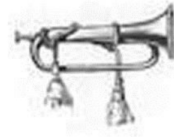




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544th Regular Meeting Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Milburn Golf and Country Club

7501 West 69th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204

Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

This meeting will include a plated dinner at a cost of \$32.00 per person.
Reservations are required in order to attend the dinner meeting.

Reservation Deadline: 12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 12th.

To make a dinner reservation, please contact Susan Keipp:

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October Program



Come back to the time of the Civil War for a personal, eye-witness view of the army camp and the home front. Author and entertainer **Ms. Judy Cook** delights with excerpts from her great-great-grandparents Gilbert and Esther. Songs and tunes of the time and projected images from the past complete this fascinating and fun experience.

Judy is an author and folk musician, who performs Civil War era songs and shares excerpts from her book: *A Quiet Corner of the War: The Civil War Letters of Gilbert and Esther Claflin, Oconomowoc WI, 1862-1863.*

Dinner Meeting Reservation Policy

The following is our Civil War Round Table's reservation policy:

- A reservation is required in order to attend the dinner meeting. Anyone who attends without a dinner reservation may not be seated, depending on the number of possible no-shows.
- Reservations are required by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday prior to the dinner meeting, in order to ensure that Milburn Country Club has an accurate count for meal preparation and staffing. **To make a reservation this month, please contact our treasurer Susan Keipp at 816-333-0025 or by e-mail at skeipp@kc.rr.com**
- The cost of a dinner is \$32.00 per person. If you make a reservation, but are not able to attend the dinner meeting for any reason, you *must* contact **Susan Keipp** by either phone or e-mail prior to the reservation deadline to cancel. Meals are prepared based on reservations and the Round Table must pay for meals whether or not they are served. You could be responsible for your meal if you made a reservation, did not attend, and did not cancel before the deadline.

Dinner Menu

Milburn Golf and Country Club will serve the following meal at the October dinner meeting: Beef medallions with mushroom demi, mashed potatoes, and broccoli. Dessert will be Apple Strudel a la mode.

All dinners are served with house salad with Milburn house dressing, sliced bread, iced tea, water, and coffee.

Gluten free and vegetarian meals are available with advance notice. Please advise **Susan Keipp** if you require a gluten free or vegetarian meal when making your reservation.

Meet Our Speaker

Ms. Judy Cook performs each year throughout the United States and Great Britain. She is recognized for her depth of understanding and storytelling ability in song, her dedication to the music, and her willingness to do her research. Judy has one book and many CDs, including songs from most of her special programs. Her first book, *A Quiet Corner of the War: The Civil War Letters of Gilbert and Esther Claflin, Oconomowoc WI, 1862-1863*, presents the Civil War letters of her great-great grandparents, with extensive notes and research. Her book is published by the University of Wisconsin Press (Fall 2013).



October Speaker: Ms. Judy Cook

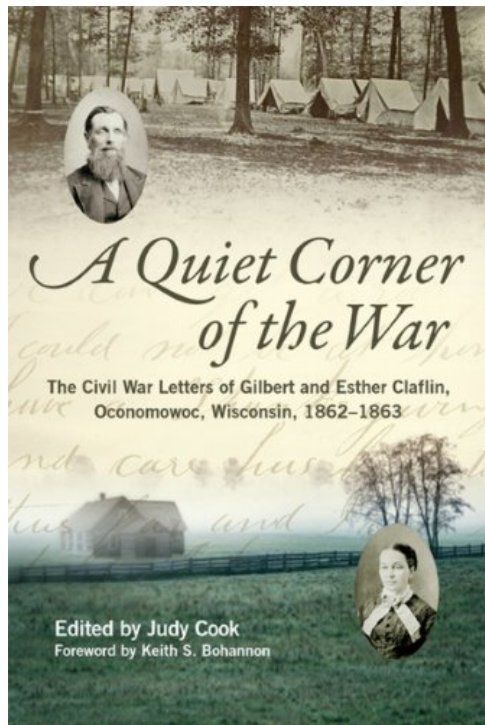
Program: "Life on the Home Front"

Get a first-hand glimpse into family and teen life during the trying times of the American Civil War. Ohio folk singer Ms. Judy Cook and her husband Dennis will give a program highlighting letters written by Judy's Wisconsin ancestors during the early 1860s.

The letters of Gilbert and Esther (Colby) Claflin offer insights into Gilbert's camp life behind Union lines, and Esther's efforts back on the Wisconsin family farm with the couple's two teenage boys. This program will focus primarily on the letters Esther and the boys wrote to Gilbert while keeping the home fires burning.

Judy will narrate Esther's letters, and Dennis will provide the voice of Gilbert. Dressed in period costume, Judy will also perform a selection of sentimental songs from the period, accompanied by related images and photographs.

Book: *A Quiet Corner of the War*



The following is a summary of Judy Cook's book titled: *A Quiet Corner of the War: The Civil War Letters of Gilbert and Esther Claflin, Oconomowoc WI, 1862-1863*, from the Amazon website:

"In 2002, Judy Cook discovered a packet of letters written by her great-great-grandparents, Gilbert and Esther Claflin, during the American Civil War. An unexpected bounty, these letters from 1862–63 offer visceral witness to the war, recounting the trials of a family separated. Gilbert, an articulate and cheerful forty-year-old farmer, was drafted into the Union Army and served in the Thirty-Fourth Wisconsin Infantry garrisoned in western Kentucky along the Mississippi. Esther had married Gilbert when she was fifteen; now a woman with two teenage sons, she ran the family farm near Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, in Gilbert's absence.

"In his letters, Gilbert writes about food, hygiene, rampant desertions by drafted men, rebel guerrilla raids, and pastimes in the daily life of a soldier. His comments on interactions with Confederate prisoners and ex-slaves before and after the Emancipation Proclamation reveal his personal views on monumental events. Esther shares in her letters the challenges and joys of maintaining the farm, accounts of their boys Elton and Price, concerns about finances and health, and news of their local community and extended family. Esther's experiences provide insight into family, farm, and village life in the wartime North, an often overlooked aspect of Civil War history.

"Judy Cook has made the letters accessible to a wider audience by providing historical context with notes and appendixes. The volume includes a foreword by Civil War historian Keith S. Bohannon."

Live Auction Book Sales

We would like to thank Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** for managing the book sales each month. Arnold will auction off the following Civil War books in October:

- *Price's Lost Campaign: The 1864 Invasion of Missouri* by Mark A. Lause; University of Missouri Press, 2011. In excellent condition, with dust jacket.
- *Missouri Sketch Book* by Clifton C. Edom; Lucas Brothers Publishing Company, Columbia MO, 1963. In near mint condition, with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *Rebel Invasion of Missouri & Kansas* by Richard J. Hinton; Kansas Heritage Press, 1994. Reprint of 1865 Edition by Richard J. Hinton. In near mint condition.
- *Shelby's Men at Westport & Charge at Mine Creek*; Art prints of paintings by Andy Thomas; unframed. In mint condition with original protective covering.
- *The Battle of Mine Creek* by Lumir F. Buresh; Paperback reprint; Published by the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation, 2000. In very good condition.
- *The Last Hurrah: Sterling Price's Missouri Expedition of 1864* by Kyle S. Sinisi; Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Company, 2015. In near mint condition with dust jacket.

Next CWRT-KC Executive Committee Meeting

Father Dave Holloway has scheduled the next meeting of the Civil War Round Table's Executive Committee to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 15th. The meeting will be held at the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce Building, located at 9001 West 110th Street, Overland Park KS.

Current members of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City are invited to attend. Some of the items on the agenda will include a financial update, upcoming speakers and programs, and potential speakers for the remainder of 2023.

Last Month's Program



September Speaker: Mr. Dennis E. Frye

At our dinner meeting on September 21, 2022, **Mr. Dennis E. Frye** gave a very interesting program about Harpers Ferry during the Civil War. Due to his other schedule commitments, Dennis' program was conducted via Zoom during the dinner meeting.

Dennis retired from the National Park Service (NPS) at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, where he served for more than three decades - 20 years as Chief Historian. **Arnold Schofield** was his first NPS supervisor. While with the NPS, Dennis earned the Department of the Interior's "Distinguished Service Award," the highest honor of the department.

During the September program, Arnold asked Dennis to address the following questions:

1. What sparked Dennis' interest in Harpers Ferry?
2. What makes Harpers Ferry unique?
3. What was the Confederacy's first invasion of the North?
4. What was General Stonewall Jackson's association with Harpers Ferry?
5. How did Harpers Ferry affect Jackson's 1862 Valley Campaign?
6. Why did General Robert E. Lee focus on Harpers Ferry in May of 1862?
7. What was Lee's Special Order 191?
8. Was Jackson's opponent at Harpers Ferry, Union Colonel Dixon Miles, an imbecile or a traitor?
9. What did the Federals learn from Harpers Ferry?
10. How did Lee deal with Harpers Ferry during the Gettysburg Campaign in 1863?
11. What role did Harpers Ferry play in Union General Phil Sheridan's 1864 Valley Campaign?
12. What happened to Harpers Ferry the town during the Civil War?

Dennis has written two books about Harpers Ferry:

- *Harpers Ferry Under Fire - A Border Town in the American Civil War* (2012).
- *Confluence: Harpers Ferry as Destiny* (2019). Co-authored with Catharine Magi Oliver.

He is planning to write a full-length book about the 1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry.

Upcoming Civil War Round Table of Kansas City Programs and Speakers

In 2022 and 2023, our monthly dinner meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month, except for the December dinner meetings, which will be held on the second Wednesday of the month.

- **Wednesday, November 16, 2022:** Round Table member **Dr. Daniel Cudnik** will give a program titled: "A Forensic Study of the Lincoln Assassination."
- **Wednesday, December 14, 2022:** **Brad Zimmerman**, who manages the Chestnut Theatre in Olathe, will treat us to a musical program, featuring singers dressed in Dickens era attire.
- **Wednesday, January 18, 2023:** **Dr. Ethan Rafuse** will be speaking about Robert E. Lee and the fall of the Confederacy. Dr. Rafuse has written a book on this subject.
- **Wednesday, February 15, 2023:** In honor of Black History Month, **Arnold Schofield** will be speaking about the 2nd Kansas Colored Infantry.
- **Wednesday, March 15, 2023:** **Dr. Harry S. Laver** with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College will be our speaker. The tentative title of his presentation is "Learning the Art of Joint Operations: General U. S. Grant and Rear Admiral Andrew H. Foote."
- **Wednesday, April 19, 2023:** **Dr. Bill Piston** will be speaking about a book that he and Tom Sweeney co-authored containing photographs of Missourians in the Civil War.
- **Wednesday, May 17, 2023:** **Ms. Alisha Cole** will be speaking about Clara Barton, who was a hospital nurse during the Civil War, and who founded the American Red Cross.
- **Wednesday, June 21, 2023:** **Dr. Isaias McCaffery**, professor of history at Independence Community College, will give a program titled: "Last Stand at Rebel Creek: The Osage as Union Allies in Civil War Kansas."

- **Wednesday, July 19, 2023:** Speaker to be determined,
- **Wednesday, August 16, 2023:** **Wayne Motts**, President and CEO of the Gettysburg Foundation, will be giving a program about General George A. Custer at Gettysburg and in Kansas.
- **Wednesday, September 20, 2023:** **Douglas Waller**, veteran CIA correspondent, will be giving a program about President Lincoln's spies.

Upcoming Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum Programs and Speakers

The Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum is continuing to offer a series of Civil War related presentations as part of Civil War Wednesdays at the Harris-Kearney House (4000 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City MO). The Harris-Kearney House will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for Civil War Wednesdays.

The following programs are scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. The cost to attend is \$6.00 per person, per program.

- **October 19, 2022:** **Dick Titterington** will give a program titled: "Civilian Life in Jackson County during the Civil War."
- **November 9, 2022:** **Jeremiah Thalheimer** will be speaking about Marines in the Civil War (tie in with The United States Marine Corps birthday on November 10th).

Member News

We would like to thank **Dick Titterington** for handling the dinner reservations and manning the check-in desk during the Round Table meeting last month.

Susan Keipp traveled to Europe from September 6-20. One of the purposes of her trip was to do some genealogy research regarding some of her German ancestors. Unfortunately, Susan had a very bad fall during the trip. Susan reported the following:

"One of the hotels had taken down a railing on some steps and left no Caution sign. Three of us fell down the stairs and I messed up my back. Will see a surgeon this month to see what to do. I have been in bed for about ten days trying to recover."

"I did get a bit of information on ancestors, but not as much as last time. I traveled with some nice folks though. Took another ride on the Rhine."

"This time I was glad to be home."

We hope Susan's back gets better soon. Please keep Susan in your prayers!

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield dispatches #709 Lawless Guerrillas

In March of 1862, the Civil War was less than a year old and the "Union" command in Missouri had declared a war of annihilation and extermination on the Confederate guerrillas or partisan rangers who were called Bushwhackers, murders, robbers and lawless guerrillas. The following is a pre-action order from a Union commander to exterminate a "Lawless Band of Guerrillas." It is located in Vol. 8 of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion on Pages 638-639.

"Lieut. Col. J. H. Blood,

Sixth Missouri Volunteers.

Headquarters District of Central Missouri, Jefferson City, Mo. March 23, 1862.

Sir: Information has just been received from Col. L. Merrill, Commanding United States volunteers at Columbia, Boone County, Mo., that a band of GUERRILLAS, variously estimated at from 60 to 150, are infesting the country on this side of the Missouri River, in Moniteau County, opposite Providence, in Boone County, to a point as high up the River as Rocheport Ferry, landing within 10 miles of Boonville. The campfires of these GUERRILLAS have been seen on this side of the River by scouts in Boone County, near Providence.

It is necessary that these Bands of "LAWLESS GURRILLAS" should be thoroughly broken up and EXTERMINATED and I have selected you in this instance to accomplish this most desirable and important duty. And I hope, by your energy and secret and rapid movements, you may be able to give the OUTLAWS a terrible and long to-be-remembered lesson.

To accomplish this object, I have caused the following named troops to march and have directed them to report to you at Pisgah, some 12 or 15 miles northeast of Tipton. The troops ordered to report to you from this place and California [Mo.] are:

1. Captain Adams' Company C, Sixth Mo. Vol., numbering about 45 men from Jefferson City.
2. Captain Daniel Rice's Company, with a detachment of Lieut. Ward's Company, both belonging to the Mo. State Volunteers from Jefferson City, numbering about 90 men.
3. One section (two pieces) of Captain Cockefair's Third Indiana Battery, from Jefferson City, numbering about 30 men.

4. Captain Fletcher's Company B, Sixth Mo. volunteers, which I have calculated will make your entire force about 170 foot, 90 horse, and two pieces of artillery.

My object in giving you this large a force is that you may "CRUSH OUT" THIS BAND of OUTLAWS, GUERRILLAS, and ROBBERS and utterly ANNIHILATE them!

On receipt of this order, you will proceed with Captain Bragg's Company to Pisgah, where you will be joined by the troops herein before mentioned. When your command has come all up, if they are not already there when you arrive, you will proceed via of Midway, to Mount Vernon, carefully examining the country as you approach that place and as far as the Missouri River opposite Providence, to ascertain the whereabouts of the GUERRILLA BAND which you are after and which is under Watson.

Your expedition may take you as far as Rocheport Ferry Landing or even nearer to Booneville, before learning anything of the ROBBERS, but find them and do not spare them when found.

You would do well to get a good reliable guide to give you information about every road and path in the country through which you pass. About northwest from Midway and probably eight miles distant there from is a place called Clarke's Fork, which it may be well to examine closely, in your pursuit of the guerrillas.

By inquiry of such loyal men among the farmers as you may find, it is hoped, however, that you will, without much trouble, learn the whereabouts of the band that you seek and come upon them unexpectedly.

After you have found and punished the ROBBERS and utterly broken them up or satisfied yourself they are not in existence, you will order your expedition to these headquarters.

You must take at least ten days rations with your command from Tipton; all the other companies have the same.

If anything of importance occurs in connection with your command report immediately by express.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,
JAS. TOTTEN,
Brigadier General, Commanding District."

Now then, it is not known how successful this expedition was in exterminating the identified band of "Lawless Guerrillas." One thing is certain: If the expedition was successful, hundreds more of the

"Lawless Guerrillas" continued to wage a never-ending war against the Union forces in Missouri, as the War Went On!

Visit to Harpers Ferry and Charles Town WV

Round Table member **Lane Smith** recently visited Harpers Ferry and Charles Town WV. Lane e-mailed the following summary of his trip on September 29th:

"I recently vacationed with my older brother from Pittsburgh PA. The trip was two fold:

- I wanted to drive to West Virginia, which we did, traveling over a thousand miles, on two lane highways, in five days with many tourist stops, including Ft. Necessity, Monticello, Harpers Ferry (see Photos 1 and 2), a coal mine museum in Beckley WV, the capitol of WV at Charleston to include the capitol museum, and an oil & gas museum at Parkersburg WV. West Virginia is a beautiful state to travel.
- I also wanted to visit Charles Town WV to see if there was historical data concerning the trial and execution of John Brown.

John Brown's Trial

"The Jefferson County courthouse (see Photo 3), where the trial took place and was built in 1836, is located on the northwest corner of the main intersection of Charles Town. On the southeast corner of that intersection was the location of the jail that incarcerated Brown. Today, a post office and an historical marker (see Photo 4) are located on the original grounds of the jail. Because of wounds suffered at Harpers Ferry, Brown had to be assisted daily, as he was moved back and forth from the jail to the courthouse during the trial.

"The trial commenced on October 27, 1859. One of the witnesses for the prosecution was Colonel Lewis Washington, great grandnephew of George Washington. Washington had been captured by Brown and was forced into the fire engine house with other captives. Robert E Lee was commander of the forces that were assigned to capture Brown and his associates. Lt. Jeb Stuart was assigned by Lee to negotiate the surrender of Brown.

"When at the door of the fire engine house and negotiations taking place, Lee knew Washington well and recognized his voice when he yelled "never mind us, fire." Lee quietly responded to those near him: "The old revolutionary blood does tell." The trial concluded on November 2, 1859 with the verdict of guilty of treason and the sentence of execution by hanging, which was carried out on December 2, 1859 at Charles Town.

John Brown's Execution

"The hanging took place in a vacant pasture (see Photo 5) five blocks from the jail. A house now sets on that pasture lot.

"Brown was handcuffed and collared (see Photo 7 of both, now displayed in the state museum at Charleston, also the alleged rope, see Photo 8, that was used to hang Brown, although this rope is very questionable) and taken to the gallows in a wagon that also included the casket that Brown sat on during his transport to the execution site (see Photo 6; this wagon is displayed in the Jefferson County library museum one block from the courthouse).

"No one may have understood better than Brown what the future would hold. For Brown's last message read: "I, John Brown, am now quite certain that the crimes of this guilty land will never be purged away but with blood." His prophecy would have horrendous results in the war that would soon follow.

"The community was packed with onlookers and journalists during the trial and at the execution. To be sure the execution would not be interfered with, 800 militiamen stood guard to prevent any attempt to free Brown. Also in attendance was a contingent of cadets from VMI, led by Thomas J. Jackson, to provide additional security. Among the onlookers was rabid secessionist Edmund Ruffin, who would fire one of the first shots at Fort Sumter, and also an actor by the name of John Wilkes Booth."

Photos of Harpers Ferry and Charles Town WV



Photo 1 - Harpers Ferry Fire Engine House

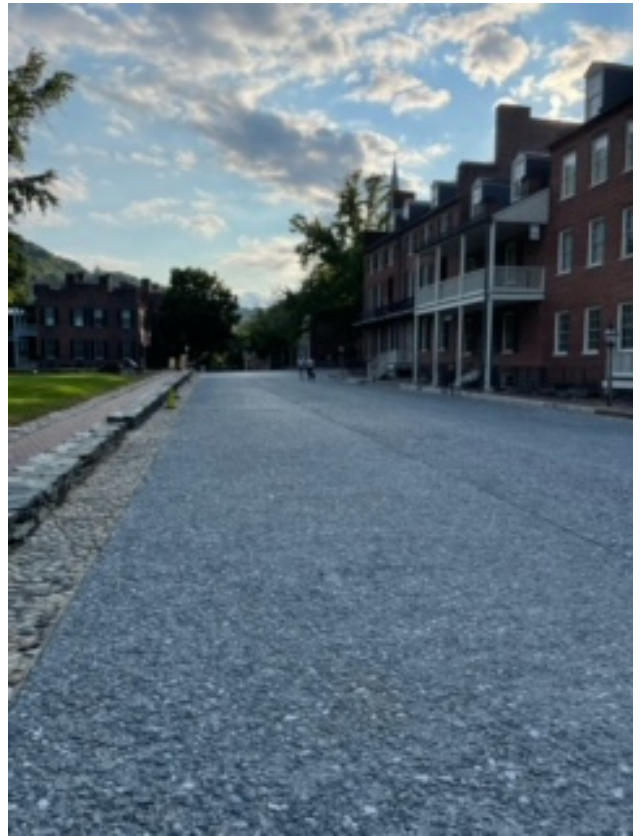


Photo 2 - Harpers Ferry Historical District, Looking West Along Shenandoah Street



Photo 3 - Jefferson County WV Courthouse

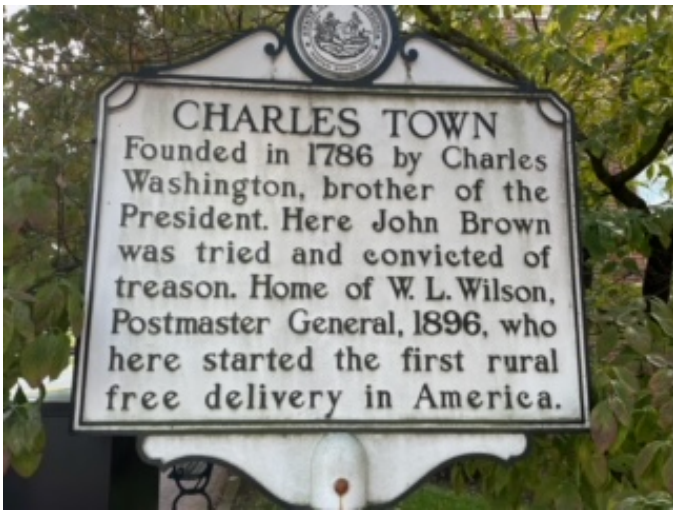


Photo 4 - Charles Town WV Historical Marker

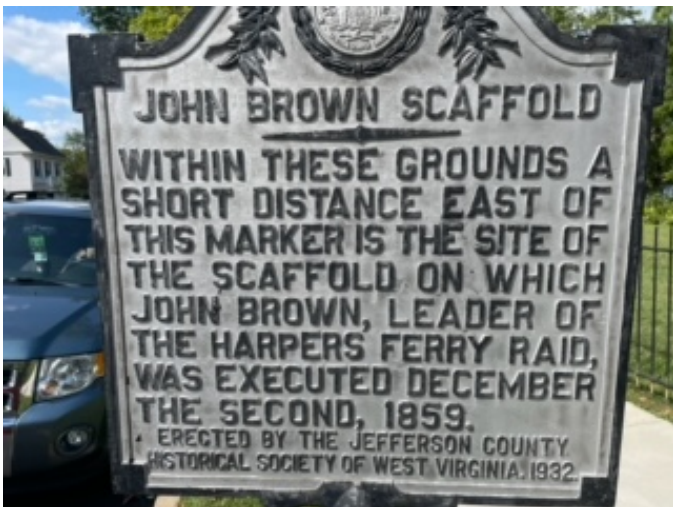


Photo 5 - John Brown Scaffold Historical Marker



Photo 6 - Wagon Displayed in the Jefferson County Library Museum



Photo 7 - Handcuffs and Collar Displayed at the State Museum at Charleston WV

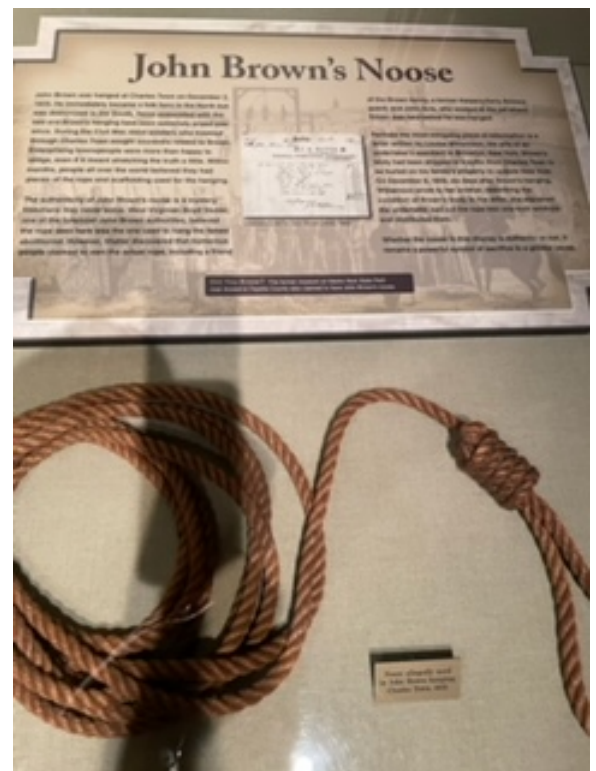


Photo 8 - Example of the Rope Used to Hang John Brown