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Menu for April 23, 2002

Caesar Salad With garlic
Croutons, Smoked Brisket of
Beef, Tangy Barbeque Sauce,
Roasted New Potatoes, Sweet
Corn W/Diced Red Peppers,
and Brownie Sundae Topped
W/Hot Fudge.

356th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

Social: 5:30pm Dinner: 6:30pm

Homestead Country Club

65th and Mission Rd.

Prairie Village, KS

Cash bar – dinner \$20.00

Featured April Speaker
David R. Weinberg

“Lincoln Assassins: Their Trial and Execution”

Presented from the newly published book co-authored
by James L. Swanson and Daniel R. Weinberg.

Daniel R. Weinberg has been president and sole owner of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, Inc. since 1984, having previously been co-owner since 1971. This firm has an international reputation as experts in the buying, selling, appraisal and authentication of historical, literary, artistic, and museum properties etc., since 1933.

The Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, Inc. has acted as consultant in the assembling of some of the major collections in the United States, both public and private, representing them both privately and at auction. The firm has conducted appraisals for libraries, museums, banks, insurance companies, and private collectors.

Mr. Weinberg has performed special research assignments for such institutions as The Lincoln Museum, the American Bar Foundation, Brandies University, University of Virginia, WTTW Channel 11 in Chicago, the Chicago Historical Society, the Chicago Public Library, and others. He has delivered numerous talks on the collecting and value of books and manuscripts as well as determining authenticity of historical documents. He is a member of numerous historical societies and associations (including The Lincoln Forum, The Abraham Lincoln Association, Manuscript Society, Professional Autograph Dealer's Association, Universal Autograph Collector's Club (being a past regional director), Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America, American Booksellers Association) and is an officer and past-President of The Civil War Round Table in Chicago.

Currently Mr. Weinberg is Vice-President of the Lincoln Group of Illinois; and a Director of both the Lincoln Forum and the Lincoln Group of Wisconsin.

Mr. Weinberg pursued his undergraduate work, in history, at Temple University, Philadelphia, and his graduate work, in the same field, at New York University.

Coat and Tie Suggested, “Business” Casual Accepted
Attendance Requires Dinner Reservation, Thank You.



RESERVATIONS

Reservations must be received by
FRIDAY, April 19, 2002

Mail to: Paul Gault
7118 N. Congress Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64152-2948

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: Paul Gault at 816-741-2962 or as an alternative number ONLY, call Steve Harris, 816-444-1747. 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.

Upcoming Speakers for 2002

April 23: Daniel R. Weinberg: Lincoln Assassins; Their Trial and Execution

May: Dr. William G. Piston

September 24: James I. Robertson Jr.

October 22: Wiley Sword

November 26: Terry Winschel

Upcoming Events 2002 and beyond...

April 23, 2002: Book Fair, Civil War Round Table of Kansas City and The Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, a benefit. Please bring your donations of either book or Civil War artifacts for a silent auction to be held at the meeting. Any Questions, Call Don Bates Sr. 913-648-5348

April 27-28, 2002: Missouri Town, Near Kansas City: CROWS Sponsored civilian event; no military. Promoting the 1850's era, first person civilian life.

May 18-19, 2002: Shoal Creek, near Kansas City: Historical structures, amenities, sponsored by Crowley's 3rd MO Infantry. Jim Beckner 322-3100.

June 8-9, 2002: Battle of Wentzville, MO, two battles, dance,

candlelight tour, medical fashion show. Emmett Taylor 636-332-5782.

MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD:

Calendar of Events...

March

23rd - Mine Creek Battlefield Work Day
Volunteers needed for projects

April

13 - Genealogy Workshop

May

3rd -5th - Benefit March for Mine Creek
8th Kansas Inf Encampment at site
11th -Star Gazing

June

To be announced

July

13th Civil War Music Festival

August

16th - 18th - Mid West Civil War Women's Conf

September

7th - Star Gazing
14th - Blue and Gray Banquet

Unveiling of print by Andy Thomas

"Battle of Mine Creek"

15th - An show - Mine Creek Battlefield

October

5th - "Forgotten Soldiers of the Civil War"

18th - 20th Teacher workshop

26th - Moonlight Tour

Thomas and Debra Goodrich Tours

Tom and Deb would like to extend a discount to all CWRTKC members of \$10.00 off their normal price for round table members and family, (limit four), that's a great deal and they hope to see some of our faces in the crowd, the busses are filling fast so don't delay.

April 27, 2002: "Bloody Bill" Tour, \$60.00 for public and \$50.00 for roundtable members and family. Since most of this takes place in Missouri, there will be a Kansas City pickup spot to be announced.

May 11, 2002: "Bleeding Kansas" Tour, \$50.00 to the public and \$40.00 to round table members and family.

Contact: Tom or Deb Goodrich at: (785) 235-0095
or MTGoodrich@aol.com for reservations.

SERGEANT MAJOR'S ROAR

Civil War Dictionary

Continued..

["The Rest of the Story"]

"Sixth Street, Long Beach, California.

February 4, 1906

To the Auditor of Kansas:

Sir, I express to you prepaid the Company Flag of K Company, Twelfth Kansas Infantry. It was put in my care when I moved west. The archives of the state is the proper place and long may the old flag wave.

Respectfully Yours,
H. A. B. Cook"

[After being carried by a single Color Sergeant from 1863 - 1865, through numerous campaigns and battles this flag is going to be scheduled for future conservation by the Kansas State Historical Society at an estimated cost of approximately \$15,000.00.]

End of July, 1863.

The latter part of July our company got permission to go to Mound City and home. Got quite a number of recruits for the company at this time . It numbered one hundred and one men.

[Pvt. Strong was at home and in Mound City with his company until mid-August, 1863.]

Middle of August 1863:

Started back to Kansas City the middle of August. Got there the 20th day. Lawrence was destroyed by Quantrill. Part of his command passed within a mile of our camp on India Creek east of Olathe in the night. I was taken sick and in the hospital two weeks with fever just after we returned. We went out at the crossing of the Blue and staid a week to protect the Stage between Kansas City and Independence from bushwhackers. The company was then relieved and returned to town. After that we used to go across Blue after apples, potatoes, chickens and lived splendid. Whenever we felt disposed, harnessed up the team and strike out to where there was plenty.

[Middle of August - October 1, 1863: Pvt. Strong & Co. K stationed at Kansas City, Mo. No diary entries for this period.]

About the 1st of October, 1863.

Shelby and his command made their raid into Missouri, and we participated in the chase. From this on my diary is more exact. The account this far was taken up from memory, as the second is lost. From this on I will keep a daily diary.

October 1st, 1863; Kansas City, Missouri.

On guard today at General Ewing's residence. Have taken Reynolds place, he having gone home on furlough. I received a letter from Capt. Montgomery [Charles Montgomery who was the son of Col. James Montgomery. He, Charles Montgomery, served briefly with Co. K, was promoted to Corporal, and then was commissioned as a Lieut. in his father's regiment; the 34th U.S. Colored Volunteer Infantry Regt.] at Morris Island , South Carolina. He was my old mess-mate but was promoted to Capt. In a Colored Regt. In South Carolina and left the Company in August.

October 2nd, Friday.

I am on Camp Guard today and night. One of the recruits Leahy, deserted. He tried to rob the Paymaster, was detected and left. A number of us went across Blue today, took a Govt. Wagon and loaded it with apples, potatoes, chickens, turkeys & etc. Everything good almost. Got a large supply of forages.

October 3rd , - October 5th, Monday.

['Nothing of interest occurred today.']

October 6th, Tuesday.

Peter Eby started home this morning. Why am I not lucky or smart enough to get a furlough? Went to a party at Mrs. Lobodies. Had a splendid time, dancing and supper also. Received a letter from home. Weather very pleasant.

{End of 1st installment. Next installment: Chasing Rebels in Missouri: October 7 - 28, 1863.]



There will be a **Silent Auction** on **April 23rd** at the **Civil War Round Table of Kansas City meeting. This will benefit the CWRTKC and The Monnett Battle of Westport Fund**, as the monies raised will be split between the two organizations. Each book donated will have a sticky note on the inside of the front cover. Any person with interest in one or more of the books should go to the book table and mark their name and the price that they are willing to pay at the top of the sticky note. Another with interest in the same item will then draw a line through the above entry and write their name and their higher price in. After the meeting is formally over, those participating will then go to check on those items in which they entered their bid. Of course those with the highest bid will then settle up with those attending the book table. **We thank those who donated books and those who have purchased the same.** Ruth Turney will manage this event.

On March 23rd, several members of the civil War Round Table of KC were on hand at Mine Creek for brush cutting and general clean-up. Those doing pioneer duty were Dr. John Spencer, Don Bates, Jr., Gil Bergman, and Jim Speicher of the CWRTKC. Please forgive me if I missed anyone. For those with interest in working in the future, contact Dr. John Spencer.

Thanks go out to Richard Southal, 1982 and Orvis Fitts, 1983 for preparing and giving the invocation during the February and March

Don Bates, Sr.



Battlefield Tour of Mine Creek

The Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation is sponsoring a guided tour of the Civil War battlefield at Mine Creek, Kansas on Friday afternoon, April 12, 2002 from 3-7 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 per person which includes transportation to & from Fort Scott National Historic Site, a guided tour of and dinner at the battlefield. Transportation departs from FSNHS at 3:00 p.m. and returns at 7:00 p.m. Advanced reservations required, By April 8, 2002. Only 30 tickets available. Reservations @ 1-913-352-8890. All proceeds to benefit the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation.

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**HINZE CIVIL WAR TOURS
PRESENTS:**

April 19-20, 2002: "The Battle of Shiloh, April 6th & 7th, 1862". Tour led by Thomas Y. Cartwright and David C. Hinze.

May 31st & June 1st, 2002: "The fight for the Trans-Mississippi, 1862": The Battles of Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove, Arkansas. David C. Hinze will be your guide on this event.

October 4th & 5th, 2002: "Nathan Bedford Forest at Brice's Crossroads, Tupelo, and Ft. Pillow, Your guides will be Thomas Y. Cartwright & David C. Hinze and others to be announced.

There is so much more info on these tours you must see them at www.civilwarsite.com, or toll free at 1-877-222-5636 or e-mail at hinze@rollanet.org.

These are complete tour packages including map packages to aid in understanding of the battlefield, lunches on days in the field and snack breaks. Reservations a must!



Thomas B. Davis was born to Elonias and Sofia Davis of Harrison Co., Virginia on November 20, 1843 in Harrison County, in the town of Salem in what would be West Virginia.

The family moved to Johnson County, town of Gardner, Kansas at some time and became farmers, which was Tom's work at the time the Civil War broke out. He didn't waste much time getting into the thick of things when he joined the 10th Kansas Infantry in Company A on August 16, 1861 and served until August 20, 1864 when he re-enlisted as a Veteran Volunteer in Company B of the 10th Kansas Infantry in Alton, Ill. And served until August 29, 1865 and officially discharged at Leavenworth City on September 29, 1865.

The 10th Kansas mustered in at Leavenworth City, KS. Originally organized in Paola, KS. Gardner had 60 men enlist from its tiny town alone! The 10th saw action at Bates, MO with 2 killed, Camp Halleck, KS with 2 wounded, Prairie Grove where Tom received a severe wound in the thigh entering about 8 inches above the knee and exiting at the gluteal fold a distance of 9 inches but it missed the bone so he was back at it after a stay in the hospital in Fayetteville, Ar. first, then Fort Scott hospital on February 22, 1863-March 19, 1863 and was ordered to report to Leavenworth. At Prairie Grove 3 were killed and 10 wounded. Then to Nashville, TN on December 15, 1864 where Tom was wounded once more in the right shoulder though one report says the face. This time they sent him to Fort

Leavenworth. In 2 days of fighting the 10th only had 2 wounded and Tom was one. The 10th went to Fort Blakely, AL in April of 1865 and it laid under siege during which time the 10th lost 5 and had 5 wounded. They were mustered out in Montgomery, AL on August 30, 1865 and officially mustered out in Leavenworth on September 29, 1865.

Tom was promoted to Corporal on November 13, 1864 right before Nashville. I forgot to mention that after he was wounded in Nashville and then re-enlisted he was on detached duty with the 2nd Division Ambulance Corp.

Tom married Katie Francis Saffer in the Fremont Township in Lyon, CO, Kansas on February 8, 1870 after receiving their license on February 5th and was married by Samuel R Wheeler, Minister of the Gospel. They went on to have 10 children from 1870-1891, of which one would die in 1872.

During the war Tom would contract severe Diarrhea in Eastport, MS in January of 1865 and would haunt him until he died as well as disable him. The wound in the thigh made it so he couldn't really work and he applied for a pension and got \$10.00 a month. By the time he died on May 1, 1923, he was receiving \$40.00 a month. Katie died on July 25, 1941 at Emporia, Kansas.

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THIS WEEK IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY

19 April 1861: Washington, The president makes one of his strongest moves up to this time, ordering the blockade of all ports in the Confederate states. This order immediately causes the Federal Department of the Navy to place its ships outside all critical ports, and the blockade is soon extended to include North Carolina and Virginia. It is one effort, which proves effective, though in varying degrees, throughout the war.

The North, In New York, the 6th Massachusetts Regiment travels toward Washington, pausing at Baltimore, Maryland. A vital railroad nexus, this city is important for both the supply and defense of the Federal capital. As the Massachusetts troops move through Baltimore on their way to the Washington depot, they are attacked by rioters carrying Confederate flags. Nine civilians and four soldiers are killed in the melee. The troops reach the capital and are ultimately quartered in the

Senate Chamber. It appears that Washington will lose a railroad link with the North as a result of this Baltimore riot, causing the Federal navy to carry troops to Washington via Philadelphia and Annapolis.

20 April 1861: The North, A move later censured by Union officials is that of Commandant Charles S. McCauley giving orders to burn the Federal Gosport Naval Yard near Norfolk, Virginia. Calculated to prevent the property from falling into Confederate hands, the base has been an important Federal military installation and its loss creates difficulty for Union operations along the coast. The 4th Massachusetts Regiment arrives to support Fort Monroe. **The Confederacy,** Robert E Lee resigns his post with the Federal army, choosing to side with the South. Many Confederate merchants are now repudiating debts to the North.

21 April 1861: The North, In Baltimore, Maryland, rioting continues while the president meets with that city's mayor to discuss ways of ending the violence. **Secession,** Monongahela County in the western part of Virginia hosts meetings of anti-secessionists, who resolve to support the Union despite the stand taken by the remainder of the state.

22 April 1861: Washington, The difficulties in Baltimore have continued to threaten the Federal capital because troops heading for Washington must go through Maryland. Lincoln's words to the Baltimore YMCA - 'you . . . would not lay a straw in the way of those who are organizing ... to capture this city' - indicate his concern for the defense of Washington. **The Confederacy,** Jefferson Davis is in communication with Virginia's Governor John Letcher and hopes that the latter will be able to 'sustain Baltimore if practicable.' **Western Theater,** Cairo, Illinois, is garrisoned by state troops. Trans-Mississippi Arkansas Governor H. M. Rector refuses to send troops to support the Union. The Federal arsenal at Fayetteville, Arkansas, is taken by North Carolina state troops.

24 April 1861: Washington, The president continues to worry about the security of the capital city as invasion from the South looms on the horizon. In writing to Reverend Johnson, a Maryland political leader, Lincoln says, 'I do not mean to let them invade us without striking back.'

25 April 1861: Washington, The 7th New York Regiment arrives in Washington, much to President Lincoln's relief. **Trans-Mississippi,** In a secret action against the pro-secessionists in Missouri, Captain James H Stokes of Chicago, Illinois, goes to St Louis from Alton, Illinois. Upon arrival, he and his men remove 10,000 muskets from the arsenal, returning to Alton the next morning with munitions for Illinois troops.

27 April 1861: Washington, In a bold action, Lincoln suspends the writ of habeas corpus in an area stretching from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Washington, DC, and then leaves General Scott in charge of supervising any incidents arising out of that suspension. Lincoln does this in part to provide for a cessation of the turmoil that has been plaguing Baltimore, Maryland, and causing troop transport to be severely disrupted because of it. In addition, the president extends the Federal blockade of Southern ports to include Virginia and North Carolina. **The Confederacy,** Richmond is offered by the Virginia Convention as a possible site for a new capital for the Confederacy to replace Montgomery, Alabama.

29 April 1861: Secession, The state legislature of Maryland repudiates secession with a vote of 53-13. **The Confederacy,** Jefferson Davis speaks at the second session of the Confederate Provisional Congress. Explaining reasons for secession, the Confederate leader says, 'we protest solemnly in the face of mankind that we desire peace at any sacrifice save that of honor and independence.'

20 April 1862: Naval, In a continuing bombardment of the Fort Jackson and Fort St Philip area. Federal troops attempt to open the river by removing obstructions placed there by Confederates.

23 April 1862: Naval, Flag Officer David Farragut orders the Federal fleet on the Mississippi River to move past Forts Jackson and St Philip. Due to the inconclusive nature of the recent attacks on these two fortifications, it seems appropriate that the North push onward to its ultimate goal of New Orleans, Louisiana.

24 April 1862: Naval, Farragut's fleet is able to slip past the Confederate forts on the Mississippi despite valiant attempts on

the part of Southern forces to prevent this. The Union force makes its way up-river toward New Orleans. Encountering further Confederate resistance in the form of a ram, Manassas, Federals counter with their own fire, ultimately losing only the ship Varuna and 36 men. The Confederates lose eight ships and 61 men.

25 April 1862: Western Theater, North Carolina's Fort Macon under Confederate Colonel Moses White surrenders to the Federal forces which have been besieging it for nearly a month. The next day, formal ceremonies relinquish Southern jurisdiction of Fort Macon to Union General John Parke, and 400 Confederate soldiers become Northern prisoners-of-war. Naval Farragut's forces seize the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, which has been left defenseless after Confederate General Mansfield Lovell and his 4000 troops withdraw. There is little resistance to the Union takeover by the civilian population and four days later, on 29 April, New Orleans is formally surrendered to Federal forces.

22 April 1863: The Confederacy, President Jefferson Davis communicates with General John Pemberton at Vicksburg, Mississippi. The Confederate president advises the general to consider disrupting Federal naval operations by sending fire rafts down the Mississippi River. Eastern Theater In Virginia, near the town of Strasburg, Confederate troops are defeated by Majors McGee and White. The results of this minor encounter are that the Southerners lose five men, with nine injured and 25 taken prisoner. There are also out- breaks of fighting near Belle Plain, Virginia, as Union troops set out from there to Port Royal on a reconnaissance lasting three days. **Naval,** At Vicksburg, Mississippi, Federals make an attempt to send 18 vessels past Confederate shore batteries. There is some success in this venture; although the Union loses one transport and six barges. General Grant's troops receive the supplies carried by the 11 remaining vessels.

24 April 1863: The Confederacy, In a controversial move, the Confederate Congress approves a fiscal measure, which places an eight percent tax on all agricultural products grown in the previous year. In addition, there is a 10 percent tax placed on profits made from the purchase or sale of most food,

clothing and iron . Taxes on licenses are included in this bill, and a graduated income tax is instituted. Estimates of the revenues generated from the 10 percent tax-in-kind levied on agricultural products grown or slaughtered in 1863 hover around \$62 million. This last component of the tax law is considered to be particularly difficult,

some terming it confiscatory. **Western Theater:** In Alabama, Confederate troops encounter Northern forces under General Grenville Dodge at Tuscumbia, and are defeated there. In Mississippi, Grierson's Federal raiders push deeper into Confederate territory and engage in fighting near Birmingham. **Trans-Mississippi,** On the Iron Mountain Railroad in Missouri, the North successfully routs Southern troops near St Louis. In addition, Confederate General John Marmaduke and his forces skirmish at Mill Creek in Missouri.

Editor's Note: Due to size constraints, I had to cut it off short.



LAST MINUTE NOTICE: URGENT!!! Saturday and Sunday, April 13th and April 14th, Fort Scott National Historic Site Civil War Encampment. Speaker Schedule: Saturday April 13th, "Lincoln In Kansas", Mrs. Carol Dark Ayers, 12:00-1:00pm.; "Bushwhackers, Jayhawkers, & the Battle of the Mules", Mr. Pat Brophy, 2:45-3:15pm; "Battle of Island Mound and the 1st Kansas Colored Vol. Inf. Regt.", Mr. Chris Taber, 4:00-5:00pm; **Sunday, April 14,** "Colors to the front", Kansas civil War Battle Flags, Mr. Blair Tarr, Kansas State Historical Society, 12:00-1:00pm; "Forgotten Warriors, Indians in the Union Army", Mr. Arnold W. Schofield, 3:00-3:45pm; "Kansas Redlegs: A Badge of Desperate Service", Mr. Matt Mathews, 3:34-4:30pm. (all speakers confirmed).



Get your old Civil War artifacts out of the attic and head on down to the "Antiques Road Show" is coming to Kansas City on July 27, 2002. There is no fee but you must send a postcard by mail to: Kansas City Roadshow, Box 249, Canton, MA 02021 and it must be postmarked by April 15th 2002 and received no later than April 24, 2002. So just remember your taxes and a postcard this April 15th. Easy! Please include your name and home address. You must include you street address even if your mail is delivered to a PO box. If you wish, you may also include a preferred entrance time, morning or afternoon on your postcard, although we cannot guarantee the entrance time of your choice. See you there!



BOOK FAIR, DON'T FORGET!!!!

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