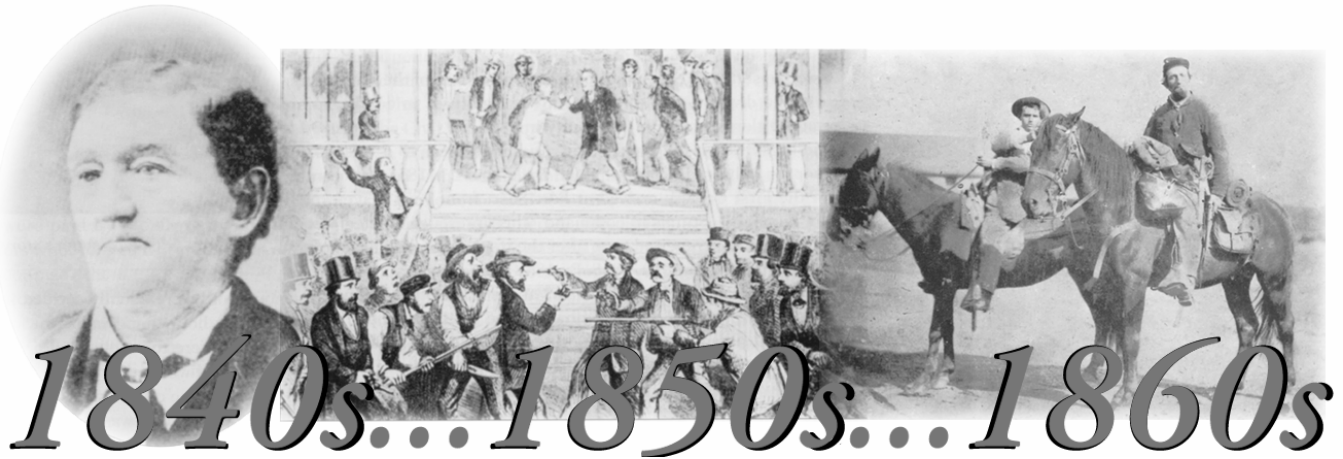


From "the Crack Post of the Frontier..."



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ADJUTANT'S REPORT

By Galen R. Ewing

Our annual Civil War Encampment will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15. The Holmes Brigade, 4th Missouri Cavalry, Ladies Union Aid Society, NWAHEA, and the 2nd Kansas Battery will be here providing Living History and Historic Weapon's demonstrations. In addition for this year's Special Event, Steve Cottrell, member of the Holmes Brigade, will be presenting a program and book signing on *The Civil War in the Indian Territory*. We also will be graced with the wonderful music of the Gum Springs Serenaders. We could use some assistance with counting visitors and event support from our local volunteers. If

you would like to help, give me a call at 620-223-0310.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming trainings. Artillery training will be on Saturday, April 28 and Flintlock Musket Training on Saturday, May 5. Orientation for new volunteers will be on Saturday, May 19. Fort Scott has a strong cadre of volunteers, many who have been recruited thanks to veteran volunteers. Let's continue this tradition! If you know of someone interested in joining our team, have them give me a call at 620-223-0310.

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

By Jackie Messer

With the coming of Spring come new projects and crews. Our focus this year

will be continued renovation on the interior and exterior of the Guardhouse. In addition we will be painting the Stables, replacing lightning protection, whitewashing interiors in several buildings, and refinishing doors. We are going to be kicking off two major long awaited projects which include re-tuck pointing eleven historic structures, replacing 11 doors, and rebuilding numerous windows. This again is going to be a very busy season.

To accomplish most of this work we will again be turning to the STEP program. This program has in the past proved very successful with extremely hardworking and motivated students learning a trade as well as helping the Fort look it's very best. This program is open to all students 18 or older. Information on qualifications for the program can be

obtained from our Personnel department. Hardworking, dedicated, and motivated students are welcome to apply.

SAFETY SENSE

By Jackie Messer

Look out! A tornado is heading right at Fort Scott National Historic Site! We have hail and strong winds! The horns are blaring and we have visitors and volunteers everywhere! What should we do!

Take a deep breath and calmly begin to follow some basic guidelines. Our tornado shelter is the basement of the Quartermaster Warehouse. Everyone should head to that location immediately. The idea is if everyone goes to the same location it is easier to account for personnel and it is the best structure for this type of an event. Two secondary structures that can be utilized are the Powder Magazine and the Guardhouse. These are only if you cannot reach the primary shelter in time. After the danger has passed it is very important to account for everyone and to remain calm.

What if you are at home? If you do not have a storm shelter or basement, find an interior wall or room.

Interior closets are the best. Do not assume you can just outrun or escape a storm. Seek shelter. Have a preplan so your family also knows what to do.

There are classes every year put on by the Weather Service. They are informative and show you what storms to be concerned about. For more information on this feel free to stop by and talk to me and I will share some of the guidance I received from this training. Good Luck and be safe!

CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 14

9 am – Colors Posted
10 am – Cavalry Drill
11 am – Infantry School of the Soldier/Weapons Demo
12 pm – Artillery School of the Soldier/Weapons Demo
1 pm – Military Tactical
2 pm – Musical Program: The Gum Springs Serenaders
3 pm – The Civil War in the Indian Territory/Program and Book Signing by Steve Cottrell
4 pm – Flag Retreat

Evening Program

6:30 pm – Musical Program: The Gum Springs Serenaders

Sunday, April 15

9 am – Colors Posted
10 am – Church Service
11 am – Fort Scott Refugees
12 pm – Artillery Drill
1 pm – Cavalry Drill
2 pm – Infantry Drill and Weapons Demo
3 pm – Artillery Drill