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398th REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, January 23, 2007

Homestead Country Club

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

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

Dinner-6:30p.m.

JANUARY SPEAKER

SCOTT PORTER

Scott Porter, Team leader, Command General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth. Scott is the author of numerous scholarly articles on the Civil War. Ask him about Doc Jennison, one of his more recent areas of study. "Battle of Camden Port".

Happy New Year

HELP!!!!

If you want to receive the Border Bugle my mail or by e-mail, please let Paul Gault know when you renew your dues so he can in turn let me know, also, please don't forget to let us know of any changes you make to either your address or e-mail or we can't get the Border Bugle to you. Thanks, Mike.

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2007

DUES

*Please be sure that we have your reservation by Friday Jan 19. Return reservation
In the enclosed envelope with required payment of \$20.00 per person to;
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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.

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, good folks! What a year we have to look forward to. I can hardly wait!

We are blessed, in the trans-Mississippi West, to have so many talented and knowledgeable speakers so close by and we will be equally blessed by those visiting this year from East and West. You won't want to miss a single meeting

That being said, let us consider why we meet at all.

We come to the meetings of the CWRT to learn, to make the acquaintance of historians and authors who have delved into areas we have not had time to explore. They have walked paths we didn't even know existed. These days, though, we can turn on the television and be inundated by all the experts on earth. We can surf the internet and find any imaginable fact. So why do we continue to meet?

We meet for each other.

We come together for the fellowship and affirmation that comes from the company of like-minded people. Despite our different backgrounds and experiences, we share a passion for history, for Civil War history. None of us is objective in our passions; we each bring to the table our prejudices, our preferences, our personalities. Let us strive to respect and understand our fellow CWRT member, whether he be Yankee or Rebel, Jayhawker or Bushwhacker. It's the energy that keeps our group alive.

Let us revel in these passions in the coming year!

MENU FOR JANUARY 2007

California Salad w/Pears and Walnuts, London Broil w/Red Wine Mushroom Sauce, Twice Baked Potatoes, Chefs Vegetables White Chocolate Bread Pudding w/Burbon Sauce

SPEAKERS FOR 2007-

February 27; Robt. Lee Hodge filmmaker, reenactor, activist for preservation of Civil War Battlefields. Though he lives in Washington, D.C., Rob is a partner in the Kansas City company Wideawake Films. Their stunning documentary on Bleeding Kansas, "Bad Blood", will air on KCPT in March. Many CWRT members may recognize Rob's face from the best selling *Confederates in the Attic* by Tony Horowitz. "Civil War and Cinema."

March 27; Thomas G. Smith. For many years, Tom was thew director f 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 # 10

Burning of Montevallo, Missouri

On April 15April 14, 1862 Union troops of the 1st Iowa Volunteer Cavalry destroyed the buildings in Montevallo, Vernon County after a deadly battle with Missouri guerrillas. The following "After Action" report describes the battle and why the Union Commanding Officer believed it was necessary to destroy Montevallo.

"Headquarters District of Central Missouri,

Jefferson City, Mo., April 24, 1862.

Colonel: In the absence, per order, of the Brigadier General Commanding, I have the honor to report as follows:

On the morning of April 13th, Lieut. Col. C.E. Moss, 1st Iowa Cavalry, with two companies of the 1st Iowa Cav, D & K, 100 strong and [Mo.] State Militia 150 strong moved from Osceola for Montevallo, Vernon county, for the purpose of breaking up GUERRILLAS, 300 strong, supposed to have collected at a point on Cedar and Horse Creeks 12 miles from Montevallo.

After crossing the Sac river, 15 miles above its confluence with the Osage, the advance guard skirmished with JAYHAWKERS, who fired upon them from a house, wounding Pvt. John Bander, Co. K, 1st Iowa Cav. Loss of rebels, 1 killed and 4 wounded.

Lieut. Col. Moss reached Montevallo at 7 p.m. [April 14, 1862] and quartered his men in and about the yard of the hotel, giving special orders to sleep upon their arms close together, and prepared for any attack which might be made. Guards were stationed and the command retired for the night, sleeping mostly in a log house attached to the hotel, the front kitchen and the stable loft.

About 4:30 o'clock in the morning [April 15, 1862] the detachment was aroused by an approaching body of men, said to be 50 strong, who DEMANDED an immediate and UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER, accompanied with a threat to burn the houses over their heads in case of refusal. This was answered by a shot, which opened the engagement. Shots from the upper story of the house told with marked effect upon the attacking party, who were repulsed and took shelter behind a store 50 yards distant. Col. Moss then ordered the men to fall into line outside and charge upon the enemy, who thereupon dispersed precipitately [very quickly].

Several rebels were killed in this contest and 7 wounded, 3 mortally. Among the latter was the NOTORIOUS WILD IRISHMAN, alias Daniel Henly, leader of a desperate gang, the TERROR of Saint Clair, Cedar and Vernon counties. Our loss was 2 killed and 4 wounded. The conduct of our troops on this occasion was deserving of high praise. Exposed to a murderous fire, not a man flinched. Lieut. Barnes and the "Citizen Guide", Andrew J. Pugh, are especially mentioned for their cool gallantry and determined courage.

Being advised that a body of 60 men, besides two companies [Approx. 200 Guerrillas] were preparing to attack the command that evening at Montevallo, col. Moss ordered the hotel where the former attack had been organized and all intervening old buildings and brush

BURNED as a measure of safety. The buildings burned were of little or no value, and were used by the GUERRILLAS for DEFENSES. Tuesday the command moved into Cedar County.

I hope to soon report as DEAD the balance of the WILD IRISHMEN!

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Lucien J. Barnes, Captain and
Assistant Adjutant- General.



MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD VISITOR'S CENTER

Although the KSHS has decided to close the Mine Creek Visitor's Center for the three winter months, December, January and February, the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation has gained permission to staff the center on weekends during January and February. The winter is a great time to visit the battlefield - especially to walk the interpretive trails. Mosquitoes and chiggers are not a problem, and the ubiquitous ticks don't show up until April! The Visitor's Center will be opened for special group tours during the winter - just call 913 352-8890 to set up a group visit.

Interpretive Trail booklets will be available daily and can be found on a rack attached to the front door. With this booklet the visitor can follow the numbered posts around the Interpretive Trail and gain insight into the battle. The late Jerry Russell told me during our tour several years ago how much better he understood the battle once he saw the grounds it was fought over.



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You'll find, suh, that werr not as educated to the ways of shrewd business practices as are our neighbors to the NAWTH.

You'll find our southern hospitality genuine and non-commercial. Above all, with the abidin' faith that a fast dolla isn't evah-thing.

And, by the way, bring your Credit Kee-yards.



CENTRALIA BATTLEFIELD DONATED TO GROUP

A 23-acre plot of farmland was given to the Friends of Centralia Battlefield Inc. in July 2006. The site of the battle between U. S. Army Major A. V. E. Johnston's troops and the men of Confederate "Bloody" Bill Anderson on September 27, 1864, the land will soon have a driveway, parking lot, and walking bridge for more accessibility. The land was donated to the group by former owners Richard and Martha Lee Moore. Eventually they hope to have a gazebo with informative markers to tell where the guerrillas were hiding in ambush and where Major Johnston's skirmish line was made. A spokesman says that it's very impressive for school groups to realize they are standing on a real battlefield. Information courtesy of Len Eagleburger of the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks.



DEATH RECORDS INTERNET SITE

Tim Hoover of the Kansas City Star writes on June 25, 2006, "The 72-year-old man's cause of death is recorded as a cerebral hemorrhage, and his occupation is listed simply as "farmer," leaving no hint of his violent youth. The 1915 death certificate of Alexander Franklin James—better known as Frank James, brother of Jesse—is just one of the 640,000 imaged death records through 1924 that now can be found online through the Missouri State Archives in the secretary of state's office.

The agency is involved in an ambitious program to create an online index of 2 million Missouri death certificates from 1910 to 1955. Although basic information for each death is online now, it will take years to get all the actual images of the death certificates online." The database allows anyone to search for a person by name, county, or month/year of death. The website is located atsos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates.

UNION AND CONFEDERATE HISTORIES AT WILSON'S CREEK

Jeff Patrick reported that the library at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield south of Springfield, Missouri has acquired part of a new microfiche series containing Union and Confederate regimental histories of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Arkansas with many personal histories and other narratives, most written by Union and Confederate soldiers. They hope to add other states as funding allows. The library has also placed an order for nearly 1,00' reels of "National Archives Compiled Service Record" microfilm which contains detailed information on Union and Confederate soldiers from Missouri who served in the Civil War. Information courtesy of Len Eagleburger of the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

LEARN ABOUT THE PAST WHILE YOU EXERCISE AT WILSON'S CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports is working with Federal entities to provide areas where visitors can increase their personal fitness. In addition, Missourians as part of Shape Up Missouri are striving to have people engage in physical fitness activities. Whether it is the President's or Shape Up Missouri's program Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is a federal battlefield where everyone can learn about history while becoming more physically fit. We have 5 miles of walking trails, a bike/jogging lane on the side of the main driving tour road and equestrian trails for our visitors.



THE CIVIL WAR IN MISSOURI NOW AVAILABLE

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri is now distributing copies of *The Civil War in Missouri—Essays from the Missouri Historical Review, 1906-2006*. The new paperback edition collects twelve essays from the collection of the State Historical Society of Missouri. Sample topics are "General Nathaniel Lyon: A Portrait" by William E. Parrish, "The Battle of Lexington as Seen by a Woman" by Susan A. Arnold McCausland, and "Springfield is a Vast Hospital: The Dead and Wounded at the Battle of Wilson's Creek" by William Garrett Piston. William E. Parrish also writes an introduction for the volume which is a part of the Century of Missouri History Scholarship Series.

Paperback copies are available for \$25 and \$2.15 for mailing. Copies may also be bought at the monthly meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri in Independence, MO. On January 10, 2007, at 7 p.m. the Round Table will hear from John Martin on the topic of the Grand Army of the Republic and other members will share artifacts and short research in the Open Round Table. The Round Table meets at the Old Blake Museum, 106 E. Walnut, Independence, MO. This is also the home of the Blue and Grey Book Shoppe. Visitors are always welcome.

To order by mail, please make your check payable to the "Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri" in the amount of \$27.15 and mail to Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51 Ter. Ct, Independence, MO 64055.

For questions call 816 478-7648 or bevjoshaw@hotmail.com.

The Round Table is distributing these books as a fundraiser for publishing a driving tour of the Civil War sites in eastern Jackson County.

CIVIL WAR UNDERGROUND RAILROAD *Museum of Philadelphia*

Red, scarlet, yellow, orange—the bright colors of fall foliage help make autumn memorable. But you don't need leaves to find colors like these, and others, too—blue, green, purple, and all the hues and shades in-between. They're in the national, state and regimental flags, guidons and standards that military units used to show their colors during the Civil War.

The Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum of Philadelphia holds some remarkable examples of such battle flags—along with thousands of other significant items, many donated by Civil War veterans themselves.

Tracing our roots to April 1865, we are the nation's oldest Civil War museum. Our collection of artifacts, photographs, works of art, archival materials, and a 10,000-volume library is one of the largest and most complete anywhere. We have items from every state involved in the Union war effort, and a variety of Confederate materials, also. Our Victorian-era building, located near Philadelphia's historic Rittenhouse Square, is open Thursday through Saturday from 11 to 4:30, with ten rooms showcasing many outstanding items from our collection.

Your contribution will allow us to continue operating the museum, conserving our collection, presenting educational and public programs, and planning for our relocation to an exciting new facility. Even a modest contribution will go far. And your contribution is fully tax-deductible.

This fall, help support the Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum of Philadelphia. After all, as Mother Nature knows, there's no better time to show *your* colors!

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2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES 2007

The Membership Dues for 2007 remain the same as last year. As you are aware, it is our annual dues that cover expenses associated with obtaining quality speakers, principally for transportation and lodging, as well as for the mailing and printing costs of the Board Bugle and Annual Roster. Dues for 2007 may be paid at any time prior to December 31, 2006. Observing this deadline will insure timely distribution of our Annual Roster. You may remit these separately, or include them with your October, November, or December dinner reservations. Please complete the form below to insure that we have the correct information for the roster.

2007 CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF KANSAS CITY DUES

Dues deadline is December 31, 2006
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* Non-resident memberships are \$10, which covers receiving the Border Bugle.

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Park University to Celebrate Black History, Tuesday, Feb.20: **Laura Edwards, Ph.D., Duke University**, "Women in the Civil War South."

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My entry for the "Endangered" Category.

