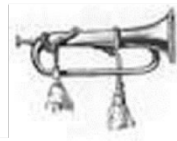




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519th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

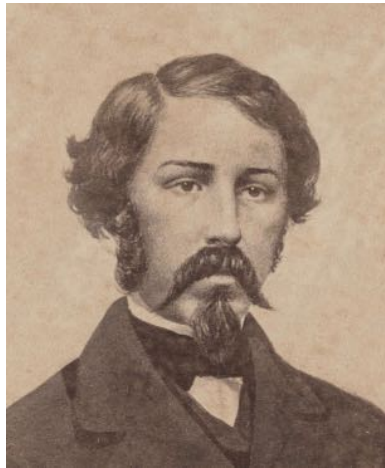
Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor, Holiday Inn & Suites

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30 p.m.

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

August Program



Civil War Round Table member **Chris Edwards** will give a program about Confederate guerilla leader William Clarke Quantrill's raid on Lawrence KS. On August 21, 1863, Quantrill led approximately 450 Confederate raiders into Lawrence and killed over 150 men and boys before looting and burning much of the town. Chris will discuss his perspectives on Quantrill's raid.

Photo of Quantrill at left is courtesy of the Library of Congress.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure that **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Thursday, August 22, 2019** along with payment of **\$29.00 per person**. Mail to:

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

Report any necessary adjustments by calling Susan at 816-333-0025 or by e-mailing her at mailto:skeipp@kc.rr.com by 12:00 noon on the Thursday before the dinner meeting.

Due to problems with PayPal, Susan would prefer that members pay for their meals either at the dinner meeting or by mailing her a check prior to the dinner meeting.

Reservation Deadline: 12:00 noon, Aug. 22nd

Important Dinner Reservation Information

Please note that the price for a dinner is now **\$29.00 per person**. Dinner reservations are due to **Susan Keipp by 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 22nd**. Late reservations will not be accepted. By contract, we must turn in our headcount three business days prior to the dinner meeting. The Holiday Inn has to order and prepare enough food and set the tables based on our headcount.

Payment for a dinner reservation is required regardless of whether or not you attend, unless the reservation is cancelled prior to the reservation deadline. Advance payment for a missed meeting will not carry over, but will be applied with the other payments to the meeting for which it was intended, since we have to pay the hotel for that meal, whether or not the person attends. A missed reservation made with payment that was to be made at the door will still require payment.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Dinner Menu

Fried Chicken Breast – Fried chicken breast with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, bread, chef's choice of dessert, coffee, iced tea, and water. The Holiday Inn has advised they can provide the following three 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. However, a sign in the Holiday Inn's elevator says: "Smiles are always on the menu."

Meet Our Speaker

Chris Edwards is a historian, author, and musician who earned his Masters' Degree in history from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

A few of Chris' accomplishments have included co-authoring (with **Dick Titterington**) the book: *Quantrill's Revenge: A Comprehensive Tour Guide to Quantrill's Raid on Lawrence, Kansas*, published in 2018.

Chris also wrote, produced, and performed a historical/musical stage production titled: "*Bloody Bill Rides*", which highlights the short life of Missouri guerrilla, Captain William T. "Bloody Bill" Anderson. The show was performed in Centralia, Boonville, and Columbia MO.

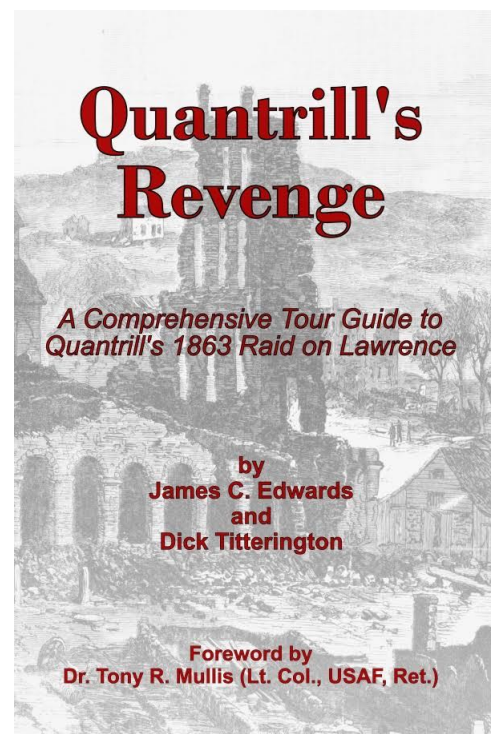
In 1996, Chris was asked by the surviving James family to serve as a pallbearer, at the third re-interment of Jesse James to his current resting place.

He is an active member of numerous historical organizations including the Sons of Confederate Veterans, The Quantrill Society, and the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City.

Chris recently finished writing a manuscript about the Lawrence Raid. He will share his findings with us at the dinner meeting on August 27th.



August Speaker - Mr. Chris Edwards



The Sergeant Major's Book Sales and Auction

We would like to thank **Arnold Schofield** for doing an outstanding job of raising money for the Round Table. The live auction at the July dinner meeting raised a total of \$110. Arnold will auction the following Civil War books at the August dinner meeting:

- *The Civil War in the American West* by Alvin M. Josephy, Jr. Published by Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 1991. 1st Edition, with dust jacket, and in mint condition.
- *The Web of Victory: Grant at Vicksburg* by Earl S. Miers: Published by Alfred A Knopf, New York, 1955, from the U.S. Army Library at Fort Benning GA. 1st Edition, with dust jacket and in good condition.
- *Jo Shelby's Iron Brigade* by Deryl P. Sellmeyer; Pelican, Publishing Company, Gretna LA, 2007. 1st Edition, with dust jacket and in mint condition. Also has an insert, "A few Facts & Notes" on the Iron Brigade by the author.
- *Bloody Dawn: the Story of the Lawrence Massacre*: signed by author Tom Goodrich; Published by Kent State University Press, Kent OH, 1991. 1st Edition, with dust jacket and in mint condition.
- *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, Series I, Volume 15*. Published by the National Historical Society, Harrisburg PA, 1971. Includes Vicksburg and Baton Rouge, May 18 to July 27, 1862. In mint condition.

Last Month's Program



**July Speaker - Dr. Tim Smith
with daughter Mary Kate**

At our dinner meeting on July 23rd, **Dr. Tim Smith** gave an excellent presentation about his latest book titled: *The Real Horse Soldiers: Benjamin Grierson's Epic 1863 Civil War Raid Through Mississippi*.

In 1863, Grierson led a raid consisting of 1,700 Union cavalry troopers in three regiments (2nd Iowa, 6th Illinois, and 7th Illinois). The raid began in LaGrange TN on April 17th and ended on May 2nd in Baton Rouge LA. The raiders covered 600 miles in two weeks through the heart of Mississippi. The primary purpose of the Union cavalry raid was to divert the attention of the Confederates away from General Grant's operations around Vicksburg. Grierson's objective was also to cut the Southern Railroad of Mississippi at Newton Station.

Grierson did accomplish his mission and the raid was a success for the Union war effort. Grierson was most well known for his raid and he died a hero in 1911. Dr. Smith said Grierson gave the performance of a lifetime.

In 1959, Hollywood released a movie about Grierson's raid titled: "The Horse Soldiers" starring John Wayne, William Holden, and Constance Towers. However, Dr. Smith said the movie contained a lot of inaccuracies.

Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2019-2020

- **September 24, 2019: Bjorn Skaptason**, from the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago IL, will be speaking about the 2nd Colorado Cavalry Regiment.
- **October 22, 2019: Eric Wittenburg** will be speaking about the Battle of Brandy Station.
- **November 26, 2019: Connie Langum** will speak about the two Battles of Newtonia.
- **December 17, 2019: Dr. Ethan Rafuse** with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College will be our speaker. The program is still to be determined.
- **January 28, 2020: Round Table member Chris Edwards** will be giving a program about Confederate guerilla leader William Clarke Quantrill.
- **February 25, 2020: Round Table member Arnold Schofield** will be speaking about the "Ebony Militia", the 12th African-American Kansas.
- **March 24, 2020: Dr. Jeff Gentsch**, professor of history at West Alabama University, will be giving a program about the use of artillery at the battle of Shiloh.
- **April 28, 2020: Speaker to be determined.**

- **May 26, 2020: Dr. Paul Kahan** will be giving a program about his latest book: *The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant*.
- **June 23, 2020: Jeffery D. Wert** from Centerville PA will be speaking about his new book titled: *Civil War Barons*.
- **July 28, 2020: Matt Spruill** will give a program about the battle of Chickamauga GA.
- **August 25, 2020:** Speaker to be determined.
- **September 22, 2020: Dennis E. Frye** will be giving a program about Harpers Ferry.
- **October 27, 2020: Judy Cook** will be giving a program dressed in period attire titled: "Life on the Home Front."
- **November 24, 2020:** Speaker to be determined.
- **December 15, 2020:** Round Table member **Deb Buckner** will be giving a program about Libby Custer.

Member News

Gary Christy was not able to attend the June dinner meeting because his wife **Bonnie** fell and broke her arm that night. She had a compound fracture that required 23 stitches. Gary spent the night with her in the hospital. We pray that Bonnie's arm is healing properly and we look forward to seeing them at a dinner meeting in the near future.

Roger Stanton has been a big supporter of the Round Table by purchasing numerous books during the live auction book sales. We noticed that Roger did not attend the July dinner meeting. Unfortunately, Roger had a fall at his home the week of July 22nd. While being treated at the hospital emergency room, Roger suffered a heart attack. He is currently at St. Luke's South, having been ICU for a number of days. Roger's wife Judy said on top of that Roger has had a stroke. Please keep Roger and Judy in your prayers.

We would like to welcome two new members: **Dr. Vin Clark** and his wife **Margaret**, who live in Overland Park KS. Vin is a professor of history at Johnson County Community College. Margaret is a retired hospice social worker. Vin has a number of ancestors that served during the Civil War.

Dan Smith will be giving a program at the Mid-Continent Library's Midwest Genealogy Center at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9th. The title of his talk is "Secret Orders and Spies of the Battle of Westport." See page 6 for more details.

Chris Edwards will be giving a program during the Disorder on the Border Symposium in Lawrence KS. The title of Chris' talk is "When Eyewitnesses Disagree." His program will be at 7:45 p.m. on Friday, August 16th.

The location is the Watkins Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence KS. For more information regarding the Disorder at the Border Symposium, see page 6.

Update on Field Trip to Lexington MO

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City has scheduled a field trip to Lexington MO for Saturday, September 7, 2019. **Dan Dooley** passed around a sign-up sheet at the July dinner meeting, in order to get an idea of the number of people who will be going on the field trip. He will contact the Battlefield Curator and the Lexington Museum Curator to arrange for tickets and make reservations. Details regarding the field trip to Lexington have not changed since the June edition of the *Border Bugle*.

Meet our Assistant Treas. - Dennis Garstang



Dennis Garstang currently serves as assistant treasurer of the Round Table. Dennis fills in for **Susan Keipp** whenever she is not able to attend the dinner meetings. Dennis takes reservations, coordinates with the Holiday Inn, mans the check-in desk, and brings our speakers to the dinner meetings when necessary. Dennis served as president of the Round Table in 2013 and 2014. We asked Dennis to tell us a little about himself and how he got interested in the Civil War. Dennis graciously provided the following information:

Dennis was raised in the south central town of Belle MO. He met his wife Mimi in college and they got

married in 1972. She is the former Missouri State Geologist. Dennis graduated with his Doctor of Optometry degree in 1975.

After a tour with the U.S. Navy, he began a 30-year career in private practice retiring in 2008. Dennis and Mimi raised three sons and now have five grandchildren. They lived in Rolla MO while raising their family and retired to Kansas City in 2008 to be close to their grandkids.

Dennis has always been interested in history. He has also been a lifelong numismatist (coin collector). In addition to being a member of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, Dennis is also a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Sons of Union Veterans, the K. C. Posse of the Westerners, the Wild West History Association, and numerous numismatic and professional organizations.

Dennis said: "The opportunities to learn history in the Kansas City area are outstanding. Kansas City was truly the post-Civil War Gateway to the West."

Thank you Dennis for your service to the Round Table and for sharing your story with us.

The Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #558

Building the Iron Horse

During the Civil War, there were only three railroads in Missouri and none in Kansas, but the war did not stop the attempted construction of more miles of track in Missouri. The most complete railroad in Missouri was the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, which connected these towns and stretched from the Mississippi to the Missouri River. There was also the Iron Mountain Railroad in eastern Missouri, a railroad that went from St. Louis to Rolla, and one from St. Louis to Sedalia. The following correspondence describes the difficulties and recommendations on how the Union forces might be able to assist the Pacific Railway in completing a connection from Warrensburg to Kansas City and is located on in Volume 34, Part II of the *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion* on Pages 388-389.

"Headquarters District of Central Missouri,
Warrensburg, Mo., February 21, 1864.

[To] Major O. D. GREENE
Assistant Adjutant General, Saint Louis, Mo

Major: I have the honor to respectfully suggest, for the consideration of the Commanding General, the situation of the Pacific Railroad Company, its importance as an influential mode of adjusting the border difficulties and resettling the devastated country and the difficulties that will embarrass the company in their effort to build it from this Post to Kansas City. By a recent act of the General Assembly of Missouri, the Company has been placed in a situation whereby the money can be procured to complete the western portion of the road from Dresden to Kansas City. The roadbed has been nearly completed to this place [Warrensburg], so that it can be put in order for running by the 15th of May next.

I am advised that iron has been purchased and is being delivered for the line sufficient to lay track 10 miles beyond this place toward Kansas City and that iron for the entire line will be purchased immediately, together with the chairs and spikes. The cross ties will be delivered by the time that the road bed can be got ready for the laying of the iron.

With this road completed and an interchange of business and social relations established between Missouri and Kansas, through its agency and through that of the road from Kansas City to the west, which is rapidly progressing toward completion, the border difficulties would be settled and the country through which the road passes would be repopulated by an immigration of law-abiding citizens, and the further use of troops would soon become unnecessary, as the influence of the acts of peace would be sufficiently powerful to control the bad men of the country, with a very little assistance from the military power. Until this change can be effected, at least two regiments of mounted troops will be necessary in the counties that would be under the salutary influence of the revival of business, through the means alluded to. This cost to the Government would be more than the cost of the incomplete portion of the line.

The great difficulty that will stand in the way of an early completion of this line will be the liability to its INTERRUPTION BY GUERRILLA BANDS and by the scarcity of labor. The first, I think, can be entirely prevented by keeping up a line of mounted patrols along the work and by organizing the laborers into companies of a semi-military character, with apportion of them armed and drilled sufficiently for the purpose of FIGHTING the BUSHWHACKERS. This can be done by having the usual roll calls, marching to and from work as soldiers, and an hour or two each week, the laborers can be drilled by competent non-commissioned officers detailed for that duty.

The scarcity of labor in the country is an almost insurmountable obstacle. It is not necessary to point out the causes. They are patent to every man in the country. Under the circumstances, I would respectfully suggest

that if it becomes necessary, in order to insure the finishing of this work, that one or more regiments of Colored troops, be enlisted from this State, be moved onto the line and put to work building this road, under such an arrangement as will be mutually beneficial to the railroad company and the Government. The expenditure for payment and subsistence of the troops may be paid directly by the [Railroad] Company, in money or in transportation, as may be agreed upon. Without the assistance of the Government, it is very certain that the Railroad Company will not be able to complete the road in the next year; with it, the work can be speedily done, this portion of the line being far from heavy rock cutting. The importance of building this road, as a means of establishing peaceful relations on the border, repopulating the country, and relieving it from the necessity of being protected by troops, will, I hope, be sufficient apology for the length of this communication.

I am Major, very truly, your obedient servant,

E. B. BROWN

Brigadier General of Volunteers, Commanding."

Now then, this clearly describes the difficulties in building a railroad in enemy territory in war torn Missouri and for these reasons this portion of the Pacific Railroad was not completed during the Civil War and of course the War Went On!

Events Around Town

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The July Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at the Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, located at 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. The speaker will be **Larry Wood**, who will be giving a program titled: "Bushwhacker Belles." If you have any questions, please call **Beverly Shaw** at 816-225-7944.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

There will be a meeting of the Westerners group on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. The meeting will be held at the Golden Corral restaurant (located near the Home Depot), 8800 NW Skyview Avenue, Kansas City MO 64154. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. from the buffet menu. The cost is \$12.00 or less and non-members are welcome. Round Table member **Don Bates** will be giving a program titled: "Daniel Boone." For more information, call **Deb Buckner** at 913-338-5689 or **Dennis Garstang** at 816-569-1180.

Mid-Continent Public Library, Midwest Genealogy Center

Civil War Round Table member **Dan Smith** will be giving a program titled: "Secret Orders and Spies of the Battle of Westport." A Confederate victory at the Battle of Westport was widely believed to be the key to a rebel victory in Missouri. Learn about the clandestine groups and civilian spies who worked behind the scenes of this pivotal battle. The location of the program is the Mid-Continent Public Library's Midwest Genealogy Center, located at 3440 S Lee's Summit Road, Independence MO 64055. The program will be held in the Center's Programming Room on Friday, August 9, 2019 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Registration is required. For more information call 816-252-7228 or go to their website at <http://www.mymcpl.org>

Upcoming Symposiums

6th Annual U. S. Grant Symposium

The 6th Annual U. S. Grant Symposium will be held in St. Louis MO on Friday, August 9th at the Soldiers Memorial, located at 1315 Chestnut Street in downtown St. Louis. The symposium is presented by the Missouri Humanities Council, in collaboration with the U. S. Grant Trail. The event is free, but attendees need to register at: <http://www.mohumanities.org/2019-grant-symposium/> For more information, contact Greg Wolk at: <mailto:greg@mohumanities.org> or visit the Missouri Humanities website: <http://www.mohumanities.org>

Disorder at the Border Symposium

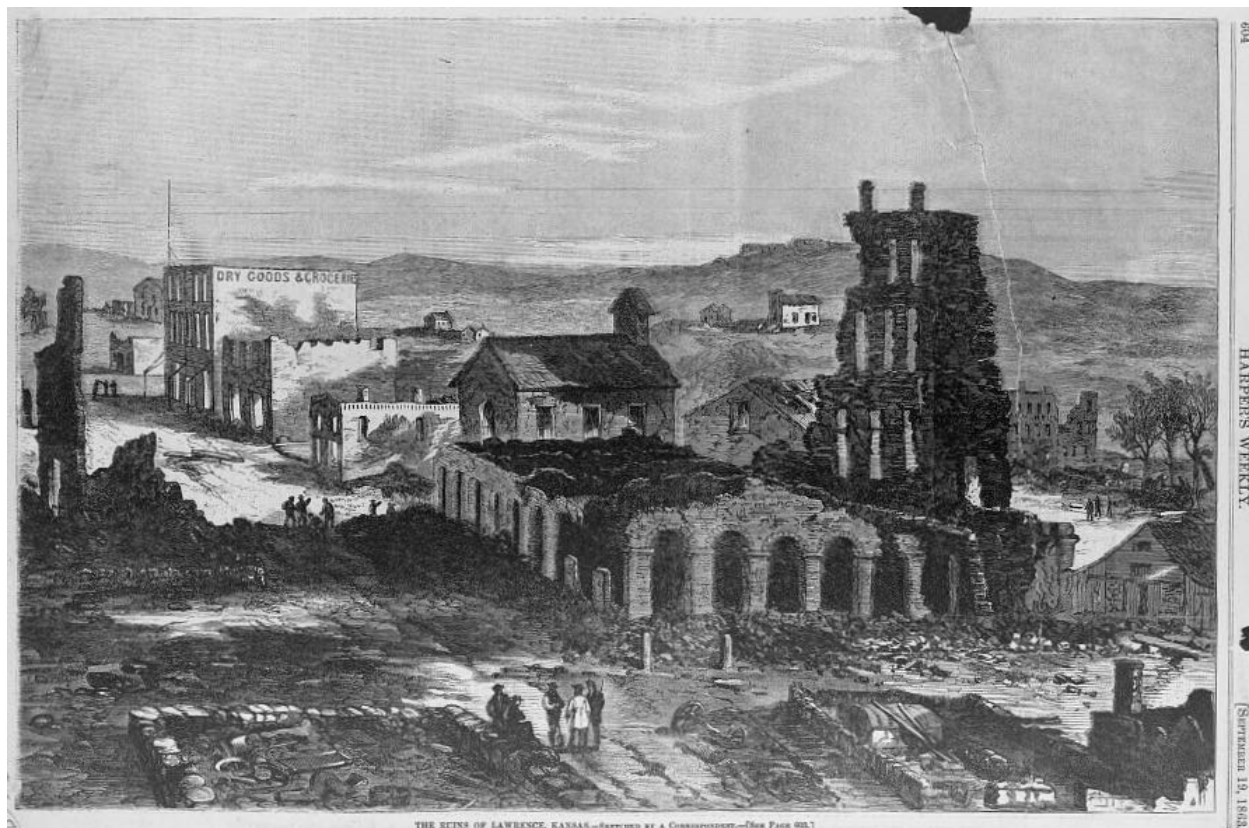
A local symposium exploring the history of the Border War between Kansas and Missouri, which includes the signature event in Lawrence's history, will cover the perspective of the Missouri side of the conflict. Freedom's Frontier and the Douglas County Historical Society will host the "Disorder at the Border" symposium on Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17. The programs will be held on Friday night at the Watkins Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts Street; Saturday morning and afternoon at the Carnegie Building, 200 W. Ninth Street; and Saturday night at the Lawrence Arts Center, 940 New Hampshire Street, Lawrence KS. Symposium admission is \$35.00. For more information, call 785-856-3635 or visit their website at: <http://www.freedomsfrontier.org>

Anniversary of the Battle of Wilson's Creek

A ceremony commemorating the 158th anniversary of the Battle of Wilson's Creek will take place at the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Visitor Center at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 10th. For more information, call 417-732-2662 or visit their website at: <http://www.nps.gov/wicr>



**The Destruction of the City of Lawrence KS and the Massacre of its Inhabitants
by the Rebel Guerillas, from Harpers Weekly, August 21, 1863.**



The Ruins of Lawrence KS, from Harpers Weekly, September 19, 1863



Quantrill's Chief Scout George Maddox

At left is a photo of Quantrill's "Chief Scout", George Maddox. **Don Bates** took this photo of a tintype that Don had in his collection. Don traded the tintype to Dr. Tom Sweeney and it is now in Dr. Sweeney's collection at the Wilson's Creek Civil War Museum. However, the tintype is probably not currently on display in the museum.

The image shows Maddox holding a brace of Remington Army revolvers across his chest and two Colt Navy revolvers tucked in his belt, plus a Bowie knife, and he's dressed in his fancy guerrilla attire with hat and plume sticking up.

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