



September – October 2022

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2nd Wednesday monthly, 7:00 pm
Village Heights Community of
Christ Church
1009 Farview Drive
Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 25.00
Family ----- 35.00
Student (under 21) ----- 5.00
Newsletter Only,
(no meetings) ----- 10.00

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President's Letter

"If people see the Capitol going on, it is a sign we intend the Union shall go on." ~Abraham Lincoln

Every one of us has a symbol of what it means to be a citizen of the USA. The Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore, "The Star-Spangled Banner", The Lincoln Memorial, Bunker Hill, Old Ironsides, the Declaration of Independence all come to mind. Think of yours.

Abraham Lincoln thought that the completion of the Capitol Building construction was the physical symbol that stood for our Union – the symbol that no matter how dark the days were or would become, the Union would go on. A little scarred, a little worn or a little fragile and in spite of these the Union would go on because the Capitol that symbolizes our democracy still stood and was being improved. Lincoln knew that the Union would survive.

Abraham Lincoln served in Congress in that building. He gave his first and second inaugural address in the shadow of that building. He learned that Robert E. Lee was asking for terms of surrender while in that building. He was honored and mourned in that building.

The original dome was made of a wood support structure covered with copper sheet, materials that really don't promise an eternity of service. The new dome was made of iron held together with iron bolts and assembled by strong, iron-strengthened men. With proper maintenance weather wouldn't destroy it. Only men can demolish this building. Just as only men can pull down our Union.

~ Mike Calvert, President
Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri



CWRTWM Calendar

September 2022 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ Fellowship Hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Jim Beckner: “Missouri Towns That Got Burned.”

October 2022 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Cindy Taylor: “Quantrill.”

Tour of State Historical Society of Missouri

Friday, September 30, 2022 – 1:30 p.m. State Historical Society of Missouri, 605 Elm Street, Columbia, MO. See article about tours.

Tour of the Little Blue Battlefield

Friday, October 21, 2022 – 10:00 a.m., Ripley Junction Park, Old Lexington Road at the Little Blue Trace Park, Independence, MO. See article about tours.

Other History Events

First Saturday at Arrow Rock

Saturday, September 3, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. Arrow Rock Christian Church, 711 Main Street., Arrow Rock, MO. Kathleen Boswell: “Sincerely Yours, Laura Ingalls Wilder.” Boswell explains why Wilder wrote her Little House series and what her life was like in old age at her home at Mansfield, MO.

Walking Tour of The Square in Independence, MO

Saturday, September 10, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. Meet on the north side of the Historic Truman Courthouse, 112 W. Lexington, Independence, MO. Jeff Wade, Park Ranger: Locations of Harry Truman’s employment around The Square. One hour. Free.

Shoal Creek Reenactment Event

Saturday, September 10, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Shoal Creek Living History, 7000 N.E. Barry Road, Kansas City, MO. Shoot-outs and skits. The year is 1882 with gunfighters, outlaws, lawmen, and town folk roaming the streets. RAIN OR SHINE. \$5 per person/ under 10 Free.

Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Golden Corral, 8800 N. Skyview Avenue, Kansas City, MO. Robert Jones: “Frontier Towns of Kansas.”

Civil War Programs at the Harris-Kearney House

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. “Civil War Medicine.” \$6.00.

Third Thursday at Clay County Museum

Thursday, September 15, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. “Amazing Amusement Parks in Clay County.”

Big Shoal Country Fair

Saturday, September 17, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Atkins-Johnson Farm, 4109 NE Pleasant Valley Road, Gladstone, MO. Period crafting, demonstrations, live musical performances, carnival game, petting zoo, bounce house, food, photos and vendors. Admission is free, but vendors will have fees.

Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table

Monday, September 19, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Hybrid of in-person and Zoom. Zoom invitation will be sent by E-mail. In-person will be at the Boone County History and Culture Center, 3801 Ponderosa Drive, Columbia, MO. Harold Miederhoff: “Shelby’s 1863 Raid.”

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Sam Gill: “The Mysterious Vanishing Bomber: Fate of the Lady Be Good.” (WWII).

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner. Cost is \$32. Milburn Golf and Country Club, 7501 W. 69th Street, Overland Park, KS. Dennis E. Frye: “Harper’s Ferry, West Virginia.” Due to other schedule commitments, Mr. Frye’s program will be shown via Zoom during the Sept. meeting. Dinner Reservations required by Wednesday, September 14, by E-mail to Susan Keipp at skeipp@kc.rr.com or call 816-333-0025.

First Saturday at Arrow Rock

Saturday, October 1, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. Grounds of Oak Grove Plantation, 32261 170th Trail, Napton, MO. A unique interpretive theatre program by the Voices of Arrow Rock: “The Heartbeat of Women.” Sophia Murrell and Mary, an enslaved woman, share their thoughts, fears, and hopes following the October 12, 1863 skirmish at Oak Grove Plantation.

18th Annual Harvest Fest at Shoal Creek

Saturday, October 1, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Shoal Creek Living History Park, 7000 N.E. Barry Road, Kansas City, MO. \$5 per person/ kids under 10 Free.

46th Annual Fall Festival of Arts, Crafts & Music

Saturday, October 1, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 2, 2022 – 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Missouri Town 1855, 8010 East Park Road, Lee’s Summit, MO (Lake Jacomo). Sights and sounds of harvest season. Historic interpreters, artisans, musicians,

and crafters. Hitch a ride on a wagon and see sorghum being made. \$10 per car/ \$20 per van or bus.

Quantrill Society Tour and Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 1, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Bus tour of Johnson County, MO. Meet at Bates City Bar-B-Que, 201 E. Market Street, Bates City, MO. Topics to Include Otho and Sam Offutt, Blackwater Cemetery where Capt. Perdee and other Quantrill men are buried, Chape Hill College site and more. Cost and how to make reservations will be sent by E-mail. Call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 if you are interested.

Walking Tour of Independence Square

Saturday, October 8, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. Meet on the north side of the Historic Truman Courthouse, 112 W. Lexington, Independence, MO. Mike Calvert: “Last Gunfight on the Independence Square.” Sights were settled and wrongs were avenged. One hour. Free.

Union Cemetery Historical Epitaphs

Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, 2022. Union Cemetery, 227 E. 28th Terr. Kansas City, Missouri. Voices from the Past will present two shows each day. Cost and times will be announced later. Please visit www.uchskc.org.

Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Golden Corral, 8800 N. Skyview Avenue, Kansas City, MO. Tim Tucker: “Will Rogers.”

Second Thursday at the Clay County Museum

Thursday, October 13, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. “Ghosts, Sites, and Cemeteries in Clay County.”

Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table

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Civil War Programs at the Harris-Kearney House

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. “Civilian Life in Jackson County during the Civil War.” Cost is \$6.00.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner. Cost is \$32. Milburn Golf and Country Club, 7501 W. 69th Street, Overland Park, KS. Judy Cook: “War on the Home Front.” Dinner Reservations by Wednesday,

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Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Matt Rebholz: “Post Traumatic Stress Disorder during the Civil War.”

Kids Safe Halloween

Saturday, October 22, 2022 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Shoal Creek Living History Park, 7000 NE Barry Road, Kansas City, MO. For more information, please go to Facebook.com/ShoalCreekLivingHistoryMuseum.

35th Annual Fall Muster at Fort Osage

Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fort Osage National Historic Landmark, 105 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. Sights and sounds of a working 1810 army post. See how men, women, and children formed a frontier community. Hear military music along with the commands of officers to soldiers. (Event subject to change; call (816) 650-3278 to verify.) Adults – \$8. Youth and Seniors – \$4.

Jack O’Lantern Jamboree

Saturday, October 29, 2022 – 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame, 630 N. 126th, Bonner Springs, KS. Hayride, simple games, and train operating. For more information, please call (913) 721-1075.

Day Tours for the Round Table

On Friday, September 30th at 1:30 p.m. the Round Table will be taking a guided tour of The State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia, MO. The address is 605 Elm Street. Physically it is located at the corner of Elm and Sixth Street. There is free parking at the building. When you arrive, go into the main lobby to the reception desk and they will give you a placard to hang from your rear-view mirror. We will meet in the lobby. The most direct route to the facility is south on Providence Road to Elm Street. Make a left turn and you will see the building about two blocks ahead on your left. Make a left on 6th Street and you will find the parking lot.

Any of you wanting to partake of lunch before the tour, the list of available places is endless. A couple may be easier to find. On the south outer road between Stadium Drive and the I-70 Business Loop is a Cheddar’s. Get off at I-70 Business and loop back. To go to the Historical Society, get back on the Business Loop and go east to Providence Road, turn right and follow the instructions from above.

If you would rather do Cracker Barrel, Golden Corral, McDonalds or KFC, stay on I-70 to Highway 63. Get off and turn left (north), cross over I-70 to Clark Lane. Turn right on Clark Lane and you will find all of these and more. To get to the Society building from there, get back on to the I-70 connector and follow the signs to Highway 63 south. Follow 63 south to Broadway. Go west on Broadway to 6th street and turn south. Go to Elm and you're there. Word of caution on this Broadway route, it does take you through downtown Columbia and the traffic can be heavy.

If you have any questions, we can discuss them at the September meeting. If you want a different selection of places to eat, visit www.visitcolumbiamo.com and you will find many more choices. It's a college town you know. MIZ----ZOU!

On Friday, October 21st at 10:00 am the Round Table will be taking a tour of the Little Blue Battlefield. This is something we haven't done for several years. This will be a carpool event, and we will meet at Ripley Junction Park (part of the Little Blue Trace) to begin our tour. Starting at Ripley we will continue with stops at the north ford of the Little Blue River, The Lawson Moore House, Salem Church, and Salem Park. This will be the 148th anniversary of the battle, and we will be taking our tour on the day of the battle. The tour will take a couple of hours. You may want to bring your own water.

Ripley Junction Park has become overgrown with vegetation so it's a little hard to see. From 24 Highway heading east, you will turn south on Old Lexington Road and follow it to the park. If you find you have crossed the Little Blue River on 24 Highway, you have missed your turn. Get in the left lane and go back west on 24 Highway to the first left you can make and cross over the eastbound lanes to catch Old Lexington Road. Follow it around to the end which is the parking lot of Ripley Junction Park. Be careful of the train tracks that you will need to cross to access the parking. These are active tracks, and there is no safety signal.

Membership in the State Historical Society of Missouri

Members are the foundation of the State Historical Society of Missouri. Your passion for Missouri breathes life into our state's history through inspiring lectures, thriving research centers across the state, increased on-line accessibility to collections, and engaging workshops. Together, we unite people from all walks of life through a common thread: a love of Missouri and a passion for its history and culture.

Your support provides more than just preservation of historic materials; it brings the unique heritage of Missouri and its people to life for audiences worldwide.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- Missouri Historical Review scholarly journal
- Missouri Times newsletter
- 10% off in the Richard Bookstore

The yearly dues for an individual is \$40. You can join in person if you visit their headquarters on September 30th with the Round Table, or you can join on-line at shsmo.org/join. Beverly Shaw thinks that you will get your money's worth with just the publications you receive such as the Missouri Historical Review and the Missouri Times newsletter.

News About Members and Friends

We very much enjoyed **Peggy Buhr's** program on Order No. 11 and its impact on the civilian population at our August meeting. For 15 years she has been director of the Bates County Historical Society and Museum but is now retiring because of family responsibilities. She will be working through the first week of November 2022. She wrote us a warm note after her program which said, "I had a marvelous time and enjoyed every minute. How nice to again see several friends and make new ones. You certainly have a wonderful group!"

Freedom's Frontier is happy to welcome **Lucinda Adams** as their new Executive Director. She has a Master's degree in library science and a Master's and Bachelor of Arts in history, all from Indiana University. She has previously worked for The State Historical Society of Missouri where she was the associate director of the Research Center in Kansas City.

The Jackson County Historical Society has announced the resignation of director **Chris Stout**. President of the group, Brian Burnes, thanked Stout for helping stabilize fundraising for the renovation and repairs of the 1859 Jail Museum on the Independence Square and finding space for secure storage of the group's archival holdings, including extensive photographic collections.

We have lost a wonderful historian and writer when **David McCullough** died on August 7, 2022 at the age of 89. While writing *Truman* he lived in Independence for about a year and did research at the Truman Library.

