote the many sites to be seen in just our immediate area. I won't name them here, mostly because space will not permit. Maybe we should explore our own region before we travel three hours to see the largest ball of string or the world's deepest hand dug well. Here's an idea; you all know that the Round Table just published the second volume of our monuments book. Maybe we all should use it and discover the wonders of our own backyard. Not to be too commercialized, but this would also be an opportunity to purchase a book and give it to the next person who says "There's nothing to see around here."

Good luck and safe travels. Go out exploring, build memories and ponder the wonders of (to borrow a phrase) "this place called home."

### **Use of Keypad at Villages of Jackson Creek**

Our meeting room is in the Fitness Center on the lower level of the far east wing with the number "3980A" above the entrance. If the inside sliding door is secured, use the keypad on the right to enter 1207\* and stand in front of the door to activate. If there is a problem, call Beverly at (816) 225-7944 (cell). To exit the building, use the keypad to the left of the sliding door and enter 1207\*. Stand directly in front of the door to activate. Please do not try to force the door but instead call Beverly at (816) 225-7944 for assistance.

## CWRTWM Calendar

### May 2015 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek, 3980-A S. Jackson Drive (lower level), Independence, MO. Program: Vick Beck - *Kate in Fact and Fiction* by Virgil D. Hoftiezer and Vicki Beck. Learn about the life and legend of Sarah Catherine “Kate” (King) Quantrill, the wife of famous guerrilla William Clarke Quantrill, a.k.a. Kate Clarke. Copies will be for sale at \$20.

### **No Board Meeting in May 2015**

### Lewis-Gregg Cemetery Cleanup

Saturday, May 9, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – Noon depending on the weather. Since we have to travel across a plowed field to get to the cemetery, we can’t work if it’s raining or too muddy. Call Beverly Shaw to verify at (816) 225-7944. Bring rakes and gloves to clean up the grounds.

## **Future Events for the Round Table**

June 10, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. Picnic at Pitcher Cemetery/ Phil Roberts Park. Round Table provides fried chicken and drinks and others bring a dish to share. Program: Ted Stillwell and Gloria Miller will speak about the Noland and Pitcher families. Bring your own chairs. Located at 3250 S. Blue Ridge Blvd., Independence, MO

July 8, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek. Program: Don Gilmore – Redlegs and Jayhawkers (postponed from April because of bad weather).

August 12, 2015 – To be announced.

September 9, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek. Program: Lane Smith will be talking about Robert E. Lee. Lane portrayed Lee in “Road to Appomattox.”

September 12, 2015 – Daytrip to Osceola, MO

October 14, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek. Program: Randal Durbin will be talking about Ulysses S. Grant. Randal portrayed Grant in “Road to Appomattox.”

November 11, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek. Program: Barbara Hughes will be speaking about “Traditions of Mourning.”

December 5, 2015 – Christmas Luncheon with the Union Cemetery Historical Society at the Loose Park Garden Center at Noon. We hope to have

Kevin Fewell, President of the Society to speak about his portrayal of Abraham Lincoln in the Theatre for Young America.

## **Other Civil War Events and Exhibits**

### Liberty, MO Walking Tour

Saturday, May 2, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. William Jewell College. Tour meets at the back entrance to the Pryor Learning Center (parking lot side) on campus.

### Commemorate Olathe 1865

Saturday, May 2, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. at the Mahaffie Farmhouse (park at the Heritage Center, 1200 Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS). A presentation on mourning and funerals as a reenactment of the wake of Susan Adair Henderson, Lucinda Mahaffie’s mother. The formal parlor will be decorated for mourning.

A horse-drawn hearse will help complete the funeral reenactment at the Olathe Memorial Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. Park at Northview Elementary School, 905 N. Walker, Olathe, KS. Themed tours of the cemetery from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Gravestone symbolism, notable trees, history of the cemetery, and notable citizens). Spiritual songs by the Second Baptist Church of Olathe from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. At 3:30 p.m., Tom Rafiner will present from his book *Caught Between Three Fires* which focuses on the Border Wars. The Sons of Union Veterans will assist with the closing ceremony. Rain or Shine.

Please be sure to visit the GAR Monument and Memorial Circle composed of an eight foot tall soldier surrounded by a memorial circle which includes the Judy brothers of Pleasant Hill, MO who were shot by Quantrill’s raiders just as they left the Union Army recruiter’s office wearing their new Union coats. Their father was Captain Reason A. Judy, Cass County MO Home Guard (from page 8 & 9 of *Civil War Monuments and Memorials in the Greater Kansas City Area*).

Admission is free for all events. Refreshments by the Grace United Methodist Church will be available for purchase at the cemetery.

### Arrow Rock Underground

Saturday, May 2, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. Arrow Rock State Historic Site. Dr. Neal Lopinot will share tantalizing findings from recent archaeological surveys: Searching for Jameson Island Steamboat Wrecks. Free. Arrow Rock is located on U.S. Highway 41, 14 miles North of I-70 at exits 89 or 98. Also scheduled is the village-wide garage sale.

#### John Brown: Widow Maker

Sunday, May 3, 2015 – 2:00 p. m. Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore Street, Lecompton, KS. The Lecompton Reenactors will debut a new play based on Mahala Doyle and Louisa Jane Wilkinson as they tell about the May 24, 1856 Pottawatomie Creek Massacre in which both women lost their husbands. Admission: \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

#### Oak Hill Cemetery Tours: Lawrence's Arlington

Sunday, May 3, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Oak Hill Cemetery, 1605 Oak Hill Ave., Lawrence, KS. 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this very historic cemetery patterned after the rural cemetery movement with winding carriage paths that give it a pleasant park-like feeling. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the tour. Youth under 17 are free. Come prepared to walk to various monuments such as the large one paying tribute to those killed in Quantrill's Raid in 1863, a water fountain placed by the Women's Relief Corps in the 1920's as a memorial to Civil War soldiers, Section 4 dedicated to U.S. Colored Troops, and the grave of John Knox Rankin of the Kansas 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry. Other burials of note are James H. Lane (first U.S. Senator from Kansas), John Speer (member of the Territorial Legislature and abolitionist newspaper editor), Lucy Hobbs Taylor (first woman to graduate from a dental college as a Doctor of Dental Surgery in the U.S. and the first woman dentist in Kansas), Charles and Mary Langston (grandparents of black poet and writer, Langston Hughes), John P. Usher (President Lincoln's Secretary of the Interior), Dr. Charles L. Robinson (helped found the City of Lawrence and was Governor of Kansas from 1861-1863), Dr. F.C. "Phog" Allen (KU basketball coach from 1907-09 and 1919-1956). To make reservations please go to [www.WatkinsMuseum.org](http://www.WatkinsMuseum.org) or contact Jan at (785) 841-4109, Ext. 202.

#### Raytown Historical Society Museum

Monday, May 4, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. Raytown Museum, 9705 E. 63<sup>rd</sup> St., Raytown, MO. Ambassador's Meeting to view items from the collection.

#### Grandview Historical Society

Monday, May 4, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Depot Museum, 1205 Jones, Grandview, MO. Jim Beckner will tell about his experiences at the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Surrender at Appomattox" and "The Lincoln Funeral Train."

#### Freedom Day / Juneteenth

Thursday, May 7, 2015 – 1:00 p.m. Battle of Westport Museum, 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO. Joe Mattox will talk about the celebration of Juneteenth, one of the most important historic events in the history of

African Americans when slaves received word about the Emancipation Proclamation. The story will continue on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at 1 p.m.

A modern celebration of Juneteenth will take place June 12-13, 2015 in St. Joseph, MO at the John Lucas Park at 18<sup>th</sup> and Charles with a parade, African art, historical reenactments, music, food, health fair and picnic.

#### Grand Opening – Pleasant Hill, MO

Friday, May 8, 2015 – 4:00 p.m. Ribbon cutting of a new addition to the Pleasant Hill Historical Society Museum, 125 Wyoming, Pleasant Hill, MO. There will be a reception from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. to show off the additional 2,000 square feet. The original room is now the meeting room and research library.

#### Civil War Lecture Series – Battle of Westport Museum

Saturday, May 9, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. Battle of Westport Museum, 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO. Dick Titterton: The Significance of the "Battle" of Boonville. This is the story of how the Federal Government strengthened its grip on the state of Missouri following the Camp Jackson Affair in St. Louis. An uneasy truce between Federal authorities and Missouri ends when Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon moves against Jefferson City. A brief skirmish just east of Boonville, Missouri between Lyon's Federal volunteers and the Missouri State Guard sends the Missouri state government into exile.

#### What Is It? Artifact Identification Day at Mine Creek

Saturday, May 9, 2015 – 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield State Historic Site, 20485 Kansas Highway 52, Pleasanton, KS. Bring a single artifact or a collection from the Civil War era, the American frontier, or American Indian relic. No appraisals but experts will help date and identify the origins of objects. The event is free, and if you bring an artifact, you can save \$1 off the admission to the museum/walking tour. (Adults-\$5, Students-\$1, age 5 and younger-Free).

#### Educational Panel at Father Dickson Cemetery-

Crestwood, MO – Saturday, May 9, 2015 – Noon. Dedication of an interpretive panel which describes the historical significance of the cemetery as the final resting place of American diplomat and educator James Milton Turner who was appointed Minister to Liberia in 1871 by President Ulysses S. Grant. He was the first person born in slavery to serve as a foreign diplomat for the U.S. This site on Sappington Road just south of Big Bend, will now be a stop on the state-wide Civil War

driving trail known as the U.S. Grant Trail. Some members of the Round Trail visited the cemetery last year as part of our U.S. Grant tour in St. Louis, MO.

Westport Historical Society Saturday Speakers Series  
Saturday, May 9, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. Westport Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO. Teddy Wiberg will present the life of a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Domestic Goddess with a show and tell of objects from the 1850's. A reception will follow at the Harris-Kearney House at 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO.

Hinges of History – South Independence Library  
Monday, May 11, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. South Independence Library, 13700 E. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Independence, MO. Aaron Barnhart, co-author of a history travel guide to the Missouri-Kansas Border Region, will walk you through our rich heritage.

Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table – Columbia, MO  
Monday, May 11, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Boone County Historical Society Museum, 3801 Ponderosa Drive, Columbia, MO. Andy Papen: "Vicksburg, the Siege." The group then takes a hiatus until September 21, 2015. However some of their members will be presenting a series of Civil War lectures on the first Monday at 10:00 a.m. from June 1 – June 29. Please visit [www.extension.missouri.edu/osher](http://www.extension.missouri.edu/osher).

National Historic Trails, A Guided Bus Tour  
Tuesday, May 12, 2015 – 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Bus leaves from the parking lot at Main Street and Truman Road, Independence, MO. Cost is \$48 which includes a box lunch. Historic trails in Missouri and Kansas City area such as Old Franklin and Boonville, Arrow Rock where they will have a box lunch, Weinreich ruts north of Marshall, Lexington area and the Santa Fe Trail along the south bank of the Missouri River, Wayne City Landing, and the Rice-Tremonti House. For reservations call Larry Short at (816) 835-4397. Make checks payable to MRO Chapter, c/o Larry Short, 3930 S. Jackson Ave., #106, Independence, MO. Sponsored by Missouri River Outfitters Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association and Trails Head Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association. Ross Marshall and Larry Short are the guides.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners  
Tuesday, May 12, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet menu (about \$12). Golden Corral restaurant, 8800 NW Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Deb Goodrich: Vice-President Charles Curtis, a Kansan and the first American of Indian ancestry to reach high office. Visitors are welcome.

Lunch 'n Learn: National Historic Landmark Districts  
Wednesday, May 13, 2015 – Noon. Bring your own sandwich and have dessert and drink courtesy of the City of Independence. Truman Memorial Building, 416 W. Maple Ave., Independence, MO. Jeff Wade with the Harry S Truman National Historic Site, will talk about the unique and diverse areas given "landmark" status.

Share Your Story about Independence, MO  
Wednesday, May 13, 2015 – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Independence City Hall, Conference Room D (First Floor), 111 E. Maple Ave., Independence, MO. Take a minute to tell a little story about Independence, MO on camera in a one-minute video that will be made available to visitors and residents on a new smartphone app. For information call the Historic Preservation Division at (816) 325-7419.

Freedom's Frontier Partners Meeting  
Thursday, May 14, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Poplar Heights Living History Farm in Butler, MO.

Outlaws! – Oak Grove, MO Library  
Thursday, May 14, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Oak Grove Library, 2320 S. Broadway, Oak Grove, MO. Gregg Higginbotham: The Civil War ended in 1865 but in Missouri lawlessness was continued by guerrillas such as Frank and Jesse James. Program will be repeated at the Blue Ridge Library on May 20, 2015.

It's a Twitter Takeover! – Independence, MO  
Friday, May 15, 2015 – 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. Tweet the City of Independence Historic Preservation Twitter Account (@HistPresIndepMO) (#AskSterlingPrice). Major General Sterling Price (aka Mike Calvert) will take over the Twitter account to answer questions about commanding the Missouri Militia in the Confederate Army and also serving as governor of Missouri from 1853-1857. You can ask him where he's from, what life is like on the road, why he joined the military, what battles he fought in, what type of food he eats. It's your time to tweet!

Spring Cleanup at Union Cemetery, Kansas City, MO  
Saturday, May 16, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 227 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Terr., Kansas City, MO. Bring gloves and tools.

Historic Independence Walking Tour  
Saturday, May 16, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. Meet at the Main Street Coffee House, 107 S. Main, #100, Independence, MO. Gregg Higginbotham will lead you in the footsteps of early Independence residents who experienced western expansion, the Civil War, outlaws, and pioneer settlements. You may even encounter interpreters on the

street in costume who will be glad to interact with you as their alter-ego.

Civil War Swap Meet on the Wornall House Lawn

Saturday, May 16, 2015 – 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Wornall House, 6115 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO.  
Reenactors and Civil War buffs with extra gear (both civilian and military) will set up on the lawn to sell and trade materials or just learn more and browse period artifacts and reproductions. Unit commanders will be on hand to discuss opportunities to join a Civil War reenacting unit.

Hinges of History – Edgerton Library

Saturday, May 16, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. Edgerton Library, 404 Frank Street, Edgerton, MO. Aaron Barnhart will share his knowledge of how the Border Region of Kansas and Missouri changed America.

Armed Forces Day Banquet – Kansas City Convention Center

- Saturday, May 16, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. Kansas City Convention Center, 301 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO. “Celebrating Freedom and Honoring Service.” Current military families, veterans, and Gold Star families are entitled to free admission with an RSVP to (855) 647-3411, Ext. 6 or by visiting [www.celebrateandhonor.org](http://www.celebrateandhonor.org). Others can buy tickets for \$50. Special guests and speakers include Medal of Honor recipient Retired Col. Donald “Doc” Ballard, who used to work with our late founder, Sonny Wells, to recognize Medal of Honor recipients in our area.

Legacy of Order No. 11 – Missouri Valley Sundays

Sunday, May 17, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO. Tom Rafiner examines the scene that greeted returning residents after the Civil War on the Western Border ended. The “burnt district” took decades to heal, casting a long, dark shadow on postwar Missouri.

Lunch ‘n Learn – The Hiram Young School Building

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 – Noon. Bring your sandwich and enjoy a dessert and drink provided by the City of Independence. Truman Presidential Library and Museum, Whistlestop Room. Enter at the “Meetings and Events Entrance” on the east side adjacent to Visitors Parking Lot. Carla Simpson, Development Director for the Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity, will present a brief history and update on future plans for the historic Hiram Young School which was a K-8 Elementary School for African American children in Independence, MO. Built in 1934 the building stands at 501 North Dodgion Street. Learn how this historic building will be preserved and repurposed to once again serve the community.

Lunch ‘n Learn – Vaile Mansion’s Horticultural Past  
Wednesday, May 20 2015 – Noon. Bring your sandwich and enjoy a dessert and drink provided by the City of Independence. Truman Memorial Building, 416 W. Maple Ave., Independence, MO. Charlotte Olejko, City Horticulturalist, will explore the plans for this 1881 mansion to have a spring house, lake and gazebo along with lush gardens and mature trees.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, May 20, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Courthouse Exchange Restaurant, 113 W. Lexington, Independence, MO. Dr. Tim Westcott of Park University – “Missouri Legislators in the Confederate Congress.”

Outlaws! – Blue Ridge Library

Wednesday, May 20, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Blue Ridge Library, 9253 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO. Gregg Higginbotham will discuss the continued lawlessness after the Civil War by such ex-guerrillas as Frank and Jesse James.

Third Thursday at the Clay County Museum, Liberty, MO – Thursday, May 21, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Chris Harris- “Old Buildings in Clay County.”

A Fair to Remember – A Lee’s Summit Truly 150 Event

Friday, May 22, 2015 – 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Paradise Park, 1021 NE Colbern Road, Lee’s Summit, MO and Saturday, May 23, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. An old-fashioned county fair to commemorate its 150 year history. Musicians, a petting zoo, a baby contest and “Toby Shows” (traveling vaudeville-type melodramas popular in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century).

Armed Forces Ceremony – Big Shoal Cemetery

Saturday, May 23, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. Big Shoal Cemetery, 4125 NE 64<sup>th</sup> Street, Gladstone, MO (the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum is closed that day). Will include a gun salute, speakers and period military demonstrations.

Woodlawn Cemetery Military Marker and Soldiers

Walking Tour – Saturday, May 23, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. Woodlawn Cemetery, 701 S. Noland Road, Independence, MO. Mike Calvert will lead a tour to military markers and how to unearth genealogical treasures there. He will also point out some of the more famous and infamous Civil War soldiers buried at Woodlawn. Rain or shine.

Civil War Lecture Series – Battle of Westport Museum

Saturday, May 23, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. Battle of Westport Museum, 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO. Jim

Rehard of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources will screen the video “The Battle of Island Mound” which tells the story of the first time an African American unit fought in the Civil War. Companies of the First Kansas Colored Volunteers fought in Bates County against a group of Confederate guerrillas and new recruits.

#### Memorial Service – Union Cemetery

Saturday, May 23, 2015 – 11:30 a.m. Union Cemetery, 227 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Kansas City, MO. The cemetery will be open May 23-25, 2015 for visitors.

#### Highlight in History – Fort Scott, KS.

Saturday, May 23, 2015 – Monday, May 25, 2015. Fort Scott National Historic Site, 1 Old Fort Blvd., Fort Scott, KS. Talks, tours, demonstrations and living history programs to show the role of the Dragoons and Infantry in policing the Indian frontier and the time known as “Bleeding Kansas” and the Civil War that followed. Visit [www.nps.gov/fosc](http://www.nps.gov/fosc) or call (620) 223-0310 for a listing of events.

#### Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, 26, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner. \$27. Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS (Sunset Ballroom – 8<sup>th</sup> Floor). Park on the south side of the hotel and use the elevators in the lobby. Daniel Weinberg, owner of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago, IL will talk about his book *Lincoln’s Assassins: Their Trial and Execution*. Dinner reservations to Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

#### Why the North Won and Why It All Matters

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO. Terry Beckenbaugh and Ethan Rafuse from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, examine how the North prevailed and the South lay broken and why the Civil War remains so compelling 150 years later.

#### Lunch ‘n Learn – Value of Historic Homes

Wednesday, May 27, 2015 – Noon at the Truman Memorial Building, 416 W. Maple, Independence, MO. Bring a sandwich and enjoy a dessert and drink provided by the City of Independence. Audrey Elder – “The Value of Historic Houses In Dollars and Cents.”

#### Death and Embalming of President Lincoln

Thursday, May 28, 2015 – 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. \$5. John Wornall House, 6115 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO. Lee Ward will dispel some of the myths surrounding the death and embalming of Lincoln.

#### Road Trips for Local History – Oak Grove Library

Thursday, May 28, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Oak Grove Library, 2320 S. Broadway, Oak Grove, MO. Aaron Barnhart will use the book he co-authored with his wife to point out new places and interesting sites. The book is called *The Big Divide: A Travel Guide*. He will offer tips for getting the most out of your history road trips.

#### National Frontier Trails Museum

Friday, May 29, 2015 – Noon. 318 W. Pacific Avenue, Independence, MO. “A New Museum in an Old Building: The National Frontier Trails Museum, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.” You will explore the building and campus and hear about plans for re-development to expand the current museum offerings. The event is free; however advanced registration is required. Call (816) 325-7575 for details. No lunch for this program.

#### Battle of Monday’s Hollow – Linn Creek, MO

May 30-31, 2015. Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. and Sunday – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Missouri Trapshooters Association grounds at Linn Creek, MO. Visit the infantry, cavalry and artillery camps and medical tent. Watch the battle. Listen to period speakers and music. Hear the cannon firing. Free but there is a \$10 donation for parking. For information please call (573) 346-7191 or visit the Camden County Museum’s webpage at [www.camdencountymuseum.com](http://www.camdencountymuseum.com).

#### Civil War Soldiers Buried in Clay County, Missouri

Sunday, May 31, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. Jesse James Farm, 21216 James Farm Road, Kearney, MO. Keith Nelson and Tony Meyers will speak about their research for publishing *Divided Loyalties: Civil War Soldiers Buried in Clay County, Missouri*. The presentation is free and open to the public, but the usual admission applies to the farm and museum where the exhibit “A State Divided: The Civil War in Missouri” continues to June 14, 2015.

#### Dawn at Black Jack, Wellsville, KS

Tuesday, June 2, 2015 – 4:45 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. Black Jack Battlefield and Nature Park, 163 E. 2000 Road, Wellsville, KS. Experience the same date, time and location of the Battle of Black Jack. Step inside Pate’s camp and walk over to John Brown’s position. No bullets will be flying this day.

#### Confederate Memorial Day – Higginsville, MO

Saturday, June 6, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Confederate Veterans Home and Cemetery, Higginsville, MO. Period music at 10:00 a.m. followed by Tom Rafiner at 10:30 a.m. with “The Horrors of Order #11.” At 11:00 a.m. Sam Gaddy will present “Music of the Civil War”. Bring a sack lunch. The

parade to the cemetery begins at 12:15 p.m. followed by the Memorial Day Service which includes recognition of Confederate ancestors.

## Exhibits

Abraham Lincoln, A Man of His Time, A Man for All Times – Runs through May 9, 2015. Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum, 6607 NE Antioch Road., Gladstone, MO (main entrance off of NE Antioch Road directly across from the White Chapel Cemetery). Regular admission is \$5.00 for those over the age of 12. Students and seniors 65+ are \$3.00. For information on hours, please visit [www.atkinsjohnsonfarm.com](http://www.atkinsjohnsonfarm.com).

## News About Members and Friends

We are so sorry to report that our member and good friend, **Pat Racki**, passed away after a short illness. Services will be held Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Timothy Lutheran Church, 301 SW Wyatt Rd. (turn where the Colonial Nursery sign is located off Highway 7 in south Blue Springs, MO). Pat was very faithful to attend our meetings and arranged the name tags for us. She also provided delicious refreshments and took the trip to St. Louis with us in 2014. If you would like to express condolences to the family, you can mail them to the Family of Pat Racki, 2112 NE Scarborough Court, Blue Springs, MO 64014.

The history community lost two gentlemen in April, 2014. **Jim Farley** was the great-grandson of the founder of Farley, Missouri in Platte County and practiced law. A Civil War buff, he wrote *Forgotten Valor*, a history of the First Missouri Confederate Cavalry in which his great-grandfather served for 41 months. With his son John he wrote *Missouri Rebels Remembered – John Thrailkill and Silas M. Gordon*. He also wrote *Gone but Not Forgotten*, an account of the 1900 murder of his great-grandfather, James Wallace, and Platte County sheriff John Dillingham.

**Byron C. Shutz**, a real estate and mortgage banker, conceived and underwrote the installation of a historic monument in a Kansas City Parks location at 119<sup>th</sup> Street Terrace and Pennsylvania in Kansas City, Missouri which was once part of the farm of about 460 acres bought by his maternal great-great-grandfather, Marcus Gill, in 1854. It adjoined the pioneer village of New Santa Fe, Missouri. He also researched and wrote about his family's genealogy. He was the great-great-grandson of Joseph Collins Christopher and America Bryant Christopher, early Missouri settlers who in the early 1850's lived on a farm near Pleasant Hill, Missouri. He donated the Christopher Collection of Early Missouri

Firearms to the Friends of Arrow Rock in 1990. The collection of about 30 antique firearms had been given to him when he was eleven years old by his maternal grandfather, Max A. Christopher.

The Buffalo Soldiers lost **James Grant Madison** in March, 2015. He served as the first area chapter president for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Horse) Cavalry Association, also known as the Buffalo Soldiers. Fellow soldiers from greater Kansas City, Leavenworth, and Nicodemus, Kansas carried his casket for a committal ceremony at the Leavenworth National Cemetery.

For the first time in many years **Mike Calvert** will no longer be a member of the Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Independence, MO. He hands over the reins on May 1, 2015 with the thanks of a grateful community.

National Public Radio commentator **Cokie Roberts** has just released a new book called *Capital Dames: The Civil War and the Women of Washington, 1848-1868*. Sifting through newspaper articles, government records, and private letters and diaries – many never before published – Roberts brings the war-torn capital into focus through the lives of its formidable women.

**Aaron Barnhart**, co-author of *The Big Divide*, with his wife Diane Eichoff, is very generously sharing the knowledge they gleaned from self-publishing the book by offering two classes at The Story Center located inside Woodneath Library, 8900 NE Flintlock Road, Kansas City, Missouri. It is actually located on the grounds of the Woodneath Plantation near Liberty, Missouri which was included in our first "Monuments book." The first session is Wednesday, May 20, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Community Hall 1 and 2, and the topic is turning out your own impressive book covers. The second session is Wednesday, May 27, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., also at The Story Center. While you are there, check out the "Book Machine" which can print and bind books in about 10 minutes.

Eventually this branch of the Mid-Continent Library will be located inside the historic Woodneath Mansion. Until renovations are completed, it is functioning inside the Woodneath Library. Aaron will be showing you how to design your book to utilize images, graphics and sidebars to grab and hold the reader's attention. The technique will work with most page-layout programs, including Adobe InDesign, Apple Pages & OpenOffice. Reservations are a must for these sessions. You can call (816) 883-4900.



Congratulations to **Julio Gonzalez** who was awarded the Missouri Sons of the American Revolution Medal for Heroism on March 14, 2015 for saving two boys from a burning house in Kansas City. Chapter president **Bob Grover** made the presentation.

Bob also has an historical connection to President Lincoln. Bob's first cousin four times removed, Leonard Grover, was the owner of the Grover Theatre in Washington, D.C. where Lincoln attended plays over 100 times. His son, also named Leonard, was a playmate of Tad Lincoln. In fact President and Mrs. Lincoln would have gone to the Grover Theatre the night he was killed except that Mrs. Lincoln learned that Laura Keane was to have a last appearance at Ford's Theatre and the rest is, as they say, history.

Wendy Shay, Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Independence, Missouri, plans to visit our May 13, 2015 meeting to remind us that the Historic Preservation Division has Facebook & Twitter pages. **Historic-Preservation-Independence-Missouri** is the Facebook page and for Twitter you may use **Hist Pres Indep MO** or **@HistPresIndepMO**.

Congratulations to the **Historical Society of Lee's Summit and Museum** for getting moved into their new location at 220 SW Main Street, Lee's Summit, MO. It's the old 1939 Post Office/City Hall building. With the larger floor space, they will be able to create new permanent and flexible displays to highlight the city's growth from a small agricultural community into an award-winning community of over 92,000 residents. Their June General Membership meeting will be Friday, June 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fireman's Union Hall, 322 SE Douglas, Lee's Summit, MO for a potluck dinner and historical presentation.

**Barbara Hughes** will be giving her "Indentured Servant" program on May 30, 2015 to the residents of the Carlyle Residence Center in Lee's Summit and her "Westward Ho!" program to the Senior Citizens JOY group in Kansas City on June 4, 2015. The latter program is an overview of life on the Oregon and California Trails. Barbara has also been busy marketing our new "Monuments" book to the Missouri State Parks. They have ordered 25 copies to be distributed across the state.

Since retiring from her position with a law firm, **Karen Wells** has taken on a new career as a Melaleuca representative. Melaleuca has a line of health, beauty, and cleaning products that are environmentally friendly and are sold directly to the consumer. In fact she will be attending her first convention in Salt Lake City, Utah on our meeting night. She has very generously designated the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri as a not-for-profit recipient of commissions based on her sales. We have received our first check for \$1.73 and have deposited it to the Sonny Wells Little Blue Battlefield account.

**Dick Titterington** who arranges the lectures at the Battle of Westport Museum twice a month has announced that anyone who donates \$10 or more to the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund will receive a free copy of his book, *Border State Contest: Civil War Comes to Missouri in 1861*. To see a list of future lectures visit [www.cwrtkc.org/civil\\_war\\_lecture\\_series](http://www.cwrtkc.org/civil_war_lecture_series).

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