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403rd REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, Sept 25, 2007

Homestead Country Club

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

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

Dinner-6:30p.m.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

TOM PERRY

“JEB STUART IN KANSAS”

J. E. B. Stuart's biographer Emory Thomas describes Tom Perry as "a fine and generous gentleman who grew up near Laurel Hill, where Stuart grew up, has founded J. E. B. Stuart Birthplace and attracted considerable interest in the preservation of Laurel Hill. He has started a symposium series about aspects of Stuart's life to sustain interest in Stuart beyond Ararat, Virginia."

Thomas David Perry born on November 4, 1960, grew up in Ararat, Virginia, the son of Erie Meredith and Betty Jane Hobbs Perry. He is a 1974 graduate of Blue Ridge Elementary school, where his father was Principal. Tom graduated Patrick County High School in 1979. In 1984, he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in history from Virginia Tech. Tom started the J. E. B. Stuart Birthplace Preservation Trust, Inc. in 1990. The non-profit organization has preserved 75 acres of the Stuart property including the house site where James Ewell Brown Stuart was born on February 6, 1833.

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**Please be sure that we have your reservation by Friday Sept 21. 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.

Perry wrote the eight interpretive signs about Laurel Hill's history along with the Virginia Civil War Trails sign and the new Virginia Historical Highway Marker in 2002. He spent many years researching traveling all over the nation to find Stuart materials including two trips across the Mississippi River to visit nearly every place "Jeb" Stuart served in the United States Army (1854-1861). He leads an annual Civil War bus tour about Stuart along with speaking over fifty times a year about historical topics. He continues his work to preserve Stuart's Birthplace as the Emeritus Board Member producing the *Laurel Hill Teacher's Guide* for educators and the *Laurel Hill Reference Guide* for groups and the organization to share his lifetime of research on the only preserved site in the nation relating to the birthplace and boyhood home of James Ewell Brown Stuart.

Tom can be seen on Virginia Public Television's *Forgotten Battlefields: The Civil War in Southwest Virginia* with his mentor noted Civil War Historian Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. Perry has begun a collection of papers relating to Stuart and Patrick County history in the Special Collections Department of the Carol M. Newman Library at Virginia Tech under the auspices of the Virginia Center For Civil War Studies.

He is the author of *Ascent to Glory, The Genealogy of J. E. B. Stuart, The Free State of Patrick: Patrick County Virginia in the Civil War, Stuart's Birthplace: The History of the Laurel Hill Farm and the upcoming Images of America: Patrick County Virginia and Notes From The Free State Of Patrick..* He is editing J. E. B. Stuart's Papers for future publication.

Tom produces a monthly email newsletter about regional history entitled *Notes From The Free State of Patrick* that goes out to over 2000 people from this website. <http://www.freestateofpatrick.com/>.



MENU FOR SEPT 2007

House Salad, Pork Culet with Mushroom Sauce, Sautéed Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, and Strawberry Shortcake.

SPEAKERS FOR 2007-

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 # 23

Bushwhackers *"Armed to the Teeth"*

Very often, during the Civil War "Irregular Forces" such as Partisan Rangers, Guerrillas, Bushwhackers and Redlegs were armed with better weapons than the opposing Union or Confederate soldiers. This was not unusual because members of the "Irregular Forces" could individually purchase better weapons on the open market, take them from prisoners or dead enemy soldiers, rob or steal them from civilians. Eventually, as the Civil War progressed Union or Confederate combat cavalry veterans learned that ONE revolver was simply not enough, so they acquired one or two more.

The following "after action" report describes the attack on the small "Union" town of Lindley in north central Missouri on July 15, 1864 by Bushwhackers who were "ARMED TO THE TEETH." The report is located on pages 71 & 72 in Series I. Vol. 41 of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.

[To: Brigadier General C. B. Fisk, Commanding, District of Northwest Missouri at St. Joseph, Mo.]

"Trenton, Mo., July 18, 1864

Dear Sir: on the morning of the 15th instant a party of bushwhackers, numbering (27), came into the

little town of Lindley, in this county [Grundy County], and robbed the citizens of money, horses, guns and pistols. They were pursued by Capt. E.L. Winters with what men he could hastily collect and overtaken some (8) miles from the place robbed. A fight ensued, in which (5) of Captain Winters' men were wounded. The bushwhackers again fled. The captain overhauled them again in the afternoon and fought them in which he had (1) man killed and (1) mortally wounded. The bushwhackers were all well armed, with from TWO to FOUR REVOLVERS and ONE and TWO SHOTGUNS EACH! Our men were but poorly armed and were scarce of ammunition. How long, oh, how long must we suffer with these FIENDS in HUMAN SHAPE? If the loyal Enrolled Missouri Militia were armed they would soon stop this bushwhacking. Why this is not done I cannot imagine. We need help, and we look to those in power to furnish it, and if aid is not furnished soon I fear the loyal men will take the matter in their own hands. Then, I fear, they would violate the orders of Provost Marshall McWrath, who I fear, is not thoroughly loyal to the core; at least, he acts very favorable to rebels, as I am informed.

Hoping that aid to loyal men will soon be furnished,

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
R. A. DE BOLT,

Chairman of County Committee of Safety for Grundy County, Mo."

It is not known if the requested aid was ever furnished and the violent Guerrilla / Bushwhacking War continued throughout Missouri until and beyond the end of the Civil War! More of this in future columns!

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

13) About 80% of all wounds received in the war were produced by foot soldiers using single shot, muzzle-loading rifles.

14) James Buchanan served as 15th President of the United States, prior to Lincoln. He did nothing to stop secession of seven Southern states, proclaiming he could find no constitutional reason to stop them.

15) John Brown was hanged in Charles Town, Virginia, on December 7, 1859. Many soon-to-be-famous people witnessed the event. Amount them was Professor Thomas Jackson of the Virginia Military Institute, who attended with a regiment from VMI. The Richmond militia was also present, and its ranks was a young 20-year-old actor by the name of John Wilkes Booth.



WISDOM FROM COL. HORSEPASTURE...

The Southern States Of Dixie

- ALA.— **Al-ah-bama:** Lots of cotton pickin' Rebels here. Bum-in-ham—main town.
- ARK.— **Ark-ken-saw:** Spring water rite hot, so don't drink no watter unless you blow it thourghly.
- FLA.— **Flaw-da:** Yankees has infiltrated right smart here. Slow Hosses. Fast Women.
- GA.— **Jaw-ja:** Famous for Ga. peaches, both the kind you can carry home and the ones you cain't. If youh name is SHER-MAN don't tarry long here.
- KY.— **Kain-tuck-ey:** Famous whiskey makin', (legal and home made, Kentucky bur-goo stew, Fast Hosses & Slow Women.
- LA.— **Luzy-ana:** Nawluns (1 sylable) is the largest village. Has a rot smart celebra-tion heah each year.
- MISS.— **Miss-sip-ee:** Jefferson Davis' final abode. If you were bawn nawth of the Dixon line, STAY ON THE MAIN ROADS AT NITE.
- N. C.— **Nawth Care-li-na:** Home of the taw heels. Rot smart whiskey makin!
- S. C.— **Sow Care-li-na:** A few volleys still be-in' fired and some minnie balls still flyin' around the vicinity of Fought Sumptah. Natives still a little skittish; approach with caution.
- TEX.— **Tex-iss:** The natives here have said everything that could be said about this place, if you ain't heard it YOU JUST PLAIN AIN'T BEEN LISTENING!
- TENN.— **Tin-uh-see:** Birthplace of Dave Crockett and formah abode of Tin-uh-see Ernie Fode and Elvis.
- VA.— **Vir-gin-yuh:** Fussed and last capital of Confederacy. Abode of Col. Beureguard Horsepasture. Many skirmishes of recent wah took place here.
- W. Va.— **Wes-by-gawd:** Stolen from Virginia territory after the wah. Large producer of moutain DEW and good rifle shooters.

If you can keep your head
when all about you is chaos
and confusion — you just
sure as H--- don't under-
stand the situation ATALL,
SON.
Col. J. B. H.

COMING EVENTS AND INTERESTING THINGS...

Sept. 5: Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, National Public Lands Day- No entrance fee to the park.

Sept. 23: PBS Television; "The War," a Ken Burns film 1941-1945, Premieres Sunday, Sept. 23rd at 7:00 p.m. central time.

Oct. 6: Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Special Event: "Moonlight Tour," Evening living history program highlighting events before, during and after the Battle of Wilson's Creek, 7:45 p.m.- Tickets required: \$5.00 each.

Oct. 20: Civil War at the Wornall House. Visit the museum on Oct. 20 for a special day commemorating the Civil War in Missouri. There will be two units encamped on the lawn, one Union and one Confederate. While they re-enact the lives of soldiers, Mr. Deryl P. Sellmeyer will join us for a lecture over his new book "Jo Shelby's Iron Brigade."

Mr. Sellmeyer is a descendent of a Shelby's Brigade member and a lifelong resident of Kansas City, Mo. The lecture will begin at 2 p.m. followed by a question and answer session and book signing. There is no cost to attend the encampment or the lecture.

This will be a busy weekend as Haunted Wornall happens on Friday and Saturday.

Nov. 16-17: "The Civil War West of the Mississippi." A conference sponsored by the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks. Clarion Hotel, 3333 S. Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri. <http://history.missouristate.edu/wgpiston/TransMissConfhome.htm>.

The Civil War was a defining event in the history of the United States. The issues, the conflict, the brutality, and the personalities of this great conflict continue to fascinate us to this day. The public is invited to join the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks as they examine "The Civil War West of the Mississippi" in a two-day seminar on Friday evening, November 16th, and Saturday, November 17th, at the Clarion Hotel, 3333 S. Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri. Discounted room rates are available for those attending the seminar.

The program will feature many noted speakers, including M. Jane Johansson, author of Peculiar Honor: The 28th Texas Cavalry, William L. Shea, author of Pea Ridge: Civil War Campaign in the West, William Garrett Piston, author of Wilson's Creek: The Second Battle of the Civil War, D. L. Clark, author of A Bright Tragic Thing - The Great Gainesville Hang-



ings, Carl H. Moneyhon, author of The Impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction on Arkansas: Persistence in the Midst of Ruin, and Christopher Phillips, author of . Damned Yankee: The Life of General Nathaniel Lyon.

The cost to pre-register is just \$20.00 for Friday evening's dinner, which will include door prizes and music provided by "The Back Porch Players." Following Dinner, Christopher Phillips will present a program on the Union's First Fallen General, Nathaniel Lyon. For \$50.00 one may pre-register for both the Friday night dinner and the sessions all day Saturday with lunch included. After October 31st, the cost will be \$20.00 for Friday night, \$40.00 for Saturday, or \$60.00 for the whole weekend. An exhibit area for vendors will be open for browsing both days.

For more information about the seminar and registration, please call Steve Buffat at (417) 862-1772 or email him at sjbuffat@sbcglobal.net. You can also reach Tom Debo at (870) 426-2513 or email him at debo@cofo.edu.

WESTPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY FALL CALENDAR

Daughters of Old Westport 95th Anniversary Celebration:

Sat. September 22, 1:00pm to 3:00pm, Harris-Kearney House

Battle of Westport Visitors Center: Opens Oct 1 in Swope Park SIC Building

Fall Open House: Sun. October 14, 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Harris-Kearney House

Exhibit--143rd Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Westport:

Sat. October 20 through Sat. October 27, Harris-Kearney House

Priests of Pallas Ball: Fri. October 26, 7:00pm, Union Station

Society Quarterly Meeting and Dinner: Thurs. November 8, guest speaker is Award-winning Journalist, Bill Kurtis; call 816-561-1821 for tickets

Holiday Candlelight Tour: Wed. November 14, Fri. November 16,

Sat. November 17, 5:30 to 8:30, Harris-Kearney House

Harris-Kearney House Museum: Tues. and Thurs. 11:00am to 3:00pm

Sat.10:00am to 4:00pm Wed. and Fri. by appointment: 816-561-1821

CALL: 816-561-1821 for information on any of the listed events.

April 17-20, 2008: "War in The Ozarks: Trans-Mississippi and Missouri." Civil War Preservation Trust Annual Conference, Springfield, Missouri

AUGUST SUMMER SESSION

If you were at the August Summer meeting you were treated to a short but very informative talk by Robert Wandel of the Sons of Union Veterans in Lawrence, KS, on a subject of great interest as proved by the lengthy Q & A period. Seems like everyone enjoyed it and the information. Blair is also working on projects that are very important to everyone that had a relative in the war. He writes a short story with information that's sure to put you on the right trail of finding the facts. Robert Wandel also included some addresses as well....

Following Bob Wandel's talk on the G.A.R. at the August meeting of the Round Table, there seemed to be some interest in the Sons of Union Veterans and their current projects. Here are some appropriate links for those who would like to know more.

First, there are the websites for the national organization, as well as the Departments of Kansas and Missouri. I see that Kansas needs to update some information on its website.

<http://www.suvcw.org/>

<http://suvcwks.org/>

<http://www.suvcwmo.org/>

A listing of all special projects can be found in the web site index on the National website. Among the projects discussed at the meeting are Graves Registration, Monument and Memorial research, G.A.R. Records, and the Last Soldier Project. Bob Wandel is the Graves Registration Office for Kansas, and he can be contacted for more information (wandel@sunflower.com). As of this writing, 12,500 have been registered in Kansas, and 9,800 in Missouri. Here is the link to the national database:

<http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/>

Doug McGovern (demcgovern@aol.com) in Hutchinson maintains the listing for GAR Monuments and Memorials in Kansas. This includes not only granite monuments, but also those that are stained glass windows and made of other materials. As of this writing, the link to the listing is down, but it will be provided later.

A project still in the early stages for Kansas in the G.A.R. Records project. Yours truly is leading that project for the state (btarr@kshs.org), and the hope is to provide a listing of all repositories for the Kansas post records. Here's the description of the project on the National website:

<http://suvcw.org/garposts/index.htm>

And last but not least, yours truly is also heading up the Last Soldier Project, which is to identify the last Union veteran either to be buried or to die to each county. That sounds confusing, but it's not always

the same person. The ultimate goal is a book with stories of these veterans in time for the Sesquicentennial. The Kansas goal is slightly different from the National organization's goal, which can be read about here:

<http://suvcw.org/last/lastsoldier.htm>

Any questions about these projects and the organization can be forwarded to Blair Tarr.

“Here are the web sites for the information that I gave in my speech.www.suvcw.org website index [suvcw](http://www.suvcw.org): Biography of A. P. Davis, founder of SUVCW (10 pages)

suvcw.org/ga (3 pages)

Grand Army of the Republic (3 pages)

www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Army_of_the_Republic

Route 6 (2 pages)

www.augustana.edu/academics/geography/department/route6/story.”



Dear Michael Epstein:

I'm handling the marketing for a forthcoming book that I think may be of interest to members of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. It's called BOTH PRAYED TO THE SAME GOD: RELIGION AND FAITH IN THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR by Robert J. Miller. The fascinating topic of American religion during the Civil War has been largely overlooked until now - the few books previously published in this area have been insightful, yet somewhat narrow in focus and a bit dry and scholarly in tone. Miller's new work is a popularly written general overview of significant role that religion played in the war. It has a forward by renowned historian James M. McPherson and we've been seeing great pre-publicity reviews already.

I'm reaching out to presidents, executive officers, and newsletter editors at organizations like yours to see how best to make your members aware of this great new resource. Because we feel that your members will be such a key part of our target readership, we'd be happy to offer you a discount of 30% off the cover price. We could also discuss potentially deeper discounts if you think your organization might be interested in placing bulk orders. And, of course, if you'd like to mention, feature, or review the book in any newsletters or publications, I'd be happy to send gratis copies to the appropriate person within your organization upon publication. Please let me know if any of these options sound appealing to you. Likewise, just let me know if you have any questions about the book. In the meantime, if you'd like to learn more, you can find

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“**Dissecting The Border War;**” Historical records and present day football give perspective to 1800’s conflict.’

Like an inland tsunami, the 150th anniversary of the Civil War approaches. Already the distant white waters of the organized observance can be discerned. The National Park Service established its sesquicentennial Web site, cwar.nps.gov/civilwar, two years ago.

Closer to home, 168 runners and walkers signed up for the Quantrill’s Raid Fun Run for History on Aug. 18 in Lawrence. The fundraiser for the Watkins Community Museum of History marked the annual anniversary of the Aug. 21, 1863, raid on Lawrence led by guerrilla leader William Quantrill. The violence left many men and boys dead and has been called the worst atrocity of the Civil War.

Perhaps 6.2- and 3.1-mile runs would not seem to be the most traditional way to observe the occasion.

But readers of *The Border Between Them: Violence and Reconstruction on the Kansas-Missouri Line* will find a Civil War history that allows the past to jostle with the present.

Author Jeremy Neely, while producing a thorough study of 19th-century border relations, also finds it appropriate to note how administrators from both the universities of Missouri and Kansas agreed in 2001 to market an annual competition between its common varsity sports as a “Border War.”

“From 1856 to 1865,” Neely writes, “people in western Missouri and eastern Kansas engaged in some of the worst guerrilla fighting ever witnessed on America soil, robbing, whipping and killing their neighbors in a vicious cycle of retaliatory violence and intimidation.”

The author faces an initial hurdle of exasperation among Missouri and Kansas residents who may reasonably ask: Is this trip necessary?

This November descendants of these pioneers will converge on Arrowhead Stadium to watch the Kansas-Missouri football game. It will be a large example of what occurs every winter during basketball season, Neely writes.

“Several thousand Midwesterners file into large public spaces to participate loudly and vicariously in what some fellow congregants consider a tradition consecrated by history,” he writes.

“*The Border Between Them,*” University of Missouri Press, \$39.95



Confederate Headstone in Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, MO.