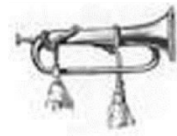




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471st Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

Shawnee Room, Ground Floor, Holiday Inn

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

August Speaker

“Up Close & Personal: Civil War Women & Their Organizations”

Beth Foulk of Genealogy Decoded will be speaking about Civil War women and their organizations. The title of her talk is “Up Close & Personal: Civil War Women & Their Organizations” We think of women today being politically and socially active as a matter of course. Not so in 1860. Women were given the role of “Women’s Work” in life and in war. This era marks a subtle but significant change, and some would say, the basis for the suffrage movement and the birth of the “Modern Woman.” Through the records, resources, and repositories, we’ll examine their role in anti-slavery organizations, soldier’s aid organizations, lineage societies and more.



Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12 noon on Friday August 21, 2015** along with payment of \$27.00 per person. Mail to:

Susan Keipp, 436 W. 88th Ter Kansas City, MO 64114-2912

Report any necessary adjustments to Susan at 816-333-0025 by 12 noon on Friday, August 21.

Use your debit/credit card at our website, <http://www.cwrtrkc.org>. Go to [Dinner Reservation](#) under the Meetings 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 **Susan** an email so she will not miss your reservation. skeipp@kc.rr.com.

A Message from Your President

I am very excited that our speaker this month is going to be **Beth Foulk** of Genealogy Decoded. **Dennis Garstang** recommended that we ask Beth speak to our Civil War Round Table, after hearing Beth give a presentation to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, regarding women's groups during the Civil War. The title of her talk is: "Up Close and Personal." I think Beth's presentation will be very interesting, especially for the ladies in our group, who have attended so many programs on battles during the Civil War Sesquicentennial.

Beth is a member of the Genealogy Speakers Guild, Association of Professional Genealogists-Heartland Chapter, New England Historical Society, and National Genealogical Society. She holds a master's degree in marketing. Beth discovered her love of genealogy through her father, who built a 115-name family tree with every family member's name he knew. While Beth continues to research her family, she shares her knowledge through lectures, articles, her blog, and one-on-one assistance. She particularly enjoys speaking at regional conferences. Beth also volunteers at the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence MO. To learn more, you can visit Beth's website at: www.genealogydecoded.com.

Beth is a very knowledgeable and entertaining speaker. I have heard Beth speak at two genealogy workshops at the National Archives in Kansas City MO. Her presentations were titled: "Solving Genealogy Problems by Creating a Timeline" and "Problem Solving Using FANS – Friends, Associates, and Neighbors" (anyone with whom your ancestor associated). I found these workshops to be very informative. The National Archives at Kansas City offers free workshops for people that are interested in genealogy. To get your name added to the National Archives' mailing list, call 816-268-8000, e-mail: kansascity.educate@nara.gov or visit: www.archives.gov/kansas-city.

I look forward to seeing you at our dinner meeting on August 25th.

-- Dave Pattison

Dinner Location Changed for August

Our dinner meeting on August 25th will be in the Shawnee Ballroom, which is located on the ground floor. We will return to the Sunset Ballroom, which is located on the 8th floor in September.

Dinner Reservation Reminder

Dinner reservations are due by 12:00 noon on Friday, August 21st. Please adhere to this deadline, because we must turn in our head count to the Holiday Inn on Friday afternoon.

Meet Our Speaker for July

Dave Pattison already introduced you to Beth. For more info you can [view her biography on our website](#).

Anyone interested in genealogy should visit Beth's website, [Genealogy Decoded](http://www.genealogydecoded.com).

The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

Arnold Schofield will auction two books at the August meeting.

"*A Diary from Dixie*" by Mary Boykin Chesnut, published in 1906 "First Edition".

"*The Civil War Art of Winslow Homer*" by Julian Grossman, Abradale press, New York, 1991.

Dinner Menu for June 2015

Country Fried Chicken: Hand breaded chicken breast seasoned to perfection. Served with parsley buttered potatoes and sautéed green beans with onions and bacon. Served with a house salad, freshly baked bread with herbed butter, chef's choice of dessert, coffee, iced tea & water.

The Holiday Inn & Suites has advised they can provide the following 3 options for dinner:

- The main entree meal as selected by the Civil War Round Table.
- A vegetarian meal as determined by the chef.
- A gluten-free meal as determined by the chef.

The Holiday Inn & Suites indicated they cannot provide a low-carb meal.

Check out the Round Table's website for the [2015 menu selections](#).

The Round Table's Website

Embedded throughout our emailed newsletter are links to the website. Just click on those links and find out what great information is available on the website.

Check out *Member News* on the [Home page](#) currently featuring new (and returning) members **Brian Wahlen, Bud and Carol Price, Bob Atkins, Suzee Oberg** and **Kathy Scharplaz**.

Round Table members **Mike Epstein** and **Ron Basel** are working together to take the organization's [Facebook page](#) to another level. Why don't you check it out? Make sure you "like" the page.

[Civil War Round Table of Kansas City Facebook Page](#)

Future Programs in 2015

Visit our website to see the list of [Scheduled Meetings](#).

September 22, 2015: Civil War Round Table member **Chip Buckner** will present a program about his great-grandfather, Confederate General Simon Bolivar Buckner. General Buckner also served as the 30th governor of Kentucky (1887-1891).

October 27, 2015: **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: Eric Wittenberg, an attorney from Ohio, will be speaking about the Battle of Brandy Station. 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: Civil War Round Table member **Tom Rafiner** will be speaking about his latest book titled: *Cinders and Silence, A Chronicle of Missouri's Burnt District, 1854-1870*.

January 26, 2016: Darryl Levings, editor and columnist with the Kansas City Star, will be speaking about "Newspapers in this Area during the Civil War" Mr. Levings is the author of the book, *Saddle the Pale Horse*.

February 23, 2016: Ian Spurgeon will be speaking about the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry. Mr. Spurgeon's latest book is titled: *Soldiers in the Army of Freedom: The 1st Kansas Colored, the Civil War's First African American Combat Unit*.

March 22, 2016: Civil War Round Table member **James Speicher** will present a program titled: "The H. L. Hunley and Her Crews." The H. L. Hunley was a Confederate submarine that became the first submarine to sink an enemy warship. Mr. Speicher will recount the fascinating and tragic stories of the historic vessel and the lost souls who served her.

April 26, 2016: Civil War Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** will present a program titled: "Gardens of Stone." Mr. Schofield will discuss the burial of our Blue and Gray Patriots, with a special focus on the National Cemetery System.

May 24, 2016: Dr. James F. Gentsch, associate professor of history at the University of West Alabama, will be presenting a program on the role of geography on military operations such as Shiloh.

Round Table's 2015 Bus Tour

Save the Date!

Mine Creek Battlefield and Fort Scott, KS

Saturday, October 24, 2015, 8 am – 5:15 pm

Arnold Schofield will be leading a bus tour following the general route taken by Sterling Price's Confederate Army of Missouri in its retreat after the Battle of Westport. The tour will also include a visit to the Fort Scott National Historic Site and the Fort Scott National Cemetery.

The bus tour will cost \$48 per person. Make checks payable to Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. Mail checks to Treasurer Susan Keipp, 436 W. 88th Ter Kansas City, MO 64114-2912.

- Depart from Johnson County Community College (JCCC) at 8:00 a.m. SHARP.
- Arrive at Trading Post Rest Area at 9:15 a.m. and depart at 9:45 a.m.
- Arrive at Skirmish Line at 9:45 a.m. and at depart 10:00 a.m.

- Arrive at Mine Creek Battlefield at 10:15 a.m. and depart at 11:15 a.m.
- Arrive at Fort Scott, KS for lunch at Lyons Twin Mansions Bed & Breakfast at 11:45 a.m., eat lunch, and depart at 1:00 p.m. If you choose, there will be a tour of the Bed & Breakfast guided by the owners.
- Arrive at Fort Scott National Historic Site at 1:15 p.m., guided tour, and depart at 2:30 p.m.
- Arrive at Fort Henning Site at 2:40 p.m. and depart at 3:00 p.m.
- Arrive at Fort Scott National Cemetery at 3:15 p.m. and depart at 3:40 p.m.
- Arrive at JCCC at 5:15 p.m.

June Meeting Photos

[Link to our website for more photos of Dr. Terry L. Beckenbaugh at the July meeting.](#)

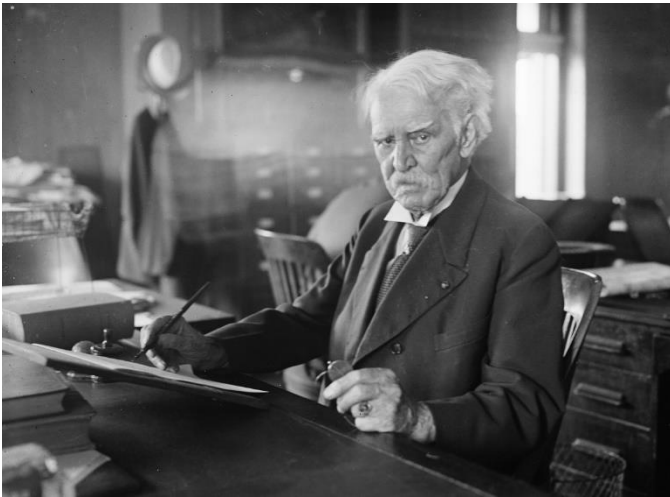


Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #423

A Civil War Surgeon's Letters

One thing fascinating about the study of history is that one is "Always Learning" and hopefully the discovery of something previously unknown provides additional information on the subject being studied. Such is the case of the author's study of the Civil War in Bourbon County and some new information discovered in the Civil War letters of Assistant Surgeon Andrew J. Huntoon, 5th Ks. Vol. Cavalry, Lane's Brigade that are housed in the manuscript collections of the Kansas Historical Society. The following letter was written at the [previously unknown] General Hospital at Mapleton, Kansas.



Dr. Andrew Jackson Huntoon (Library of Congress)

General Hospital, Lanes Brigade,
Mapleton, Bourbon Co. Kans.
Sunday, Sept. 15, 1861.

My Beloved Wife & Boy,

It is a long while since I have received one of your letters. Can it be owing to sickness? I hope not! I am anxious to hear often & cannot think but what you write that they are delayed in coming through and that will be remedied before too long I think. I hardly know what I wrote you last. There has been so much on my mind and for my hands to do that I have no remembrance of what my last ended. Last Tuesday morning our regiment left Fort Lincoln in company with Wier's, Montgomery's and Jennison's Regiments commanded by General Lane in person for Missouri. What particular point is unknown as all the orders are secret.

I was left with our sick. On Thursday I was ordered to move my sick from Ft. Lincoln to Mapleton the seat [location] of the General Hospital for the Brigade; to assist Dr. Gilpatrick, of Anderson County, the Brigade Surgeon and Dr. Scott, of Allen County, Surgeon of the 3rd Regiment in taking charge of the Institution where I may have to stay for the present judging from appearances. I would rather go on to the field. I am free from all danger here, but it is too confining. Have a very good building here for our sick. Mapleton is 6 miles west of Fort Lincoln on the Little Osage River and 15 miles from Fort Scott. We have some 40 patients under treatment. One with a broken thigh, T. M. Laws of New Hampshire says that he is acquainted with Sister Hannah and used to attend school at Westminster. One was shot through the knee at the late Battle of Drywood Creek, one through the arm, one in the groin, one stabbed in the back under the right shoulder in a quarrel, one with a fractured skull from a blow from a spade on top of his head, bad and one with 2 fingers shot away accidentally. Three bad cases of lung disease. The rest are bowl derangements, Intermittent and Remittent Fever. Generally doing well.

I was pleasantly surprised on Thursday morning by the arrival of Joel in camp. He was from home. Having left Missouri a few days before. He stopped for a short time, but went on toward the command as he wished to see [General]

J. H. Lane. You need not be disappointed to hear next in the Army either as a Captain or as a Regimental Officer.

It is impossible to lay idle in this section of the country when treason shows it's Dragon Head in every settlement and our homes, our liberties and our lives are threatened if we dare avow our principles and our sympathy on the side of the American Union. You in New Hampshire where rumors of armies and war are the absorbing items of interest, know nothing, nothing of its realities. The battleground of the West which Missouri is destined to be, is being laid waste by the approaching armies, Females and Children are all that command respect and in many cases their homes are fired [burned] over their heads.

I must close, for I have been absent from the sick to long already.

With Much Love & Affection for my Lizzie & Prentice,
A.J. Huntoon.

Now then, we now know that there was a General "Union" Hospital at Mapleton, Kansas for a short time in the fall of 1861 and this is another piece to the puzzle in the understanding Bourbon County and Fort Scott in the Civil War and of Course the War went On!



Events around Town

Check out the Round Table's [Google Calendar of events on the website](#).

Saturdays at the Museum

When: August 22, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum, 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO

Please join Civil War Round Table of Kansas City's member **Dick Titterington** for "*Eads' Ironclads: Winning the Civil War in the West*."

James Buchanan Eads was a self-taught engineer and prosperous citizen of Missouri who was living in Missouri at the start of the Civil War. When the US War Department put out bids for a fleet of Mississippi River ironclad gunboats, Eads won the contract. Come hear how Eads built the fleet of gunboats that helped wrest control of the Mississippi River from the Confederacy.

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level), 3980-A South Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. Check their Calendar (<http://www.cwrtwm.org>) to verify the date, location and find out about the next program topic. Visitors are always welcome!

Independence Civil War Study Group

Meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Exchange, a restaurant across from the Historic Truman Courthouse in Independence. The

address of the Courthouse Exchange is 113 W. Lexington Avenue, Independence, MO. [Topics listed on our website.](#)

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Meets on Tuesday, August 11, at the Golden Corral restaurant (near the Home Depot), 8800 NW Skyview Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. 64154. Dinner at 6 p.m. from the buffet menu. Cost is \$12 or less and non-members are welcome. For more information, see **Deborah Buckner** or **Dennis Garstang** or call (816) 569-1180.

Living History Day at Battle of Westport Museum

This will be an exciting day for the whole family. It is planned as a casual, fun day of learning and fun. This event is free and open to the public. Donations are always welcome.

Where:

Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum,
6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO (just inside the east entrance to Swope Park)

When:

September 26, 2015, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Encampment:

We have invited reenactors to set up a small encampment on the museum grounds. Visitors will be welcome to walk through the camp and talk with the soldiers about their life and experiences.

Women:

We want to bring daily life to life through this event so we have invited women to depict that on the museum grounds. Domestic Crafts like bobbin lace, crochet, etc. will be demonstrated

Children:

Sarah Poff who provided the children's activities last October is going to set up in the hands on history room.

Living Historians:

Lane Smith as General Robert E. Lee

John Anderson as Lieutenant Patrick Minor

African American Stories:

Joelouis Mattox and Willadine Johnson

Entertainment:

Mark Armato will perform period music.

Battlefield Tours:

Dick Titterington will lead a walking tour of the Big Blue Battlefield at Byram's Ford along the Big Blue River. The tour will last about an hour with less than one mile of easy to moderate walking. There will be one tour in the morning and one tour in the afternoon.

Food:

Jazzy B's BBQ will provide a variety of food via his food truck.

Photos from Past Saturdays at the Museum

What's great about this is that the conversations after the program's conclusion are as great as the program itself.

Saturday, June 13, 2015



Brother John in character as Lt. Patrick Minor

Saturday, June 27, 2015



Gary Jenkins (right) and Warren Watkins discussing Gary's film, "Negroes to Hire: Slave Life and Culture on Missouri Farms."

Saturday, July 25, 2015



Tom Rafiner speaking about "Cinders and Silence: A Chronicle of Missouri's Burnt District"



Lucy Stone (1818-1893) was an early advocate of antislavery and women's rights.



Unidentified woman in shawl, possibly a nurse, during the Civil War

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