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427th REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, February 22, 2011

Homestead Country Club

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

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

Dinner-6:30p.m.

FEBRAUARY SPEAKER

DANIEL HADLEY

“THE BATTLE OF LONE JACK”

Mr. Hadley's presentation will take a closer look at some fascinating details about the Battle of Lone Jack, those who fought in it, and the tragic aftermath. Also discussed will be the creation of the museum on the battlefield site, and the famous Missouri statesman who helped it become a reality. The presentation will conclude with a highlight of the new battle being fought at Lone Jack- the fight for battlefield preservation- the threat of future development, and the mission to save what's left of the Lone Jack battlefield.

Dan Hadley is Vice President of the Lone Jack Historical Society. Born and raised in Independence, Missouri, Dan now resides in Lee's Summit, just ten miles from the Lone Jack Battlefield, Museum and Soldiers' Cemetery. A graphic designer by trade, he also does freelance illustration and graphic design for a variety of clients, including local museums, publishers, as well as the Emmy Award-winning, Kansas City-based Civil War documentary filmmakers, Wide Awake Films. He is also editor of the Lone Jack Historical Society quarterly newsletter, "The Acorn".

*Please be sure that we have your reservation by Friday Feb. 18. Return reservation
In the enclosed envelope with required payment of \$25.00 per person to;
Paul Gault, 7118 N Congress Ave., Kansas City, MO 64152.*

If you have questions or your payment is unavoidably tardy, please contact
Assistant Treasurer Betty Ergovich at 913 441-6462.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

BATTLE OF CARTHAGE TOUR

April 30, 2011: Why this battle: Missouri was an important state for both the North and the South. No state was more hotly contested in 1861 than Missouri which had more than twice as many incidents of violence that year than any other state. Was Missouri a neutral state? Who were the primary players and what sparked the campaign that led to this battle and the abandonment of neutrality?

Who were the soldiers that participated in this battle and what were their commitments? What was the importance to the outcome of the battle? The impact of this campaign and battle determined the future path that Missouri would take. The battle was fought on July 5, 1861. This being the sesquicentennial of that battle it only seemed appropriate that this is the time to study and review the major impact of this battle. Join us on that tour for a very informative tour of Missouri and that battle, a tour that will be hosted by Roundtable members. Even though the Burnt District occurred after this battle our first stop will be at that monument in Harrisonville with our second stop at the Bushwhacker Museum in Nevada before we begin the tour on Civil War Road at Carthage and conclude at the Civil War museum of Carthage. Our tour guide will be Steve Weldon, the battlefield historian for the Battle of Carthage. Official registration for this tour will begin at the Feb 22nd meeting and the tour is open to all organizations and the public.

SPEAKERS 2011

Feb 22: Daniel Hadley, Vice President, Lone Jack Historical Society, *"Battle of Lone Jack"*

Mar 22: Patricia Moss, Patricia Moss Art and Family History Services, *"George Caleb Bingham and Order No. 11"*

Apr 26: Alicia Scott, Community Outreach Coordinator, Kendallwood Hospice, *"The Sultana"*

May 24: Joseph K Houts, Jr., Vice President, Community Development Center, Commerce Bank, St. Joseph, MO *"Medicine and the Founding of the Sanitation Commission"*

SUMMER SESSIONS:

Jun 28: John Hilmer: Superintendent of Wilson's Creek

July 26: Dan Smith: Civil War History of Jackson County

Aug 23: Col. James Speicher: "The H. L. Hunley"

Sep 27: Glenda J. Wallace, Chief, Eastern Band of The Shawnee, "American Indians and The Civil War"

Oct 25: Arnold Schofield, *"Thunder in the Valleys"*

Nov 22: Doug Mischler as: *"Jefferson Davis"*

Dec 27: Dave Para and Cathy Barton Para *"Music of the Civil War"* & Silent Book Auction

CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM WITH DAVID BLIGHT

"Lasting Legacies of the Civil War," a symposium featuring Dr. David Blight, Dr. Dwight Pitcaithley, Jim Denny, and Arnold Schofield will be held at the North Independence Library on Saturday, March 26, 2011, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event is free and reservations are recommended. It is being sponsored by the Mid-Continent Public Library System, the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, and the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site.

Dr. David Blight will present: "Has Civil War Memory Divided or United Americans Over 150 Years?" He is a professor of history at Yale University and is the author and editor of several books including *Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory* and *Beyond the Battlefield: Race, Memory, and the American Civil War*.

Dr. Dwight Pitcaithley will present: "Missouri's Secession Convention and the Great Slavery Question." He is a former chief historian of the National Park Service.

Jim Denney will present: "Bleeding Missouri." He is retired from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and is the author of *The Civil War's First Blood: Missouri, 1854-1861*.

The Round Table's own Arnold Schofield will present: "Origins, Animosities, and Legacies of the Kansas/Missouri Border Wars: 1856-1865 and Beyond." He is the Site Administrator at the Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site. The North Independence Library is located at 317 West US Highway 24 in Independence. For reservations, call the Center at (816) 252-0950 or at <http://www.mymcpl.org>.

The program will also be presented on Sunday, March 27, 2011, at the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, Kansas.

2011 LOCAL AND COMING EVENTS

March 12, 2011 - Ladies and Gentlemen: Greetings and salutations! I am inviting you to participate in what should be a great start to the 150's. The Fourth Missouri's Grande Ball on March 12, 2011. This will be a formal dinner and dance. Our goal is period wear but current military class 'A's or formal wear will be acceptable. Please pass on to anyone whom you deem appropriate. (If you know of a sutler that would want to have a display table at the ball, have them either call me or send me an email.) When I have more information I will post it on my web site of www.4moinf.com I have attached a registration sheet

that you can mail to: (go to website) Daniel Keith, 3893 South 117th Road, Bolivar, MO 65613, I look forward to your correspondence. Your Obedient Servant, Captain Daniel Keith, Company E, Fourth Missouri Infantry Regiment, First Missouri Battalion, Trans-Mississippi Brigade, Huckabee's Division 3893 South 117th Road, Bolivar, MO 65613, (417)777-2296

April 30, 2011 – Bus Tour: “Battle of Carthage, Mo.” More information to come in next month’s Border Bugle or see Lane Smith

May 13-15, 2011 – Carthage, Mo., Re-enactment.

June 17-19, 2011 – Booneville, Mo., Re-enactment.

August 12-14 2011 – Springfield, Missouri. Wilson's Creek Reenactment Planned for 2011 The Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation has begun planning a maximum-effort Civil War reenactment to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Wilson's Creek. The reenactment will take place during the weekend of August 12-14, 2011.

Excitement is already building for the Civil War sesquicentennial, and as the second major battle of the war, Wilson's Creek compels a great deal of attention in the reenactment community. The Western Division of the Blue-Gray Alliance, a re-enactor organization, will help design battle scenarios and handle all military aspects of the reenactment.

Due to the high level of interest, the Blue-Gray Alliance anticipates that this will be a well-attended event, with more than 3,000 re-enactors and huge crowds of spectators. Although a location has not yet been selected, it will be held as close to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield as possible. Watch for more details and updates on the Foundation web site at www.wilsonscreek.com.

Sept. 16-18, 2011 – Lexington, Mo., Reenactment

October 1-2, 2011 – Leasburg, Mo., Battle of Morristown near Harrisonville, Reenactment.

MENU FOR FEBRUARY

Boston Bib with Walnuts, Mandarin Oranges and Champagne Vinaigrette, Beef Brisket with Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Peas and Carrots, Cheesecake with Cherry Sauce.

NEW (OLD) MEMBER

John Perney, 13255 Manchester Ave., Grandview, MO 64030, (816) 761-4890, john.perney@yahoo.com

LARGE BOOK COLLECTION DONATION

"Frances Gunnels, Jay Gunnels widow kindly donated Jay's collection of 523 Civil War Books to the CWRTKC to sell at the meetings. The money raised by

these sales is to allow us to have funds to bring in future speakers. Fran said that of all of the organizations to which Jay belonged, the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City was his favorite. Although not a founding member of the Round Table, Jay did become a member during the year it was founded. Thank you Frances Gunnels!

“The Sargeant Major’s Roar”

Battlefield Dispatches #83

“Scalps & Spies”

This column is not about a spy who was scalped, but does concern a reminder of a vicious type of calling card & the voluntary use of women as spies for the Union “Hounds” in the pursuit of Confederate “Foxes”. As mentioned previously, the scalping of dead Union “Hounds” & leaving said remains to be discovered was a calling card & warning, that this would be your fate if you were captured by “Bloody Bill Anderson” and or possibly his men. The reputation of “Bloody Bill” was not only disseminated by word of mouth & in newspapers of the day, it was also communicated in the after action reports & telegrams of the Union “Hounds”. The following (3) after action documents are located on Pages 216, 217 & 194 in Vol. 41, Part III, Correspondence of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.

Saint Joseph, Mo.,

September 16, 1864.

Col. O.D. Greene,

Assistant Adjutant-General & Chief of Staff,
Saint Louis:

Major King telegraphs me from Fayette that his command have had a fight with ANDERSON'S GUERRILLAS, killing 11 of them, capturing 12 horses and the same number of revolvers. Some of the bridles of these horses were trimmed with HUMAN SCALPS!

CLINTON B. FISK
Brigadier-General.”

Headquarters Troops in the Field

Fayette, Mo., September

14, 1864.

Brig. Gen. C. B. Fisk,

I returned to this place last night from [a] scout [patrol]. Heard of no large bands. I went into the vicinity of Old Franklin and Rocheport. On Sunday my [wagon] train coming from Glasgow was attacked. My escort, twenty-five men charged them; killed 1, wounded 1 and captured 3 horses and equipments. ON Monday my

command killed 5 guerrillas; captured 7 horses and 12 pistols, with the loss of 1 horse killed. The last 5 killed were ANDERSON'S MEN and some of their bridles being DECKED [decorated] with HUMAN SCALPS. Captain Mayo was in command of the advance when he came upon five at a house. He charged them; killed 3 of the five and captured all their horses; one of these horses had scalps on the bridle. I am compelled to rest my horses and shoe them up. Major Leonard is out [on a scout].

AUSTIN A. KING.
Major, Commanding."

On the same day, in southwestern Missouri a local loyal "Union" woman had been recruited to enter the "Secret Service" as a spy. During the Civil War, women were used by both sides as spies and smugglers. However, it is very unusual to find a spy to be named in a document of the day, because being so named would mean certain death if the document were to be acquired by the enemy!

"Neosho, Mo.,

September 16, 1864.
General Sanborn,

Commanding District of Southwest Missouri [at Springfield].

General: I have the honor, according to yours of the 14th instant, requesting me to send you a lady suitable to act in the "secret service" as [a] spy, to send you Miss Mary Martin, a lady of UNDOUBTED LOYALTY, INGENIOUS AND DARING. I have information on Stand Watie being down near Spavina. I am going to start a lady [another spy] together with the boy Winfield Scott, in that direction today. I will use all vigilance possible and inform you of any and every move in that direction.

I am, general, very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

MILTON BURCH

Major, Comdg. Battalion 8th Cavalry
Missouri State Militia."

It is not known if the mission Miss Mary Martin was sent on as a spy was successful or not, but spies would be continued to be used & scalps would continue to be taken by "Bloody Bill Anderson" & his men until he, Anderson, one of the most famous or infamous Confederate "Foxes" was killed by the Union "Hounds" which will be described in a future column and of course the War Went On!

"Interested in the Old West? The Kansas City Posse of the Westerners International meets monthly on the 2nd

Tuesday at the Golden Ox Steak House for a delicious dinner and an Old West talk.

For more info contact Dennis Garstang at 816-569-1180 or dgarstang@kc.rr.com

Thanking you in advance, I remain
Respectfully
Dennis Garstang

NAME TAGS

Temporary name tags will be available at the registration table for visitors and for members without permanent name tags. Members who wish to order permanent name tags will find forms available at the registration desk at the January and February meetings. Cost is \$12.50 each. Name tags will be ordered after the February meeting and can be picked up at the registration desk at the March meeting.

BOOK LIST

The Civil War Round Table is creating a list of favorite and recommended books to be posted on our website and shared with others (like museums and libraries) wishing to build a reading list for their patrons. Please send your selections, including title and author, to Alisha Cole at amcole2@mac.com.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU

With the arrival of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, the demand for speakers on the Civil War will be tremendous. Our Round Table is compiling a list of speakers, their contact information, and their topic(s) for area libraries, schools, and organizations. It will also be posted on our website. If you are interested, please send your name, information for contact and introduction, fees, and a description of your topic(s) to Alisha Cole at amcole2@mac.com.



MISSOURI STATE ARCHIVES CIVIL WAR SPEAKER SERIES

January thru November, 2011

Open through May 31, *Divided Loyalties*: Civil War Documents from the Missouri State archives.

February 24 -7:00p.m.-Negroes to Hire: Slave Life and Culture on Missouri Farms. Filmmaker Gary Jenkins and other noted authors, historians and educators.

March 24-7:00p.m.-Confederate Women and Military Justice in the St. Louis Area. Thomas Curran, speaker.

April 28-7:00p.m.-Through American and Irish Wars: The Life and Times Of Thomas W. Sweeney, 1820-1892. Jack Morgan, speaker.

May 19-7:00p.m. Truman Building, Rooms 490/492-Guerrillas, Partisans and Bushwhackers: Rethinking the American Civil War. Daniel Sutherland, speaker.

June 16-7:00p.m.-Praits of Conflict: A Photographic History of Missouri in the Civil War. William Garret Piston and Thomas P. Sweeney, speakers.

July 14-7:00p.m.-General Sterling Price and the Confederacy. Robert G. Schultz, speaker.

August 11-7:00p.m.-Truman Building, Rooms 490/492-Missouri Germans and the Cause of Union and Freedom. Walter Kamphoefner, speaker.

September 22-7:00p.m.-What Archaeology Can Reveal About General Order No. 11. Ann Raab, speaker.

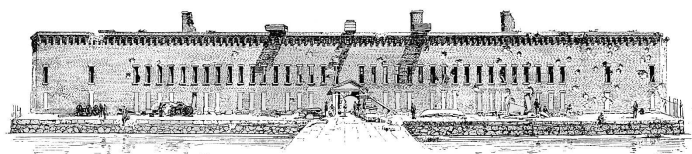
October 20-7:00p.m.-"Bloody Bill" Anderson's Raid on the Lafayette County Germans. Roberts W. Frizzell, speaker.

November 10-7:00p.m.-Lincoln and Citizen's Rights in Civil War Missouri: Balancing Freedom and Security. Dennis Bowman, speaker.

All speakers, speak at the Missouri State Archives except where noted in special rooms. For more information you may call (573) 751-3280 or go to: www.sos.mo.gov/archives. The Missouri State Archives is located in Jefferson City, Mo at 600 West Main Street and the Harry S. Truman Rooms are at the Harry S. Truman Building at 301 West High Street also in Jefferson City.

LINCOLN'S SECRET KILLER?

The tragic death of Abraham Lincoln is hardly a mystery. What isn't clear, however, is the state of the President's health at the time of his assignation. His gaunt frame and prematurely aged looks have led to speculation that he was gravely ill and possibly dying of cancer. In *Lincoln's Secret Killer?* Diagnosis expert John Sotos sets out to prove it. Follow him as he tracks down relics from Lincoln's past-including bloodstained fabric that may harbor traces of DNA-nad attempts to have them tested for the first time ever, by geneticists in Ohio and New Zealand. *Lincoln's Secret Killer?* Airs February 21 at 10 p.m. ET (that's 9 p.m. CT), on the National Geographic Channel.



THE LOSS OF A FELLOW MEMBER

Jana Sims Moynihan passed away at the age of 65 on January 16, 2011. Beloved wife of James M. Moynihan; dearest mother of James C. Moynihan and Jeanne B. Livingston; preceded in death by her beloved parents William and Jana Sims.

Jana was born on May 6, 1945 in Waynesville, MO and grew up in Kansas City, MO. She graduated from Southeast HS in K.C., MO in 1963 and got her BA and MA in History at UMKC. She worked as a Behavioral Therapist for 5 years for KCMO Regional Center and then as an Equal Opportunity Specialist for the USDHHS for 27 years.

Jana was a member and office holder of the National Federation of the Blind since 1967. She received the Jernigan Award in 1981 and the % Star Award in 2009. She was a member of the Kansas City Civil War Round Table and had just moved to St. Louis, MO and joined the Civil War Round Table there when she unexpectedly died.

Civil War Preservation

"The Right Thing to Do"

Kansas City Star, Jan. 27, 2010

by Steve Szkotak

Associated Press

A BATTLEFIELD VICTORY

ORANGE, Va. | Under opposition from historians and preservationists, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. abruptly abandoned plans Wednesday to build a Supercenter near a hallowed Civil War site where, in 1864, Robert E. Lee first met Ulysses S. Grant in battle.

Attorneys for the world's largest retailer announced the decision in court on the eve of a trial that would have put Pulitzer-Prize winning historian James McPherson on the witness stand. He was to testify that a portion of the site 60 miles southwest of Washington, D.C., was a "nerve center" for the Battle of the Wilderness.

Wal-Mart, which had weathered two years of criticism, did not elaborate on its decision to withdraw plans for the store.

"We just felt it was the right thing to do," said William C. Wertz, a spokesman for the Arkansas-based retailer.

He said the company would seek another location in Orange County and compensate the county for its expenses in defending its decision to approve the store.

Preservationists celebrated the turnaround and said the decision signaled their resolve to protect America's heritage.

"I hope this sends a message not only to Wal-Mart but to other developers that the preservation community is willing to fight for historic sites," said Robert Rosenbaum, an attorney for residents and preservationists.

The 143,000-square-foot store would have been outside the limits of the protected national park where the core battlefield is located.

The Orange County Board of Supervisors in August 2009 approved the special-use permit Wal-Mart needed to build the store. The National Trust for Historic Preservation, residents near the site, and others challenged the approval.

The Battle of the Wilderness is viewed by historians as a critical point when the Civil War started to turn in favor of the North. An estimated 185,000 Union and Confederate troops fought over three days in the Wilderness, leaving 30,000 killed, wounded or missing.

Hundreds of historians and celebrities had appealed to Wal-Mart to walk away from the 50-acre property and find another place to build in the rural county.

McPherson wrote in a summary of his testimony that Grant's headquarters and his senior leaders were encamped near the site of the proposed store and Union casualties were treated on the site or in an area destined to be a parking lot for the store.

Wal-Mart and county officials had argued that no significant battles occurred on the site.

Photos Mike Epstein 2004

