



THE BORDER STAR

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DEATH OF BILL ANDERSON
(ST. JOSEPH NEWS)

Yesterday afternoon, several thousand persons, of all ages, colors and sexes, were gathered on Market Square to witness the presentation by Gen. Craig to Lieut. Cox, the commander who killed the notorious bushwacker Anderson.

The first of the trophies exhibited by Gen. Craig, was a small secesh flag presented to Anderson by M.F.R., a secesh lady, bearing the following inscription:

"Don't let this be contaminated by Federal hands."

Gen. Craig made some suitable and complementary remarks to which Lt. Cox briefly responded, saying he had rid the country of a few, and he hoped soon to exterminate all the bushwackers.

Gen. Craig then remarked that tomorrow he would send Lieut. Cox on another expedition after the predatory and muderous rascals.

Upon the body of the brigand was found \$300 in gold, \$150 in Treasury notes, six revolvers (sic) and the following orders from Gen. Price:

Headquarters Army of Missouri
Boonville Oct. 11 Special Order.]

Capt. Anderson, with his command, will at once proceed to the north side of the Missouri river, and permanently destroy the North

Missouri Railroad, going as far east as practicable. He will report his operation at least every two days.

by order of Major Gen.
Price.

Maclean

Lt. Col. and A.A.A.

A correspondent of Richmond, Ray county, communicates to the **ST. LOUIS DEMOCRAT** the facts relative to the killing of Anderson, the orders of Gen. Price found on the wretches' body, etc. In addition to the circumstances already published, we learn that Anderson was bro't (brought) to Richmond and identified by various persons who were acquainted with him.

-He was buried in a decent coffin- "A respect," says one of his captors, "due not to him, but to ourselves and humanity."

Our informant proceeds. "We have his likeness, and Dr. Rice, of Richmond, can now supply the public with copies of the notorious bushwacker, Bill Anderson."

The horse of Anderson was also captured, upon the bridle of which was a human scalp. The scalp was tied to the headstall of the bridle.

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A WAIF

Two weeks ago, about ten miles north of Maryville, Nodaway county, a traveller was found lying dead by the

wayside. He had been seen by different persons with a carpet sack on his arm, travelling toward Maryville. When discovered, the carpet sack had been taken from him, but \$13 in greenbacks were left in his purse.

The man was of medium size and probably thirty years of age. He had been shot in his left arm but no other wound or mark of violence could be seen. The wound seems to have been an old one, and healing. No clue was given to the strangers' name. He is said to have first hailed from Platte county, and was, no doubt, a guerilla, who having been shot, had wandered off to die among strangers. How many a similar and silent, but impressive tale is the Rebellion telling to a thoughtless world?

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA

- 1.) During the retreat from Cane Hill, Col. Jo Shelby had three horses shot from under him. All three were the same color and, during the rest of the war, Shelby would only ride this color horse, believing that he would live a charmed life as long as he rode one. What color were these horses?
- 2.) What did southerners call the battle of Wilson's Creek?
- 3.) Who were the two union Generals at the battle of Pilot Knob who had good reason to fear a firing squad if captured by Price's army?
- 4.) Who was the last Commander-in Chief of the Army of the Trans-Mississippi?

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The newsletter staff
welcomes suggestions and
contributions of material to
the newsletter.

ON THE BORDER

Aug 7-8 Civil War
reenactment Athens, MO
Aug 8 CWRT meeting
Aug 14-15 Civil War living
history camp Urich, MO
Aug 18 CWRT board
meeting 7:00 pm Three
Trails Library
Aug 21 Civil War living
history Columbia, MO
Aug 27 Medal of Honor
presentation Iola, KS
Aug 28 Civil War
reenactment Washington,
MO

Ed Murphy, president of the Medal of Honor Historical Society, has written to announce that the Society has opened its' membership to any interested historian. The MOHHS publishes an outstanding Quarterly called The Annals, which is all about M.O.H. recipients, with no ads. Membership is \$12.00 per year.

The MOHHS is a loosely knit organization, whose members do research on Medal of Honor winners, and mark the graves with special Medal of Honor tombstones. Speaking of which, Sunday, August 22, 1993, at 2:00 pm in Iola, Kansas, the MOHHS, in cooperation with the Allen County Historical Society, will dedicate a M.O.H. memorial marker of the grave of William B. Stacy.

In 1866, Stacy was the first serviceman to receive a peacetime Medal of Honor. Yet this is not totally true. Stacy was awarded the Medal but never actually received the Medal itself. As per Navy regulations, Stacy was mailed his Medal of Honor certificate but, evidently did not know that he had to write a letter requesting the Medal itself. His Medal was last seen, in 1983, in a drawer at the Navy Department but has since disappeared.

He was buried, with Masonic honors, in his favorite grand-niece's family plot in Iola, Kansas. A GAR memorial color guard was also at the funeral.

The complete story of what he did to earn the Medal and the unusual story behind the years it took to find and verify the burial site, will be told during the dedication ceremony.

While at the Lowell, Indiana reenactment, I met members of the Tippecanoe & Tyler Too CWRT. We agreed to exchange newsletters and they are interested in a speaker exchange in 1994. The T&TTCWRT does a program on Indiana troops in the west. They were most interested in Price's campaigns and had not heard of "Bloody" Bill Anderson!

What an outstanding opportunity this could provide for us to spread the word about the War in western Missouri. Just like the folks from Aurora, Colorado, and Omaha, the Indiana boys could not believe what they saw when they started reading The Battle of Westport booklet. The interest is there but also is the lack of knowledge about the events in our area.

The August general meeting will be at the Three Trails library Wednesday, Aug 8 at 7:00PM. The topic will be the "Flags of the Civil War".

Aug 28 Civil War living history Lone Jack, MO
Sep 4 Gunfighters Convention James Farm Kearney, MO
Sep 8 CWRT Meeting
Sep 11-12 Civil War reenactment Bridgeport, MO
Sep 15 CWRT Board meeting 7:00 pm Three Trails Library
Sep 17-18-19 Civil War night shootout Parkville, MO

YOUR MISSOURI STATE ARCHIVES

So your grandmother once told you that her great grandfather received a land grant from the Spanish government when Missouri was still part of the Spanish empire. Did you know that the state archives contains many of the actual grants of land from Spain before the Louisiana purchase of 1803.

Perhaps an ancestor was imprisoned in 1843 for stealing a horse. The state archives has Missouri state penitentiary records going back to 1837. Maybe he was pardoned by the Governor. The archives has the papers with formal applications for pardons and the evidence on which the Governor based his action and his order.

No matter what your particular interest is, you will find a treasure trove of information about the history of Missourians and our state in the Missouri State Archives, established in 1966 by the Missouri legislature. Prior to this time, each state department and agency was responsible for storage of its own records. All records were moved to a central storage facility. Unfortunately this building was inadequate for preservation and accessibility to researchers.

In the late 1980's the legislature funded a new building for the Secretary of State offices and library. Part of this building was provided as a new home for the state archives, which was opened in September 1991.

The new archives, located 1/2 mile west of the Capitol, is part of an impressive facility. It occupies parts of the first and second floors.

The state archives consists of a spacious research room with printed works and indexes of materials available. Adjacent to the research room are 25,000 reels of microfilm and a viewing room. The second floor devotes 40,000 cubic feet of printed works not in controlled environment storage. Behind the research rooms are 18,000 cubic feet of storage for all the papers, documents, artifacts, etc., requiring a controlled environment for preservation. There is also a vault containing records and artifacts considered most rare and valuable. The storage areas of the archives are located in the interior of the building and are designed to survive anything from an earthquake to a tornado.

The technical processing department is the first stop for items entering the care of the archives. Here, the materials are examined by the staff and a determination is made regarding preservation, how the materials are to be stored, whether to microfilm the material and how to index the material so that it can be accessed in the future by researchers. Not all materials in the archives are microfilmed. Items that are loaned to the archives are almost always

microfilmed as well as items of unusual value, great interest, or expected to be used often.

If the staff determines that a document needs preservation, it is sent to the document preservation room. This is the first laboratory owned by the state devoted to this purpose. The preservation staff decides how best to treat each item to insure its preservation. Many documents are extremely fragile and in fragments. Excessive acidity in the paper is one of the greatest enemies of preservation, so many documents are treated to reduce acidity. Unfortunately, preservation techniques of the past damaged many of these old documents, so great care is taken not to do anything irreversible. After the document is stabilized and reconstructed it is microfilmed and sent to the appropriate storage area.

The archives receives 40,000 requests annually for information. Three-fourths of these requests are for genealogical information. The remaining requests come from historians, academics, lawyers, and politicians. Approximately 80 percent of all requests for help from the archives are received through the mail. Usually the staff is able to respond within two weeks although more time may be required due to the volume of requests and the nature of your request.

The archives staff consists of 5 full time archivists plus a group of volunteers who help with the work of the archives. My experience has been that the staff is friendly, helpful, and extremely knowledgeable. Periodically, the archives staff prepares exhibits drawn from the vast amount of material stored in the archives. The current exhibit is a history of the Missouri State Fair, which will be on exhibit through August. An upcoming exhibit is planned on the Civil War although an exact time has not been set.

The Missouri State Archives is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of our state.

The mailing address and phone number for the archives is:

**Missouri State Archives
P.O. Box 778
600 West Main street
Jefferson City MO 65102
(314) 751-3280**

**The state archive hours are: M-T-W-F-S, 8a-5p
Thurs. 8a-9p. The archive is closed on Sundays,
Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas
and New Years day. Free parking is available for
visitors and researchers.**

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THE JAMES PLAY FOUNDATION
cordially invite you to attend an

EVENING AT CLAYBROOK

a gala benefit followed by the opening night performance of

"THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JESSE JAMES"

Friday, August 6, 1993

Reception 6-7:30pm Play at 8:00pm

RESERVATIONS ARE \$25.00 per person

Call 781-0920 or 635-3695 for information

Directions: Take I-35 north to Highway 92-Kearney exit. Go east about 2 miles, then turn north on Jesse James Farm Road and follow the signs.

Please join us for a festive evening of hors d'oeuvres and entertainment at the restored antebellum Claybrook House. Tour Jesse's birthplace and visitor's center, then settle into reserved seating for the opening night performance of the award-winning drama, "The Life and Times of Jesse James."

Cash bar available. Rain date August 13. Period dress, Western dress, casual attire.