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352th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001

Social: 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm

Homestead Country Club

65th and Mission Rd.

Prairie Village, KS

Cash bar – dinner \$20.00

Featured September Speaker

“The Saga of Quindaro and its Relationship to the Underground Railroad”

Our guest speaker for November will be Dr. Steve Collins of Kansas City Kansas Community College. The title of his program will be: "The Saga of Quindaro and its Relationship to the Underground Railroad." Established in 1856 on the Missouri River, it was a safe port of entry into Kansas Territory for "free state settlers." The town was organized and settled by Wyandot Indians and abolitionists whom had ties to New England and Society. In his digital slide presentation; Dr. Collins will discuss Quindaro's relationship to the Underground Railroad and the significant excavations on the site.

Dr. Collins has been a Professor of Sociology, Anthropology and Archeology at Kansas City Kansas Community College since 1984. He was the 1999 recipient of the Kansas Professor of the Year Award given by the Carnegie Foundation annually for "Excellence in Teaching."

NOVEMBER MEANS ELECTIONS...

So don't miss the meeting, we have a great speaker and you'll be able to show you care by using your right to vote on the officers for the year 2002. The meals are great. This is your opportunity, so don't forget to send in your speaker and meal fee and see all of your friends, have a good time and Happy Holidays!

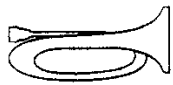
2001/2002..Change of Location and Dinner Charge.

Don't forget and go hungry, we've changed locations. We're back at Homestead Country Club at 65th and Mission Road in Prairie Village. The dinner charge is now \$20.00. Get your reservations in early!

P.S. Recommended attire is Coat and Tie, Thank You!

Menu for Nov. 27, 2001

Tossed Greens With Shredded Carrot,
Slice Cucumber And Tomato Wedges
Topped With Ranch Style Dressing,
Chicken Stuffed W/Spinach And
Artichoke, Roasted Red Pepper Sauce,
Served On A Bed Of Herbed Orzo Pasta,
And Medley Of Steamed Vegetables,
Chocolate Mousse Parfait In Stemmed
Glass Topped W/Fresh Berries.



RESERVATIONS

Reservations must be received by **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2001**

Mail to: Dave Landes
1409 SW 9th St
Lee's Summit, MO 64081

The price of the dinner is \$20.00. Make checks payable to: *The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City (CWRTKC)*. Please note any special dietary needs with your reservation.

EMERGENCY ONLY

Call: **Dave Landes 816/246-5447** or as an alternative number **ONLY**, call **Paul Gault at 741-2962**. **DO NOT** leave duplicate reservations at both numbers. The Round Table is billed for all meals prepared. Members will be charged for reservations not cancelled by the Friday before the meeting.

WHO'S UP FOR AN ELECTION?

Here is a list of the people and the positions they seek....

- 1) **President: Don Bates Sr.**
- 2) **1st Vice-President: Arnold Schofield**
- 3) **2nd Vice-President: Blair Tarr**
- 4) **Treasurer: Paul Gault**
- 5) **Asst. Treasurer: Steve Harris**
- 6) **Director of Preservation: Jim Beckner**
- 7) **Board Members: Louise Barry-Current Board Member
Mike Heringer-Current Board Member
Harold Smith-to be voted**

And there you are. Please don't miss the last meeting of 2001, and vote.

Upcoming Speakers for 2001

- Nov. 27: Dr. Steve Collins: "The Rise and fall of Quindaro."**
- Jan. 22: Arnold Schofield: "Scouts, Spies, Scamps, and Scalawags."**
- Feb. 26: Thomas P. Sweeney: "Fighting Tom Sweeney in the 1861 Missouri Campaigns."**
- Mar. 26: Daniel R. Weinberg:**

April 23: David C. Hinze: "From Clerk to Colonel: A Look at the Trans-Mississippi Career of the Soldier and Beyond."

May 28: Dr. William G. Piston

Sept. 24: James I. Robertson Jr.

Oct. 22: Wiley Sword

Nov. 26: Terry Winschel

Upcoming Events 2001 and beyond...

April 4-7, 2002: Confederate Historical Institute Conference, "Jackson's Last Hours". Contact Jerry Russell for more info at, jl Russell@civilwarbuff.com.

May 2002 Battle of Westport (possibly).

NEW MEMBERS

Jack Hurov, 7531 Grand, Kansas City, MO. 64114

Lee and Maxine Kennard, 7040 Granada Lane, Prairie Village, KS. 66208

Eli Paul & Lori Cox-Paul, 1400 Floyd, #3201, Overland Park, Ks. 66223

Ronald Smith, Ronald 4305 S. Shrank Court, Independence, Mo. 64055

NOVEMBER 13, 2001: MONNETT BATTLE OF WESTPORT FUND ANNUAL MEETING

TO: All Monnett Battle of Westport Fund Members and Friends The Annual Meeting of the Monnett Fund will be on November 13th at the Rotisserie Restaurant in the Doubletree Hotel, 10100 College Avenue (just east of Alternate 69 in Overland Park). Attendees have the options of coming at 6:00 p.m. for drinks and/or 6:30 p.m. for dinner. Each person will be responsible for his or her own refreshment and/or dinner order from the restaurant menu. The meeting will begin at approximately 7:15. Whether you are coming at 6:00, 6:30, or 7:15, seating reservations must be made. Therefore, it is important that you let us know whether you will or will not attend by at least the morning of the 13th Please call (or leave a message for) Harriet Duff at 913/338-0976; if you prefer, you may also FAX to 913/648-1787 or e-mail to CWSANDY@aol.com. Your attendance at this meeting is very important! A quorum is needed to conduct business and



your involvement is important. Please review and bring the Minutes of the 2000 Annual Meeting with you to the meeting. All Civil War Round Table members are eligible to become members of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund. Everyone is encouraged to invite your friends in the Round Table to come to the meeting and participate in the Fund. If you have not come to an annual meeting before, come and see what we have been able to accomplish by working together. See you on the 13th!!!

From Arnold Schofield: Part I

"SERGEANT MAJORS ROAR"

Civil War Diary
of

Private Henry K. Strong
Company K

12th Kansas Volunteer Infantry
Regiment

August 16, 1862 - July 18, 1865

Introduction:

On May 26, 2001, the Civil War diary of Pvt. Henry K. Strong of Co. K of the 12th Kansas Volunteer Infantry Regiment was donated to Fort Scott National Historic Site. The diary was a gift from Pvt. Strong's great grandchildren; Mr. Ralph U. Moody of Ventura, California and Mrs. Carolyn Gleason of Ottawa, Kansas. Pvt. Strong enlisted in Co. K of the 12th Kansas Volunteer Infantry Regiment on August 16, 1862 at Mound City, Kansas when he was eighteen years old. He served with Company K until he and his company were discharged from the Union Army on July 18, 1865 at Lawrence, Kansas

Throughout the war, Pvt. Strong recorded his observations and opinions of army life in a 5 x 7 inch leather bound daily diary. It is approximately twice as large as a small pocket diary and provided ample space for descriptions of camp, foraging expeditions, escort duty, battles, expeditions, marches and equipment. Pvt. Strong's penmanship was excellent and is very easy to read. The excellent physical condition of the diary is amazing when one

considers that it was probably carried in his knapsack or haversack during tree years of arduous campaigning in active field operations This includes expeditions and campaigns in Missouri, Arkansas and the Indian Territory (present Oklahoma).

The diary is going to be ellipsised in future newsletters on a space available basis. All of the entries will be included exactly as they appear in the diary. The bracketed statements, phrases or words are not part of the original diary. They have been included to provide background information, clarify locations and to facilitate the understanding of the diary.

[From August 16, 1862 - October 1, 1863, a monthly summary of activities are entered in the diary. The consecutive daily entries beginning on October 1, 1863 and continue until July 18, 1865.]

Diary of Pvt. Henry K. Strong.

August, 1862.

Enlisted in the United States Service August 16th, 1862 at Mound City, [Linn County], Kansas. Spent most of my time at home until September 10th, 1862. Then the company went into camp at Mound City and marched to Fort Lincoln on the Osage.

Fort Lincoln was located on the north bank of the Little Osage River in northern Bourbon County, Kansas approximately 12 miles northwest of Fort Scott on the 1859 Fort Leavenworth - Fort Scott Road. It was established in September of 1861 by General James H. Lane and remained a Union fort until the end of the war. In the summer of 1865, the U.S. Government buildings were

sold at public auction, dismantled and relocated.]

Staid there over night. Several other companies had concentrated there from different parts of the state [Kansas] to organize a Regiment.

September, 1862.

September 11, 1862.

Started for Paola, Kansas [Departed from Fort Lincoln]. Camped at Mound City for the night. Next day marched to Twin Springs. This was Bully for greenhorns. We thought soldiering a fine thing. Would have enlisted for a lifetime, I presume had any one proposed it.

September 12, 1862.

Arrived at Paola on the 12th, and at once went into a camp of instruction drilling from four to six hours per day in the strictest discipline. We were apt scholars, or most were, and made rapid progress in the art of soldiering.

September 30th, 1862.

On the 30th of September we were mustered into the U.S. Service for three years as the 12th Regiment, Kansas Volunteer Infantry. Ours was Company "K", Capt. J.J. Sears, 1st Lt. P.J. Mesiroy and 2nd Lt. Wm. Barrett.

October, 1862.

Spent the Month of October in drawing arms, equipment and clothing, also drilling pretty regular. The guns were Austrian muskets and but of little account.

Stay tuned next issue for more...



WEBSITES OF INTEREST

If your group has a website or if you know of an interesting website you think members would be interested in, please let us know.

MCWRA

<http://members.tripod.com/>

MCWRA

MID-MISSOURI CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

<http://www.mmcwrt.org>

QUANTRILL SOCIETY

[http://www.geocities.com/](http://www.geocities.com/quantrillsoc)

quantrillsoc

CIVIL WAR ON THE BORDER

[http://www.members.tripod.com/](http://www.members.tripod.com/~penningtons/scv.htm)
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HOW TO ORDER MILITARY & PENSION RECORDS FOR UNION

CIVIL WAR VETERANS FROM THE

NATIONAL ARCHIVE

[http://www.oz.net/~cvi>iihow/](http://www.oz.net/~cvi>iihow/pensions.htm)
pensions.htm

CIVILWARANCESTOR

GENEALOGY

[http://www.public.usit.net/mrudy/](http://www.public.usit.net/mrudy/searchin.htm)
searchin.htm

CONFEDERATE ROSTERS

<http://image.vtls.com/collections>

STATE MILITARY RECORDS

[http://mosl.sos.state.mo.us/rec-](http://mosl.sos.state.mo.us/rec-man/archweb/military.html)
man/archweb/military.html

STERLING PRICE CAMP, NO. 145

SCV

<http://www.sterlinDricei4f;~org/>

JAMES COUNTRY

<http://www.sft.org/jamescntry>

BLUE & GREY BOOK SHOPPE

<http://www.blueandgrey.com>

MISSOURI DIVISION, SONS OF

CONFEDERATE VETERANS

<http://missouri-scv.org>

Stolen almost verbatim from the

Western Campaigner of the MCWRA latest issue.



SERGEANT MAJOR'S ROAR Civil War Dictionary

From Arnold Schofield

Throughout history soldiers have developed a vocabulary of nicknames and phrases which reflect their perception and opinion of people, places, battles things and their implements of war. Beginning with this issue of the newsletter, a column will be devoted to the "slang" of the Civil War on a space available basis. Many of the words and phrases were universal, however many were also indigenous to a specific region, state, individual, unit or vessel. If you discover any interesting words or expressions that are "fit to print" please feel free to submit them with appropriate source citations to the editor of the newsletter. The following "slang" is from a history of the 57th Massachusetts Vol. Inf. Regt. Entitled "Mother, May You Never See The Sights I Have Seen by Warren Wilkinson: Harper & Row, New York; 1990."

"sardine boxes": were shoulder straps.

"shoulder straps": were officers.

"horse collar": was a blanket roll.

"brevet horse": was an Army Mule.

"beehive" or "patent bureau": was a knapsack.

"coffee coolers": were sulkers or malingers.

"sinkers", "weevil fodder" or "death bells": were names for hardtack.

"chin music": was conversation.

"slapjacks": were pancakes.

"shin plaster": was paper money.

"bumblebees" or "swifts": were bullets.

"camp kettles", "cook stoves", "lampposts", "iron foundries", "tubs", and "bootlegs": were artillery shells.

"Old Scratch": was the Devil.

"Little Coots": Confederate name for Yankees.

"showing the white feather": was cowardice.



BATTLEFIELD STUDY

Springfield: An investigation into the accuracy of historical accounts of the Battle of Wilson's Creek turned up hundreds of artifacts during a 10-day search.

And although the results have not been tabulated, the scientist who led the search team said it appears the evidence confirms the account of the Civil War battle in 1861.

"We didn't find as many artifacts as we originally anticipated," said archeologist Doug Scott, who led the dig at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. "But we're very pleased with the data we've collected. I think we're picking up details of these accounts."

About 260 artifacts—army camp items, bullets, shell fragments, pieces of equipment and firearms—will be cleaned and cataloged at the Midwest Archeological Center in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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THE COWBOY COMES TO MINE CREEK

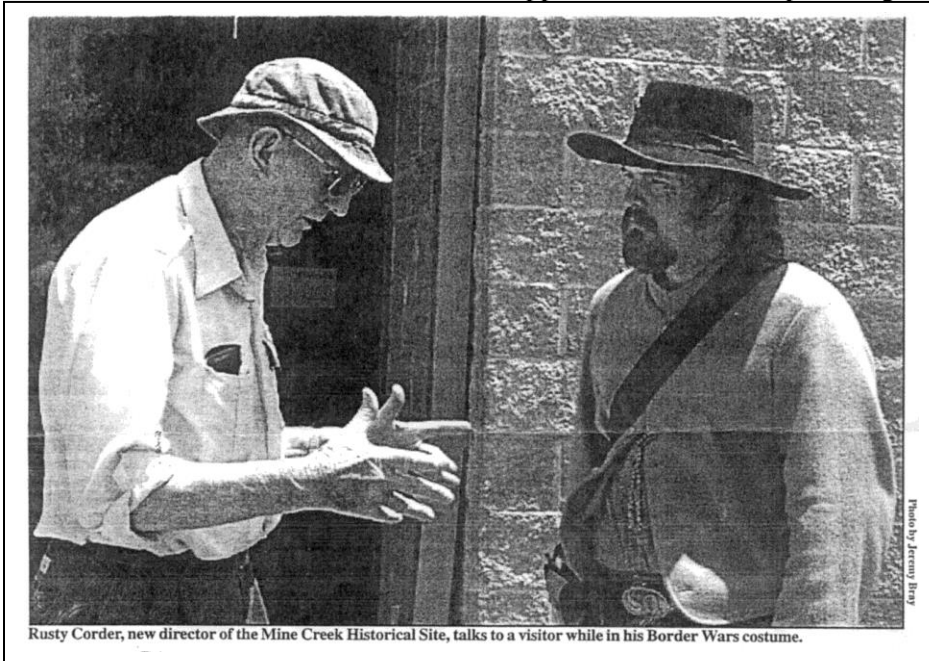
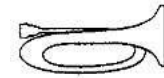
By JUDYHOUTMAN
Linn County News Editor

Pleasanton—The Mine Creek Battlefield State Historical Site, on Highway 52 between Pleasanton and Mound City, recently welcomed Rusty Corder, a native of Unionville, Iowa, as its new director.

Corder came to the battlefield site from his previous position as Historic Site Curator of the Old Cowtown Museum in Wichita. He has also taught history, geography,

and physical anthropology at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, Iowa.

been called "The Unsung Sailors" or the "Navy's Stepchildren." They served on merchant vessels carrying supplies to Allied troops throughout



Rusty Corder, new director of the Mine Creek Historical Site, talks to a visitor while in his Border Wars costume.

Corder grew up raising Texas longhorns and has been both a working cowboy and a hunting guide. "while I was still bulletproof," he said. "Either the ground's gotten harder or I've gotten softer."

Corder is interested in all history from 1840-1945. He has been a Civil war re-enactor for 12 years. He is still the commander of Porter's Northeast Missouri Cavalry and hopes to bring in horses to do mounted demonstrations here at Mine Creek.

Corder has written on the Confederate invasion of Iowa for the Davis County Historical Society. Those guerilla raids took place in October 1864, at the same time as the Mine Creek battle. He has also written an article on Little Big Horn, and has been in several movies including "Ride with the Devil," "Gettysburg," "Son of the Morning Star" and "Ozark Legends and Legacies" for IMAX in Branson.

As a young man, Corder developed an interest in World War II. He is currently writing a book about the Naval Armed Guard in World War II. This military unit has

the world. Their job was to fight until their guns were no longer usable, and their casualty rate was second only to the marines.

Corder says that when he saw the position at Mine Creek advertised he felt it was a dream come true. He feels that, as a historian, he is being allowed be the caretaker of actual hallowed ground.

Corder works under the direction of the Kansas State Historical Society. They own the majority of the battlefield site and are working with the Mine Creek Foundation to acquire more of the battlefield.

At this time the site offers visitors a museum, the battlefield, and trails, either for nature walks or to experience the actual battle sites.

Corder is busy planning new programs and activities for the entire family. They are currently hosting a series of nature hikes, and are planning to hold events highlighting the history of the Indians of eastern Kansas and Indians in the Civil War. Also upcoming is a Victorian Women's workshop: highlighting everything you wanted to know

NOVEMBER 27. 1861:

Ship Island, Mississippi, is the destination of a Union expeditionary force from Hampton Roads, Virginia. The intent is to set up a base of operations against New Orleans, Louisiana, and the general Gulf Coast area. The Trent affair is becoming more serious as word of the unlawful seizure of Confederate diplomats reaches Great Britain. In London, signs reading 'Outrage on the British flag' begin to appear.

NOVEMBER 27. 1862:

President Lincoln confers with General Burnside. The two are not in total agreement about the proper strategy to employ in the current situation along the Rappahannock. The general ultimately decides not to defer to the president's wishes and instead follows his own plan for an assault on Fredericksburg where most of Lee's forces are concentrated. In the forthcoming campaign Burnside will be outfought by Lee's forces.

NOVEMBER 27. 1863:

Parrying Meade's new initiative, Lee strengthens his right flank, as fighting breaks out near the Rapidan. At Mine Run, Meade finds Lee's forces strongly posted, and his offensive falters; it will not regain momentum in the following days. At Ohio State Penitentiary in Columbus, Confederate raider John Hunt Morgan and some of his officers escape and head south; the future career of Morgan, however, will be of less usefulness to the Confederacy.

NOVEMBER 27. 1864:

The siege of Petersburg. The steamer Greyhound, General Ben Butler's floating headquarters, blows up on the James River,

apparently an act of Southern sabotage. In West Virginia, Federal Soldiers skirmish with the enemy at the town of Moorefield.



Franklin and Nashville Campaign: Believing that Hood’s army will attack from south of Columbia, general Schofield moves his troops north of the Duck River in the evening, burning the bridges behind him and digging in to prepare for the assault.

March to the Sea: At Waynesboro, Georgia, Sherman’s march is interrupted as the Confederate Cavalry strike at the Union army.

NOVEMBER, 1865: Mississippi adopts laws regulating labor service, vagrancy and such matters, the first of the post-war black codes by which the South moves to restrict the opportunities of blacks. The Confederate raider CSS Shenandoah surrenders to the British in Liverpool, England. Captain Henry Wirz, commander of the former Confederate prison at Andersonville, Georgia is hanged after being found guilty of charges of cruelty to federal prisoners of war held in the prison.

NOVEMBER 1868: Ulysses S. Grant wins the Federal presidential election.



IT’S TIME TO PAY THEM DUES!!!

Your membership dues are always due by the first of the year. If you fail to send in your dues before the first of January 2002, your name will not be in the Round Table Roster for 2002. So please , why not pay them at this months meeting, if you can’t make the meeting, use the enclosed envelope from your newsletter and send them in today it would help the book keeper and the roster maker, (me!). The membership dues are as follows: \$25.00 for an individual membership and \$37.50 for a couple

The Border Bugle

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