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Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 10

6:30 pm

Library Center

Tim Noonan

**"THOMAS HART BENTON,
MISSOURI'S FIRST SENATOR,
AND HIS YANKEE AND REBEL KIN"**

As Missouri ends its bicentennial celebration, our Round Table thought it would be timely to discuss the life of one of Missouri's favorite sons and most famous orator.

Tim is our Round Table's Treasurer, having served in that capacity for the last four years. He also maintains our Facebook page, so if you're on FB, please "like" our page.

Tim is a CPA who retired in 2016, after working for the US Treasury for 42 years. He is also a soccer referee and, for the last 20 years, has been the state's high school soccer representative, in SW MO.

Upcoming Events

November 13 – Veterans Luminary Tour at Wilson’s Creek

(see October minutes for more information)

December 8 - Annual Christmas Dinner

(More on this at the meeting)

January 12 – Sarah Cunningham, WICR Superintendent

February 9 - Nancy Piston, “Thomas Nast, Civil War Cartoonist”

President’s Message

Hello Members,

I have been thinking of Christmas parties, reservations, and general things to do during the holiday season. I often think of the soldiers of the Civil War and wondered how they fared during this time of holiday merrymaking. I was reading *We Were Marching on Christmas Day* by Kevin Rawlings. It is a history and chronicle of Christmas during the Civil War. The Adams Express Company was mentioned several times and I researched the company further.

The Adams Express Company played a part in delivering packages to both the North and the South. The express companies founded by Alvin Adams contributed to several of the great economic and social movements of the 19th century, including the westward migration, the California Gold Rush, and the Civil War. Adams delivered messages, documents, and securities that underpinned each of the movements. By the time of the Civil War, the Company operated throughout the south with its Southern Express Company subsidiary.

Interestingly, the Company served as the paymaster for soldiers on both sides during the bloodiest war on American soil, serving the Union soldiers through Adams Express and the Confederates through Southern Express. Company lore has it that at least one slave, known as

Box Brown, was packed in a box and shipped to freedom via Adams Express.

Another interesting note: Adams Express had one particular employee as of December 1864 in Washington. He left on January 13, 1865, to do blockade running and reconnaissance work. His name was John Harrison Surratt.....

Janet Perry

President

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Journal Article, The Final Two Chapters in the Surratt Controversy *Alfred Isaacsen and Otto Eisenschiml Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society Volume 52 Number 2*

The History of Adams Express Company www.adamsfunds.com

Minutes of October Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Janet Perry, President.

Pledge to flag - everyone.

Invocation by Walt Hamer.

Announcements: only medium shirts available. No guests;

Membership report by Walt Hamer; one new member; several dues paid.

Treasurer's report Tim Noonan \$5,926.00. Remember that we voted and approved donation given to help support speaker in the area through DUV. (approved Piston/Kinsley).

Minutes of Buck & Ball read and approved by vote (Jackie/JDK).

Connie gave a report on what's happening at Wilson's Creek. The new superintendent, Sara Cunningham has been there almost a year. The Visitors' Center is open with 100% of the artifacts back in place.

Upcoming events: in Dec. combined this year with the Veteran's Luminary Tour on 11/13/21 (the Sat. after Veteran's Day). Will be a drive through (5-9 vehicles at a time) your own vehicle, includes Ray House and Bloody Hill stops as well as accompanying music. Other events are some school trips and there will be no calendars this year.

Discussion regarding the Christmas dinner and meeting was tabled until the membership can vote on location. Janet will let us know her findings.

Our presentation speakers for the evening were Bob Faenger spot-lighting his ancestors, "Two German Immigrants Fighting for their Adopted Country". Franz Heinrich Brockmeyer and Johann (John) Luebbering. He told of some of the war

years 1861-1865 when they muster out and return to St. Louis to build their lives. Brockmeyer married into the Luebbering family.

The second presentation, “Two MO Farm Boys Fight for the Union” was given by John Kinsley and told about his two great-grandfathers. The story began with his ancestors’ arrival at New York harbor from Ireland. He told of their immigration from NY to interior western area (MO) and the war years from Civil War through western expansion of the army after the Civil War was over. Their participation thus includes not only service in the Civil War but also the Indian Wars, western forts, battles, and events and meeting future notable persons of interest. They subsequently returned to the Miller County area after mustering out of the army, where they resettled, raised families, and passed their stories down through the generations on both sides, up to and including now.

All in all a nice ancestor tribute from Bob and John. We enjoy learning more about our members and their personal lives from their willingness to share. A special THANKS to TIM NOONAN for compiling their information and setting up the flash point power point presentations made available to them. The maps, movements, and photos of bygone eras help tremendously in setting the stage for a trip into the past.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Minutes submitted by
John Kinsley Secretary

November Book Raffle

Avery O. Craven, *The Civil War in the Making, 1815-1860.*

Robert E. Denny, *The Civil War Years; A Day-by-Day Chronicle of the Life of a Nation.*

Frank Haskell and William Oates, *Gettysburg.*

Stephen W. Sears, ed., *The Civil War; The Best of American Heritage.*

Walter H. Taylor, *General R.E. Lee, 1861-1865.*

Richard Wheeler, *Sword Over Richmond; An Eyewitness History to McClellan’s Peninsula Campaign.*



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