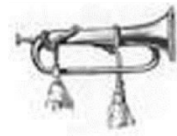




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Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City



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## 482<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

Sunset Ballroom, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Holiday Inn

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

## July Speaker

**Robert “Bob” Walz will present a program titled, “Railroads  
During the Civil War”**

**Robert “Bob” Walz**, from the US Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth KS, will be our speaker. The title of his talk is “Railroads During the Civil War.” According to Mr. Walz, the north did not have that much initial advantage in railroads (especially in the areas where the war was being fought), but managed its assets far better than did the south. In many respects, the south used railroads better tactically than the north initially (First Bull Run), but the north was far better strategically.

### Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12 noon on Friday July 22, 2016** 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 the Friday before the Tuesday meeting.

Use your debit/credit card at our website, <http://www.cwrk.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](mailto:skeipp@kc.rr.com).

## A Message from Your President

Back in 1996, the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City published a book titled *We Remember*. It was a collection of articles written by members of the Round Table regarding their Civil War ancestors. Executive Committee officers **Betty Ergovich** and **Sylvia Stucky** recommended that the current Round Table members prepare another book about their Civil War ancestors. At our last dinner meeting in June, I asked those in attendance whether there is any interest in pursuing this project. About half of the people indicated an interest. Former Round Table president, **Sandy Ackerson**, is very enthusiastic about the project. Sandy said she helped prepare the book *We Remember* and said it was a lot of fun. She said once members started writing articles about their ancestors, it encouraged others to do the same. Sandy also volunteered to help work on the new book and said it would be much easier to prepare this time, with the use of computers and word processing. **Dick Titterington** volunteered to help publish the book once it is completed. Dick said copies of the book can be printed on demand through Amazon. I encourage all of our members to research their Civil War ancestors and write down their stories. It will be interesting to learn about your ancestors. Your family members will also appreciate it.

For example, in 2011 I inherited a Civil War fife from a cousin, who passed away. My cousin never told me anything about the fife. However, he knew that I was interested in the Civil War and wanted me to have it. Our only Civil War ancestor that I knew about was our great-grandfather, Livander W. Pattison, who served in the 2nd Illinois Cavalry. I did not think a cavalryman would play the fife. Livander also died at the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Leavenworth KS and did not leave any personal possessions to our family that I knew of. So who owned the fife? To possibly answer this question, I did some research:



Richard Smith

- I have another great-grandfather, Richard Smith, who was born in Ireland in 1836 (see photo at right). According to U.S. Census records, Kansas City MO City Directories, and his obituary, Richard Smith moved to Kansas City in 1857 and owned a retail saddle and harness making business on Main Street. He also served in the Union Army.

- Based on an 1890 Veterans Schedule, I found that Richard Smith served as a musician in Company C of the 13th Missouri Infantry.
- I then sent a request to the National Archives for a copy of Richard Smith's military service records. According to these documents, Richard Smith served as a musician in Company C, Van Horns's Battalion, U.S. Reserve Corps, which was attached to Colonel Peabody's 13th Missouri Infantry. His Company was mustered in at Camp Union in Kansas City MO, on August 6, 1861 and was mustered out in St. Joseph MO on February 1, 1862.

Based on the above, I believe the fife belonged to my great-grandfather, Richard Smith. Researching your Civil War ancestors can be a very fun and rewarding experience.

-- Dave Pattison

## 2017 Fort Leavenworth Bus Tour

Round Table member **Phil Baker** has agreed to serve on the Executive Committee as our tour coordinator. Phil will be planning a bus trip to Fort Leavenworth KS in the spring of 2017. More information regarding this trip will be published in future editions of the Border Bugle.

## Meet Our Speaker

**Bob Walz** was born in Great Falls, Montana, but the family moved to Vermillion, South Dakota, when he was two. Vermillion was on a bluff overlooking the Milwaukee Road tracks and after he was old enough to ride a bike, whenever he heard a train he would ride to the bluff to watch. He read every book available on railroads and was soon identifying the steam locomotives by wheel arrangement. Pacifics and Mikados predominated.

After a move to Brookings, South Dakota, and graduation from high school, he returned to Vermillion to attend the University of South Dakota, from which he received his BA and MA degrees. In 1966, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the US Army and spent the next 26 years in a variety of military jobs. He finished his military career as a strategic analysis on the Army Staff, followed by fifteen years teaching strategy at the Army's Command and General Staff College. While serving at Fort Sill in 1971, he renewed his interest in trains and picked up a Tyco train set. He soon started a layout on a 4 x 8 ft. plywood table. Since his first train set was lettered Santa Fe, he chose to model the Santa Fe. He joined the Santa Fe Modeler's Organization in 1984. He is now a Regular Life Member of the Santa Fe Railway Historical and Modeling Society, as well as its Secretary.

As his interest in the Santa Fe grew, he found that he was interested in all eras. Rather than narrow his focus, he began collecting locomotives and equipment across the eras. As a result, his current layout, set in Western Kansas, is a time machine for the years 1925–1995.

Modeling Western Kansas spurred him to begin researching the Santa Fe's Colorado Division, which resulted in his first book for the Society, Santa Fe's Colorado Division Speedway. He has since had twelve additional books on various aspects of the Santa Fe published, and there are several more in various stages of production. Based on the research done for his books, he has been in demand as a clinician at the society conventions and mini-meets.

### The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

**Arnold Schofield** will auction three books at the meeting.

- *Gettysburg; A Testing of Courage*. Noah Andre Trudeau, Harper Collins Pub., New York, 2002, DJ, 1st Ed. VG Cond.
- *Vicksburg 1863*. Winston Groom, Alfred Knopf Pub., New York, 2009, DJ, 1st Edition: Mint condition.
- *Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words that Remade America*. Gary Wills, Simon & Schuster, New York, 1992, DJ, 1st Ed., Mint Condition
- and a book donated by Don Bates ...

### Don Bates's Book Auction

Don Bates has graciously agreed to donate one of the books from his large collection of Civil War books to be auctioned off at the meeting by Arnold Schofield. This month's selection ...

- *Gettysburg Day Three* by Jeffry D. Wert, Simon & Schuster, 2001, mint condition and mylar wrapped DJ.

### Dinner Menu

**Cornish Game Hen:** Herb crusted Cornish hen finished with an orange glaze, roasted to perfection. Served with asparagus with balsamic vinaigrette drizzle and garlic whipped mashed potatoes. 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 [2016 menu selections](#).

### Future Programs

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

**August 23, 2016:** Civil War Round Table member **Bill Quatman** will discuss his book titled: *A Young General*

*and the Fall of Richmond: The Life and Career of Godfrey Weitzel.*

**September 27, 2016:** Col. **Kevin Weddle**, PhD (Professor of Military Theory and Strategy at the US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks PA) will be speaking about his biography on Union Rear Admiral Samuel Francis Du Pont titled: *Lincoln's Tragic Admiral: the Life of Samuel Francis Du Pont*.

**October 25, 2016:** **J. Y. Miller** of Glasgow MO will give a program about the Battle of Glasgow MO, which was fought on October 15, 1864 as part of Confederate General Sterling Price's Missouri Expedition. Glasgow MO was occupied by Confederate forces from October 15-18, 1864.

**November 15, 2016:** **Paul Kahan** will be speaking about Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of War, Simon Cameron. Mr. Kahan's book titled: *Amiable Scoundrel: Lincoln's Scandalous Secretary of War*, will be published in July of 2016.

**December 20, 2016:** **Dr. Ian Michael Spurgeon** has been rescheduled to speak about the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry. Mr. Spurgeon's new book is titled: *Soldiers in the Army of Freedom*. Mr. Spurgeon lives in Washington D.C.

### 2017 Speaker Schedule

**January 24, 2017:** Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** will give a program titled: "The Frontier Guard." Arnold's talk will be based on James P. Muehlberger's book: *The 116: The True Story of Abraham Lincoln's Lost Guard*. This book was published in December of 2015 and is the definitive account of the Frontier Guard who defended President Lincoln from a kidnapping and assassination plot in the opening days of the Civil War.

**February 28, 2017:** Civil War Round Table member **Dan Smith** will give a program on Edward F. Winslow, who led the 4th Iowa Cavalry brigade at the Battle of Westport. The talk would not be a story of battles, but rather a story of Winslow the man, kind of a Horatio Alger story.

**March 28, 2017:** **John Liepa**, sports editor from Des Moines IA, will be giving a program about baseball in the Civil War.

**April 25, 2017:** Round Table member **Lane Smith** will give a first person presentation on Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

**May 23, 2017:** **Dr. Justin S. Solonick** will be discussing his book titled: *Engineering Victory, The Union Siege of Vicksburg*. This book was published in April of 2015 and deals with the implements and tactics that Grant's soldiers used to achieve victory. Mr. Solonick is a former adjunct instructor in the Department of History and Geography at Texas Christian University.



**June 27, 2017: Dr. Timothy B. Smith** will be speaking about his latest book titled: *Shiloh, Conquer or Perish*, that was published in 2015. Dr. Smith is a former National Park Service Ranger at Shiloh and currently teaches history at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He has written numerous books on the Civil War.

**July 25, 2017: Rev. George C. Wunderlich**, Assistant Director for Human Formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, will be speaking about the U. S. Army Medical Corps. Rev. Wunderlich previously served as Executive Director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick MD.

**August 22, 2017: Rich Gillespie** will be speaking about Confederate cavalry officer John S. Mosby and the Mosby Heritage Foundation. Colonel Mosby was known as the "Grey Ghost" and commanded the 43rd Battalion, 1st Virginia Cavalry. This unit became known as "Mosby's Rangers" or "Mosby's Raiders."

**September 26, 2017: John Michael Priest** will be speaking about the Battle of South Mountain, which was the prelude to Antietam. Mr. Priest is a Civil War historian/author and a tour guide at Antietam National Battlefield.

**October 24, 2017: Dr. Kyle S. Sinisi**, Professor of History at The Citadel, will be speaking about his book titled: *The Last Hurrah, Sterling Price's Missouri Expedition of 1864* that was published in July of 2015.

**November 28, 2017: Dr. John T. Kuehn**, the William A. Stofft, Chair of Historical Research at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, will be speaking about Gideon Welles, Gus Fox, and the U. S. Naval Blockade.

**December 19, 2017:** Speaker to be determined. **Dan Smith** will contact **Eric Wittenberg** about speaking about the Battle of Brandy Station.

### June Meeting Photo



Our June speaker, David G. Moore delivered a talk entitled "William S. Rosecrans and the Union Victory."

[Link to our website for more photos from the May meeting.](#)

### 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 [Civil War Round Table of Kansas City website](#).

Check out the Round Table's Facebook page, and make sure you "like" the page.

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### Sergeant Major's Roar

The Sergeant Major's Roar will return in August.

### Events around Town

#### Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

At the August meeting **Jim Beckner** will be speaking about "The Rest of the Story about Charles Lee Younger."

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month in a new location, Village Heights Community of Christ Church, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Call **Beverly Shaw** at 816 225-7944 for details. 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 Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart).

Upcoming meetings:

- July 20, 2016--**Laura Mielke**, a professor at K.U., who will talk about antebellum and Civil War plays.
- September 21, 2016--**Mary Ellen McVicker**, a historian from Boonville, will speak about George Caleb Bingham, covering both his life and his art.
- December 21, 2016--We will once again enjoy the music of **Dave Para** and **Cathy Barton** for our Christmas dinner.

#### Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

August 9 Meeting: **Abe Reddekopp** will present a program on Canadian cowboy singers. The Westerners meet 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.

#### Letter from Amos and Mary Graham to Son

Thanks to **Mike Epstein** for the heads up! This letter, dated July 10, 1864, was sent to C.C. Graham at Ft.

Larned, Kansas, by his parents, Amos and Mary Graham in Maryville, Missouri. Maryville is named after Mary Graham

Maryville, Missouri

July the 10th 1864.

C. C. Graham,

Dear son,

Yours from Ft. Larned is at hand, we were glad to hear that you were well.

We are as well as common. Health is good, but crops are moderate, in this locality.

Rains have been partial. In Page Co. there has been rain enough, and some other places, but here things are nearly dried up, gardens are nearly worthless, and the chinch bugs have nearly ruined the small grain of this County, and also are doing much damage to corn.

Poor prospect for crops.

Everything is so high, in price, that it would seem we will be unable to live much longer.

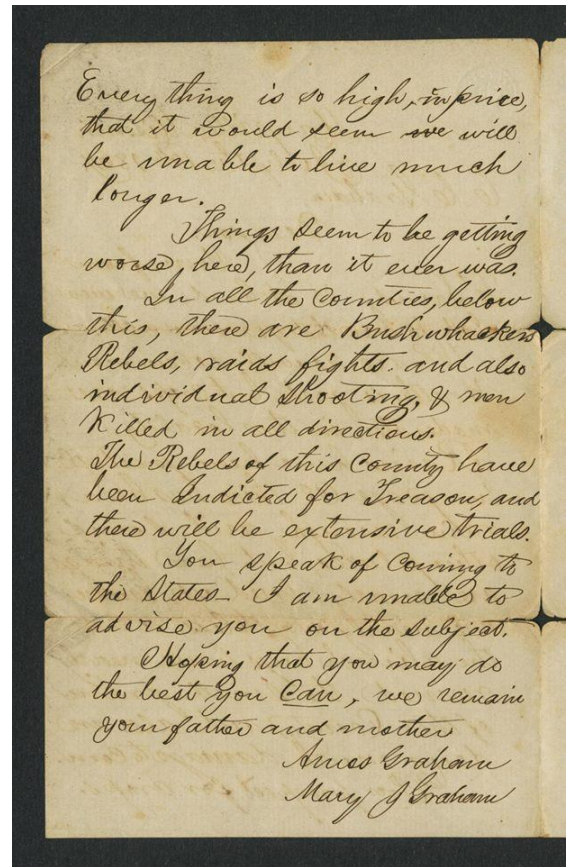
Things seem to be getting worse here, than it ever was.

In all the counties, below this, there are Bushwhackers, Rebels, raids, fights, and also individual shooting, & men killed in all directions.

The Rebels of this County have been indicted for Treason, and there will be extensive trials ... Hoping that you may do the best you can, we remain your father and mother

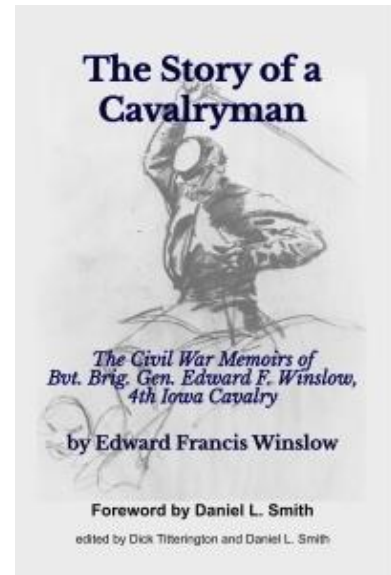
Amos Graham

Mary J. Graham

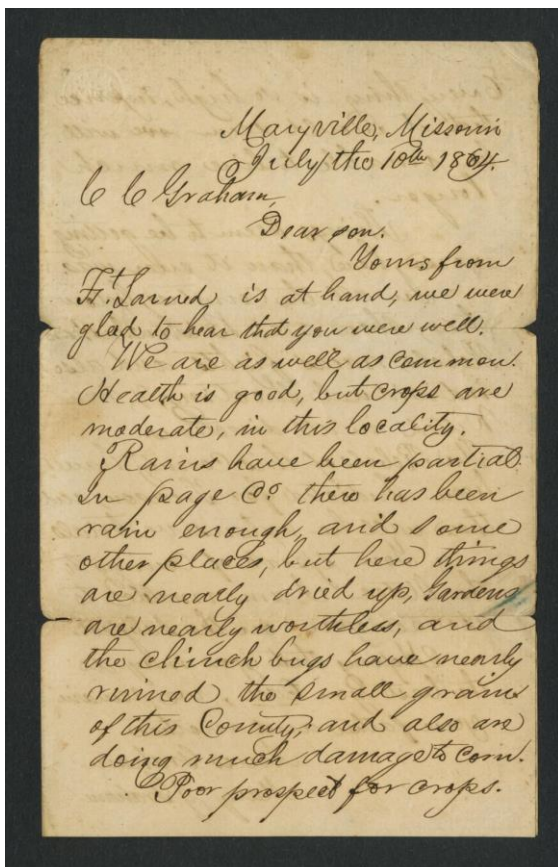


### New Book Available on Amazon

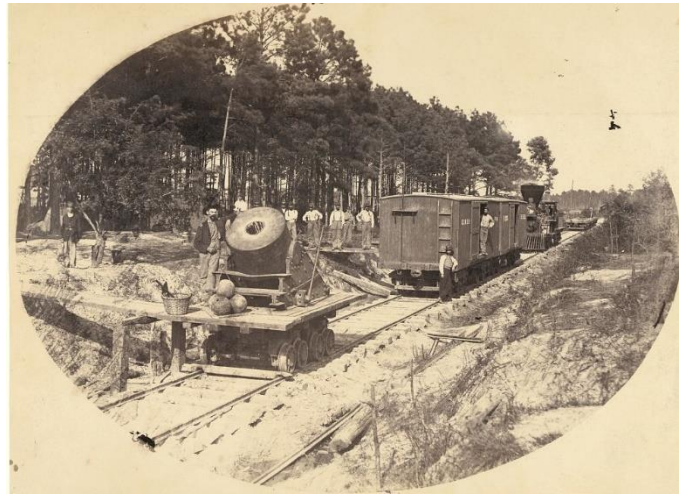
Round Table members **Dick Titterington** and **Dan Smith** are pleased to announce the publication of their new book, [The Story of a Cavalryman: The Civil War Memoirs of Bvt. Brig. Gen. Edward F. Winslow, 4th Iowa Cavalry](#) by Edward F. Winslow. The book is available from Amazon in paperback and kindle editions. All proceeds benefit the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund.



[Here's a link to the book on Amazon.](#)







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