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399th REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, February 27, 2007

Homestead Country Club

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

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

Dinner-6:30p.m.

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

ROBERT LEE HODGE

Robert Lee Hodge is a writer, consultant, and film producer. He was raised in Ohio, where he attended Kent State University. A leader in the Civil War reenacting community, Rob is known for his commitment to the preservation of battlefields, and is always striving for stricter authenticity in reenacting. He was featured on National Public Radio's "Talk of the Nation", NBC's "Late, Late Show", The New Yorker, The Wall Street Journal, and on the prime-time PBS program "Going Places".

Rob has also been a featured writer for The Washington Post and The Nashville Tennessean. He has been employed as a historical researcher for several years, working with nationally-recognized experts and recently written a preservation column for North & South magazine.

For nearly 25 years now he has committed his career to historical-based projects. He has worked for large film productions, including ABC's North and South and the TNT films Gettysburg and Andersonville. Rob has served as a coordinator and technical assistant for A&E, The History Channel and The Discovery Channel.

Rob plays the major role in the narrative—and appears on the cover of—the New York Times' 1999 best selling book, *Confederates in the Attic*; where he hosts Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tony Horwitz on an eclectic and memorable Civil War tour-de-force of historic sites. The subsequent fame from the book has elevated

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**Please be sure that we have your reservation by Friday Feb. 23. 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.

MENU FOR FEBRUARY 2007

Boston Bibb Salad w/Champagne Vinaigrette,
Chicken Stuffed w/Spinach and Artichoke, Garlic
Whipped Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, and Cherry Cobbler
w/Vanilla Ice Cream

SPEAKERS FOR 2007-

March 27; Thomas G. Smith. For many years, Tom was the director of Industrial Light and Magic, the visual effects arm of George Lucas's film company. He worked on many Hollywood blockbusters including *Gods and Generals*, *Indiana Jones*, and *Star Wars*. He realized through an aunt that he had an ancestor at Baxter Springs, KS massacre, and subsequently wrote a novel about William Clark's brief life. "My Ancestor at Baxter Springs."

April 23; John Sellers. John is the Civil War and Lincoln specialist at the Library of Congress, and serves on the National Bicentennial Committee. Like Ed Bearss, anything John chooses to speak on is interesting. Topic to be announced.

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, Speakers to be announced.

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."



BATTLEFIELD DISPATCHES

Battlefield Dispatches # 22

"Scoundrels & Scalawags"

In Fort Scott

In the summer of 1862, the town of Fort Scott, Kansas was not the huge "Union" military complex that it would become from 1863-1865. There was a small "Union" garrison in Fort Scott because most of the troops that had been stationed at and around the town in the "Spring" of 1862 were participating in the "Indian Expedition" which was the first Union attempt to re-occupy the Indian Territory (present Oklahoma). The small garrison consisted of 230 soldiers from the 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry Regiment that was faced with a complicated military mission. In addition to guarding the town, the increasing military supplies and prisoners, the commanding officer (Major Benjamin S. Henning, 3rd Wis. Cav.) was responsible for the protection on Northern Bourbon County and Southern Linn County. The prisoners included civilians who violated martial law, Confederate soldiers, suspected spies, SCOUNDRELS, SCALAWAGS, JAYHAWKERS & DESPERADOES (outlaws). Because the worst prisoners had friends on the "OUTSIDE", Major Henning wanted to "Hang" some of them as an example, but there is no record that any were executed.

The following letter by Major Henning describes his sense of frustration at being required to accomplish a complicated military mission with an inadequate number of troops. It is located on pages 465-466 in Series I, Vol. 13 of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.

"Headquarters, Fort Scott, July 10, 1862.

Capt. Thomas Moonlight,

Assistant Adjutant - General [Fort Leavenworth]:

Captain: I find that my force at this post is entirely too SMALL to do the effective duty expected of us by the Commanding General [Brigadier General James G. Blunt]. As provost guard [here] there is much to do, as the state of the country has been and is quite unsettled, and the well-disposed citizens, feeling that the Commanding General is severe and that he is determined to put down JAYHAWKING and kindred crimes, have taken hold of the matter, and are active and vigilant, feel it their privilege to call on me as provost-marshal [Chief of Military Police] for details of men to assist them, which I immediately give. Besides our duty as provost

guard we have to furnish a strong force to guard prisoners and commissary stores at this post.

My whole effective force is 230 men! By my original order from Colonel Barstow I am required to keep a sufficient force at Mine Creek and Trading Post to insure the quietness of that neighborhood. My force there now is 60 men. At the suggestion and approval of the Commanding General I have sent a force to Jasper County, Mo., to protect the "Union" men in that vicinity, which leaves me only 120 men to protect the post and the immense amount of stores here. I have no disposition to exaggerate or create needless alarm, but I cannot help feeling that it would be very proper for our force to be increased. I assure you, Sir, that I shall be active and vigilant and do all that can be done to protect the interests of the government, and hardly fear any attack without Quantrill's and Hay's bands should drop in on us on their way down to the southern country.

Our guard-house is well filled with JAYHAWKERS & DESPERADOES of different kinds, and some of the worst ones, with their friends outside, threaten just enough to make me a LITTLE ANXIOUS to STRING SOME OF THEM UP!

I am notified that 105 rebel prisoners taken at the fight of Grand Saline will reach here tomorrow (July 11), and with my small force it will be impossible for me to guard them safely, and under the circumstances shall order them being taken to Fort Leavenworth, together with some prisoners already in confinement here.

I am, Captain, Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,

B. S. Henning,
Major 3rd Wis. Cavalry, Comdg. Post & Provost –
Marshal.



NEWTONIA BATTLEFIELDS MAY BECOME PART OF NPS

The U.S. House of Representatives has approved a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study that will decide whether the sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri should become part of the National Park Service. This study will determine the national significance of the Civil War battlefields located in Newton County. U.S. Representative Roy Blunt

introduced the bill, with the goal of either creating a new unit of the NFS or a satellite site administered by Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Blunt explained, "The area around the battlefields is still largely undeveloped, but this area will see lots of pressure in the next decade for residential and commercial expansion." The Senate must also approve the study before it can be completed.

In 1993, the federal Civil War Sites Advisory Commission designated Newtonia one of the top 50 most threatened battlefields in the nation. Three years ago, the not-for-profit Civil War Preservation Trust declared the 1864 battlefield site one of the top 25 most endangered. Land in the 1862 battle was in the top 50, with both battlefields overlapping in some areas.

The two Civil War battles that took place near the little Missouri town of Newtonia, located approximately 60 miles southwest of Wilson's Creek NB, were significant for several reasons. The first battle, fought on September 30th, 1862 over control of the lead mines at nearby Granby., is believed to be the only Civil War battle in which full Native American units played an important role on both sides. The 3rd Indian Home Guard Regiment fought on the Federal side and the 1st Cherokee Battalion, 1st Choctaw Regiment, an Indian Battalion, and the 1st Cherokee Choctaw Regiment all fought for the Confederates. It was the Cherokee Indians who won the day for the Confederate army during this conflict that kept the mines supplying lead to the Little Rock arsenal.

Of the 90 engagements during the Civil War involving Native American units, Newtonia is believed to be the largest. Civil War records indicate that approximately 3,600 Native Americans fought on both sides during the war.

On October 28th, 1864, the second battle of Newtonia, fought as General Sterling Price was retreating from his unsuccessful Missouri and Kansas Campaign of 1864, was one of the last Civil War battles west of the Mississippi and the last battle in Missouri, a state that had more Civil War battles than any other states except Virginia and Tennessee.

Approximately 350 soldiers were killed or wounded on both sides in 1862 and 650 casualties were reported in the 1864 battle.

For a dozen years the Newtonia Battlefield Protection Association has led efforts to preserve the battlefield, with the purchase of 11 acres and the Ritchey Mansion, which was a headquarters and hospital in both battles. A band of volunteers have donated thousands of their own dollars and thousands of volunteer hours toward the goal that Representative Blunt's H. R. 5978 proposes.



USS MONITOR MUSEUM TO OPEN

A consortium of several organizations has succeeded in finding and retrieving a good bit of the wreck of the USS Monitor. On March 8-10, 2007, the Monitor Museum will be dedicated and opened at Newport News, Va. The \$30 million USS Monitor Center is state-of-the-art and will display the gun turret and many recovered artifacts from the vessel. The opening is scheduled on the 145th anniversary of the classic battle of ironclads, the CSS Virginia and the USS Monitor, at Hampton Roads on March 9, 1862. Quite a series of programs and events are planned. Those interested in attending the historical events can call (757) 596-2222 for information.

Famous People Born and Reared in Dixieland

Afta considable research into the matter, we are disclosing this information for the fussed time.

Afta a whole peck of pains-takin' effort, it was discovered by Col. Horsepasture that the following people were really sons and daughters of DIXIE.

We are givin' their SOUTHERN names, BEFOE they crossed the line to the NAWTH.

'Lil Liza Taylor—Play Actress and Wife
Beauregard Burton—Play Actor and Husband
Stonewall Jackson Parr—Fighter and Town Crier
Lucy Bell Lola Bridgita—Actress
Dinah Show—Singer and Kissar
Scollot O'Hare—Play Actress
Lady Bird Nixon—Wife of Politician
Beauregard Berlin—Song writer
Adam Clayton Faubus—Politician
Cotton Heston—Wagon Driver and Actor
Otho Gawdrey—T. V. Entainer
Rob't. E. Rockerfeller—Governor
Stonewall Sinatra—Singer

Famous Inventions of Dixie

Cotton Gin (100 Proof)
This never became popular
because it left that Cotton
Pickin', Cotton Spitin' Taste
in youh mouth.

CIVIL WAR PRESERVATION TRUST RESCUES 1,300 ACRES OF HALLOWED GROUND IN 2006

The Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT), the nation's largest nonprofit battlefield preservation group, announced today its land preservation accomplishments for 2006. The organization permanently protected 1,329 acres of hallowed ground at 16 different Civil War battlefields in nine states. Overall, CWPT has protected 23,652 acres of core battlefield at 96 sites in 18 states.

"Looking at the list of land that our generous members have helped us save in the past year, I can't help but swell with pride," remarked CWPT president Jim Lighthizer. "What we accomplished in 2006 is a perfect illustration of why we are in business – saving the most historically important ground at the Civil War's most crucial battlefields. Last year we did just that, and in unprecedented fashion."

Topping the list of 2006 accomplishments for CWPT is the 208-acre Slaughter Pen Farm in Spotsylvania County, Va. With a \$12 million price tag, the property associated with the December 13, 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg is the single most expensive private battlefield preservation effort in American history. But according to Lighthizer, the nearly unspoiled land was worth every penny.

"Experts consider the Slaughter Pen Farm to be the spot where the Battle of Fredericksburg was won and lost. Five Medals of Honor were awarded for valor shown on this property; the veterans themselves dubbed it the 'Slaughter Pen' for the blood that was shed here. We simply could not sit by and allow land this important to the American story be bulldozed into oblivion," he said.

Preservationists also celebrated the end of a four-year struggle to protect the First Day at Chancellorsville Battlefield. In 2002 a coalition of preservation groups announced its intention to defeat a major development proposed for the site of the May 1, 1863 fighting. In 2004, CWPT was able to acquire 140 acres of the First Day Battlefield east of historic Lick Run. A November vote by the county Board of Supervisors cleared the way for the sale of the remaining 74 acres of the battlefield to CWPT. The Trust will be asking its members to contribute toward the purchase of the property this spring. What had once been considered an impossible goal will soon be achieved.

Also at the top of CWPT's 2006 accomplishments is the defeat of the proposed 5,000-slots casino near East Cavalry Field at Gettysburg. CWPT, along with No Casino Gettysburg and national and regional preservation groups, opposed the slots

parlor from the very beginning, believing America's most famous battlefield shrine to be the worst possible location for a gambling parlor. Moreover, a casino would have further exacerbated already intense development pressures in the Gettysburg region

In addition, last year's accomplishments are remarkable for how they contributed toward achieving critical mass at several battlefields where CWPT has already done significant preservation work. For example, CWPT has now helped protect 1,454 acres at Trevilian Station, Va., 780 acres at Bentonville, N.C., 697 acres at Gettysburg, Pa., and 495 acres at Champion Hill, Miss.

"We know the time we have left to save these hallowed grounds is short," Lighthizer said. "In some places the time we have left can be measured in months; in other regions we are lucky if we have a few years. The development pressures facing many communities with Civil War battlefields are immense, but we will continue working with our many dedicated partners to protect these unique resources for future generations."

The full roster of sites protected in 2006 includes: 6.5 acres at Mine Creek in Kansas; 1 acre at Munfordville and 54 acres at Perryville in Kentucky; 58 acres at Champion Hill in Mississippi; 70 acres at Wilson's Creek in Missouri; 299 acres at Bentonville in North Carolina; 105 acres at Gettysburg in Pennsylvania; 8 acres at Fort Donelson in Tennessee; 8 acres at Brandy Station, 74 acres at Chancellorsville, 208 acres at Fredericksburg, 1 acre at the John Meigs death site in Rockingham County, 200 acres at Port Republic, 6 acres at Second Deep Bottom and 170 acres at Trevilian Station in Virginia; and 59 acres at Shepherdstown in West Virginia.

With a variety of preservation projects already on the table or under investigation, CWPT is looking forward to further success in 2007. The year also marks the organization's 20th anniversary in the battlefield protection business.

With 70,000 members, CWPT is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its mission is to preserve our country's remaining Civil War battlefields. Since 1987, the organization has saved more than 23,500 acres of hallowed ground nationwide. CWPT's website is located at www.civilwar.org.



CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

1) Robert E. Lee's father, "Light Horse" Harry Lee, was George Washington's cavalry commander during the American Revolution. He was also the descendant of two signers of the Declaration of Independence: Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee.

2) Robert E. Lee graduated second in his class at West Point in 1829. He remains the only cadet to complete his degree at the U. S. Military Academy without receiving a single demerit for violations of the college's strict disciplinary code.

3) Future Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis fought together in the Black Hawk (Indian) War of 1832.

4) West Point's "Class of 1841" produced 20 Civil War generals.



FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL FRONTIER TRAILS MUSEUM



The Friends of the National Frontier Trails Museum is excited to announce a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know one of America's greatest routes of commerce and adventure - the Santa Fe Trail. This six-day, five-night motor coach tour will leave Independence, Missouri on Monday April 23, traveling the length of the historic trail, with stops at many sites including Pawnee Rock, various ruts, Bent's Old Fort, historic Santa Fe, New Mexico, and historic Fort Union, and will return on Saturday, April 28, 2007. Many adventures await you - delicious food, beautiful scenery, and perhaps an encounter with a legend of the Old West. Your trail guide will be noted trails historian Ross Marshall, Past President of the Santa Fe Trail Association, who has spent many years researching and exploring every aspect of this historic avenue of trade and culture.

The price for this trip, which includes overnight accommodations, most meals, admissions, guide service, and ground transportation, is \$795.00 for double occupancy and \$945.00 for single occupancy. A \$50.00 deposit to secure your reservation is due by Friday, January 18, 2007. \$300.00 per person is due on February 12, 2007 and the remaining balance due by March 1, 2007. Cash, credit card or check can make payments for the trip. Checks should be made payable to the Friends of the National Frontier Trails Museum. Please call Lynda Black, Vice-President of the Friends, for additional information.

Charlotte Olejko

Rob's celebrity to the point that he is much sought-after for speaking engagements, historical events, interviews and consulting. Rob has a fan-base that includes Glenn Close, Demi Moore, Bill Paxton, and Conan O'Brien.

In addition to producing historically accurate and entertaining documentaries about the Civil War, Rob's passion certainly lies in preserving the historic battlefields of the War Between the States -- since 1991 -- when he interned with the National Park Service's Civil War Sites Advisory Commission. Rob has organized battlefield preservation fund-raisers that have garnered over \$100,000 for the purchase of endangered Civil War sites. He's a very active preservationist who speaks nationwide about the need to preserve history, and he serves on the board of directors of the Fredericksburg-based Central Virginia Battlefields Trust. In order to sharpen his skills as a historian and consultant, he can often be found doing research at the National Archives and Library of Congress.

In 1999 Rob co-founded Wide Awake Films, a company dedicated to the education of the American Civil War, and to the protection of its' historic green-space. Wide Awake Films has produced the battlefield preservation documentary Saving Civil War Battlefields (1999), Chickamauga (2000 Telly Award winner), and Manassas: 1861 (2002 Telly Award winner), Spotsylvania (2004), and recently Franklin: Five Hours in the Valley of Death (2005) -- which aired on Nashville PBS in the fall of 2005.

Currently Rob is working on a documentary on the Battle of Perryville, and is also wrapping up production on "Bad Blood: The Border War that triggered The Civil War" -- a two-hour film on the Kansas-Missouri border war -- which was co-produced with a PBS affiliate.

Robert Lee Hodge keeps history alive for future generations through his passion for the Civil War and his experience as a researcher, writer, speaker, and film producer.



Pennsylvania Monument in Gettysburg, PA. This was my entry into the photo contest sponsored by the Civil War Preservation Trust and The Arts and Entertainment Channel in 2006. I took a second place with this photo in the "scenic" category.