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The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm
Via Zoom until further notice
See instructions in this newsletter

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 25.00
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President's Letter

We in the state of Missouri are a lucky lot. We, pretty much as a majority, like a good party. I know I do. I have been to a lot of celebrations. Some I remember very distinctly and others, well, not so well. This year, the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One we Missourians are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the year Missouri became a state. Missouri is the second state carved from the Louisiana Purchase. The road to statehood was a fistfight. Slavery was the elephant in the room that just wouldn't leave. As always, the factions in Congress, in order to maintain a balance of power, needed to offset Maine's statehood. The Missouri Compromise was born. Maine free. Missouri slave with the condition that all land north of the 36°30' line would be free. Actually, that land above the line was the Louisiana Purchase area only.

Born from a compromise. It might have worked. It should have worked. It's pretty definitive. Carrying that line to the Pacific Ocean is not all that hard to imagine. I'm not one that usually delves in to history what ifs, but here goes. What if that line of demarcation was made and maintained? Whoa, Nellie-- rewrite history. The Civil War doesn't happen. No Emancipation Proclamation. No 13th Amendment to the Constitution. No freedom for millions of enslaved individuals. No status on the world stage. A lot to think about. So much for what ifs. It didn't happen. There is not enough room here to enter into the debate over the Compromise of 1850. Let's not even get started on the Kansas-Nebraska Act. Let's just say that those two pieces of legislation negated what seemed to be a reasonable compromise-- to all but the enslaved people. In the end, the Civil War started in Missouri. It started when Missouri became a state with entrance conditions. Conditions of entrance that only kicked the elephant down the road. Conditions that didn't solve a long-term problem. A problem that because of human frailties only a great sacrifice of human life could solve it.

So, here's to 200 years of Missouri statehood. Go out and find a celebration event. Just remember our statehood was formed in a fistfight and confirmed by sacrifice.

~ Mike Calvert, President
Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri

CWRTWM Calendar

Wednesday, July 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Hill Park, 2201 S. Maywood, Independence, MO (one block north of 23rd Street). Picnic table across from restrooms. Gregg Higginbotham portrays Frank James. Refreshments. Please bring your own chair. Afterwards visit Hill Park Cemetery, 10499 E. 20th Street, Independence, MO where Alexander “Frank” James and his wife, Ann Ralston James, are buried.

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Jesse James Farm, 21216 James Farm Road, Kearney, MO. (I-35 to Kearney, Exit 26, for MO-92, east through Kearney to Jesse James Road (turn left). Go north to Jesse James Farm Road (turn right). About one hour from Independence. See the James Farm video at the Visitors Center. Admittance: \$6.00. (Avoid I-435 north because of road detour near Worlds of Fun.)

Other History Events

Reopening of the Truman Library

Friday, July 2, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 500 W. U.S. 24 Highway, Independence, MO. Pre-purchased timed-entry tickets at TrumanLibrary.gov. General admission – \$12, Seniors – \$10, College – \$8, Youth (13-18) – \$5, Children 12 and under – Free. Hours: Closed Monday–Tuesday. Wednesday – Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Music on the Green

Saturday, July 3, 2021 – 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Free. Prairie Dulcimer Club: Mountain and hammered dulcimer playing traditional Americana including patriotic tunes. Fine and Dandy String Band (John Atherton and Ken Shoemaker). Americana and Irish fiddle tunes. Bring your own chair. Bottled water for sale or bring your own food. Check Facebook page for any cancellations: www.facebook.com/1855-Harris-Kearney-House-Museum-and-Westport-Historical-Society-446441612095291.

Independence Day 1855

Sunday, July 4, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Missouri Town 1855, 8010 East Park Road, Lee’s Summit, MO. Patriotic speeches, children’s games, period cooking and dancing. Parade at Noon. Adults \$7. Seniors 62 and over and children 5-13 are \$4. Children below 5 are free.

Bates County Museum, Butler, MO

Saturday, July 10, 2021 – 10:30 a.m. 802 Elks Drive, Butler, MO. Albert Morse: “The McDaniel Men.” Story of Charles McDaniel killed in the Korean War and

whose dog tags were returned to the U.S. from North Korea in 2018. Free will donation luncheon to be served.

Music on the Green

Saturday, July 10, 2021 – 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri. Boys of the Prairie, Celtic ensemble playing tunes from Ireland, Scotland, Brittany and beyond. Mandolin Orchestra of Kansas City. Free. Bring your own chair.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. Dinner at Pizza Ranch, 4801 N. Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO (junction of I-29 and N. Oak Trafficway). Cost is \$10.59. Steve Sitton: “Tom Benton Goes to Hollywood.”

Fort Osage Collectors’ Trade Show

Saturday, July 17, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fort Osage National Historic Landmark, 107 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. Peruse the wares of antique dealers, military collectors and reenactors, as well as historically inspired craftspeople.

Music on the Green

Saturday, July 17, 2021 – 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Steve (Curly) Gouge: Fingerstyle guitarist covering country, folk, gospel, swing and comedy. Kaw Mountain String Band, Americana with a touch of bluegrass. Free. Bring your own chair.

Brown Bag Program-Annual Field Trip

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 – 11:00 a.m. Wyandotte County Museum, 631 N. 126th Street, Bonner Springs, KS. Group lunch stop to be announced.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Chris Fritsche: “Battle of Lexington.”

Third Thursday Programs at Clay County Museum

Thursday, July 22, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Diane Rogers: Women Who Helped Shape History.

Grant Symposium-Virtual Event

Friday, July 23, 2021 – 9:50 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Presented by Missouri Humanities teaming up with Missouri’s Civil War Heritage Foundation. Major Gen. Byron Bagby: “The Black Phalanx, USCT Regiments at the Siege of Petersburg.” Second session of the day will be a performance, “Spotswood Rice, Soldier and Preacher,”

written and performed by Marvin-Alonzo Greer, Lead Historic Interpretation and Community Engagement Officer for Prince George's County (MD) Parks. Register for this program by visiting: <https://conta.cc/2SWKESk>

Chouteau and Native American Fountain

Saturday, July 24, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Fountain, West side of 3904 N. E. Chouteau Trafficway, Kansas City, MO (south of I-35, N. of Parvin Rd.).
Unveiling of 4th bronze sculpture, Osage Native American dancers, period fiddlers and banjo players, fur trapping reenactors, recognition of Missouri's 200th anniversary, Plein Air painting contest. This was the dream project of the late Keith Nelson who presented programs to the Round Table.

Music on the Green

Saturday, July 24, 2021 – 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Tim Hayes and Friends: Blend of folk and Irish instrumental music. Paul Wenske and Nancy Meis: Acoustic folk. Free. Bring your own chair.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 – Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$32. Milburn Golf & Country Club, 7501 W. 69th Street, Overland Park, KS. Ron Coddington, publisher of Military Images, will present photographic images of the Civil War. Reservations required by Noon, July 21st, by Email to marnatoli@att.net.

Music on the Green

Saturday, July 31, 2021 – 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Whiskey Just After Breakfast Jam Group, traditional, contradance, and Irish tunes. Free. Bring your own chair.

Missouri Trivia Day

Saturday, August 7, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Fort Osage National Historic Landmark, 107 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. Compete with family and friends in rousing sessions of Missouri trivia based on historic and contemporary history. Adults – \$8. Seniors – \$4. Youth age 5-13 – \$4. Under 5 – free.

Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. Dinner at Pizza Ranch, 4801 N. Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO. Cost is \$10.59. Kent Johnson: "Tales of Old Trail Town."

Bates County Museum Party on the Porch

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. 802 Elks Drive, Butler, MO. Missouri's 200th Anniversary. Music, speakers, ice cream, sno-cones, cookies. Drawing for Henry Golden Boy Repeating 22 cal. Rifle. Only 200 Tickets being sold at \$20 each. For details Email: director@batescountymuseum.org.

Lone Jack Heritage Day and Battle Commemoration

Saturday, August 14, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Lone Jack Battlefield Museum, 301 S. Bynum Road, Lone Jack, MO. Memorial service, historic displays, and food. More information to be announced.

Brown Bag Program at Shawnee Indian Mission

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 – Noon. Bring your own lunch. Speaker at 12:30 p.m. East building at the Shawnee Indian Mission, 3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway, KS. Final report of the Shawnee Methodist Cemetery survey done by GPR (ground penetrating radar). Identify unmarked graves and buried markers in this 1850's era cemetery for the Rev. Thomas Johnson Family.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Mike Calvert: "Civil War Forts of the West."

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 – Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$32. Milburn Golf and Country Club, 7501 W. 69th Street, Overland Park, KS. Connie Langum, Park Ranger and Historian at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Reservations required by Noon, August 18, 2021 by Email to marnatoli@att.net.

A Modern Day Encounter with the Santa Fe Trail

Saturday, August 28, 2021 – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. South Howard County Museum, 110 E. Broadway, New Franklin, MO. (basement). Les Vilda will discuss his trip down the Santa Fe Trail with his pack-donkey in 1984 and his wagon trip in 1987. Program will be followed by a Chuck Wagon Dinner: \$25 for steak and \$12 for hamburger. For reservations call (573) 355-4018 or Email chiefman1962@gmail.com.

Ongoing History Events

Arrow Rock State Historic Site

Wednesday-Sunday 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. "Paddlewheel to Wagon Wheel" on display through the end of 2021. Commerce on the Missouri River and the Santa Fe Trail were interwoven and resulted in Missouri being declared "the soundest economy in the Union by 1839."

Atkins-Johnson Farm, Gladstone, MO

Wednesday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., 4909 NE Pleasant Valley Road, Gladstone, MO.

Bingham-Waggoner Estate

Thursday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sunday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Tours given on the hour and last one starts at 3:00 p.m. 313 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. Adults-\$6. Seniors-\$5.

Lee's Summit Historical Society

Thursday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday, 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. 220 SW Main St., Lee's Summit, MO. Border War, Cole Younger Family, Howard Family, Longview Farm, Agriculture.

Lone Jack Battlefield Museum

Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sunday, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 301 S. Bynum Road, Lone Jack, MO (12 miles east of Lee's Summit on U.S. 50 Highway. Adults – \$5.00.

Missouri Town 1855

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. 8010 E. Park Road, Lee's Summit, MO (near Lake Jacomo). Adults-\$7. Seniors-\$4. Circa 1820-1860 living history village and museum.

National Frontier Trails Museum

318 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. Early to mid-August reopening planned. Hours will likely be 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Sunday. Adults-\$6. Seniors-\$5.

Ray County Museum

Wednesday-Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 901 W. Royale Street, Richmond, MO. Adult suggested donation – \$2.00.

Vaile Mansion

Thursday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sunday, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 1500 N. Liberty, Independence, MO. Adults-\$7. Seniors-\$5.

News about Members and Friends

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following history friends:

Roger Bomar was one of the founding members of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, and his widow Cheryl was kind enough to donate his Civil War books to the Round Table for sale. Thank you to our

members and friends for purchasing titles to add to your own Civil War knowledge.

Our sympathy to the Holmes Brigade for the loss of **John Maki** on May 31, 2021. He will be sorely missed.

We will miss **Gloria Miller** for her extensive genealogy of the Noland Family and especially extend our condolences to her brother, Ted Stillwell.

The Oregon-California Trails Association recently honored their founder, **Greg Franzwa**, with a memorial bench in the courtyard at OCTA's offices at 524 S. Osage Street, Independence, MO behind the National Frontier Trails Museum near the old water tower. He traveled the Oregon Trail extensively in the 1960's and 1970's & published The Oregon Trail Revisited in 1972.

As the various history groups are able to open their facilities again, we congratulate **Danielle Hall** on her new position as archivist and education director for the Jackson County Historical Society.

We are glad to hear that the Ray County Museum in Richmond, MO is again hosting visitors under the direction of **Cathy Gottsch** whom Beverly Shaw and Pat Gradwohl met at John Moloski's memorial service. Also attending were Mike Calvert and Paul Bond. **Jim Beckner** officiated at a very moving depiction of John's life. As always **Peggy Buhr** made us all feel welcome at the Bates County Museum.

We want to wish **Charles McCorkendale** a happy 90th birthday on July 8th. If you want to send him a card, his address is 209 Rainey Lane, Richmond, MO 64085.

We are glad to see that the local trails organizations are sponsoring a Santa Fe Trail Bus Tour on Friday, Sept. 3, 2021. It will cover Becknell's route from Arrow Rock to Fort Osage and beyond. The cost is \$45 which includes a box lunch, handouts, maps, and an informative and entertaining program by two expert guides, **Craig Crease** and **Ross Marshall**. The bus will leave from the National Frontier Trails Museum in Independence, MO at 9:00 a.m. and will return about 4:00 p.m. To make reservations, make your check payable to "Trails Head Chapter" and mail to Lila Aamodt, 5938 Reeds Road, #202, Mission, KS 66202. For questions, Email Ross Marshall at rossmarshall@mindspring.com or call him at (913) 685-8843.

