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462nd REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, Nov. 18, 2014

Holiday Inn, Overland Park

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

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

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

November Speaker

Arnold Schofield

“Aftermath of Westport, PRICE’S RETREAT TO TEXAS”

Arnold W. Schofield is a retired Public Historian with 50 years of public service. He was born & raised in the small village of Newton Upper Falls, Massachusetts, attended college on the GI Bill and received a degree in United States History. His Public Service includes six years in the U.S. Army, 10 years as a civilian with the Department of Defense, 33 years with the National Park Service and 7 years with Kansas Historical Society as Superintendent of Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site. His National Park Service career included tours of duty at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, The Blue Ridge Parkway and at Fort Scott National Historic Site. While at Fort Scott he was the Site Historian and Cultural Resource Specialist. He is a recognized lecturer throughout the Midwest on Westward Expansion, The Permanent Indian Frontier, Bleeding Kansas and the Civil War. Also two of his special interests include the roles of the American Indians and African Americans in the Civil War.

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Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure our Treasurer receives all reservations by Tuesday, November 11, 2014 along with payment of \$26.00 per person. Mail to:

Paul Gault, 7118 N. Congress Ave., Kansas City, MO 64152

Homestead’s deadline for reservation changes is the following Monday afternoon, so promptly report any necessary adjustments to Paul at 816-741-2962 or 816-522-8021.

Use your credit card at our website, <http://www.cwrtkc.org> and hit the Meeting & Event tab fill out the reservation form and then make your payment in the box to the left on that page through PAYPAL If you are using this service please send me an email so I will not miss your reservation. pgault@sbcglobal.net.



“April 9, 1865 - Road to Appomattox.” Part 2 of the play is titled: “April 10, 1865 - Road from Appomattox.” Lane will portray General Lee and Randy will portray General Grant.

April 28, 2015 (confirmed): Troy Strahan and his son, Liam, will be giving a first person presentation on Abraham Lincoln and Todd Lincoln.

Speaker: **Arnold Schofield**, continued.....

He has been involved with Civil War Battlefield Preservation for more than 40 years and is a co-founder of the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation which has raised more than one million dollars, purchased 326 acres of prime battlefield land, reprinted the only book on the Battle of Mine Creek, assisted in the production of a video on the battle by Curtis Productions and produced a brochure on Price’s 1864 Campaign in Missouri & Kansas.

He and Clara have been married more than 25 years one son, Austin, who is a stockman, horse trainer and welder. Clara is the Director of Social Services at Mercy Hospital and they live in Fort Scott, Kansas.

Arnold also writes a column for the Fort Scott Tribune.

Troy and Liam will re-enact the famous photo of Abraham Lincoln and Todd Lincoln looking at a book together. Using this scene, Abraham and Todd Lincoln will be discussing famous people and the events that took place near the end of the Civil War.

May 26, 2015 (confirmed): Trial of the Conspirators. Daniel Weinberg, owner of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago IL, will be speaking about his book titled: *Lincoln's Assassins: Their Trial and Execution*.

June 23, 2015 (confirmed): Battle of Palmito Ranch, Texas on May 13, 1865: Last Battle of the Civil War, U.S.C.T. Speaker: Arnold Schofield.

July 28, 2015: Grand Review. Lane Smith will contact Dr. Ethan Rafuse at the US Army Command and General Staff College, to see if they can provide a speaker.

August 25, 2015 (confirmed): Beth Foulk of Genealogy Decoded has agreed to speak about Civil War Women and Their Organizations. The title of her talk is “Up Close & Personal.”

September 22, 2015: Veterans Organizations: G.A.R., Confederate Veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy, etc. Lane Smith will contact Greg Hospodor at the US Army Command and General Staff College to see if they can provide a speaker on this topic.

October 27, 2015 (confirmed): The Border War. Dr. Diane Mutti-Burke, professor of history at UMKC, will speak about the book that she co-authored with Dr. Jonathan Earle titled: *Bleeding Kansas, Bleeding Missouri: The Long Civil War on the Border*.

November 17, 2015 (confirmed): The Battle of Brandy Station. Eric Wittenberg, an attorney from Ohio, will be the speaker. He has written several books on the Civil War, including cavalry officers and battles. Eric’s latest book is titled: *The Battle of Brandy Station*.

December 15, 2015 (confirmed): Tom Rafiner (CWRT member) will speak about his recent book titled:

Speakers 2014

* **December 16, 2014: Dr. Ethan Rafuse – Sherman’s March to The Sea.**

Programs for 2015

January 27, 2015 (confirmed): Dr. Ethan Rafuse, of the US Army Command and General Staff College, will speak about the Petersburg Campaign and Siege. Dr. Rafuse recently published his *Guide to the Richmond-Petersburg Campaign*.

February 24, 2015 (confirmed): Harold Holzer has agreed to speak on his book titled: *Lincoln and the Power of the Press: The War for Public Opinion*. Lane Smith confirmed with Kraig Smith, Sr. Coordinator for Public Affairs, Metropolitan Museum of Art. The St. Louis CWRT has scheduled Harold Holzer to speak on 2-25-15.

March 24, 2015 (confirmed): Appomattox Courthouse. Lane Smith and Randy Dubin will present a two-part play about Appomattox. Part 1 of the play is titled:

Cinders and Silence, A Chronicle of Missouri's Burnt District, 1854-1870.

Thank You!

Our treasurers, Paul and Sylvia Gault, have done a wonderful job for many years. We greatly appreciate their service to the Civil War Round Table! Paul and Sylvia will be retiring as treasurers effective December 31, 2014. If any members of the Civil War Round Table are interested in serving as treasurer, please advise Dennis Garstang, Dave Pattison, or Paul Gault. Everyone take a moment to thank them for their unwavering service to this roundtable. Thank you!

Reminder, New Location!!!

Please remember that our meeting from this month forward will be held at the Holiday Inn off of 87th and I-35, just East at 8787 Reeder Rd., in Overland Park. The meeting will be held at the same time as usual, also the meetings for November and December will be held on the third Tuesday NOT the fourth Tuesday of the month due to the holidays. It is best to park in the back and use the rear entrance. For November we will be downstairs and in December we will be upstairs. They have two rooms that will work for us and we are going to try them both out and then make our decision.

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri has made the members of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City a mighty fine offer. We can get a digital copy of their monthly newsletter which is where I get all of my coming events from for a measly \$5.00 a year!!! That includes the other half of the coming events I leave out because of the dates and all of the other information that it's filled with. If interested, you can send a check to "CWRTWM, P. O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055" in the amount of \$5. You would also need to include your e-mail address.

New Book & Tour Guide

This is an enquiry e-mail via <http://cwrwtm.org/>
from: Doug Gifford <historynutt@outlook.com>

I am a fellow Missourian and a member of the Civil War Round Table of St. Louis. I have recently published a new book about the Civil War in Missouri, titled "Where Valor and Devotion Met: The Battle of Pilot Knob." If any of your members are interested you can find reviews and synopsis of my book at the following web sites. By the way, I am currently working on a battlefield tour guide of the Mine Creek battlefield, which I hope to publish in 2015.
<http://www.battlefieldtourguides.com/>
<http://cwba.blogspot.com/2014/10/gifford-where-valor-and-devotion-met.html>
<http://www.amazon.com/Douglas-L-Gifford/e/B00MNSE9AO>

Thanks,
Doug Gifford



Letter to Mrs. Bixby

In the fall of 1864, Massachusetts Governor John A. Andrew wrote to President Lincoln asking him to express condolences to Mrs. Lydia Bixby, a widow who was believed to have lost five sons during the Civil War. Lincoln's letter to her was printed by the Boston Evening Transcript. Later it was revealed that only two of Mrs. Bixby's five sons died in battle (Charles and Oliver). One deserted the army, one was honorably discharged, and another deserted or died a prisoner of war.

The authorship of the letter has been debated by scholars, some of whom believe it was written instead by John Hay, one of Lincoln's White House secretaries. The original letter was either destroyed by the newspaper editor after publication or by Mrs. Bixby, who may have been a Confederate sympathizer and disliked President Lincoln. Copies of an early forgery have been circulating for many years, causing some people to believe they have the original letter.

Executive Mansion,
Washington, Nov. 21, 1864.

Dear Madam,--

I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save.

I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Yours, very sincerely and respectfully,

A. Lincoln

**rites in WOLFEBORO
FOR MRS BIXBY'S KIN**

**Lincoln Mourned Father in
Famous Letter**

Special Dispatch to the Globe

WOLFEBORO, N. H., May 22—Funeral services were held today at the Christian Church for William A. Bixby, grandson of Mrs Lydia Bixby, to whom President Lincoln wrote the famous letter regarding the loss of her five sons in the Civil War.

Mr Bixby was the son of Oliver Cromwell Bixby, to whose mother the letter was written. His father, a member of the 32d Massachusetts Regiment, was killed at Fredericksburg.

President Lincoln is believed by historians to have been misinformed as to the number of Mrs Bixby's sons killed in the war. William A. Bixby knew of three—his father and two uncles, Edward and Charles. Mr Bixby's father, a shoemaker, lived in Hopkinton. He had been married twice and was 33 years old when killed. The son, then 2 years old, was taken to Brookfield, where he was brought up by an aunt. He was married here in 1899.

Doubt that the original letter which President Lincoln wrote is still in existence has been expressed by Mr Bixby.

"Grandmother Bixby," he once said, "from what I heard of her, was not a woman who would appreciate the value of such a letter and take proper care of it. I have been told many times that the letter is in the hands of J. P. Morgan, but my own opinion is that it has been destroyed."

About a year ago the letter crept into the news and a hunt for the original was begun. It had been supposed by many that the original was at Brasenose College, Oxford, England, but it was revealed at the time as being an engrossed copy and not the original.

Mr Bixby owned a garage at Wolfboro Falls and was formerly a Selectman of this town. He was a lumber operator for many years. He is survived by one son, Arthur Bixby. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

**SEEK RELATIVES OF MAN
FOUND DEAD IN BED**

Frank Chapman, 50, a lodger at 167 Warren av, this city, was found dead in bed in his room shortly before noon, yesterday. He was last seen alive on Saturday afternoon and at that time complained that he was feeling ill. Police believe death was due to natural causes.

The dead man had registered on May 8. He said his previous address was 535 Second st, Niagara Falls, N. Y. An attempt is being made to locate relatives in that city.



We give on page 708 a sketch representing Union refugees coming into the Federal lines. Although General Sherman would not permit the residents of Atlanta to remain there, yet neither he nor any other of our generals has refused to receive into his lines those flying from the hard despotism and misery which have blighted the Southern Confederacy. These refugees, whether they come from Richmond or from the Southwest, are invariably provided for in every possible way, and are not in any case compelled to enter our armies. The number of these helpless ones must continually increase as the pressure of our conquering

armies bears more and more heavily on the rebel strong-holds. The rebel conscription grows daily harder and more merciless in its provisions, and there are thousands of women and children who must inevitably be left without husband or brother or father to feed or defend them, and their only hope will be in escaping to the North.

The Sanitary and Christian Commissions with our' armies. in the field devote no small measure of their attention to these refugees, who have large claims on their charity and kindness. In many cases they have borne obloquy on account of their devotion to the old flag; and we should receive them as heroes who have served our glorious cause. There are in the South many such-, of whom we must remember that.

"They also serve who only stand and wait."

New Member

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ELECTION-DAY.

8th NOVEMBER.

NO COMPROMISE.



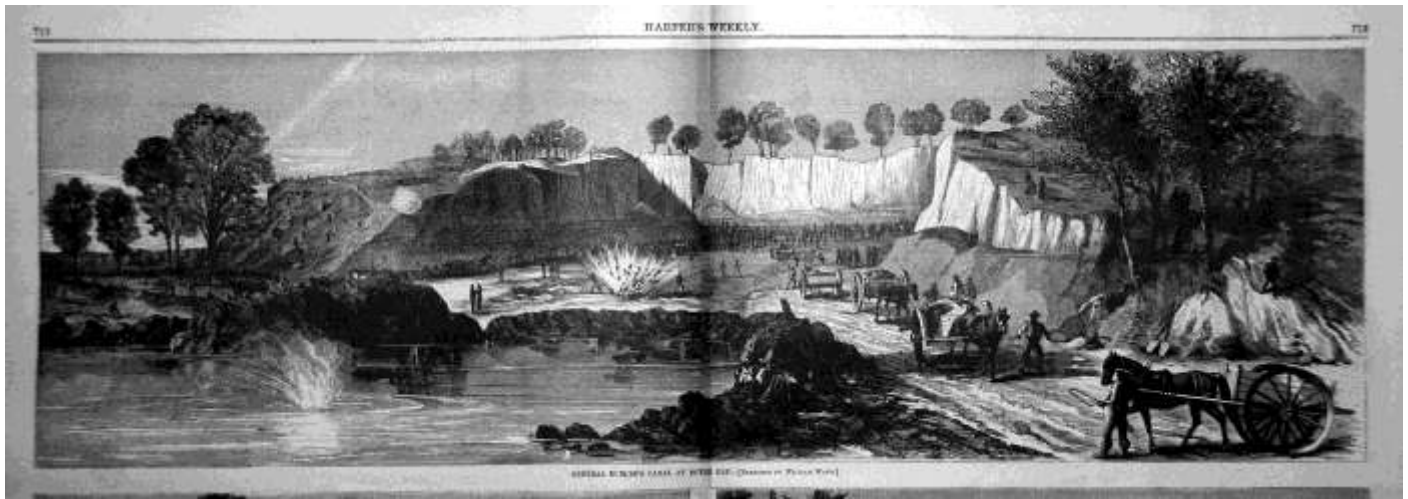
SOLDIERS' VOTES



THE VETERAN'S VOTE.



CITIZENS' VOTES



Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, November 11, 2014—6:30 p.m.-Dinner. Golden Ox Restaurant, 1600 Genessee, Kansas City, MO. Douglas Cubbison: “The Earp Brothers.” If you arrive before 6:30 p.m. you can order your dinner without a previous reservation. Prices range around \$25 depending on your entree.

Civil War Round Table of Cass County

Tuesday, November 11, 2014—7:00 p.m. Harrisonville Public Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Lee Ward: “But God has so ordered it—The Civil War Diaries of Sgt. Harrison Whittemore, 1st Massachusetts Infantry, Company K.”

The Adair/Brown Cabin (John Brown Cabin, Osawatomie, KS)

Thursday, November 13, 2014—7:00 p.m.

The Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO. James Roberts, a member of the New Santa Fe Historical Society, will speak about the artifacts recovered from the June 2014 Kansas Archaeological Training Program at the Adair/Brown Cabin. Refreshments.

Mary Edwards Walker

Tuesday, November 18, 2014—7:00 p.m. North Independence Library, 317 W. 24 Hwy., Independence, MO. Alisha Cole will speak about Mary Edwards Walker who served as a doctor in the Union Army and is the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor.

Missouri-Kansas Border Warfare

Thursday, November 20, 2014—6:30 p.m. Grandview Library, 12930 Booth Lane, Grandview, MO. Tom Rafiner discusses the atmosphere surrounding the Missouri-Kansas Border before the Civil War.

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