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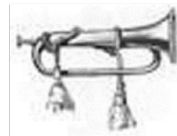
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Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City



## 494<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, July 25, 2017**

**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



Our speaker this month will be **Deacon George Wunderlich**, Director of the United States Army Medical Department Museum in San Antonio, Texas. The title of his talk is: "The U.S. Army Medical Department: Civil War Lessons Learned, Still in Use Today."

Mr. Wunderlich last spoke to our Round Table in January of 2006 and he attended the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Westport in October of 2014.

This should be an entertaining program, so bring a friend and enjoy the evening.

### Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Thursday, July 20, 2017** along with payment of \$27.00 per person. Mail to:

**Susan Keipp, 436 West 88th Terrace Kansas City, MO 64114-2912**

Report any necessary adjustments to Susan at 816-333-0025 by 12:00 noon on the Thursday before the Tuesday meeting.

Use your debit/credit card at our website, <http://www.cwrtkc.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 that she will not miss your reservation. [skeipp@kc.rr.com](mailto:skeipp@kc.rr.com).

**Reservation Deadline: 12:00 noon, July 20th**

## Reservation Deadline

Our Catering Contract with the Holiday Inn requires that we turn in our final head count 3 business days before the monthly dinner meetings, so that they know how much food to order. That means that we have to turn in our final head count by the start of business on the Friday morning before the dinner meeting. **Therefore, our dinner reservation deadline this month is 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 20, 2017.**

Please be advised that our treasurer, Susan Keipp, cannot accept any late dinner reservations. Also, Susan is the only person from our organization that can contact the Holiday Inn regarding dinner reservations. Do not contact the Holiday Inn directly to make a reservation.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

## Dinner Menu

**Chicken De la Cruz** – Sautéed chicken in a roasted pepper, cream and tequila sauce, served with ranch whipped potatoes and chef's choice of vegetable, chef's choice of dessert, coffee, iced tea, and water.

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

## Meet Our Speaker



**Deacon George C. Wunderlich**

**George C. Wunderlich** is the Director of the United States Army Medical Department Museum at Joint Base San Antonio Fort Sam Houston. Previously he was Executive Director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine where he formerly held the position of Director of Education. He is also former Assistant Director of Human Formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

In 1995, Mr. Wunderlich was awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution National Medal of Honor for his work in public history. Since then, he has developed historically-based medical leadership training programs for the Joint Medical Executive Skills Institute, The United States Army Medical Department (AMEDD) the Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and various other civilian and governmental organizations.

In 2011, Mr. Wunderlich was awarded the Order of Military Medical Merit by Army Surgeon General Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker for his support of military medicine. He is a nationally known speaker on various Civil War topics and can be regularly seen on the History Channel, PBS, National Geographic and the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Mr. Wunderlich and his wife, Dr. Irene Wunderlich Ed.D live in San Antonio, Texas.

## The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

**Arnold Schofield** will auction the following books and maps at the July meeting:

*Ben-Hur Wallace*, by Irving McKee; University of California Press, Los Angeles, California 1947; 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, with dust jacket, and in very good condition.

*My Dear Friend: Civil War letters of Alva B. Spencer*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Georgia Regiment, Company C., CSA; Mercer University Press, Macon, Georgia, 2007, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, with dust jacket, and in mint condition.

*Ulysses S. Grant: Unlikely Hero*, by Michael Korda; Atlas Books & Harper Collins Publishers, 2013, with dust jacket, and in mint condition.

Replica United States Coast Survey (USCS) Vicksburg Campaign Maps:

- (1) Detailed Map of Vicksburg and Union Gunboats.
- (2) Maps of Grand Gulf, Mississippi including Union Gunboats, 1962.

## New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members: **Jeff and Kris Hill** of Overland Park KS and **Troy Claycamp** of Shawnee KS. Troy is a high school teacher and heard about the Civil War Round Table from new member Jeff Hill. Thank you for joining! We currently have 111 members in the Round Table.

## Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the Round Table met on Saturday, June 17, 2017. The meeting was held at **Don Bates'** office, located at 7600 State Line Road, Prairie Village KS 66208. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss potential speakers and programs for 2018. The Executive Committee wishes to advise our members of the following:

(1) All current members of the Round Table are invited to attend the Executive Committee meetings. The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

(2) Members are also encouraged to let our president, **Chip Buckner**, know what speakers and subjects you would like to hear in the future.

## Last Month's Program



**Chip Buckner Presenting Dr. Timothy B. Smith  
with the Harry S. Truman Award**

At our Round Table meeting on June 27, 2017, Dr. Timothy B. Smith gave an excellent presentation titled: "Difficult and Broken Ground: The Terrain Factor at Shiloh." Following the presentation, CWRT president Chip Buckner presented Dr. Smith with the Harry S. Truman Award. Dr. Smith has written, edited, or co-edited 18 books on the Civil War and is very deserving of our Round Table's highest honor. We received the following e-mail from Dr. Smith on June 28, 2017:

*"Hi Dave/Chip,*

*What a wonderful time last night. I had such a good time, with the complete surprise of the Truman Award just putting it over the top. I am very humbled and appreciative. Please extend my thanks once again to the membership at your next meeting. And thanks for the photos, Dave.*

*Tim"*

## 2017 Speaker Schedule

**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 43d 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:** Round Table members **Herschel and Jacque Stroud** will give a presentation titled: "Abe and Mary, a Family Portrait." This talk is based on the book written by Harold Holzer and Robert Neely, regarding the Lincoln's family photograph album, which they kept in the White House. The album was lost until 1985, rediscovered, and Holzer and Neely produced their book on the album titled: *The Lincoln Family Album*. Herschel and Jacque will appear in period dress, but not as Abe and Mary, but as Herschel and Jacque, commenting on the book and its ramifications.

## 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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## CWRT Donation to the Civil War Trust

During the Executive Committee meeting held on February 18, 2017, the Executive Committee decided to make a charitable donation to the Civil War Trust, on behalf of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, in the amount of \$1,000. We would like to thank the following members, who have made a contribution to the Civil War Round Table, in order to help offset the cost of our donation to the Civil War Trust: **Chip Buckner, Brian Cooper, Gary Nevius, Sam Rabicoff, Arnold Schofield, and Lane Smith.**

## Update on the We Remember, Again Book

The deadline for submitting articles for the *We Remember, Again* book was May 31, 2017. Seventeen members of the Round Table submitted articles about their Civil War ancestors. Round Table member **Harriet Duff** has done an outstanding job of organizing and formatting the articles and preparing a cover and table of contents for the book. The plan is to publish the book later this year. The Executive Committee needs to finalize the requirements for publishing the book, including the size of the book, the type of binding, the quantity to order, the publisher, and the final cost. More details will be forthcoming.

## Sergeant Major's Roar

### Battlefield Dispatches #477

#### Chasing Quantrill: Pursuit Stopped

After the destruction and killing of many men in Lawrence, Kansas on August 21, 1863 by Confederate guerrillas or raiders, led by Col. William Clark Quantrill, Kansans, both soldiers and civilians, wanted revenge in the worst way. It did not matter where this revenge occurred, be it in pursuit of the raiders or in Missouri, but, it was going to and did happen. The pursuit of the guerrillas in Kansas was disorganized to say the least and that is understandable, because the attack on Lawrence was completely unexpected, so Kansas was not ready for the attack, or pursuing the attackers. Eventually, some companies of organized Kansas Regiments, such as Companies A and E of the 9th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry, participated in the partially successful pursuit of the raiders. However, there was another facet of the pursuit that was stopped dead in its tracks! This was the pursuit of ad hoc militia that was to be led by radical "Jayhawkers" like James H. Lane, Charles "Doc" Jennison, and George Hoyt! The following is a description of where and how this ad hoc militia was stopped, that was written by Albert Greene of Company A of the 9th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry, which was published in Volume 13, 1913-1914, of the Kansas Collections on Pages 446 – 448:

"On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August [1863], two days after the destruction of Lawrence, [General] Ewing had issued his famous or infamous (depending on your point of view) general Order No. 11, which was stigmatized by the people of Missouri as brutal, because it depopulated the country and ridiculed by the Kansans, because there was a "proof of loyalty" loop-hole for the biggest Rebel to crawl through. This order was effective in fifteen days or on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. [James H.] Lane who had been more or less conspicuous in the pursuit of Quantrill, chiefly in quarreling with [Col. Preston] Plumb, because the latter declined to surrender the command of the troops to a civilian, had a brilliant scheme for reinforcing the troops in execution of the

order, with a Kansas contingent to be under his immediate command. The movement was to start from Paola and to give it the proper impetus, a camp meeting was called in that town for the 8<sup>th</sup> of September.

So while the troops were resting after their fruitless chase after the Rebel raiders and waiting for the limit of grace to expire, there was a lull and then the SHRIEK from LANE. Meantime, four days before the grand advance General Schofield [Commander of the Department of Missouri, which included Kansas] issued "General Order No. 92", forbidding the militia of the two states [Missouri and Kansas] to cross the line [border] which separated them. This was a killing frost on Lane's project and had the immediate effect of turning back thousands of refugees and intending raiders from Kansas that were headed toward Missouri from Paola. Still the camp meeting bout was to be pulled off according to program and the citizens within easy reach continued their course with that objective, orders or no orders.

On the day [September 7<sup>th</sup>] previous to the date for the meeting General Ewing sent Colonel Weer of the 10<sup>th</sup> Kansas [Volunteer Infantry Regiment] escorted by Company A of the 9<sup>th</sup> Kansas Volunteer Cavalry to Paola to HEAD OFF LANE'S EXPEDITION"! After we had been on the march from Westport for several hours, Weer told us in his blunt way that we were going to Paola "to head off that D—D FOOL LANE!" The epithet was not relished, since we were all "LANE MEN", if for no other reason than that our officers were unanimously and bitterly "ANTI-LANE"! However, coming from Weer, whom we all admired, it was not resented, although it was given straight that there were not enough soldiers on the border to STOP LANE. To this, Weer replied that he only wanted ten men, but that General Ewing had insisted on his taking seventy-five of Company A of the 9<sup>th</sup>.

We reached Paola just as the crowd was assembling in a grove, for the first public meeting. An organization had been effected with Tom Osborn as chairman and Web Wilder as secretary, and number a number of other prominent men were vice chairmen. The platform was filled. Plank seats had been provided from a sawmill in the vicinity and these were crowded with an expectant audience. Weer dismounted us a short distance away and marched us to the front, directly before the speaker's stand. Here he cleared enough seats to accommodate us and told us in a low voice, as he passed along the front to: "take no orders from anyone but me – d'ye understand?" The men and women, who had been required to give up their seats, scowled and moved away with bad grace. The men on the platform nudged each other and exchanged significant nods.

When all was ready, Lane, who had been talking with a group at the end of the platform, strode up the steps

and without prelude or introduction began his HARANGUE! It was on a high, tense key and was WILD, INCOHERENT AND BLOODTHIRSTY; a Niagara torrent of INVECTIVE PROFANITY AND BAD GRAMMAR. Gamble, Schofield, and Ewing were REBEL SYMPATHIZERS and had used the army so as not to injure their friends. Lawrence had been destroyed with the knowledge and consent of these men and the whole Kansas border would be devastated in like manner. (Here he pulled off his long linen duster). "The remedy was in the people's hands. The way to kill wolves was to hunt them to their dens; the way to exterminate snakes was to crush them in their nests; the way to PUNISH QUANTRILL and his friends was to make a BURNING HELL OF MISSOURI." (Here went the CRAVAT). Throwing his bony arms upward to their fullest extent, he yelled in frenzied tones of a Comanche Indian: "MISSOURIANS ARE WOLVES, SNAKES, DEVILS and d—d their souls, I AIM TO SEE THEM CAST INTO A BURNING HELL!" Men and women jumped on the benches and fairly yelled their delight and approval, following with groans for the soldiers.

Colonel Weer moved up a little closer and turned facing the crowd. It was a challenge, which Lane understood, the more forcibly when Weer faced about and looked Lane straight in the eye for a full minute. It was a tense minute too. As Weer took his seat and Lane glanced at the array of shining carbines, his manner altogether changed. "But", said he, "General Schofield says all these people must go back to their desolate homes empty-handed and with broken hearts." It was a letting down that was pitiful. Many of the audience laughed outright. This worried Lane, for he couldn't stand to be ridiculed. He closed soon afterward and it was generally agreed that his speech had been a failure!

At night, Jennison and Hoyt made speeches on the public square up town. Jennison was well known as a fighter and Union guerrilla, but the interest centered around Hoyt, who had defended John Brown. He was dressed in a suit of black velvet, red sheepskin leggings reaching to his knees, a red silk handkerchief carelessly thrown around his neck, and a military hat with a flowing black plume. At his waist was an embossed morocco belt, carrying a pair of ivory mounted revolvers. The speeches of these two men were as inflammatory and silly as Lane's had been, but they were received with screams of approval. At the conclusion there were loud calls for Lane.

After a delay sufficient to whet their appetites for him, the "GRIM CHIEFTAIN" CAME OUT. Stepping up and striking a dramatic attitude he shrieked: "G—D D—M Missouri! I want to see her destroyed, her men slain, and her women outcasts!" That was all he said and it was quite enough. The audience was frenzied with excitement and I fully believe if there had not been a

military force present, they would have started for Missouri that night. After the speaking, Chester Jones and I carried Colonel Weer's report of the day's doings to General Schofield at Aubrey, [Kansas]. He read it and laughed heartily.

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Now then, despite all of the inflammatory rhetoric from Lane, Jennison, and Hoyt, the ad hoc civilian militia never marched into Missouri to inflict its revenge for the successful Confederate guerrilla destruction of Lawrence, Kansas. Revenge for Lawrence would come later and, of Course, the War Went On!

### **Civil War Round Table of Kansas City History**

In 1975, members of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City formed the Howard N. Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, Inc. Since 1979, the Fund's preservation efforts have focused on the reclamation of the Big Blue Battlefield at Byram's Ford site, which was damaged in the 1950s by an industrial park development. The following articles are in regard to preservation of the Byram's Ford site.

The following article appeared in the Kansas City Star on October 25, 1991:

### **CIVIL WAR GROUPS BUYING LAND TO PROTECT BYRAM'S FORD**

#### **Flood Control Work Planned for Blue River Site.**

#### **Troops fought at crossing in Battle of Westport.**

Byram's Ford emerged from the Civil War as the Big Blue Battlefield and has remained unspoiled since then. But some are concerned about its future.

Like many other historic battlefields throughout the nation, the east Kansas City site has been threatened by development, and that's a tragedy to Orvis Fitts.

"These are places where men fought and died to preserve what they believed in," said Fitts, chairman of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, Inc. "It's our American heritage." The fund, which owns more than 50 acres of the battlefield west of the Blue River, and the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, Inc., plan to jointly purchase the remaining 40 acres east of the river.

Manuel Lujan Jr., U.S. Secretary of the Interior, is scheduled to attend a ceremony in Kansas City today at which option contracts on the rest of the battlefield will be signed.

The ford on the Blue River, north of the intersection of 63rd Street and Manchester Trafficway, became a strategic crossing during the battle, which took place October 22 and 23, 1864. It was part of a main road between Independence and Westport.

In 1989, the site was named to the National Register of Historic Places after several years of lobbying by the Kansas City Civil War Round Table, the Monnett Fund's parent organization.

The honor not only provided a tool to preserve the site, but recognized the role of Missouri and Kansas in the outcome of the war, Fitts said.

"While the battles here were not of the magnitude of the battles back east, they were nevertheless important," he said.

The Byram's Ford Historic District is one of 25 sites listed in the American Battlefield Protection Program of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which seeks to develop preservation strategies through public and private partnerships.

Wilson Greene, executive director of the site preservation association, said it would be the 15th site the group has bought, but the first in the Midwest. Byram's Ford has tremendous historical significance because of its role in squelching Confederate hopes for a presence in divided Missouri.

"They were basically cornered there at Westport," Greene said.

"Never again would a large Confederate force of any consequence come into Missouri." The site to be purchased is currently owned by the Roy K. Dietrich Trust. The association is putting down a \$2,000 option on the property, the total cost of which is \$42,600.

The Monnett Fund must raise \$21,300 to receive matching funds from the association.

The association will own the property, but is committed to turning it over to the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department for use as a historic park, Greene said. The Round Table also plans to contribute its property to the park.

Today's contract-signing ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. at the Wornall House Museum, 146 W. 61st Terrace.

The Round Table became concerned about the battlefield's future five years ago, when the city and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced plans to control flooding along a 12.5 mile stretch of the Blue River between the Missouri River and 63rd Street.

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The following article appeared in the Kansas City Star on October 26, 1991:

## **GROUP ACTS TO PRESERVE BATTLEFIELD**

### **Byram's Ford Land Would Be Civil War Park.**

Flanked by American and Confederate flags on the stately porch of the Wornall House Museum, leaders of the charge to preserve Civil War sites signed contracts Friday aimed at protecting a local battlefield.

The agreements marked the first formal steps in an area group's plan to acquire 40 acres of Byram's Ford - a key Blue River crossing in the Battle of Westport - and donating it to the city for use as a historic battlefield park.

U.S. Secretary of Interior Manuel Lujan attended the ceremony, which drew about 70 spectators to the Kansas City home that once served as a field hospital for Union and Confederate troops.

Lujan called the Byram's Ford effort "a true partnership" of public and private groups committed to saving the sites of "those terrible events in our nation's darkest hours." Byram's Ford is one of 25 battle sites nationwide that the Interior Department is seeking to save from development under its American Battlefield Protection Program, which Lujan launched last year.

The Battle of Westport raged October 22-23, 1864. Union troops not only turned back a huge Confederate raid into Missouri, but their victory helped ensure President Abraham Lincoln's re-election several days later.

Ed Bearss, chief historian for the National Park Service, said the significance of the battle is overlooked by Civil War buffs in other parts of the country.

The site to be purchased is owned by the Roy K. Dietrich Trust.

It borders the east bank of the Blue River near 63rd Street and Manchester Trafficway. The Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, Inc., a non-profit, fund-raising arm of the Kansas City Civil War Round Table, already owns 50 acres of the battlefield west of the river.

An option contract to buy the Dietrich property was signed by trustee William G. Dietrich and by A. Wilson Green, executive director of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, Inc. The association has pledged a matching grant to the Monnett Fund for acquiring the land, which will cost \$42,600. Once additional funds are raised to buy the property, the Monnett Fund will deed it and the land west to the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department.

Greene said the signing ceremony - staged in front of re-enactors wearing Civil War uniforms - reminded him of the meeting at Appomattox, Virginia, where General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant.

"The difference is that at Appomattox there were losers," he said. "Here, there are no losers."

## Events Around Town

### Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri will hold its Wednesday, July 12th meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Heights Community of Christ Church, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. The program will be: "Mount Washington Cemetery" by Mike Calvert.

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.

### Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

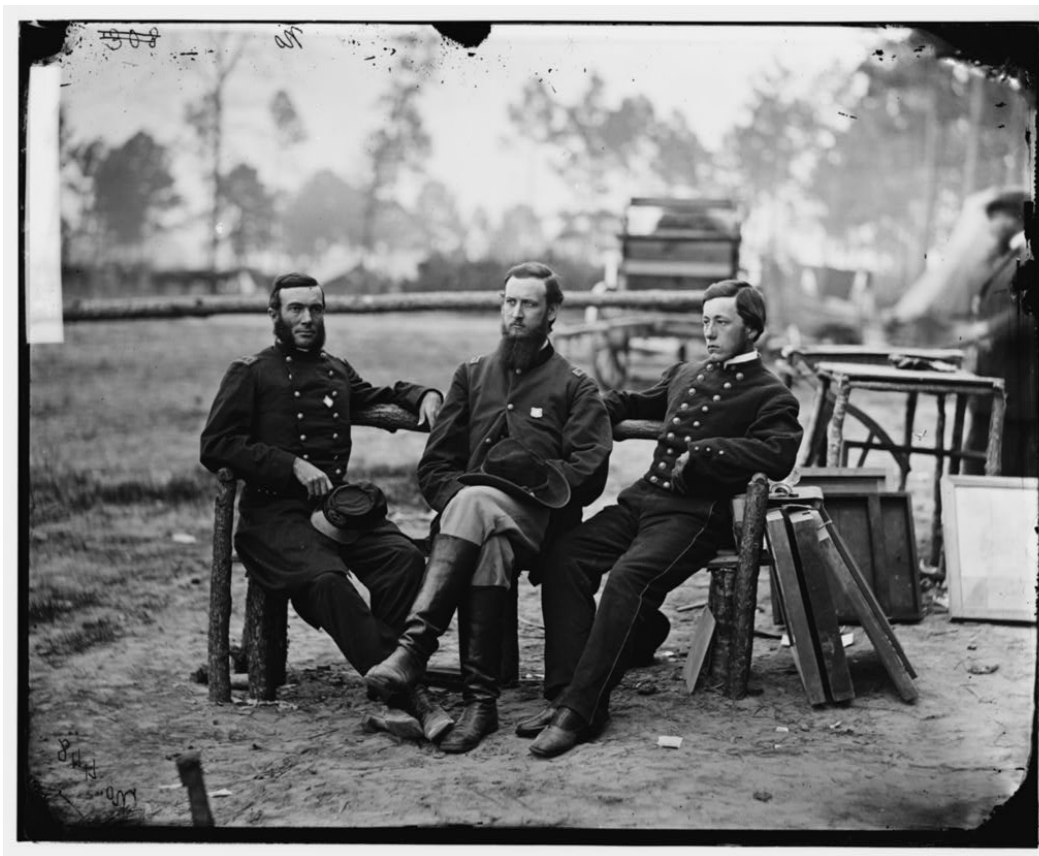
The Tuesday, July 11th meeting of the K.C. Westerners featured Dennis Garstang, who gave a program titled: "A Famous Outlaw You Have Never Heard Of." The Westerners meet at the Golden Corral restaurant (near the Home Depot), 8800 NW Skyview Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. 64154. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. from the buffet menu. Cost is \$12.00 or less and non-members are welcome. For more information, see **Deb Buckner** or **Dennis Garstang** or call (816) 569-1180.

### National Archives and Records Administration

This summer, National Archives public programs staff will offer Free Friday Summer Fun Tours of the facility and *We the People* exhibit. *We the People* highlights the millions of records that give insight into the lives of ordinary people.

The one-hour tour will provide visitors with an overview about records housed at the Archives. Tour participants will also learn the history of the Adams-Express Building, which houses the National Archives at Kansas City, along with other features within the building.

Tours are offered on the following dates: Friday, July 14 and Friday, July 28. Group tours must be scheduled 48 hours in advance and are limited to no more than 12 people per group. Tour times are available between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Reservations are required for tours by calling 816-268-8072 or e-mailing <mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov>.



**Three Surgeons of the 1st Division, 9th Corps - Petersburg, Virginia 1864.**  
 (photo courtesy of the Library of Congress)

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