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408th REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, January 27, 2009

Homestead Country Club

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

Social Hour-Cash Bar-6:00p.m.

Dinner-6:30p.m.

JANUARY 2009 SPEAKER

CONNIE SLAUGHTER LANGUM

"The Battle of and for Wilson's Creek"

Connie has an Associate in Arts—Crowder College—1987, Bachelor of Arts—Missouri Southern State College—1989, Master of Arts—Pittsburg State University—1991.

From 1991 to 1993, she was Midwest Coordinator for the American Battlefield Protection Program, National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office, Omaha, Nebraska, where she assisted local preservation groups as they tried to preserve the battlefield located near to them. Assistance included grant review and preparation, site visits, battlefield surveys, conducting public meetings, and conducting research and documentation.

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Happy New Year!

Please be sure that we have your reservation by Friday Jan. 23. Return reservation

In the enclosed envelope with required payment of \$22.00 per person to;

Paul Gault, 7118 N. Congress Ave., K.C. Mo. 64152.

If you have questions or your payment is unavoidably tardy, please contact either Treasurer Paul Gault at 816-741-2962 or Assistant Treasurer Betty Ergovich at 913 441-6462.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

From 1993 to the present, she has been and is Midwest Coordinator for the American Battlefield Protection Program and Historian at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Republic, MO. She assisted local preservation groups as they tried to preserve the battlefield located near to them. Assistance includes grant review and preparation, site visits, battlefield surveys, conducting public meetings, and conducting research and documentation. She also serves as the site historian at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield which includes research, documentation, Section 106 compliance, and caring for the park's museum collection.

SPEAKERS FOR 2009

January 27, Connie Slaughter Langham, "Wilson's Creek."

February 24, Bill Quatman, "General Godfrey Weitzel."

March 24, Ron Hawkins: "General Longstreet."

April 28, William L. Shea, "Generals Hindman or Genl Curtis."

May 26, Lauren Cook Wike: "They Fought Like Demons.", Silent Book Fair, and wear your period clothing

September 22, Howard Mann: "Tragedy on the St. Joseph & Hannibal RR."

October 27, Dave Metheneys: "John Brown."

November 17, Orvis Fitts: "Arlington National Cemetery"

December 15, Silent Auction, Book sale and Holiday Entertainment with Dinner.

MENU FOR JAN. 2009;

Boston Bib with English Walnuts, Mandarin Oranges, Red Onion and Champagne Vinaigrette, Horseradish Encrusted Salmon with Orange Butter Sauce, Parsley Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, and Lemon Crunch Pie.

COMING EVENTS.....

"Bleeding Kansas 2009"

Sunday, January 25, 2009 – 2:00 p.m., Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore St., Lecompton, KS. Speaker: Virgil Dean, Editor

of the *Kansas History Journal*, speaking on "Legendary Kansans in the State Capitol." Free Admission.

Sunday, February 1, 2009 – 2:00 p.m.

Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore St., Lecompton, KS. "Lecompton: A National Obsession, 1858" by Craig Miner of the Department of History, Wichita State University. There will be a book signing and this event is free.

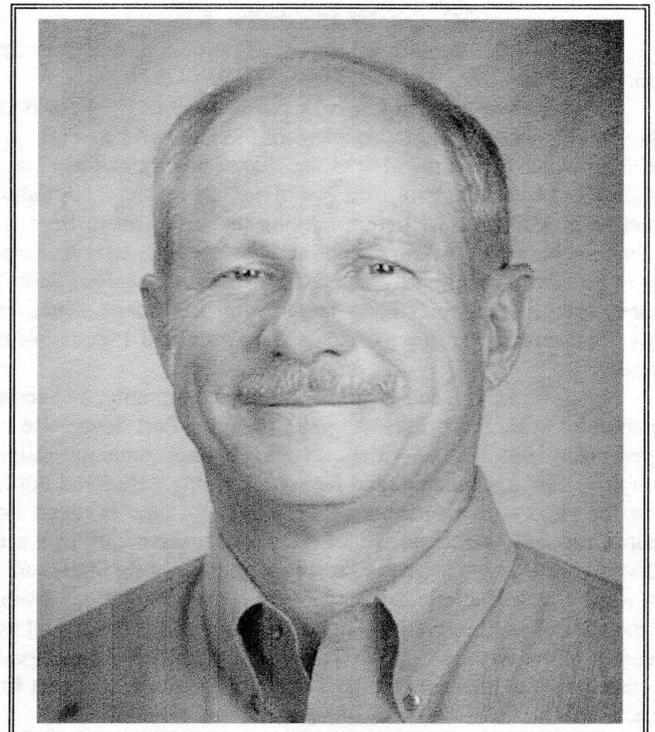
"Abe Lincoln and the Civil War"

Monday, February 2, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

North Independence Branch of Mid-Continent Library, 317 W. US 24 Highway, Independence, MO. Mountain Glory uses autoharps, hammered dulcimer, and guitars to bring America's colorful past to life through music and songs.

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Unfortunately, it's my job to bring you this very sad news.....

In Remembrance of



John H. Spencer

December 1, 1947 - January 3, 2009

DR. JOHN H. SPENCER

Dr. John Harold Spencer, 61, of Fort Scott, died Saturday, January 3, 2009.

John was born in Emporia, KS in 1947 to Dr. Harold and Margaret Spencer. He graduated from the College of Emporia in 1970 (of which he is a member of the alumni board), and went on to attend KU Medical School. He completed his residency in Family Practice in Midland, MI before moving to Fort Scott to begin his practice at Newman Young Clinic in 1977. He later became a partner of Fort Scott Family Physicians. John practiced in Fort Scott 28 years, and has been practicing recently in the Independence and Fort Scott emergency rooms and in the Anna and Pleasanton offices.

John was an active member of the community, and served as an elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Scott. He enjoyed many outdoor activities such as hiking, running, sailing, camping, hiking, canoeing, and horseback riding. He lived out his love for history as a member of the marching and mounted Fort Scott Dragoons, participated in Civil War reenactments in the 6th Kansas Cavalry, and was the President and founding chairman of the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation. He was an active member of the Civil War Preservation Trust in Washington D.C., served as a member of the Kansas City Civil War Roundtable, and participated in the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College during the past four years.

John was a man deeply loved by his family, including his wife Janice L. Spencer, originally of Great Bend, KS; son Justin Spencer and wife Amy of Caufield, MO; daughter Jerilyn D. Whitsitt and husband Landon of Liberty, MO; step-daughter Angela Walts of Odessa, TX; sister Sharon Stewart and husband Max of Emporia, KS; and nephew Dr. Robert H. Stewart, wife Kim, and daughter Abby, also of Emporia, KS. Much joy was brought to John's life by his six grandchildren; Elijah and Molly Spencer, and Ian, Simon, Julian, and Rowan Whitsitt.

I apologize, but I just can't seem to say anything at this time except how sorry I am for his

family and friends like all of us in the Civil War Round Table. Goodbye John.

Mike



The New York Times

December 23, 2008

Obama Chooses Lincoln's Bible for Inauguration

By The Associated Press

Filed at 10:34 a.m. ET

WASHINGTON (AP) ~ President-elect Barack Obama will use the same Bible at his inauguration that Abraham Lincoln used for his swearing in.

Obama will be the first president since Lincoln to use that Bible, part of the collection of the Library of Congress.

"President-elect Obama is deeply honored that the Library of Congress has made the Lincoln Bible available for use during his swearing-in," Presidential Inaugural Committee Executive Director Emmett Beliveau said in a statement Tuesday.

Obama is also tracing the train route that Lincoln took and holding a welcome event at the Lincoln Memorial ahead of his Jan. 20 inauguration.

The burgundy velvet Bible with gilded edges was purchased and inscribed by William Thomas Carroll, clerk of the Supreme Court.

It will be on display at the Library of Congress February 12 to May 9 as part of an exhibition titled "With Malice Toward None: The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibition." The exhibit will then travel to five other American cities in commemoration of the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth on Feb. 12, 1809.

"It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues." Abraham Lincoln

“Lincoln in Kansas” exhibit, Kansas Museum of History, Topeka

This special exhibit runs January 29 -July 26, 2009, and commemorates the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth and the sesquicentennial of his visit to Kansas. Artifacts and images tell the story of his political career, from the Lincoln-Douglas debates through his assassination. Items in the exhibit include Lincoln presidential campaign medals and pins, an "Admit Me Free" flag used in the 1860 campaign, and a blood-stained piece of a theatre program from the night Lincoln was shot, kshs.org/exhibits/current/upcoming.htm.

Bleeding Kansas 2009 Program Series, Constitution Hall State Historic Site, Lecompton

Join us 2 p.m. Sundays, January 25 - March 1, for a series of talks and dramatic interpretations on the violent conflict over the slavery issue in Kansas Territory 1854 through 1861. Topics include legendary Kansans in the state capitol, Lecompton during territorial Kansas, Abraham Lincoln, and Governor Andrew Reeder. kshs.org/places/constitution.



WAL-MART, CIVIL WAR SCHOLARS AT ODDS...

The Kansas City Star
January 3, 2009

By STEVE SZKOTAK
The Associated Press

LOCUST GROVE, Ma. \ Wal-Mart wants to build a Supercenter within a cannonshot of where Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant first fought.

The proposal has preservationists rallying to protect the key Civil War site.

A who's who of historians, including filmmaker Ken Burns and Pulitzer Prize winner David McCullough, sent a letter last month to H. Lee Scott, president and CEO of Wal-Mart Stores Inc., urging the company to build somewhere farther from the Wilderness Battlefield.

"The Wilderness is an indelible part of our history, its very ground hallowed by the American blood spilled there, and it cannot be moved," said the letter from 253 scholars and others.

Wal-Mart and its supporters point out that the 138,000-square-foot store would be right behind a bank and a small strip mall, a full mile from entrance to the site of the 1864 clash that left thousands dead and hastened the war's end.

Local leaders also want the \$500,000 in tax revenue they estimate the big box store will generate for rural Orange County, a gradually growing area about 60 miles southwest of Washington.

"In these economic times, the fact that Wal-Mart wants to come into the county is an economic plus," said R. Mark Johnson, a tire shop owner and chairman of the county's board of supervisors. "This is hardly pristine wilderness we're talking about."

Grant's Union troops were headed to Richmond on May 4, 1864, when they confronted Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. The Battle of the Wilderness involved more than 100,000 Union troops and 61,000 Confederates. The fighting, according to National Park Service estimates, left more than 4,000 dead and 20,000 wounded.

Preservationists regularly square off against developers in Virginia, where much of the Civil War was fought. Bentonville, Ark-based Wal-Mart, which opened nearly 200 stores in the U.S. in 2007, said it studied a lengthy list of sites in Orange County before settling on the spot near the battlefield.

"We recognize the significance of the Wilderness Battlefield, but we are not building on the battlefield," said Keith Morris, a spokesman for the world's largest retailer.



Fine Art by Andy Thomas

Artist Andy Thomas now has prints available of his latest Civil War Painting, "They Came Like Demons." This is the second painting Andy has done on the Battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, December 6, 1862.

The Painting depicts the desperate Confederate charge at dusk across Morton's hay field toward several Union artillery batteries. Parson's Missouri Brigade took part in the charge.

Limited Edition of 900 and artist proof edition of 50. Size is approx. 19" x 25". \$50.00 for one of the 900 limited edition prints. Maze Creek Studio, Carthage, MO. studio@andythomas.com.

True Tales of the Tenth Kansas Infantry

By Howard Mann
Part One

The Joys of Jayhawking: Words from the Perpetrator's Mouths

Much has been written by defenders of Missouri guerilla bushwhackers vilifying Kansas jayhawkers. Less has been written by proponents of Kansas raiders in modern times, although a great deal of southern leaning research was generated by slanted writings by Kansas historians. One recent objective history, Michael Fellman's book, *Inside War: The Guerrilla Conflict in Missouri During the American Civil War*, attempted to look into the background of the chaotic war on civilians and soldiers alike in Missouri. More research in this area should be conducted for root cause analysis as the effectiveness of guerilla warfare and "terrorist" activities is becoming very real in the twenty-first century.

One method is to look for close to first hand accounts as a process to limit bias or to maintain bias within the period context. Much like the contention of William Garrett Piston and Richard W. Hatcher III, authors of *Wilson's Creek*, the reflections of men during this period are also a reflection of their greater community, whether in Kansas or Missouri. This would limit research to period newspapers, letters and diaries for comments referring to bushwhacking or jayhawking.

The decision to limit the research to jayhawking is two-fold. First, there is a great deal more information published on Missouri guerilla warfare and bushwhacking. A significant amount of the publications of Missouri guerilla warfare does describe individual reactions to Yankee strategy and warfare conducted as jayhawkers. This information is frequently presented from the point of view of the victim or the Missouri guerilla and does not present the perception of warfare from the northern point of view. In many instances the information is presented as an outrage or justification for similar atrocities performed by marauding bands of partisan Missourians.

Secondly, jayhawking is not as well defined as bushwhacking. Using a "who started it first" approach to history will not present the practice of

jayhawking in the light of the men who did the jayhawking. The desire to present jayhawking would be interesting in the first person and could highlight why Kansas soldiers felt that their actions were justified.

Pat Devlin, a local denizen of Bourbon County is credited with coining the term "Jayhawking." Michael Fellman laid out a more practical definition in his book, *Inside War*:

"If indiscipline, extortion, and casual freebooting were Union army practices throughout the state, the war on Missouri civilians was policy for Kansas regiments stationed in the border counties of western Missouri. Kansas troops had special accounts to settle with Missourians, dating from the days of "Bloody Kansas" the nasty border war of 1855-56. Certain regiments, notably the Seventh, "Jennison's Jayhawkers," were delighted at the opportunity to settle old scores. They asserted quite openly that Missourians should be punished for their secessionist, slaveholding sins, and they plundered, burned, freed slaves, and murdered with especial zeal. The counties they attacked tended to be strongly secessionist, as well as full of people who from the days of the border war had their own wrongs to right with Kansas and with those Missourians who might welcome such Union forces."

*"Jayhawkers" was the term applied to the Kansas raiders, and "jayhawking" became a term widely applied to free-form foraging by Union troops in the state and eventually nationwide."*¹

¹ Fellman, Michael. *Inside War: The Guerrilla Conflict in Missouri in the American Civil War*, pages 34 – 35.

WELCOME

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2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES 2009

The Membership Dues for 2009 remain the same as last year. As you are aware, it is our annual dues that cover expenses associated with obtaining quality speakers, principally for transportation and lodging, as well as for the mailing and printing costs of the Board Bugle and Annual Roster. Dues for 2009 may be paid at any time prior to December 31, 2008. Observing this deadline will insure timely distribution of our Annual Roster. You may remit these separately, or include them with your November or December dinner reservations. Please complete the form below to insure that we have the correct information for the roster.

2009 CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF KANSAS CITY DUES

Dues deadline is December 31, 2008
\$30 per year (individual)* \$45 per year (couple)
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