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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 8th at 6:00 pm at the Library Center, 4653
South Campbell

Our August Speaker: Frances Carver Black



Last year, 2011, marked the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Wilson's Creek, and the celebration was elaborate, to say the least. Our speaker and program for August 2012 will remind us of how much there is to the Civil War in Missouri beyond that famous battle. Fran Black, a well-known figure among those interested in local and state history, will present a program entitled "A Tour of Civil War Monuments and Markers in the Ozarks." She will focus on a few of the many Civil War markers and monuments that are featured in a recent publication, *Marking the Civil War in the Ozarks*, published by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Fran is the editor and compiler of the book.

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Frances "Fran" Carver Black is a graduate of Missouri State University. She is a member of the Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century; the Daughters of the American Revolution; the Daughters of the American Colonists; the Huguenot Society; the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and the Ozarks Genealogical Society. She has served as an officer and/or committee chairman in many of these organizations at the local, state, and national level. She just completed a term as Missouri Department (State) President of the Daughters of Union Veterans. Among her many other activities, Fran has volunteered at the Mt. Vernon Veterans Home on a weekly basis since 1996. Fran has been married to her husband Leon for forty-five years. They have two children and four grandchildren.

President's Message for August 2012

"Shoot, if you must, this old gray head/ But spare your country's flag," she said. Once familiar to every American school child, these lines are from "Barbara Frietchie," written by John Greenleaf Whittier in 1864. The poem celebrates what Whittier erroneously believed to be an incident occurring when Confederate troops passed through Frederick, Maryland, in September 1862. According to legend, the ninety-six-year-old widow Frietchie was the town's only Unionist brave enough to fly the Stars and Stripes from her home as Stonewall Jackson's veterans marched past: *In her attic window the staff she set/ To show her heart was loyal yet.* Such defiance incensed Jackson, thereby producing the poem's dramatic denouement:

*Under his slouched hat left and right
He glanced; the old flag met his sight.*

*"Halt!" – the dust brown ranks stood fast;
"Fire!" – out blazed the rifle-blast.*

*It shivered the window, pane and sash;
It rent the banner with seam and gash.*

*Quick, as it fell, from the broken staff
Dame Barbara snatched the silken scarf.*

*She leaned far out on the window-sill
And shook it forth with a royal will.*

*"Shoot, if you must, this old gray head,
But spare your country's flag," she said.*

*A shade of sadness, a blush of shame,
Over the face of the leader came;*

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*The nobler nature within him stirred
To life at that woman's deed and word;*

*"Who touches a hair of yon gray head
Dies like a dog! March on!" he said.*

Although based legend rather than fact, Whittier's "Barbara Frietchie" testifies to the role and place of the U.S. flag in the hearts of its citizens. Interestingly, there were no laws regulating the use and display of our national banner prior to 1923. During the Civil War, there was no greater post of honor that Color Bearer, yet both civilians and soldiers often treated flags in a cavalier manner without sparking public condemnation. Witness this well-known image of President Lincoln and Major General George B. McClellan, where the flag is used as a table cloth in McClellan's tent:



Photo courtesy of Library of Congress

An even more dramatic example of how past sensibilities regarding the flag differ from present ones is found on page 535 in the fourth volume of *A Popular History of the United States*, by William Cullen Bryant and Sydney Howard Gay, published in 1881:



Although placed in the Civil War section of the book, the dancers' clothing suggests the 1880s. I know of no other example of dancing on the U.S. flag for entertainment rather than political protest.

August 2012 is a good time to thank once again all the persons and organizations that made last year's celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Wilson's Creek such a success. Plans are in the works for marking the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield in January 2013. The Sesquicentennial of the Civil War continues to offer opportunities to commemorate our heritage while educating the public about the rich historical resources of our state.

Bill Piston
President, CWRT Ozarks

**Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks
Minutes for the Meeting of 11 July 2012**

President Bill Piston called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. President Piston welcomed those visiting. The minutes for June 2012 meeting were published in the July issue of the Buck & Ball. The minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer Richard Quinn reported the beginning balance to be \$3334.34. The income from last meeting was \$598.50. The expenses from last meeting were \$270.12. The monthly ending cash balance was \$3564.32. Money market amount reported as \$5247.44. Total Fiscal Assets as of July 11th was \$8841.76. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership.

Ted Hillmer, the Superintendent of Wilson's Creek gave a report. He reported and discussed the following:

- Thanked all those who volunteer at the Battlefield for their hard work
- Reported on Don Akers progress. He is doing better.
- The battlefield land easement was discussed
- Ted thanked everyone for their support

President Piston discussed the opportunity drawing for this evening. There were three books:

- *None Died In Vain: The Saga of the American Civil War* by Robert Leckie
- *From the Cannons Mouth: The Civil War Letters of General Alpheus S. Williams* by Alpheus S Williams
- *Guide to the Vicksburg Campaign: (U.S. Army War College Guides to Civil War Battles)* by Leonard Fullenkamp, Stephen Bowman, and Jay Luvaas

President Piston again asked for dues from those members who have not paid for 2012.

A card is being sent thanking Terry Faster for her late husband's contribution of books given to the CWRTO.

A new budget was presented and approved by the membership totaling \$3160.

President Piston passed a sheet around for two dates concerning the trip to St. Louis. The two dates are Saturday and Sunday, September 1 & 2 or September 29 & 30.

----- Break -----

After the break, Ms. Christy Lindberg presented, "Using the Civil War History to Teach Today's Soldiers: The Centralia Massacre of 1864". Afterwards she answered questions from the membership.

The book opportunity drawing was held

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Recently Featured In Travel Magazine as Best Battlefield in Midwest

In the July/August edition of the AAA Midwest Traveler, a travel magazine for members of the AAA organization, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield was featured as the best Civil War Battlefield in the Midwest. This edition of the magazine lists their picks for Best of the Midwest 2012, including the best attractions, restaurants and favorite getaways in the heartland.

"Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is an enlightening place to learn about the Civil War," Superintendent Ted Hillmer said. "We have the finest Civil War Library in the National Park Service, a pristine battlefield, and the most complete collection of artifacts, from the Trans-Mississippi theatre, for our visitors to experience. We also have beautiful natural scenes to complement the historic places here. Enjoy the woods and fields—and get some exercise—by walking, jogging, hiking, or horseback riding."

The park offers visitors miles of trails and natural beauty. The tree-lined banks of Wilson's Creek and the tall, buff-colored corn supply soothing vistas. These scenes, in which neutral tones dominate, get accents from the park's wildlife, which includes not only readily-camouflaged creatures like deer and bobcats but also colorful stand-outs like cardinals and Missouri bluebirds.



Administered by the National Park Service, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield preserves the site of the first major battle of the Civil War in the West, site where the first Union general was killed in the Civil War and evokes the rural character experienced by the combatants. Wilson's Creek is located 10 miles southwest of Springfield, Missouri, at the intersection of Highway ZZ and Farm Road 182. To receive more information call (417) 732-2662.

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"Dewey Short Touts Battle Near Home," *Springfield (Mo.) Leader & Press*, December 7, 1959

Mention Wilson's Creek to even a Civil War devotee and you'll probably get a stare as blank as the plains of Missouri. But Dewey Short, Assistant Secretary of the Army, knows about Wilson's Creek. His hometown, Galena, Mo., is just a few miles from there. And an "Uncle George" Short owns farmland where part of the battle of Wilson's Creek was fought on August 10, 1861.

Speaking as a devotee, Mr. Short made an hour-long pitch before nearly 300 members and guests of the District Civil War Round Table to give the battle the recognition it deserves on the broad and bloody canvas of the war. In terms of other battles around other creeks like Antietam and Chickamauga, whose names have heroically echoed through the century, the fight itself at Wilson's was not much. As Mr. Short pointed out, only 15,000 men were engaged in all. The tactics were anything but neat. The soldiers on both sides bore more resemblance to rabble than soldiery. The fighting lasted only five hours. But the officers and men had unbounded courage and they knew how to shoot. When the smoke had cleared, the Union forces were retreating toward Springfield, Mo., and the Confederates were so shot up they had to fall back into Arkansas.

This left all of Missouri in Union hands, Mr. Short explained, and "in the final analysis this loss of Missouri at Wilson's Creek proved fatal to the South, for Missouri controlled commerce in the entire Mississippi Valley above Vicksburg."

The Assistant Secretary was introduced by Benjamin M. McKelway, editor of *The Evening Star*, who quoted from early accounts of the battle as they appeared in *The Star*. He noted one of the stories was completely erroneous in claiming a Union military victory. But, he added, turning to Secretary Short, it was based entirely on an official report by the War Department.

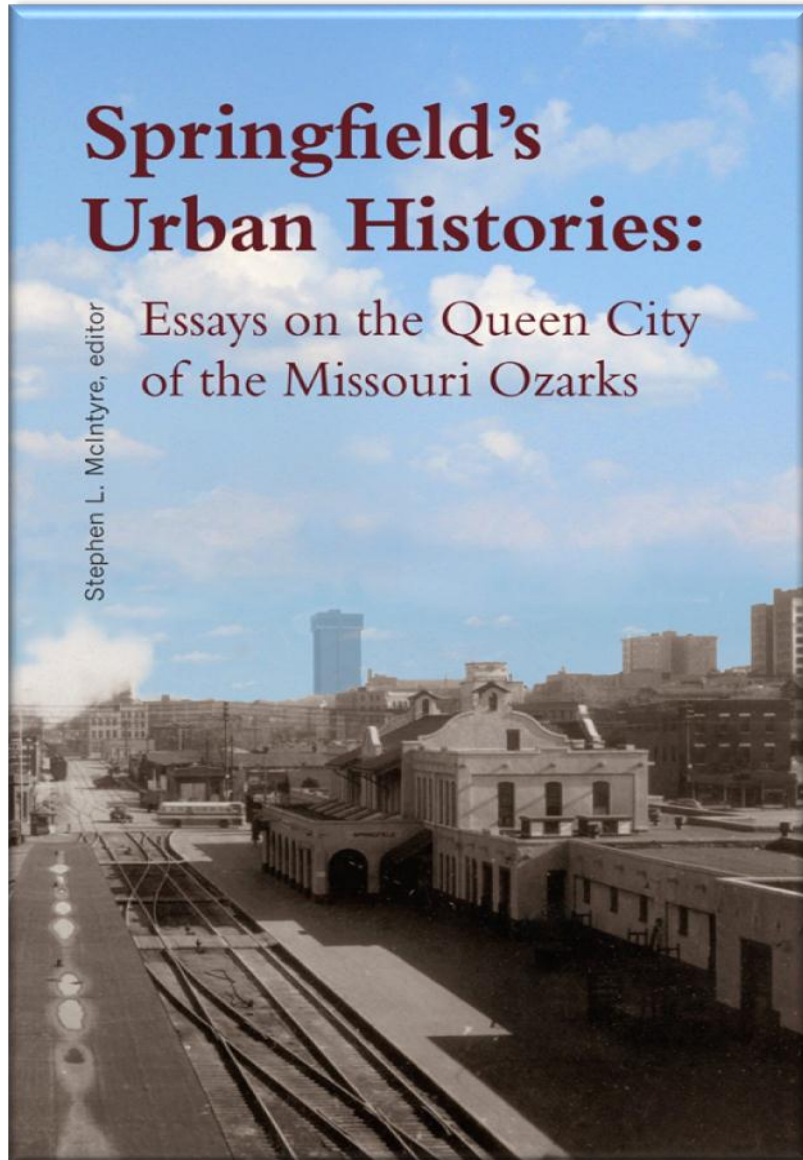
The meeting in the National Press Club was the Round Table's annual "centennial night" to further the Nationwide efforts of the National Civil War Centennial Commission. Karl S. Betts, director of the commission, helped start the program with a recitation of some choice news items from *The Star* of November 10, 1859---things like a man falling into an excavation and losing his watch near old Georgetown bridge.

Although the official menu for the dinner-meeting specified such goodies as poke berries, chitterlings, hardtack and "Mess Sergeant's special soggy pie," the Press Club actually served turkey dinner---without cranberries.

Forthcoming November 2012

from

Moon City Press



Includes "Quinine and Courage: The Battle of Springfield, January 8, 1863," by
CWRT Ozarks members Bill Piston and John Rutherford.

Details on ordering copies are forthcoming.

<http://mooncitypress.com/>

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Special September Meeting at a Different Time: Friday Sept. 21
Speaker: George Rable, “God as General: Was There a Religious History of the Civil War?”

CWRT Ozarks Co-sponsors the Mid-America Conference on History

The CWRT Ozarks will not meet at the regular time of Sept. 12, 2012, but will instead meet on Friday, Sept. 21, at 7:00 p.m. (if you are registered for the banquet), or 7:45 if you wish to hear Rable’s talk without attending the banquet. The location is the Rathdangan Ball Room, Double Tree Hotel, 2431 N. Glenstone Ave., in Springfield. Please see the registration form below for banquet registration.



Prof. George C. Rable

Dr. Rable is a native of Lima, Ohio. He received his B.A from Bluffton College and his M.A and Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. He taught at Anderson University in Indiana from 1979–1998, and since 2008 has held the Summersell Chair in Southern History at the University of Alabama. His talk is drawn from his 2010 publication *God’s Almost Chosen*

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People: A Religious History of the Civil War. Rable's previous publications include *Fredericksburg! Fredericksburg!*; *The Confederate Republic: A Revolution Against Politics*; *Civil Wars: Women and the Crisis of Southern Nationalism*; and *But There Was No Peace: The Role of Violence in the Politics of Reconstruction*. His scholarship has been recognized by his winning the Lincoln Prize; the Society for Military History Distinguished Book Award in American Military History; the Jefferson Davis Award, the Douglas Southall Freeman History Award; the Julia Cherry Spruill Prize; and the Jefferson Davis Award. From 2004–2008, he served as the President of the Society of Civil War Historians.

**Mid-America Conference on History
September 20-22, 2012**

**DoubleTree Hotel
2431 N. Glenstone (at Kearney)**

Because the Civil War Roundtable of the Ozarks is a co-sponsor for Professor George Rable's address at this year's Mid-America Conference on History, members will receive a \$5.00 reduction in the price of all formal meals at the conference.

You must pre-register for all meals (the hotel needs a headcount in advance). You will receive meal tickets and receipts in the mail. The **Deadline** is Monday, **September 17, 2012** (No Exceptions).

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

**Lunch
Noon, Friday, September 21**

**Douglas Brinkley,
"Walter Cronkite: An Eyewitness to American History"**

_____	\$19.50	\$14.50	Homemade Rolled Lasagna (a hot plated lunch)
_____	\$19.50	\$14.50	Open-Faced Roast Beef Sandwich (a hot plated lunch)
_____	\$16.00	\$11.00	Vegetarian Salad (a cold plated lunch)

**Dinner
7:00 pm, Friday, September 21**

**George Rable,
"God as General: Was There a Religious History of the American Civil War?"**

_____	\$29.00	\$24.00	Chicken Wellington
_____	\$24.00	\$19.00	Pasta Florentine
_____	\$36.00	\$31.00	Kansas City Strip Steak
_____	Total		

Please make checks payable to Mid-America Conference on History and mail to:

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Press Release

Lone Jack Historical Society

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www.historiclonejack.org

PO Box 34

Lone Jack, MO 64070

www.lonejackbattle150.org

What: 150th Anniversary Battle Reenactment and Commemoration

MO State Signature Event

Where: Lone Jack Civil War Battlefield Museum Park – 816-697-8833

Highway 50, ½ block south of Lone Jack exit (301 S. Bynum Rd.)

When: August 18 & 19, 2012

Photo Ops: Battle reenactments, candlelight tour, civilian & military living history, wreath laying ceremony, parade, bands

150 Years after Angels Wept

“It was a scene which must have made the angels weep, and one which I trust I may never witness again.” Thus concluded a letter written by a soldier at the battle of Lone Jack published in the *Daily Missouri Republican* in St. Louis. Nearly two weeks after the battle, readers saw the horrors of that day through the eyes of one who had seen it.

In this 150th anniversary year of the August 16, 1862 battle, the Lone Jack Historical Society invites everyone to join in honoring those heroes who fought for their beliefs and those who stayed to keep the home fires burning for their safe return. We honor those who fought in both Federal blue and Confederate gray as they were all Americans.

On August 18 and 19, reenactors and civilian living historians will descend on Lone Jack and an outlying historic home to recreate that dreadful time in our history and commemorate their sacrifices. The Missouri Sesquicentennial Commission has designated this commemoration a State Signature Event.

Highlights include a battle reenactment both Saturday and Sunday. Artillery, infantry and dismounted cavalry units will recreate scenes from the battle. Take time to stroll the site as civilians and soldiers portray life as it was lived 150 years ago. Walk through the 1862 garden filled with heirloom vegetables, tobacco and cotton.

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After the smoke clears, and the crack, pop and boom of battle roll across the fields, spectators may return for a Saturday evening candlelight tour highlighting vignettes of the battle's aftermath. Situated in and around the historic home that stands in for the Cave Hotel during the battle, these scenes lend an eerie finality to the battle's intensity as we glimpse how Civil War doctors and families coped with the aftermath of battle.

Parking for the event is located near the Lone Jack Museum and nearby high school. There is NO spectator parking at the reenactment site. Free shuttle buses transport spectators from the museum site to the reenactment site two miles away. Reenactment and candlelight tour tickets may be purchased online as well as at the museum and on the park grounds. Credit cards will be accepted only online and at the museum. All other sales will be cash. Reenactment tickets (includes museum admission) are \$10 for adults. Candlelight tour tickets are \$5 for adults.

Entertainment and activities at the park are free. As usual, the park will offer a variety of crafts and vendors, live entertainment and great food. Visit the museum to see special battle anniversary exhibits. Museum admission will be charged this year. Admission is \$3 for adults for those not attending the reenactment. Complete reenactment ticket/admission prices are at www.lonejackbattle150.org.

Start the weekend with the Boy Scouts pancake breakfast at the Lone Jack Baptist Church across from the park. Stop by the food court for lunch. Try some competition barbeque by national champions or try some Hawaiian island offerings. Visit with archeologists as they explain how they uncover mysteries at two digs on site.

The parade begins Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the elementary school and marches south on Bynum to the park. Reenactors, floats, classic car clubs and equestrian units will join together. Keep your cool under the big tent as you listen to various entertainment on stage. Living historians recreate scenes from past Commemorations including the dedications of the two monuments in Bivouac of the Dead. After the Saturday battle, return to the park, get a bite to eat and listen to the sounds of True Blue gospel followed by the Blue and Gray Pickers offering bluegrass music. By then it will be time to hop on the shuttle for the candlelight tour.

Sunday morning a reenactor Honor Guard will march to the park and soldiers cemetery for a wreath laying ceremony. When the government declined to honor the Union soldiers who died and were buried in the cemetery, Cpl. William Roney made it his life's mission to honor his comrades. With his own hands and his own money, the battle veteran built the monument. We welcome a descendant of Cpl. Roney's as our special guest. She will be on hand as we honor all the soldiers who fought and died in the battle. Sunday's keynote speaker is Civil War author Kip Linburg.

The shuttle buses again will transport spectators to the reenactment site for the battle. For those who do not wish to hear the rebel yell, the park will offer craft and vendor booths, and entertainment until closing. For a schedule of activities, maps to parking areas and complete ticket prices, visit www.lonejackbattle150.org.

2012 Fund Raiser

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