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Independence, Missouri

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The bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861 was the opening engagement of the American Civil War. The countdown to the 150th Anniversary on April 12, 2011 is just 181 days away, as of the date of our next Round Table meeting on October 13, 2010.

President's Letter

I was looking through a collection of past issues of *American Heritage* and came across an article about the portrayal of Abraham Lincoln in the movies. After reading the short article I started thinking about how many times Lincoln had been portrayed in the movies and how many actors have been cast as Lincoln. My limited research brings up 67 separate movies and there are probably more. Starting in 1910 with *Abraham Lincoln's Clemency* and ending in 1998 with *The Day Lincoln Was Shot*. In between there are the ones we are more familiar with such as *Young Mr. Lincoln* or *Abe Lincoln In Illinois*. It's the movies that are little more bizarre that are intriguing: *Abbott & Costello In Hollywood* or *The Lone Ranger*.

What about the actors that have made these movies. Here is a short list again there is probably more.

- F. Murray Abraham ("Dream West," 1986),
- John Carradine ("Of Human Hearts," 1938),
- Henry Fonda ("Young Mr. Lincoln," 1939),
- Hal Holbrook ("North and South," 1985, and "North and South II," 1986),
- Kris Kristofferson ("Tad," 1995),
- Raymond Massey ("Abe Lincoln in Illinois" 1940, & "How the West Was Won," 1962),
- Gregory Peck ("The Blue and the Gray," 1982),
- Jason Robards ("The Perfect Tribute," 1991),
- Sam Waterston ("Lincoln," 1988, and, in voice only, "The Civil War," 1990),
- Dennis Weaver ("The Great Man's Whiskers," 1971).

The actor holding the record for portrayal is Frank McGlynn Sr. who played Lincoln no fewer than seven times between 1934 and 1937.

Whether you can agree that Lincoln was our greatest president or not is up to you to decide for yourself and in some academic circles this is being debated. What we can agree to is that our 16th President of the United States has been and continues to be a box office draw. Sometimes played seriously and sometimes towards the comic Lincoln still captures Hollywood's imagination. Millard Fillmore and Calvin Coolidge don't come close.

My favorites are Henry Fonda in *Young Mr. Lincoln*, 1939 directed by John Ford or John Carradine in *Of Human Hearts*, 1938 directed by Clarence Brown. I like Henry Fonda simply because I feel he captures the voice of Lincoln better than anyone else. He doesn't try to give it the deep register we wish Lincoln had but the high Kentucky tenor that is described in historical documents. John Carradine is on my list for no other reason than he looked the most like the contemporary photographs of Lincoln.

On the long winter nights to come pull out and dust off the DVD of a Lincoln movie and see which of the many choices might be your favorite. Maybe Shirley Temple sitting on Lincoln's lap in the *Littlest Rebel*, 1935 or not, you decide.

~Mike Calvert, President, Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri

CWRTWMO Calendar

October 2010 Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level),
3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO
Carol and Steve Olson: The Plantations of
Clay County, Missouri.

No October Board Meeting

Other Events

Lincoln Lives On exhibit closes Saturday, October 30, 2010. National Archives, 400 W. Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Exhibit open 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday. Closed Sundays, Mondays and Federal Holidays.

Lee and Grant Exhibit - Carthage, MO

Closes October 20, 2010. Open Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, Noon to 5:00 p.m. Special hours for the Maple Leaf Festival October 12 – 16, open until 6:00 p.m. Powers Museum, 1617 W. Oak, Carthage, MO. Free. Special events throughout Carthage. Visit www.powersmuseum.com.

Elmwood Cemetery: Stories of Kansas City

Wednesday, October 6, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO (Free parking in Library District Garage at 10th and Baltimore). Panel discussion of new book *Elmwood Cemetery: Stories of Kansas City* moderated by Crosby Kemper III. Panelists include contributors Bruce Mathews, Mary Davidson Cohen, Joanne Collins, Monroe Dodd, Adele Hall, Barnett Helzberg, Anita Gorman and Doug Weaver. Copies of the book will be available for sale and all proceeds that evening will be donated to the Elmwood Cemetery Society. The book will also be available for \$29.95 at Barnes and Noble, Borders, and Rainy Day Books. A reception precedes the event at 6:00 p.m. Call (816) 701-3407 to RSVP.

Narcissa Whitman Portrayed by Barbara Hughes

Thursday, October 7, 2010 – 10:00 a.m., Lone Jack Library, 211 N. Bynum Road, Lone Jack, MO. Dressed in costume, Barbara Hughes portrays Narcissa Whitman who made her home among the Indians as a missionary in Oregon Territory. Sign up at (816) 697-2528.

Webster House Presents, Saturday, October 9, 2010, 10:00 a.m. Webster House, 1644 Wyandotte, Kansas City, MO. David Jackson, Kansas City Chronicles: An Up-to-Date History, from his collection of best historical columns.

Kansas Military Forts, Saturday, October 9, 2010, 11:00 a.m. Shawnee Indian Mission, 3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway, KS. Leo Oliva, History of military forts in Kansas. Free. Part of the fall festival on October 9 - 10, 2010, featuring living history, craftsmen, American Indian dancers and food.

Battle of Westport by Dan Smith, Saturday, October 9, 2010 – 2:00 pm., Westport Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO. Dan Smith, chairman of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, will speak about the October 21 - 23, 1864 Battle of Westport, the largest battle of the Civil War west of the Mississippi. Following the program, please join him at the 1855 Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO for refreshments.

Trails from the Square - Independence, MO

Saturday, October 9, 2010 – 2:00 p.m. Fifty minute walking tour of early Independence beginning at the Jackson equestrian statue on the west side of the Courthouse. \$5. Reservations required by 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 8th by calling (816) 325-7575 (Frontier Trails Museum). Weather permitting.

Quantrill Reunion - Saturday, October 9, 2010

All day, Pink Hill Park, Blue Springs, MO. See article for details.

Civil War History Talk - Jim Howk, Thursday, October 14, 2010- 7:00 p.m., Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO. Jim Howk: Antietam, Emancipation Proclamation, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. Free.

Civil War Heritage Day – Bates County Museum

Saturday, October 16, 2010 – 10:30 a.m. Bates County Museum, 802 Elks Drive, Butler, MO. Lee Ward: *William Bunnell, Civil War Embalmer at Gettysburg.* Ham ‘n Beans Lunch following the Program. Free will donation for ham, beans, cornbread and dessert.

Don Ford to Speak at James Farm, Saturday, October 16, 2010 – 1:00 p.m., James Farm, 21216 Jesse James Farm Road, Kearney, MO. Don Ford's ancestor was the uncle of Bob Ford who killed Jesse James. He explores the relationship between the Ford and James families and the possible impact of Huntington's disease in the Ford family and the decision to kill Jesse James and other events that took place in Ray and Clay counties around the year 1881. Regular admission price of \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors (62 and over), \$4 for children (8-15) and free under 8 years. Includes a short film, 3 galleries of artifacts and guided tours of the James' home.

Black Jack Battlefield Tours - Baldwin City, KS
Saturday and Sunday, October 16 - 17, 2010.
Guided tours at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. as part of the Maple Leaf Festival at Baldwin City, KS. From Kansas City, about 45 miles southwest via I-35 south and U.S. 56 west (about 3 ½ miles east of Baldwin City and ¼ mile south of Highway 56 on E. 2000 Road.).

Raytown Historical Society, Wednesday, October 20, 2010 – 5:30 p.m. – Social, 6:00 p.m. - Dinner. Yellow Rock Barn, 8307 Westridge, Kansas City, MO. \$15 (Hearty beef stew and cornbread, pumpkin and pecan pie, beverage). For reservations please call (816) 353-5033 or send an E-mail to raytownhistorical@sbcglobal.net. David Jackson: Kansas City Chronicles, An Up-to-Date History with a focus on Raytown.

Civil War in Missouri, Thursday, October 21, 2010, 10:00 a.m., Lone Jack Library, 211 N. Bynum Road, Lone Jack, MO. Lone Jack Historical Society brings living history utilizing clothing, artifacts and a PowerPpoint presentation. Reservations by calling (816) 697-2528.

Sand Creek Massacre: An Archaeological Perspective, Thursday, October 21, 2010 – 7:00 p.m., Marshall Auditorium, Lewis and Clark Center, 100 Stimson Avenue, Fort Leavenworth, KS. Dr. Doug Scott: The Sand Creek Massacre and Other Great Plains Fights in 1864-65. The use of archaeology of battle sites to learn about the combatants. Free. People who do not work on post need to arrive 15 minutes early and bring picture ID to gain admittance.

A Celebration of Old Westport, Saturday, October 23, 2010 – 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Join Kelly's Irish Brigade and the Westport Blue and Gray Social Society for a look at a soldiers encampment, open fire cooking, Civil War medicine and hear period music. See a shotgun wedding and conflict between the Jayhawkers of Lawrence and Border Ruffians. In the evening you are invited to attend a Civil War Ball at the Battle of Westport Visitors Center, 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO. Open to the public. Knowledge of the dances and attire are not required. First dance at 8:00 p.m. and last dance at 11:00 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served. No charge, but a goodwill offering will be appreciated.

The Railroad History of Independence, MO
Saturday, October 23, 2010 – 2:00 p.m., National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Armin Shannuth, railroad historian, will discuss the first railroad west of the Mississippi and into Kansas City which went through Independence. Regular museum admission of \$5 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors, or \$3 for children 6-17.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, Tuesday, October 26, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. (no dinner), Bruce Watkins Cultural Center, 3700 Blue Parkway, Kansas City, MO. Charles Everett Pace portrays abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

Blue or Gray? Civil War Military Records
Thursday, October 28, 2010 – 7:00 p.m., Grandview Library, 12930 Booth Lane, Grandview, MO. Tour of primary resource material. Sign up required at (816) 763-0550.

Cemetery Art: What Does That Thing on the Headstone Mean? Friday, October 29, 2010, 9:30 a.m., Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Ellen Miller: Explanation of many cemetery icons and an overview of funerary practices. Sign up by calling (816) 252-7228.

Walk with the Civil War Spirits – Lone Jack, MO
Sunday, October 31, 2010, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Lone Jack Battlefield and Cemetery.

Civil War Santa, Tuesday, November 2, 2010, 7:00 p.m., North Oak Library, 8700 N. Oak Street Trafficway, Kansas City, MO. Jim, Two Crows, Wallen: Dressed as the Thomas Nast illustration of Santa Claus, will read from letters and diaries from soldiers, wives, parents and children during Christmases in the Civil War era. To sign up, call (816) 436-4385.

Elmwood Cemetery: Stories of Kansas City

Thursday, November 4, 2010 – 6:30 p.m., National Archives, 400 W. Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Bruce Mathews will talk about the new book on Elmwood Cemetery. To register, call (816) 268-8010. Reception at 6:00 p.m. preceding the talk.

Slate of Officers and Board Members

Terry McConnell presented the following slate of officers and directors for the November 10, 2010 election at the annual meeting:

President	Mike Calvert
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	Karen Coin
	Barbara Hughes
	Terry McConnell
	Don Moorehead
	Kathy Moorehead
	Steve Olson
	Carol Olson

The position of newsletter editor is appointed by the President and is held by Dennis Myers.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the November 10th annual meeting.

New Books to Add to the Archives

We have recently acquired three new books to add to our Civil War book collection but before we archive them at the Clay County Archives, we would like to make them available to our members. You will see a page concerning the publication of a

new guide to markers in the Ozarks. We sent the Mary Whitney Phelps Tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans a copy of our “Monuments” book when they started on their project and they have been kind enough to send us a copy of *Marking Civil War History in the Ozarks*.

David Jackson is on the book tour locally to introduce *Kansas City Chronicles: An Up-to-Date History*, the best of his historical newspaper columns. When Pat Gradwohl attended the Missouri/Kansas Border War Network meeting at the Jackson County Archives this summer, she instantly snapped up an early copy for us at a cost of \$20. It goes from guerrilla warfare and martial law to the elegant dresses of the Harzfeld’s Parisian Cloak Company. You will read how the Jackson County Poor Farm was transformed into a state-of-the-art Truman Medical Center-Lakewood. The book is grouped into 50 year periods and shows how much history takes place in anyone’s lifetime.

Greg Wolk gave the Round Table an opportunity to purchase *A Tour Guide to Missouri’s Civil War – Friend and Foe Alike* at half price (regularly \$29.95 at the bookstores) so we took him up on the offer. Mike Calvert has already used it as background for his talk on the Civil War in St. Louis. We all know that Missouri is a treasure trove of Civil War history but this book gives us detailed instructions on how to find the locations of battles and military campaigns as well as personalities of the era. It is divided into geographical districts for easy planning of trips.

Contact Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 about borrowing a book. Please plan to return it within a month so that other members can enjoy it as well.

Elmwood Cemetery: Stories of Kansas City

The September 19, 2010 issue of the *Star Magazine* gave a full color excerpt from the new book about Elmwood Cemetery by Bruce Mathews and other contributors. You will see in our calendar several opportunities to meet the author and photographer of this historic cemetery located at Truman Road and Van Brunt Boulevard which was founded in 1872. The grounds were designed by noted landscape architect George Kessler and holds some 36,000 burials.

Several burials have Civil War connections such as the monument to William E. Ridge, one of the first paperboys in Kansas City who hawked papers on the street corners to report news of the battles of the Civil War.

Another impressive monument is that of Union General Samuel M. Bowman who was, prior to the Civil War, lawyer for William T. Sherman. In 1885, General Sherman traveled to Elmwood from his home in St. Louis to deliver the eulogy of his dear friend and comrade-in-arms.

“The Conspirator”

(A Movie by Robert Redford)

Robert Redford went to the Toronto Film Festival and acquired a distribution partner in September 2010, for his Lincoln assassination saga “The Conspirator.” It chronicles the little-known aftermath when boarding-house owner, Mary Surratt (played by Robin Wright) was tried by a military tribunal along with others accused of plotting with Lincoln killer, John Wilkes Booth. Reluctantly recruited to defend Surratt, a Union war hero (played by James McAvoy) comes to doubt his own government’s motives, viewing his client as a scapegoat in a sham trial.

“The Conspirator” is the first production financed by the American Film Co., launched by billionaire Joe Ricketts, who founded the online brokerage Ameritrade and whose family owns the Chicago Cubs. He started the outfit to make films based on American history.

According to David Germain of the Associated Press, “The film is stacked with rhetoric about civil liberties and constitutional rights, lines that could come from the mouths of critics assailing tribunals and detention of suspects in today’s war on terror.”

A spring 2011 release is planned for the film.

Quantrill Reunion Planned for October 9th in Blue Springs

The full day of activities begins with the guerrilla bus tour which meets at Shelter House #5 in Pink Hill Park in Blue Springs at 9:00 a.m. Sites are the Morgan Walker Farm and cemetery, the Lobb Cemetery, Slaughter Cemetery, the Luther Mason

Home (perhaps the oldest house in Jackson County where Cole Younger and others were given the Black Oath) and the Alton House where Quantrill’s mother Caroline (portrayed by Barbara Hughes) met with the old guerrillas in 1888. Cost is \$12 by sending a check to William Clarke Quantrill Society, P.O. Box 520123, Independence, MO 64052.

In the afternoon at 1:00 p.m. there will be a talk about the natural history of the Morgan Walker Farm which is now the Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area. At 2:00 p.m. a panel moderated by Mike Calvert will talk about the Morgan Walker Affair in which Quantrill leads several armed Kansas abolitionists into an ambush and switches to a pro-Missouri position. Panelists include historians Charles Harris and Bill and Annette Curtis. At 3:00 p.m. descendants of the Walker family discuss their history. At 5:00 p.m. there will be Civil War music, books, authors, and refreshments at Prospero’s, 208 NW 7 Highway, Blue Springs. At 6:00 p.m. the awards banquet will be held at Zarda’s BBQ at 214 NW 7 Highway, Blue Springs for a cost of \$10. Advance reservations for the bus tour and awards banquet are recommended.

100 Years Ago in The Examiner

The following stories were published from September 18-24, 1910 in *The Examiner*:

Lee Bowers of Bowers & Son undertakers went to Blue Mills to secure the bodies of two Union soldiers who were killed in the battle of Blue Mills during the Civil War. Some time ago, Wm. Bostain, postmaster, received word from the War Department asking that an effort be made to locate the graves of the soldiers killed at Blue Mills. The soldiers will be sent to the National Military Cemetery at Leavenworth for burial.

Undertaker Lee Bowers went in search of the remains of two Union soldiers at Blue Mills, but failed to find any “remains” of the soldiers who were killed October 21, 1864. Mrs. Annie McFarland of Blue Mills, who lived there during the war, says she saw the bodies buried.

The place of burial was a few feet from the banks of the Little Blue, and the creeping moisture from the stream, the occasional overflow, and the alternate freezing and thawing for 46 years had done their work all too well.

Nathaniel Lewis Added to Findagrave.com

A descendant of the Gregg family, Craig Ferguson, has informed Delbert and Goldie Lewis that he has added Memorial #56851661 to the website www.findagrave.com. He posts the history of Nathaniel Lewis, a Revolutionary War soldier buried in the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery, which he says is "lovingly maintained by members of the Civil War Round Table organization of Independence, MO." The listing contains GPS coordinates and directions to get there from Colony Lane as well as a satellite map of the area. Thanks go to Craig for all his hard work.

Anniversary of the Battle of Westport

Dan Smith will be speaking at the Westport Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO on Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the October 21-23, 1864 Battle of Westport, the largest battle of the Civil War west of the Mississippi. Confederate General Sterling Price's Missouri Campaign in the fall of 1864 covered 1,400 miles, the longest expedition of the war. The three-day battle marked the climax and conclusion of the decade of conflict on the Missouri-Kansas border. Although the Federals defending Westport and Kansas City were outnumbered by Price's veterans, Smith will discuss how efforts to foment a popular Southern uprising was thwarted at Westport.

Dan was our step-on guide for the Battle of Westport tour in 2009 and gave us a sneak preview of the Battle of Westport Visitors Center in Swope Park. He is the chairman of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund which has acquired land to preserve the battle site at the Big Blue off 63rd Street. He grew up just a few miles from the Mine Creek battlefield near Pleasanton, KS which some of us visited in 2010. In 1969 he performed research on the Price Missouri Expedition at the National Archives and Library of Congress. He served as President of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City in 1980 and 2005. He is a trial attorney and

resides in Overland Park, KS with his wife Alana Smith, president of the Westport Historical Society. Refreshments will be served at the Society's headquarters at the Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO following the presentation at the Westport Library.

Lincoln's Forgotten Fort is Crumbling

Maureen Dowd, nationally syndicated columnist, wrote on September 9, 2010 about the declining state of Civil War battlefields. She specifically described Fort Stevens near the summer White House of President Lincoln in Washington, DC. She grew up in the neighborhood and remembered sledding there and playing hide and seek. Her mother, an ardent student of the Civil War, explained that the fort was an important part of history – the scene of a battle in which a sitting American president came under enemy fire and the only time the nation's capital was attacked by the Confederate army. Her brother Kevin made a video this summer celebrating Fort Stevens as a mournful response to the news that the Civil War Preservation Trust had put the fort on its annual list of endangered battlefields. She also cites the Wilderness battlefield west of Fredericksburg, VA where Grant and Lee first met in battle as being in danger of being violated by a huge development featuring a Wal-Mart at its gateway. Another on the list is Gettysburg because of a plan to build a casino one half-mile from the park.

Archaeological Find at Civil War Prison

In August, 2010 federal and Georgia state officials revealed the discovery of the exact location of the Confederate prison called Camp Lawton which replaced the infamous and overcrowded Andersonville prison in the fall of 1864.

"Archaeologists call it one of the most significant Civil War discoveries in decades," a joint statement read. Life at Lawton was described as "foul and fetid" which was not much better than at Andersonville except that there was plentiful water from Magnolia Springs. In its six-weeks existence between 725 and 1,330 men died at the prison camp. The 42-acre stockade held about 10,000 men before it was hastily closed when Union forces

approached. It is located about 5 miles north of Millen in southeast Georgia.

Continuing Interest in the Death of Lincoln

The *Parade Magazine* of Sunday, October 3, 2010 had a listing of new books of interest and among them was *Bloody Crimes: The Chase for Jefferson Davis and the Death Pageant for Lincoln's Corpse* by James L. Swanson. Come to find out this is Swanson's second book about the death of Lincoln. The other is *Manhunt* published in 2006 which reads like a thriller.

On September 29, 2010 Randy Dotinga wrote a review of *Bloody Crimes* for the *Christian Science Monitor* and listed other books about the death of Lincoln:

The Last Lincolns: The Rise & Fall of a Great American Family by Charles Lachman who casts Mary Todd Lincoln in a sympathetic light and throws a withering gaze at a more deserving villain, her son Robert.

Bloody Crimes by James L. Swanson, the Ken Burns of history-book storytelling, captures the incredible emotions that swirled through a divided nation already torn by the war deaths of 620,000 men.

Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson, an exciting true-life thriller.

"They Have Killed Papa Dead!": The Road to Ford's Theatre, Abraham Lincoln's Murder, and the Rage for Vengeance by Anthony S. Pitch (2009). He calls the assassination "the saddest story in American history."

My Thoughts Be Bloody: The Bitter Rivalry Between Edwin and John Wilkes Booth by Nora Titone to be published October 29, 2010. The author thinks family dynamics played a major role in Booth's tragic transformation.

News About Members and Friends

We are happy to welcome new members **John Moloski** (a member of the Cass County Civil War

Round Table) and **Amy Heaven** who lives in a vintage house in Lexington, Missouri.

On October 13, 2010, **Jim Beckner** will receive the Governor's Humanities Award at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. This is an honor well deserved for all Jim does for Civil War history and reenacting.

Terry Chronister reports that a good time was had by all who attended the Austin Bean Eatin' Day on September 25th in extreme south Cass County near Archie, Missouri. **Norma Gleason** attended with Terry and brought her cousin and his wife. There were no Civil War reenactors this year, but they enjoyed the food, music, a display of Model A Fords, and the historical booth sponsored by the Cass County Historical Society with a representative of the Cass County Civil War Round Table. Next year will be the 34th annual event, and if we know the date in time, we will include it in our Border Star calendar.

Congratulations to our friends at the **Civil War Museum** at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis for receiving a \$500,000 grant from the St. Louis Port Authority in order to finish the museum by April, 2011 for the official 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. Maybe we will be able to schedule our trip to Jefferson Barracks for next year.

The Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area has been sanctioned by the U. S. Interior Department as a federal district to showcase the local conflicts in a 41-county area in Missouri and Kansas that preceded the Civil War. Freedom's Frontier brought a program to our Round Table to show what is being done and plans for the future. Meetings are held bi-monthly and will next come to the Bates County Museum in Butler, Missouri, on October 14, 2010.

Bob Grover and a squad from the Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution have been asked to post the colors on Sunday morning, October 3, 2010 for The Wall That Heals in Blue Springs, Missouri. This half-size replica of the Vietnam War Memorial is expected to draw as many as 75,000 people from the region.

David Hardy is helping the Clay County Historical Society present a historic railroad tour. The first half was a depot tour on June 13, 2010 at Kearney and Chandler and then a virtual tour of the long vanished Liberty Depot. When the rain interrupted the tour, Tom Williams gave the lucky 18 people a tour of the Heartland Model Train Club layout in the basement of Corbin Mills.

We extend our condolences to the family of **David C. Hinze** who died on August 18, 2010 at the age of 58. He was a teacher of history and chairman of the department for Rolla High School for 32 years. He is well-known for co-writing *The Battle of Carthage* and for operating Stars and Stripes Events, a history tour company which visited less famous battle-fields.

The **Clay County Museum** sponsored its first history camp this summer for some 15 students from grades 3 through 7. Liberty history teacher **Eric Langhorst** organized the three evenings at the museum on June 15-17, 2010. The first night the students were given a behind the scenes tour of the museum and the historic murals on the second floor of the Clay County Courthouse. The second night they worked with the historic Jacob Hicks photos and a Clay County timeline. The final night featured a visit by John Meyer, a historical reenactor who traveled with the Corps of Discovery II. The campers also walked to the Lewis and Clark mural in downtown Liberty where Mr. Meyer explained the events depicted by the artwork.

We want to welcome **Harriett Lionberger** as a new resident of Independence. She has moved from downtown Kansas City to reside with her sister, Charlotte Tindall in Independence.

Thanks to **Don Moorehead** for taping the televised *Burning of Lawrence* and converting it to a DVD for the Round Table. He also spent many hours converting Mike Calvert's VHS tapes of the Ken Burns series on the Civil War to DVD for our future use.

Websites are the latest thing in getting our message out. **Steve Hatcher** and **Mike Calvert** have been working with a professional web designer to make

our presence "searchable" for those who want to know what we are doing. Steve is teaching himself how to update the site as needed, and Mike admits that his interest is to be sure it is attractive to the reader. Once it is on-line we will invite you to visit. We are glad to report that **Terry Ramsey** from the Bushwhacker Museum in Nevada and a member of the **Missouri Sesquicentennial Commission** says that the Commission is also working on a website. This will be a good step in helping publicize Civil War events in Missouri. The website will be a good tool for **Tricia Turner** who is planning a reunion for descendants of Civil War veterans.

Richard Stewart will probably stop by our October 13th meeting to give us an update on the Quantrill Collection that he launched at the Gentry Public Library in Gentry, Arkansas. For now his plans to move to Arkansas have been postponed so he is still available in Independence to donate books and research about William Clarke Quantrill and his followers.

The William Clarke Quantrill Society

This non-profit corporation is dedicated to the study of the Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas border with emphasis on the lives of Quantrill, his men, his supporters, his adversaries and the resulting historical record. For more information, please visit their NEW website at www.wcqsociety.com or E-mail wcqsociety@aol.com for more information.

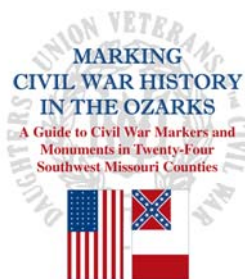
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MARKING CIVIL WAR HISTORY IN THE OZARKS

A Guide to Civil War Markers and
Monuments in Twenty-Four
Southwest Missouri Counties

Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865
Compiled by: Frances Carver Black
Project of: Sally Napier Buono

The Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22 Tent (Chapter), Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 in Springfield, Missouri, is pleased to announce its 400-page book on Civil War historical markers and monuments in 24 southwest Missouri counties—Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Ozark, Polk, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Webster, and Wright. This guide book includes 187 historical markers and monuments—both Union and Confederate—and over 250 photographs,

background information on the major battles in southwest Missouri, interesting facts about many of the monuments, and an every-name, every-place index.

This book will be a must for any history or Civil War enthusiast. It will be a valuable guide during the Civil War Sesquicentennial (2011-2015) as tourists flock to Civil War sites. Only a limited number of copies have been ordered. After they are sold, this will become a rare/out-of-print book. To insure that you obtain a copy, the organization is now accepting orders. Please allow three weeks for delivery of mail orders. For more information, visit <http://duvmissouritent22.org/>.

Proceeds from book sales will be used to mark historic sites, support veterans, and fund other projects.

Please complete the form below, detach (retaining the top part for your records), and mail, enclosing your check, to:

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