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"Studying the Border War and Beyond"

THIS MONTH IN THE WAR: 150 years ago this month, action continued in the West as the Federal noose tightened around Vicksburg (MS), and the Union campaign toward Chattanooga finally began. In the East, West Virginia's break with the Old Dominion became official while Robert E. Lee's army marched north into Maryland and Pennsylvania for the Gettysburg Campaign.

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

Visitors Always Welcome!

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President's Letter

Chicken-and-egg Question of the Civil War

Ted Stillwell has a loyal readership in the *Independence Examiner* for his history columns. Recently a reader posed this question: If we accept the premise that the Civil War was fought over the right of states to secede from the Union, why did the Confederate states have to reapply for admission to the Union after the war and what if they had refused to reapply?

Ted passed this question on to the Round Table and Beverly Shaw called on Dr. Bill Worley who teaches history at Blue River Community College for an answer.

Bill says that this is basically THE chicken-and-egg question of the Civil War. The immediate reason that North and South went to war was because the Confederacy declared that its member states had the right to secede. Interestingly Lincoln is the one who proclaimed this as the initial cause because he could "sell" that to most northerners. Opposition to slavery was not all that uniform in the North.

Of course the primary reason Southern states seceded was because they were convinced Lincoln was dedicated to eliminating slavery as soon as possible (he wasn't). It was the classic case of each side talking past the other.

Because Lincoln's idea was that the states didn't have the right to secede, his plan for reconstruction did not involve an elaborate readmission process. However, partly because of his assassination, Congress ultimately imposed more stringent readmission requirements. Ultimately the North came to the conclusion that they were more interested in re-uniting the Union than in protecting the rights of former slaves which led to legal racial segregation from the 1860's to the 1960's.

~Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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

June 2013 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2013 – 7:00 p.m., The Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level), 3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. Linda Emley: “The History of Ray County.”

20th Anniversary Luncheon

Saturday, September 21, 2013 – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Walnut Gardens Community of Christ Church, 19201 R.D. Mize Road, Independence, MO. Please add this to your calendar for a celebration of our Round Table’s 20th Anniversary. More details to follow.

Other Civil War Events

Shoal Creek Living History Museum

Saturday, June 1, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. First Saturdays (June 1, July 6, August 3 and September 7). Re-enactors bring the village to life in first person character. Demonstrations (**Linda Mangels** will be demonstrating butter churning on June 1st). Food and craft vendors and kid friendly activities. Located in Robert H. Hodge Park. Take I-435 north across the Missouri River to Highway 152 east. Go ½ mile and turn north (left) on to Shoal Creek Parkway. Then make an immediate left on to Barry Road. Go west on Barry Road to the entrance of the Park. Go right and follow the road past the driving range and up the hill to the iron gate entrance.

Liberty, MO Walking Tours

Saturday, June 1, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. New Hope/Fairview Cemetery. Meet at the stone arch entry on Shrader Street.

157th Anniversary of the Battle of Black Jack, KS

Saturday, June 1, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Black Jack Battlefield & Nature Park, 163 E. 2000 Road, Wellsville, KS. 11:00 a.m. – Interactive Battle Tour; 12:45 p.m. – Guided Nature Park Tour; 1:45 p.m. – “The Civil War: Kansas People and Places” by Debra Goodrich Bisel; 2:30 p.m. – Interactive Battle Tour; 4:30 p.m. – “Sisters in Sorrow, Equal in Grief: The Women of Bleeding Kansas” by Michelle M. Martin; 6:00 p.m. – Interactive Battle Tour. Free.

Confederate Memorial Day, Higginsville, MO

Saturday, June 1, 2013 – 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Confederate Memorial State Historic Site, Higginsville, MO. Color guard, recognition of groups, three stories of real Confederate heroes, recognition of Confederate ancestors. An additional PowerPoint on Stonewall Jackson and the Battle of Chancellorsville will be given by Wade Ankesheilm in the Chapel after the ceremony.

Summer Picnic at Historic Mt. Gilead Church

Sunday, June 2, 2013 – Church at 11:00 a.m. followed by a BBQ picnic at Noon. Program at 1:15 p.m. Charlie Broomfield – “The Harlem Community of Southern Clay County.” Lunch is \$15 per person; children under 12 are free. Reservations to Vivie Tison at (816) 628-5032 or by E-Mail to vtison@aol.com. Mt. Gilead is located at 15918 Plattsburg Road, Kearney, MO.

Book Signing of “The Big Divide” in Harrisonville,

MO - Tuesday, June 4, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. Harrisonville Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Diane Eickhoff and Aaron Barnhart will sign copies of *The Big Divide: A Travel Guide to Historic and Civil War Sites in the Missouri-Kansas Border Region*.

National Frontier Trails Museum Program

Thursday, June 6, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. **Charlie Robinson:** “Extermination Order: Latter Day Saints in 1830’s Missouri.” Cost is \$5 and reservations are requested at (816) 325-7575.

Friends of the James Farm Reunion

Saturday, June 8, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. James Farm, Clay County, MO. 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Marty McGrane-“Civil War Events Around Independence.” 9:45 a.m. – Bus Tour to Independence (1859 Old Jail Museum, Frank James Grave, Civil War Sites). Noon – Lunch on the Independence Square (buy your own or bring a brown bag lunch). 1:30 p.m. – Bus departs for James Farm. 3:00 p.m. – Barbara Hughes-“Mourning during the Civil War.” 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – General Membership Meeting. 6:00 p.m. – Evening meal and entertainment by the Wild Wood Boys. The cost of the bus tour from the James Farm and the evening meal is \$40. If you are joining the tour in Independence, you can meet

them at the 1859 Old Jail Museum around 10:30 am and provide your own car. If you wish to drive to the James Farm and have the evening meal and entertainment, the cost is \$20. Call Vivie Tison for reservations at (816) 628-5032 or E-Mail her at vtison@aol.com. Checks may be sent to the Friends of the James Farm, P.O. Box 404, Liberty, MO 64069.

Bushwhacker Days Festival, Nevada, MO

Saturday, June 8, 2013 – All Day.

Re-enactors and crafters in downtown Nevada, MO. See the exhibit of “A State Divided: The Civil War in Missouri” at the Bushwhacker Museum, 212 W. Walnut Street. Join Vernon County in remembering the 150th Anniversary of the burning of Nevada City by the Union militiamen of Cedar and St. Clair Counties. Civil War battle reenactments on the courthouse square.

Civil War Expo-Gardner, KS

Saturday, June 8, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Gardner Historical Museum, 204 W. Main Street, Gardner, KS. Civil War living history with visits by Lee, Grant, Lincoln showing the era of “Bleeding Kansas.” Skirmishes and the display of a replica Civil War cannon showing how to load and clean it. Civil War exhibit inside the museum and vendors, food and live music outside.

Hulston Mill Civil War Days, Greenfield, MO

Saturday and Sunday, June 8 and 9, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hulston Mill near Highway 160 between Everton & Greenfield. Saturday – 9:30 a.m. – Union Officer & Order No. 11 – Gary Morris. 10:00 a.m. – Eviction of Missouri Settlers by Union troops under Order No. 11. 11:00 a.m. – Fashion show. 1:00 p.m. – Battle of Hulston Mill. 3:30 p.m. – Raid on Hulston Mill. Sunday – 9:15 a.m. – Religious Service. 10:30 a.m. – Eviction of Cabin Settlers by Order No. 11. 11:00 a.m. – Fashion Show. 1:00 p.m. – Raid on Hulston Mill. 3:30 p.m. – Battle of Hulston Mill. \$5 for adults; kids K-12, free with adult admission.

Voices from the Past Music Program, Historic Mt. Gilead - Sunday, June 9, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.

Historic Mt. Gilead Church, 15918 Plattsburg, Road, Kearney, MO. Dulcimer and bluegrass music featuring the Wildwood Boys plus Bonnie Pooker

and **Linda Brookshier** singing and playing dulcimer. Free.

Grand Opening of Quantrill Collection, Bentonville, Arkansas - Sunday, June 9, 2013 – 2:30 p.m.

Benton County Historical Society, Bentonville, Ark. Congratulations to **Richard Stewart** for a job well done.

Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, June 11, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. – Dinner (\$25). Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee Steet, Kansas City, MO. Gina Seifers and Ralph Monaco-“History of General Orders #10 and #11 during the Civil War.” For dinner reservations call Ann Schultis at (816) 456-0669.

Freedom’s Frontier Partners Meeting

Thursday, June 13, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.

Location; Prairie State Park, 128 NW 150 Lane, Mindenmines, MO.

MO / KS Border War Network

Thursday, June 13, 2013 – 4:30 p.m

Mahaffie Farm, 1200 Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS. Potluck dinner.

Anna Mary Kersallen Portrayed by Barbara Hughes

Tuesday, June 18, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee’s Summit Road, Independence, MO. Barbara portrays a colonial indentured servant through music, historic replicas and PowerPoint. Reservations at (816) 252-7228.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, June 19, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Southview Manor Apartments, 2600 A Hub Drive, Independence, MO. Jim Beckner – “Missouri Secessionist Flags.”

Quantrill’s Raid on Lawrence-Gregg Higginbotham

Thursday, June 20, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.

Grandview Library, 12930 Booth Lane, Grandview, MO. Gregg Higginbotham will discuss the raid on Lawrence, Order No. 11 and other activities by partisan bands. For reservations; (816) 763-0550.

Tom Rafiner ‘s New Book

Saturday, June 22, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.

Bates County Museum, 802 Elks Drive, Butler, MO. Tom Rafiner will discuss his new book *The Burnt District*.

Victorian Tea at Lexington, MO.

Saturday, June 22, 2013 – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Battle of Lexington State Historic Site, 1101 Delaware, Lexington, MO. Enjoy tea and desserts at the Anderson House which will be open free to visitors.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, June 25, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. (No dinner).
Alexander Majors Home, 8201 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO. Lane Smith – “Decisions at Vicksburg.”

Dred Scott and the Politics of Slavery

Wednesday, June 26, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.
Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Earl M. Maltz discusses his book *Dred Scott and the Politics of Slavery* which argues that the Dred Scott case revealed a political climate that had grown so threatening to the South that overturning the Missouri Compromise was considered essential. For reservations call (816) 701-3407.

Civil War Soldiers Write Home

Thursday, June 27, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee’s Summit Road, Independence, MO. Learn what life was like for three members of the 9th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry. Their letters as well as photographs, family genealogy and unbelievable coincidences will be discussed. For reservations call (816) 252-7228.

News About Members and Friends

The Round Table extends condolences to the family of Evan Noll who passed away May 24, 2013. Evan is the son of **Steve and Marianne Noll**. Steve is the executive director of the Jackson County Historical Society and has been our gracious host along with David Jackson at various events we have enjoyed at the 1859 Old Jail Museum. They hope to be back in the renovated Jackson County Courthouse on the square in Independence sometime this summer.

We also extend our condolences to **Barbara and Denis Wormington** for the death of Denis’ mother, Dorothy Julia (Schiska) Wormington. She passed away on May 27, 2013.

Karen Anderson is retiring after 33 years as the secretary and office manager of the Independence First United Methodist Church. She was our gracious liaison when we conducted our antebellum homes tour in 2012 and visited the church for refreshments and a comfort stop.

Twenty members and friends enjoyed the visit to Bates County on May 18, 2013. We want to thank the **Bates County Museum** at Butler, MO and its director **Peggy Buhr** for a wonderful day. We had the opportunity to hear Dr. Joan Stack of the State Historical Society of Missouri talk about George Caleb Bingham and “Order No. 11,” view the museum’s collection, have a box lunch, and enjoy lovely weather as we toured the Island Mound State Historic Site. We want to thank our knowledgeable guides, **Mike Calvert and Jim Beckner**, and the drivers who safely transported the group – **Terry Chronister, Pat Gradwohl, Mike Calvert and Beverly Shaw**. The museum gave us a large packet of information to remind us of our trip which included the designation of Island Mound as a part of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. We are happy to announce that the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry which fought at Island Mound is being inducted into the Kansas Hall of Fame on June 21, 2013, in Topeka, KS.

We notice that **Peggy Buhr** will be speaking at the meeting of Freedom’s Frontier on June 13, 2013, on the topic of what to do with great artifacts when they don’t fit your collecting mission. The Bates County Museum recently came across several receipts from the first and second Missouri State Legislative sessions in their collection. These are very interesting and rare artifacts but don’t relate to the collecting mission of the Bates County Historical Society. She will discuss the de-accession process and finding a more appropriate home for them.

At last we have found a good use of the “**Border War**” rivalry between Missouri and Kansas. The May 4, 2013 edition of the *Examiner* had a picture of the Lone Jack, MO FFA Chapter which won a

\$500 prize for its support of the 2013 Western Farm Show food drive.

Clay County, Missouri is highlighted in the June, 2013 issue of *Missouri Life*. It starts with the reward poster for the famous Clay County Savings Association robbery by a “band of Bushwhackers who reside chiefly in Clay County.” Now who could they be talking about? There are pictures of the Jesse James Bank Museum, the Shoal Creek Living History Festival, the Historic Pharis Farm, an outlaw itinerary which includes the James Farm and Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Kearney. The Clay County Historical Museum and the Stone-Yancey House B&B operated by **Carolyn and Steve Hatcher** are also pictured.

Speaking of the Clay County Museum and Historical Society, their five member team won the Platte County Historical Society’s Trivia Contest on April 14, 2013. The winners were **Karen Wells, Carolyn Hatcher, Jana Becker, Jay Thorn, and Steve Hatcher**. They also picked up some good tips on how to put on such an event in Clay County.

On April 21, 2013 dozens of community members in Independence were honored at the Cultural Arts Coalition’s Biennial Recognition Dinner. Some names we recognize were **Janice Pearson** for Distinguished Service at the Bingham-Waggoner Historical Society and **David Jackson** for Outstanding Service for the Independence Art Association.

Chris and Faye Cooper are now Lee’s Summit residents and are at home at 226 SW Pinetree Lane, Lee’s Summit, MO 64063. Their new phone number is (816) 434-5180. Chris’s new E-Mail address is cooperhill1856@att.net.

Brian Davis has some Civil War cavalry gear for sale: 1874 McClellan Saddle by Dave Corrico with Civil War girth/surcingle/officer model breast strap, hooded stirrups with US/carbine boot strap, Civil War six-buckle headstall, Officer model reins, 1863 curb bit, Civil War halter with link strap, Cavalry blanket (blue with gold), and Wool blanket (grey with yellow). Been on a horse just once! Price: \$1,300. Contact Brian at (816) 351-3200.

On June 19, 2013, the citizens of the District of Columbia will have a statue of **Frederick Douglass** on Capitol Hill. It will stand in Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center. This statue is a symbol of citizenship for the more than 600,000 Americans who reside in the District of Columbia. Up to this time they were prevented from having a statue because they were not one of the 50 states.

Diane Eickhoff and Aaron Barnhart have been on a whirlwind of book signings for their new collaboration called *The Big Divide*. To learn more about how they researched their book about Civil War sites, you can read a *Star Magazine* interview with Diane on May 19, 2013.

The Round Table received an E-Mail from **Russell Reed** trying to get more information about his great grand uncle James T. Reed and his wife Martha J. Gregg, the daughter of Samuel Gregg of Jackson County, Missouri. If you have information about this side of the Gregg family, please contact him at jjrreed@charter.net.

Bob Grover has been busy in his role as Commander of the Missouri State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard. Dressed in their traditional Revolutionary War uniforms, his troop presented the colors at the DAR Community Service Award ceremony in Blue Springs on March 9th.

Cheryl Harness, Independence artist and children’s book author, gave a talk on May 21st to the Woman’s City Club Charitable Foundation on “First Lady, Bess Truman.”

The Kansas City *Star* book section on May 12th had some opening lines from *The Civil War in 50 Objects* by Harold Holzer and the New York Historical Society. “In 1841, a future president of the United States boarded a canal boat just outside Louisville, KY, and then watched in horror as a group of shackled slaves came into view on deck. As he soon learned, the poor souls were being transported to the Deep South – there to be sold into almost unimaginably cruel bondage in sweltering rice and cotton fields. Abraham Lincoln was on his way home to Illinois at the time after spending nearly six weeks vacationing at his best friend’s plantation. Being served there by enslaved people

night and day never seemed to bother him or nag in the least at his conscience. But the sight of the shackled slaves heading south burned itself indelibly into his memory.”

Barbara Hughes had a rapt audience for her presentation to the Jackson County Genealogical Society on May 2, 2013. She portrayed Laura Flanery, the woman who “walked to Texas” as a result of Order No. 11. The May 18, 2013 issue of the *Examiner* had a picture of Barbara in her costume. After her presentation she showed a picture of the Six Man Cemetery near Lone Jack. Patricia Petet, a member of the Society and scanner of JCSG publications, is a relative of all six who were executed on September 6, 1863 for giving Quantrill’s men a meal. **Vernon and Winnie Case** were also photographed as they presented their family Bible to Carl Wilder to add to the Society’s collection.

Our friend **Lee Hill Kavanaugh** who wrote some of the articles in the Kansas City *Star* for the 150th anniversary of the Civil War has many other interests. She won a first place award for a story on religion at the Kansas Press Association Award of Excellence in May 2013. In the *Star Magazine* on May 12th (Mother’s Day edition), Lee revealed that she became a mother after age 40. In the May 19th issue she had an opportunity to introduce her son and daughter when they “camped out at the zoo.”

I wonder how many Civil War museums there are in the U.S. A recent travel article about “The Campaigns of ’63: Gettysburg and Vicksburg” said that the exhibit would open June 15th at the Kenosha, Michigan Civil War Museum. A search on the internet reveals a beautiful facility which explores the War and the connections between the home front and the battle front through state-of-the-art museum technology, life-size dioramas, and interactive exhibits. For more information, go to www.kenosha.org/CivilWar.

Congratulations to the **Lee’s Summit Historical Society** for sponsoring a funeral for Dr. Pleasant Lea who is buried in the Historic Lee’s Summit Cemetery. The event on May 18th was to remember his assassination 150 years ago. The Lea family (the spelling later changed to “Lee” for the town of Lee’s Summit) was close to the family of Henry

Washington Younger of Harrisonville who was murdered on July 20, 1862. His son was the infamous Cole Younger.

We would like to thank **Linda Mangels** for her generous contributions to the refreshments enjoyed by the Round Table and for cookies used for the Memorial Day ceremony at Union Cemetery. She is also working at the Shoal Creek living history event on June 1st by hand churning butter.

We thank the *Examiner* for the Memorial Day article and pictures on May 25th which show the grave of Civil War veteran Daniel Canfield in the Blue Springs Cemetery and the Union and Confederate flags at graves in Woodlawn Cemetery in Independence.

We appreciate the work that the **Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table** (Columbia, MO) is doing to present Civil War history as a part of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at MU. There are four sessions in June: June 3 – Harold Miederhoff on “Marmaduke’s Raid-April, 1863;” June 10 – Dr. Joan Stack on “George Caleb Bingham and Order No. 11;” June 17 – Vanette Hamilton on “Order No. 11 in the Burnt District”; and June 24 – Dave Poche on “Discovering Civil War Campsites in Missouri.”

Kathy Pickering has had another surgery on her left foot after a car accident and has to learn how to walk again. We hope she will be able to come to meetings soon.

We were sorry to lose **Linda Stevenson** as a member, but we hope she is enjoying new activities in Palmdale, California.

Army Base Names Honor Confederate Generals

Frederick H. Lowe points out in an article that black soldiers are stationed at U.S. Army bases named after Confederate generals. Unless you are a Civil War buff you may not be familiar with some of these names: Fort Benning named after Brig. Gen. Henry L. Benning, Fort Hood named after Gen. John Bell Hood, Fort Gordon named after Gen. John Brown Gordon, Fort Polk named after Gen. Leonidas Polk and Fort Lee named after Gen. Robert E. Lee.