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447th REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, May 28, 2013

Homestead Country Club

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

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

Dinner-6:30p.m.

MAY SPEAKER MATT SPRUILL

“THE DECISIONS AT GETTYSBURG”

As we celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, two of the most important and celebrated events of 1863 occurred in June and July of that year. One was Lee's defeat at the Battle of Gettysburg and the other the surrender of Vicksburg to US Grant. Most students of the Civil War, and our membership, have studied the Gettysburg campaign from its beginning, Lee's beginning movements from the Fredericksburg area thru the Shenandoah Valley, up the Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania and subsequent movements to Gettysburg by both Lee and Meade's armies. What can be presented to our membership that most have not previously studied? Matt Spruill is the former President of the Rocky Mountain Civil War Roundtable and a former tour guide at Gettysburg. He is retired military and during his military career lived in the Gettysburg area for several years, thus his ability to be the tour guide and to study that battle. One of Matt's many projects, in order to better understand and to have a thorough knowledge of the battle, was to literally walk the path that Longstreet marched his column on July 2nd. Matt has studied the positions of both armies and knows and understands the ebb's and flows, cause and effect, of the battle.

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Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

*Please be sure our Treasurer receives all reservations by Friday, May 25, 2013
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.*

If unable to reach him, call Assistant Treasurer Howard Mann at 816-932-5663.

Matt Spruill, from Page 1.....

Matt will present a power point presentation of his book "Decisions at Gettysburg". What were the decisions that impacted the outcome of the battle, were there decisions that were not made that may have changed the battle? Matt has also authored the book "The Artillery at Gettysburg" a detailed understanding of how the artillery of each army was used, their positions on the battlefield and the expected results. Matt will have copies of both books for sale at the meeting. At the conclusion of his presentation Matt will present a very short presentation of a tour next May, 2014 of the Maryland campaign of 1862 and the subsequent Gettysburg campaign of 1863. Come and join us for an evening of education from one who is an expert of Gettysburg.

SPEAKERS 2013

Summer Sessions – Note: Summer Sessions will be held at the Alexander Majors House at 8201 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO 64114.

June 25: Lane Smith – "Decisions at Vicksburg"

July 23: Arnold Schofield, Battle of Honey Springs

August 27: Dr. Diane Mutti Burke, Order #11 & Civil War Refugees

September 24: Glenn Robertson – Chickamauga

October 22: Arnold Schofield - Baxter Springs, KS

November 19: Kevin Knapp – Civil War Balloon Corps

December 17: Dr. Michael E. Monaco, Civil War Medicine

MENU FOR MAY 2013

Caesar Salad, Flank Steak, Baked Potato, Steamed Broccoli with Butter Sauce, and Lemon Meringue Pie.

CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL SERIES 2013

All program at the Central Library, 14 W 10th St, Kansas City, Mo and begin at 6:30 p.m.

- 1) African American Troops in the Civil War, Thursday, July 18, 2013
- 2) Quantrill's Lawrence Raid and The Guerrilla War, Wednesday, August 21, 2013
- 3) Gettysburg: The Most Important Event of 1863? A Roundtable Discussion, Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

BATTLE OF WESTPORT 150 COMMEMORATION

Plans are underway for the Commemoration of the Battle of Westport in October, 2014. There will be a series of lead-up events beginning in early 2014, creating excitement, building anticipation, and educating our community about this important event in our shared past. A website is being finalized and will be launched soon along with a Facebook page.

A committee has been formed, chaired by George Vesel, to plan the Commemoration. The committee is meeting monthly at the Harris-Kearney House in Westport. If you would like to become involved, contact George Vesel at 816-797-9452 or BattleofWestport150@gmail.com.

Look for monthly updates in the Border Bugle and be sure to "Like" us on Facebook.

Battle of Westport Visitors Center and Museum

Alisha Cole has volunteered to manage the Battle of Westport Visitors Center and Museum. The site will be opening for the 2013 season in April. Plans are underway to host a monthly program on topics related to the Civil War. More information will be made available as they become available.

If you are interested in participating in the programming and/or being a docent at the Visitors Center and Museum, please contact Alisha Cole at amcole2@mac.com.

The visitor's center is open April through October, Thursday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. No admission fees. Donations are accepted.



Battle of Westport Visitor's Center, Swope Park

COMING EVENTS.....

2013 Calendar for the 1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum and Westport Historical Society

Sunday, May 19 2-5pm, HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH OPEN HOUSE, PHOTO CONTEST EXHIBIT, Harris-Kearney House Museum.

BUS TOUR TO BATES COUNTY, MISSOURI

Saturday, May 18, 2013, 9 am-5 pm

Start from the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe, 106 E. Walnut, Independence, MO (Street parking and lot at Walnut and Liberty). Book shop will be open.

Sponsored by the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri.

\$30 Reservation by May 15, 2013. Mail to "CWRTWM, P. O. Box 3019, Independence, Missouri 64055."

Bates County Museum in Butler, Missouri: Talk by Dr. Joan Stack, curator of art collections of the State Historical Society of Missouri. "George Caleb Bingham and the copy of Order No. 11 owned by the Bates County Museum."

Box Lunch and tour of the Museum: Ham or turkey sandwich on bun, pasta salad, cookie, and iced tea or water. (Specify ham or turkey with reservation).

Drive to Island Mound State Historic Site: Interprets the first time African-American troops were used in the Civil War.

Drive by West Point, an extinct town destroyed during the Civil War. Previously was a jumping off point for the western migration.

Transportation will be by school bus so you might want to bring a pillow for padding. Some walking required. For information call 816 225-7944.

"CONFLICTING LOYALTIES" COMING SOON!

BATTLE of WESTPORT FRIENDS!

Conflicting Loyalties, the first novel in my Navy Gray Series about the Civil War at Sea, will be launched as an e-book and paperback after a few internet and administrative details are completed. Look for the upcoming release announcement in a few days.

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NEW MEMBERS.....

Blair Hosford, 9980 Goddard, Overland Park, KS 66214, 913-888-2786, dcimorse@aol.com

Jim Stiles, 4503 W. 63rd Terrace, Prairie Village, KS 662087, 913-722-1089, jimandlaurie@sbcglobal.net

Emily Heid, 6848 W. 125th St., Overland Park, KS 66209, 913-685-1771, Dancer3ASD@aol.com

"The Sergeant Major's Roar"

Battlefield Dispatches #366

"Trails of Blood"

During the Civil War, if a soldier was unfortunate to be seriously wounded, the wound would normally bleed profusely and often the soldier would in fact bleed to death before there was any medical treatment available. Also, if the seriously wounded and bleeding soldier was able to escape from the battlefield a visible trail of blood could be followed by the enemy, if pursuit and capture was deemed necessary. If not, the wounded soldier survived or died from loss of blood. The following after action reports describes such an incident, however, Mother Nature intervenes with a heavy rain which washed away the "Trails of Blood" and it is not known if the wounded soldiers survived or died. The report is located in Series I, Vol. 22 of the Official Record of the War of the Rebellion, Pages 294 & 295.

"Headquarters Central District of Missouri,
Jefferson City, Mo. May 28, 1863
Lieut. Col. C. W. Marsh,

A.A.G. Missouri State Militia, Saint Louis, Mo.;

Colonel: herewith I have the honor to transmit a copy of a report just received from Major Mullins of the First Missouri State Militia Cavalry, commanding at Germantown. The report is sent for the information of the General commanding, as showing the condition of affairs in the southwest.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

BEN LOAN,

Brigadier General, Missouri State Militia."

[Enclosure]

"Germantown, Mo. May 24, 1863
Major James Rainsford,

Assistant Adjutant General, Jefferson City:

Sir: on the 21st instant I sent out a scout from Companies F and G, numbering 30, with Captain Moore of Company F and Lieutenant Groomer of Company G. The next day they came upon a band of Rebels on the Monigan or some such creek. Dismounted, unobserved by the Rebels they approached within 75 yards of them and opened fire. Without returning fire, the Rebels sought safety by running. The creek being between the two parties, it became necessary for our men to remount,

in order to pursue and by the time they were over the creek the Rebels were out of sight.

One little boy who was with the Rebels remained on the ground. Captain Moore brought him into camp. In the melee our men captured 20 horses and some number of saddles, bridles, etc., 2 Mississippi Rifles, 1 carbine and 1 double barrel shotgun, and a number of saddle bags and a variety of clothing. There were only 22 Rebels; hence they only got away with two horses. From the TRAILS of BLOOD, several were wounded and could have been easily followed had not, unfortunately, a heavy rain came on just at that time and also night. These two difficulties baffled all farther successful pursuit and the Captain gave up the chase for the night.

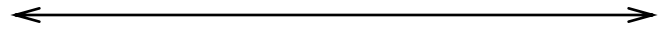
Yesterday, the 23rd, another scout I sent out in the same neighborhood, found a horse saddled and besmeared with blood. The horse belonged to an Enrolled [Missouri] Militia man and was stolen only a few days before by the Bushwhackers. My command yesterday SHOT and KILLED a very bad Bushwhacker. I learn he was guilty of all manner of crimes, stealing, robbing and bushwhacking and last but not least the rape upon the wife of a loyal man belonging to the Enrolled Missouri Militia. This property we have captured is here, subsequent to orders and now is in custody of a Sergeant or Acting Quartermaster. I have mounted some of my men out of these horses, they giving receipts for them. I can use, perhaps, all of them in this way and, in fact, it is very difficult to keep the men all mounted and such a thing as buying a cavalry horse is next thing to impossible.

The boy we have here is a captive; is about 14 years old, but is very small. He represents that he and his brother, who escaped, left Texas about six weeks ago for the purpose of hunting their father. This boy's brother is a year older than the one we have. He says that they have been living in Texas four or five years with their grandfather; that their mother is dead and that they have not heard from their father for two or three years, not since the war began; that they have some relatives in Kansas and some in Marion County, Illinois. He says that they met this band of Rebels at Pineville, [Mo.] and started from there last Monday. He says that there were 200 or more Rebels at Pineville and more gathering daily; that there are Rebels now in the State sent up from the south, arranging for forage and subsistence for their army. He says that he heard the men that he was with say so. Some of this band formerly resided in Northern Missouri, from the names the boy gives and a miniature, captured is the likeness of a young lady residing in Linn County.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
ALEX W. MULLINS

Major First Missouri State Militia Cavalry.”

Now then, it is not known what ever happened to the fourteen year old boy from Texas or if the wounded “Rebels” who left “Trails of Blood” survived or died, but one thing is certain and that is that the War Went On!



GUIDED BUS TOUR OF QUANTRILL'S RAID ON LAWRENCE, KANSAS

On Saturday, May 4, 2013, Ross Marshall led a group of 40 Civil War Round Table members and guests on a bus tour of William Quantrill's 1863 raid on Lawrence KS. The bus tour started at 8:35 a.m. and returned at 5:05 p.m. Highlights of the trip included:

- Driving through towns that Quantrill raided prior to his raid on Lawrence.
- Following the route of Quantrill's raid on Lawrence.
- Having lunch and watching a movie on the history of Lawrence at the Union Pacific Visitor's Center.
- Touring the historic district Eldridge Hotel.
- Going on walking tours of historic downtown Lawrence and historic homes in Lawrence.
- Visiting the Oakhill Cemetery where victims of the Lawrence massacre are buried.
- Following the route of Quantrill's escape from Lawrence.

It was a very informative trip. Ross Marshall did an excellent job of planning, organizing, and leading the bus tour.

Attached is a photo of tour guide Ross Marshall outside the Eldridge Hotel in Lawrence.



Article and photos from Dave Pattison

"An historical marker on the ground at the alley entrance on the south side of 7th Street (between Louisiana and Indiana Streets) marks the spot where the raiders shot four prominent citizens."

The brochure also indicates that Quantrill's raiders killed approximately 200 men that day, but only 188 have been identified.

Photo of the tour group standing at a marker, near 7th Street and Louisiana, where Quantrill's raiders shot for prominent citizens of Lawrence.



Photo of the tour group having lunch at the Union Pacific Visitor Center in Lawrence.



Ross Marshall pointing out historical buildings in downtown Lawrence, KS.



STONE MOUNTAIN IN THE NEWS

Depending on whom you ask, the enormous monument carved into Georgia's Stone Mountain is either a proud statement or a blight and an embarrassment.

Depicting the only president of the Confederate States, Jefferson Davis, riding beside Gens. Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, it's two football fields wide, making it the largest of its kind.

The NBC station [11 Alive](#) reports that a petition that seeks to remake this famous—and infamous—landmark is causing controversy.

"It's almost like a black eye or an embarrassing smudge on our culture," the petition's creator, McCartney Forde, told local 11.

Forde's [online petition](#) on Change.org calls for changes to be made to the mountainside carving, first conceived in 1923 by a charter member of the Daughters of the Confederacy but not completed until 1972.

He writes, "The three men embossed on the face of arguably the most famous landmark in the great state of Georgia are icons for what is widely considered the darkest period in our nation's history. ... It is a monument that perpetuates the perception of Georgia as an icon of racism, slavery and oppression."

Forde suggests that the current carving be removed and replaced with a monument to Georgia veterans.

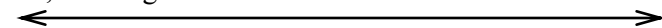
So far, just 164 people have signed the petition, but the quest seems to be as controversial as the monument itself.

"We should not erase history," Calvin Johnson, Jr., a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, told the news station.

He added, "These guys [were] regarded very highly in the North and South after the War Between the States, and it's only been the last 30 or 40 years that I think what you call revisionist history began in this country."

Symbols of the Confederacy, which to many represent the pro-slavery history of the South, continue to stir up debate. A song by country singer Brad Paisley, "Accidental Racist," recently caused an outcry because, among other things, it seemed to defend his wearing of a Confederate flag T-shirt.

"The only thing I meant to say is I'm a Skynyrd fan," he sings.



The Battle of Fredericksburg

Sunday, May 26, 2013—2-4 pm. Excelsior Springs Museum, 101 E. Broadway, Excelsior Springs, MO. Brian Smarker: "The Battle of Fredericksburg." Also

view “Divided Loyalties, Civil War Documents from the Missouri State Archives” from 1:30-4 pm.

Memorial Day at Union Cemetery

Monday, May 27, 2013—11:30 am. Union Cemetery, 227 E. 28th Ter., Kansas City, MO. Ceremony followed by cookie and lemonade reception. The Round Table is hosting the reception to assist the Union Cemetery Historical Society. If you can help provide cookies, please call Beverly Shaw at 816 225-7944 cell.

Cross Border Quantrill's Raid-Bus Trips from Harrisonville, MO

May 31, 2013. Deadline for Early Bird Registration (\$100 for two days or \$60 for one day). Freedom's Frontier in cooperation with Cass and Douglas County is presenting two different Quantrill tours on Aug. 17 and Aug. 18. Tours start in Harrisonville at 8 am and include lunch. For more info call Julie McPike at 785 856-5300.

Confederate Memorial Day-Higginsville, MO

Saturday, June 1, 2013. 12:45 pm-2 pm. Confederate Memorial State Historical Site, Higginsville, MO. Color guard, Recognition of Groups, 3 stories of real Confederate heroes, Recognition of Confederate ancestors.

Exhibit through end of 2013-Columbia, MO

Walters History Museum, East Gallery: Missouri's Civil War 1863: Divided at Home. Boone County Museum, 3801 Ponderosa St., Columbia, MO. Thurs.-Sun. (12:30-4:30 pm.). Sat. (9:30 am-4:40 pm.) \$2.00. Artifacts, clothing, authentic weapons, and personal effects from the tumultuous time of 1863 in Missouri.

May, 1863 – The Battle of Chancellorsville

On April 27, Union General Hooker crossed the Rappahannock River to attack General Lee's forces. Lee split his army, attacking a surprised Union army in three places and almost completely defeating them. Hooker withdrew across the Rappahannock River, giving the South a victory, but it was the Confederates' most costly victory in terms of casualties.

May, 1863 – The Vicksburg Campaign

Union General Grant won several victories around Vicksburg, Mississippi, the fortified city considered essential to the Union's plan to regain control of the Mississippi River. On May 22, Grant began a siege of the city. After six weeks, Confederate General John Pemberton surrendered, giving up the city and 30,000 men. The capture of Port Hudson, Louisiana, shortly thereafter placed the entire Mississippi River in Union hands. The Confederacy was split in two.



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Henry H. Dedrick Civil War Papers
Letter, 1863 May 10 & 11
Battle of Chancellorsville

Dedrick to his father-in-law and his wife

Date: 1863 May 10 and 11

Place: Spotsylvania Co. Virginia.

Spotsylvania Co. Virginia. Camp near Hamilton's Crossing.
May 10th 1863

Dear Father-

I take this opportunity to drop you a few to answer your few lines that I received from you this evening. I was glad to hear from you all and to hear that you were as well. I am well at present and hope when these few lines come to hand they may find you all enjoying the same blessing of God resting upon you.



You said that you heard that [Gen. Jackson](#) had a fight. It was not only him it was all of the troops. We had one of the hardest fights that we ever had since the war begun. General Jackson has lost one of his arms and [has] now got the pneumonia. He is not expected to live. He was shot by our own pickets. He got out side of our pickets after night and he come up in a gallop and they fired on him and wounded him and all of his guard but one. Our loss is said to be twenty thousand killed wounded and missing. I don't know what the [loss] of the enemy was but it must be terrible. I have just heard that General Jackson was dead. If he is it is a great loss to the Southern confederacy.

You said that there was a petition wrote and sent to me or my officers. I have not heard nothinig from it. I don't think I will need but you can get it and send it to me, for if the officers

gets it it won't do me any good. William Offlighter and Hiram Coyner is in Richmond from what I can find out. They left the last day of April and I have not heard from them since.

If we stay here I wish you would come down and bring me something to eat for we don't get half enough and I can't stand it. If you do come you can bring something along and make more off of it [than] you can make any other way. You can get from 50 to 75 cents for a pie, and tobacco is very high. You can sell most anything atall, potatoes 50 cents per quart. Thread is very high and I have two overcoats and a good blanket I would like to send home. If I had them at home I wouldn't take less than 60 dollars for them. If you come and if we are at the ame place you can come to Hamilton's Crossing, that is [with]in two miles of our camp.

Joshua Robison [Robinson?] and Adam Pannell sends their best respects to you all. I must close for this time. You will please excuse me for this. May god bless you all.

Write soon. H. H. Dedrick to Elijah Balsley.

May 11th 1863

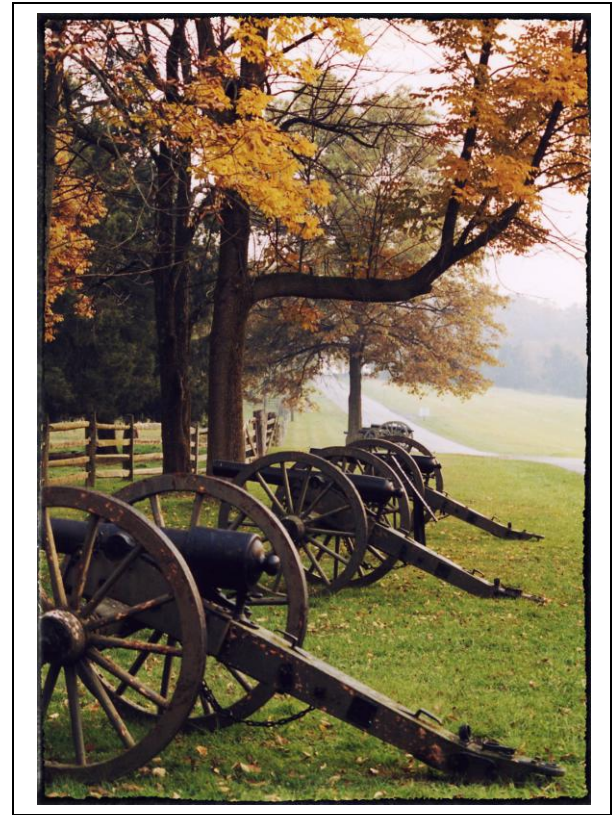
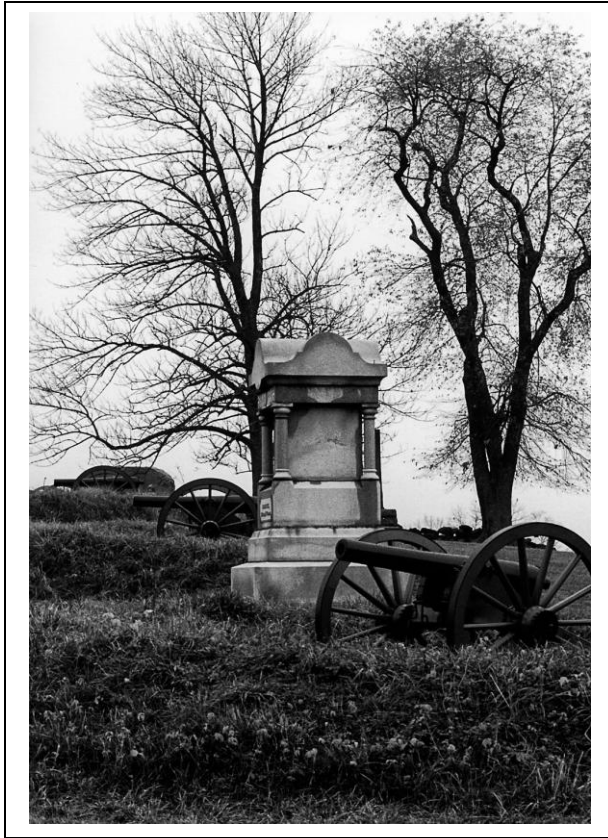
Dear Wife-

I take this priviledge this morning to drop you a few more lines. I received your kind letter yesterday after I had written home one to you. It found me well except the toothache it all but set me crazy. I commenced while I was writing to you and I had to quit writing for awhile but it has quit aching now. Give father and mother and Betty my love and tell him I would have written him a letter but I have not got the paper. Tell him to write to me. I must close. May god be with you all. I remain your affectionate husband until death separates us

Henry H. Dedrick To Mary E. Dedrick.

(VMI Archives)





Photos of Gettysburg Battlefield by Michael Epstein

