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401th REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, April 24, 2007

Homestead Country Club

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

Social Hour-Cash Bar-6:00p.m.

Dinner-6:30p.m.

APRIL SPEAKER

JOHN SELLERS

Dr. John R. Sellers is the Historical Specialist on the American Civil War and the Lincoln Curator at the Library of Congress. Dr. Sellers began his career at the Library in June 1969, working first with the locating and identifying manuscript sources in the Library on the American Revolution, and since 1982, the American Civil War. He has written and spoken widely on both 18th and 19th century military history, and he has served as curator on several major historical exhibitions, most notably, the history of the United States Constitution, the U. S. Congress, and the political geography of the U. S. Congress. His exhibit on the U.S. Constitution was reproduced in facsimile for the United States Supreme Court following the viewing at the Library of Congress. His publications include The Virginia Continental Line (Virginia Bicentennial Commission, 1975) "The Common Soldier in the American Revolution," (United States Air Force Academy, 1976), Manuscript Sources in the Library of Congress for Research on the American Revolution (GPO, 1975), Maps and Charts of North America and the West Indies, 1750-1789 (GPO, 1981), and "Northern Soldiers Meet the Freedman" (University of Maine, 1993).

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**Please be sure that we have your reservation by Friday April 20. Return reservation
In the enclosed envelope with required payment of \$20.00 per person to;
Paul Gault, 7118 N. Congress Ave., K.C. Mo. 64152, .**

If you have questions or your payment is unavoidably tardy, please contact either Treasurer Paul Gault at 816-741-2962 or Assistant Treasurer Betty Ergovich at 913 441-6462.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Dr. Sellers is best known among Civil War enthusiasts for his award winning resource guide: *Civil War Manuscripts: A Guide to Collections in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress* (GPO, 1986). Publications in progress are "Lincoln's Washington: the Diary of Horatio Nelson Taft," and "John G. Nicolay." Dr. Sellers is currently working on a book on Washington during the Lincoln Administration.

Since 1985, Dr. Sellers has served as the resource person at the Library of Congress on the American Civil War and Lincoln historiography. He is a recognized expert on the authentication and evaluation of Lincoln autographs, and he is particularly knowledgeable on the history of the Gettysburg Address and the Emancipation Proclamation. Dr. Sellers has acquired hundreds of documents for the Library of Congress, both by gift and purchase, relating to the Civil War and the Reconstruction.

During the last decade Dr. Sellers has made the acquaintance and often gained the friendship of many Civil War and Lincoln scholars. He has provided assistance to such accomplished writers as Doris Kearns Goodwin, Michael Fellman, Lee Kennett, Jack Waugh, David Long, Michael Burlingame, Geoffery Perret, James I. Robertson, Rodney Davis, Douglas Wilson, and Alan Guelzo.

Since the Internet gained acceptance as an educational tool, Dr. Sellers has assisted in the award and implementation of a contract between the Library of Congress and the Lincoln Studies Center at Knox College, IL, to digitize and annotate all of the incoming and outgoing correspondence of President Abraham Lincoln. When the project is complete, Lincoln students and scholars around the world will be able to read and download the writings and the images of the Great Emancipator. Dr. Sellers is also involved in parallel digital programs in Civil War history with West Point Military Academy and the National Archives and Records Administration.

Dr. Sellers appears with some frequency on the History Channel, C-Span, and related programs for commentary on the life and writings of Abraham Lincoln, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, and various Civil War generals. With the popularity of President Lincoln, he handles written and oral questions from around the world concerning the career and accomplishments of the 16th President.

Dr. Sellers is the current president of the Lincoln Institute of the Mid-Atlantic. In that capacity he had help to organize several symposia on the latest in Lincoln research. These symposia have been held at the Library of Congress, the

National Archives and Records Administration, and the Smithsonian Institution.

Dr. Sellers holds the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Divinity degrees from Florida State University and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, respectively, and the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Tulane University.

MENU FOR APRIL 2007

Spinach Salad w/Sherry Vinaigrette, Salmon w/Dijon Peppercorn Dill Sauce, Buttered Parsley Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, and Lemon Meringue Pie.

SPEAKERS FOR 2007-

May 22; Anthony Waske. Andy teaches languages at temple University. For more years than he can count, he has reenacted General George Meade at Gettysburg, and he is the founder of the Meade Society in Philadelphia. Truly, Andy is the epicenter of the Civil War community in Pennsylvania, an area that has so many links to the Kansas/Missouri border. "John Geary in Kansas."

Summer Sessions,

June - Matt Mathews, "Redlegs"

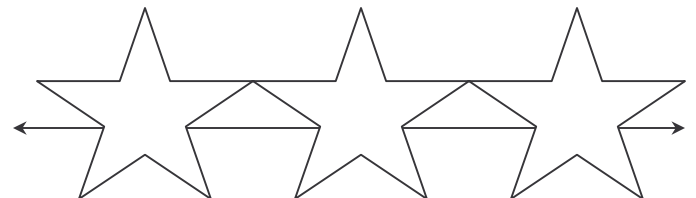
July - Blair Tarr, "TBD" possibly flags in KSHS

August - Robert Wandel (or designee) G.A.R. or S.U.V.

September 25; Tom Perry. Tom is the founder of the JEB Stuart Birthplace Preservation Trust. He studied under our good friend Bud Robertson at Virginia Tech, and has donated his extensive collection of research on Jeb and his family to the Center for Civil War Studies at that university. "Jeb Stuart in Kansas."

October 23; Robert Krick. Bob's reputation as historian at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Courthouse Battlefield is well-known to the Civil War community. Topic to be announced.

November 27; Fred Chiaventone. Fred is retired from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, having taught nearly every upper level officer serving now in Iraq and Afghanistan. His novel of the Little Bighorn, *A Road We Do Not Know*, was nominated for the Pulitzer. Fred's most recent manuscript, *Gone to Kingdom*, is based on the guerilla warfare in Kansas and Missouri. "Military Lessons from the Civil War."



“Evil on the Border”

In the spring & summer of 1863 the “Guerrilla War” in Missouri & Kansas accelerated and numerous atrocities were committed by “Kansas Redlegs” & “Missouri Bushwhackers”. The Union soldiers called Missouri the “Land of Misery” & believed that it and it’s citizens were the ENEMY that should be conquered and occupied. Missouri was never completely conquered or occupied & it’s citizens of the “Southern Persuasion” remained defiant & their spirit unbroken (some to this very day)!

By July & early August of 1863, the Union army recognized that the ENEMY CIVILIANS were a constant source of supplies, food and shelter for the Confederate guerrillas, especially those in the western counties that bordered Kansas. Union Major General J. M. Schofield (no relation) commanded the “Department of the Missouri that included Kansas & described the conditions on the Mo. / Ks. Border and a possible solution as follows:

“ The EVIL which exists upon the border of Kansas & Missouri is somewhat different in kind and far greater in degree than in other parts of Missouri. IT IS THE OLD HATRED INTENSIFIED BY THE REBELLION AND BY THE MURDERS, ROBBERIES & ARSON which have characterized the IRREGULAR WARFARE carried on during the early periods of the rebellion, NOT ONLY BY THE REBELS, BUT BY OUR OWN TROOPS & PEOPLE! The effect of this has been to render it impossible for any man who openly avowed and maintained his loyalty to the [U. S.] government to live in the border counties of Missouri outside of military posts. A large majority of the people remaining were OPEN REBELS, while the remainder were compelled to abstain from any words or acts of opposition to the rebellion at the PERIL OF THEIR LIVES. All were practically enemies of the government & friends of the rebel guerrillas. The latter found no difficulty in supplying their commissary wherever they went & what was of vastly greater importance to them, they obtained prompt & accurate information of every movement of our troops while no citizen was so bold to give us information in regard to the guerrillas. In a country remarkably well adapted by nature for guerrilla warfare, with all the inhabitants practically the FRIENDS of the GUERRILLAS, it has been found IMPOSSIBLE to rid the country of such ENEMIES. At no time during the WAR have these counties been free from them (guerrillas). NO REMEDY SHORT OF

DESTROYING the SOURCE of their great advantage over our troops could CURE THIS EVIL.”

The “Source of their great advantage” was the southern civilians and their respective aid to the Confederate guerrillas. To destroy this source the Union forces issued a series of orders that were implemented & forcibly complied with. On August 18, 1863; General Orders # 10 was issued & enforced in the District of the Border. This ordered the “REMOVAL & BANISHMENT of both LOYAL (for their own protection) & ENEMY CIVILIANS & their personal property from the counties within the “District of the Border” & the DESTRUCTION of specified property. Significant sections of this order are as follows:

“II. Such officers will arrest and send to the district provost –marshal for PUNISHMENT, ALL MEN (AND ALL WOMEN NOT HEADS OF FAMILIES) who willfully AID & ENCOURAGE GUERRILLAS, with a written statement of the names & residences of such persons & of PROOF against them. They will discriminate as carefully as possible between those who are compelled by threats or fears, to aid the rebels & those who aid them from DISLOYAL MOTIVES. The wives and children of known guerrillas, & also women who are heads of families & are willfully engaged in aiding guerrillas, WILL BE NOTIFIED by such officers to REMOVE out of this district and out of the State of Missouri forthwith. They will be permitted to take UNMOLESTED, their stock, provisions & household goods. If they FAIL to remove PROMPTLY, they will be sent, under escort, to Kansas City for shipment South, with their clothes & such necessary household furniture and provision as may be worth REMOVING.

III. Persons who have borne arms against the Government & voluntarily lay them down & surrender will be BANISHED, with their families to such State or district out of this department & will remain there.

The enforcement of this order was harsh, but it was mild in comparison to Order # 11 that was issued as a reprisal for Quantrill’s visit to Lawrence, Kansas on August 21, 1863 both of which will be the subject of the next (2) columns.



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CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

8) Many Civil War Generals served gallantly in the Mexican War. George McClellan (USA), and P.G.T. Beauregard (CSA) served on Winfield Scott's staff. James Longstreet (CSA) and Winfield Scott Hancock (USA) fought together, as did Albert S. Johnston (CSA) and Joseph Hooker (USA). Robert E. Lee, Joseph E. Johnston, and George C. Meade served as engineers at Vera Cruz, while Colonel Jefferson David commanded volunteers from Mississippi at Buena Vista.



F

foe whut comes after three.

fussed whut comes before second.

fur (1) a long ways – a “furpiece”
(2) over yonder

far a burnin’ pile of sticks

Fode (1) a caw. (2) Tennessee Ernie’s last name.

farm to take off the payroll, as “If he don’t wake up, FARM.”

G

gull a young female human.

H

hep (1) assist, “Hep stamp out iggnorants”
(2) whut you holler when you’re drowning.

heaven A’m heaven some folks in foah dinnah. (having)

I

ice cool a school for younguns before college.

J

jabber “Did you ever,” like “jabber” see sech a sot?

K

key-yard a heavy piece of paper, like a “post key-yard”.

L

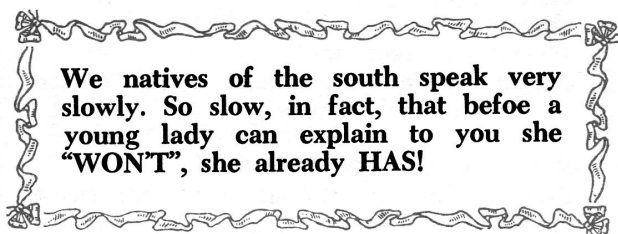
lot (un-dark) “Jeannie with the lot-brown hair.”

M

mow (more) pass me some MOW ’lasses.
fussed time say “pass the ’lasses”

N

Nawth Yankeeland



9) General Edwin Sumner received the nickname “Bull Head” after a musket ball glanced off his skull during the Mexican War. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Sumner was the oldest corps commander on either side.

10) The youngest enlistee during the war was Edward Black, a nine year-old musician from Indiana.

2007 BORDER WAR FORUM

Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site and the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund present the 2007 Border War Forum, a provocative and engaging look at the 1854-1865 period in Kansas and Missouri history.

April 26, 2007: "Women of the Border War" presented by Jean Warren, Women's Historian and Author, co-owner of James Country Mercantile, Liberty, Missouri.

May 24, 2007: "Ebony Warriors March to Glory, Role of African-American Troops in the Civil War with special emphasis on Missouri and Kansas" presented by Arnold Schofield, Site Administrator, Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site and Marais des Cygnes State Historic Site, Pleasanton, Kansas

June 28, 2007: "American Indians in the Civil War" presented by Alisha M. Cole, Site Administrator, Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site, Fairway, Kansas and Grinter Place State Historic Site, Kansas City, Kansas.

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Reservation with required payment of \$23.00 per person per event to: Betty Ergovich, 23414 West 54th Street, Shawnee Mission, KS 66226-2709. Checks to be made payable to Monnett Fund. For more information, please contact Alisha Cole at 931-262-0867.



Tom & Deb Goodrich are putting together a busy tour season. Beginning May 5 & 6, with van tours to Richmond and Missouri City, and tours on Fort Leavenworth on May 19 and 20, nearly every other weekend is an opportunity for good history, good food, and good fun. All tours are priced at \$60 each and each tour is limited to 10 people, so sign up early. Email Deb for more info: etalgoodrich@aol.com, (<mailto:etalgoodrich@aol.com>).

CIVILWAR ROUND TABLE OF KANSAS CITY CELEBRATES IT'S 400TH MEETING.

May 12, 2007-Guided bus tours of the Battle of the Little Blue (9:00 a.m. to Noon) and the Battle of Westport (1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Both leave from the Old Blake Museum (Blue & Grey Book Shoppe), 106 E. Walnut, Independence, MO. The cost is \$15 per tour (morning or afternoon), and you will receive a tour booklet. If you take both tours the cost is \$30, and you will receive a membership in the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri which includes the monthly Border Star newsletter, in addition to both tour booklets. Lunch is on your own or you can bring a brown bag. Reservations are on a first come first serve basis by sending your check to CWRTWMO", P. O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055. For information call Beverly Shaw at 816 478-7648.

May 17, 2007 The Round Table is also sponsoring a speaker at the Truman Library, 500 W. US 24 Hwy., Independence, MO on Thursday, May 17, 2007. John Dillingham will be speaking about "Alexander Doniphan, Citizen Soldier" at 7 p.m. Regular admission prices for the Library are \$7 for adults, \$3.00 for young people 6-18 years, \$5 for seniors 62 and up, and children under 6 are free.

The Library is open before the talk and afterwards until 9 p.m. to see the regular exhibits and the special exhibit called Treasures of the Presidents which highlights the historical collections of the nation's presidential libraries. On display will be ornate gifts from heads-of-state, simple hand-made tokens of appreciation from ordinary people, documents that shaped the course of history, and personal letters from the presidents.



MAY

Is Special

No, not because my birthday is in there, but the Round Table has traditionally (since I've been here), designated May as 1) Wear your period clothing month, 2) Bring a guest month, and 3) we hold our Book Fair in May. So don't forget and bring your camera and best friend or friends!

Thank goodness we have a Southerner as our President this year, she can feel right at home with her native state of Virginia celebrating it's 400th Birthday this year as well. Happy Birthday to Virginia!! "Sic Semper Tyrannis", (thus always to tyrants).

It's been a good year so far, we've had some great speakers, I did want to make a comment about one we had., Robert Lee Hodge. I don't think I was the only to a little hurt, when so many of us enjoyed some of the movies he mentioned and he kind of put them down for one reason or another. I feel a little sorry for movie critics, they just can't go and enjoy a movie for it's entertainment value, most of us look past some of these mistakes so that we can enjoy the movie.

Anyway, last month was a real treat as well, it's too bad we didn't get a chance to hear Jimmie Johnson talk of his ancestor who was also at the battle of Baxter Springs, Kansas. You might remember Jimmie, he's with the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry.

Here's a few shots from our meeting and gathering of past presidents and the wonderful cake, we had our fill of sweets that night!



Thomas G. Smith and Jimmie Johnson
They both had ancestors at Baxter Springs, Kansas.

President and past presidents, Debbie Goodrich, Jack Brooks, Betty Ergovich, Don Bates Sr., Blair Tarr, James Speicher, Les Thierolf, and Arnold Schofield.

Past President, Jack Brooks from 1987 and 1990. Jack gets the first piece of cake!

