Saddlebag Newsletter

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A New Twist to the Saddlebag:

Since last Fall, we have been placing "new" Saddlebag information at the top of all the "old" news so our readers would have only one newsletter to read. This has become too cumbersome to continue. Starting with this issue, February 15th, only "new" material will appear on the most recent issue. To see the "old" news, you will simply need to click on a previously dated issue. And, if you are new to our Saddlebag, or have not seen certain issues, please do peruse the previous issues as they contain important news and information of interest.

If you have Wild West news, please contact the editor at the e-mail address shown at the top of the *Saddlebag* page. We reserve the right to include or not include any materials submitted to us.

February 15, 2022

WWHA's New Treasurer

Upon the retirement of long-time WWHA Treasurer Ron Woggon, the executive board and board directors have selected Jean Smith to fill this position. Following the WWHA bylaws, Smith was nominated to take Woggon's vacated board seat and to fill-out his unexpired term on the board. Upon her election to the board, the board voted to make her our new treasurer.

The WWHA board of directors expresses its sincere gratitude to Ron Woggon for his years of exemplary service as treasurer. Ron will now spend more time with his research projects, writing articles for WWHA *Journal* and completing a book on the infamous Charleston, Arizona judge, James Burnett.

Jean, along with her husband Chuck, is well-known in WWHA circles and her work as one of the coordinators of the annual Tombstone Territory Rendezvous. The Smith duo own and operate a number of family businesses in Safford, Arizona. For the past year, Jean worked as an assistant to Ron Woggon in the capacity of handling Roundup registrations. She was a natural selection to serve as WWHA treasurer. Welcome Jean!

The mailing address for Jean is: 993 E. Jennings St., Safford, AZ 85546, or she may be contacted by e-mail at: crystalkate@gmail.com.

WWHA Roundup Registration Forms, Vendor Forms, Advertising information

The Roundup registration form for Rapid City/Deadwood is now posted on our website. Vendor/Exhibitor and Roundup Program Advertising forms will be added soon. The completed Roundup registration forms may be submitted via the website's PayPal option, or, forms may be downloaded and mailed to the WWHA treasurer, with appropriate fees.

Additionally, the Roundup registration form will be printed in the March and June issues of the WWHA *Journal* from which it may be copied for mailing purposes. We are no longer mailing the four-

part NCR registrations forms, vendor forms, and advertising information to every member as the cost has become prohibitive.

Nominations for WWHA Board of Directors

Marshall Trimble, WWHA 2nd Vice-President, and chair of the "Nominations" committee, announces that nominations for board seats may be made between March 1st and June 30th, 2022. The board is comprised of 18 board seats (expanded from 15 in 2020) with each board member being elected for a term of three years. With a rotation of three-year terms, each year six board seats are open for election or reelection.

Current board members whose terms expire in July 2022 are: Donna Harrell, Dr. James Bailey, Ruth McWhirter, Elizabeth Weathers, Charlotte Steele, and Jean Smith (who is filling the unexpired term of Ron Woggon who retired from the board in January 2022). Each of these board members are seeking reelection and will be nominated at the annual WWHA membership meeting on Saturday, July 23, 2022 during the Rapid City/Deadwood Roundup.

Additionally, the board currently has three vacancies, including that of Carroll Moore, retiring and leaving an unexpired term through 2024; also, the board seat of the late Bill Hunter with a board term expiring in 2023, and an unfilled board seat with a term expiring in 2024. The WWHA bylaws do not require that all 18 seats be filled at all times.

Other board seats and their term expiration are: 2023 - Paul Marquez, William I. "Bill" Koch, Jim Dunham, Kurt House, Michael Wallis, and one unfilled seat. 2024 - Marshall Trimble, Pam Potter, Roy B. Young, Alan Blanchette, the seat of the retiring Carroll Moore, and one unfilled board seat.

Nominations may be made by a candidate or by another WWHA member who has the permission of the nominee to be nominated. The process for making nominations is two-fold: **The first aspect** of the nomination process, and the most preferred, is that nominations be made in writing and include the following information: the candidate's name, home address, home and cell phone numbers, and e-mail address. Other requested information includes: basic background, current interests (especially those related to the Wild West), special skills, current employment, and a brief list of other groups, causes, projects, etc., to which the nominee has contributed. Then, a written statement, in 250 words, more or less, why the nominee should be elected to the board of the Wild West History Association. If the nomination is made by someone other than the candidate, please add the nominator's name and contact information, both phone and e-mail. **The other allowable way to make a nomination** is from the floor during the annual membership meeting at a Roundup.

Chairman Trimble has provided some of the expectations of a board member: the ability to attend two board meetings per year, one - during the annual Roundup, and the other - in January, at a location to-be-determined by board vote. Additionally, several Internet 'Zoom' meetings are conducted, as called by the president. Each board member is asked to participate on one or more committees.

The WWHA bylaws provide for the elected members of the board to select their own officers.

Nominations are to be submitted to Marshall Trimble, 8119 E. Redwing Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250 or to marshall.trimble@sccmail.maricopa.edu. The deadline date is firm: June 30, 2022.

Headstone of Sheriff Albertus Sweet, KIA, now repaired, will be unveiled on March 7, 2022 in Lampasas, Texas, contributed by *Chuck Parsons*

Friends of the Wild West have made it their mission not only to preserve the written history of the Wild West but also the more tangible objects which mark their lives: their headstones.

In Lampasas, Texas for many years there has been the broken headstone of Sheriff Albertus Sweet. He was elected sheriff December 2, 1873, re-elected February15, 1876 and served until November 5, 1878.

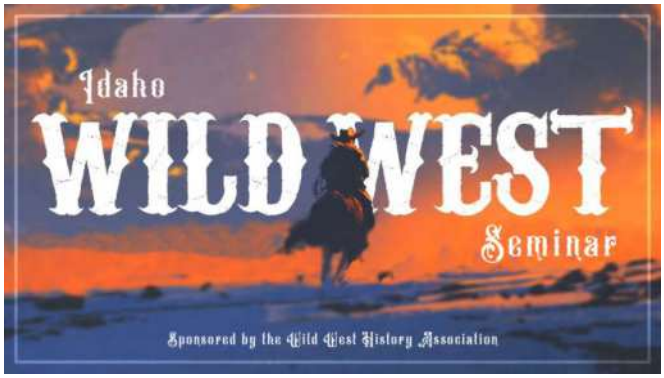
Sweet was born October 2, 1843. During the Civil War, he served the Confederacy as Sergeant in Company D of the Texas Infantry. Subsequently serving successfully as sheriff during the days of the Horrell-Higgins Feud, Sweet became city marshal of Belton, Texas. There, he was killed while attempting to help the country sheriff make an arrest on December 9, 1881. His remains were taken back to Lampasas where he was buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Through the years his impressive headstone was damaged; rather than let it continue to remain in this condition, a group of historians decided to repair it. On March 7, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. the repaired headstone will be unveiled during a short program. WWHA members and the general public is invited to attend.

The program will take place at the Oak Hills Cemetery, Lampasas, Texas, 100-1099 W. Avenue E, a few blocks off US Highway 183 and close to US Highway 281. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 with an opening prayer by Rick Willis. a local minister. Then, Bill O'Neal, former State Historian of Texas, and author of many books, will provide a biographical sketch of Albertus Sweet. The actual unveiling of the repaired headstone will follow by WWHA members Chuck Parsons, Wild West historian and author, and local historian Jeff Jackson.

Roy Young, editor of the *Journal* of the Wild West History Association, will then provide a few special remarks about why the marking of graves and the repairs of headstones is a priority for WWHA. The Wild West History Association is involved in identifying the graves of westerners and erecting or repairing their headstones which have been broken by the elements or other causes. Oak Hill Cemetery began in 1872 when Hartwell Fountain sold ten acres of land to the city to established this cemetery. It was first known as City Cemetery and renamed Oak Hill in 1908. The Ladies Cemetery Association, a group of concerned women, maintained the cemetery from 1891 to 1948 when the city assumed responsibility

Rick Willis will close the ceremony with a prayer. Following these activities, Jeff Jackson will give a walking tour of Oak Hill Cemetery to view the burial sites of noted Lampasas citizens, local pioneers, veterans of the Texas Revolution, Civil War and other conflicts.



Idaho's WWHA Regional Roundup is Scheduled

Idaho Wild West will hold a WWHA Regional Roundup on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at the museum in Murphy, Idaho starting at 9:00 a.m.

Those appearing on the program will include:

- Joe Hickey - Old West Weapons Display
- Bill Betenson - "Butch Cassidy and the Robbery of the Montpelier Bank"
- John Hendricks - "Roughing It - Arrow Wounds and Other 1800's Afflictions"
- John Hendricks - "Roughing It, Part II - Military Medicine in the 1800s"
- Mike Youngman - "Idaho Outlaws"
- Marie Clyne - "Women in the Wild West"
- Fort Boise Garrison- "Soldiering in the Old West"

Direct questions to WWHA member Bob Sobba at: rcsobba@gmail.com.

Apache Wars History

For those members interested in Apache Wars history the following items might be of interest:

Victorio, Chief of the Chihenne (Warm Springs) Apaches and his people were decimated at the Tres Castillos (Mexico) Massacre in 1880. They fought several battles before this event and one was at Hembrillo Canyon located on the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. Victorio was known for his military strategy that won many battles even though he was always outnumbered. Archaeologists (Human Systems Research) and numerous volunteers located the battlefield, and where major fighting took place.

An intriguing narrative along with several images help to construct the area where all of this happened. In addition to the battlefield they also located rock art, springs and other artifacts indicative of many centuries of use by Native Americans. It took 10 years to analyze the finds such as 800 cartridges that were fired from 140 plus rifles, carbines and pistols. The locale of the cartridges to these experts showed the control that Victorio had over his men.

The Apaches fought a defensive battle with individuals who had short range rifles placed at a spring to prevent the military from getting to water. Victorio also placed those warriors with the longer range rifles on ridge tops that caused havoc among the ranks because it kept the military at a distance of more than 600 yards. As he withdrew his men it was stated that he "maneuvered them from ridge top to ridge top" until the Apaches finally disappeared and headed to Mexico where Victorio and his warriors were almost wiped out and dozens of women and children were captured and paraded through the streets of Chihuahua City.

That report has now been digitized. This is the link to the Hembrillo Battlefield (Victorio Wars) report on the WSMR museum website:

https://wsmrmuseum.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Hembrillo-Battlefield-Report-HSR-Report-9730.pdf

In December WWHA member Lynda Sánchez was invited to speak to the Old Pueblo Archaeology Center (Tucson) about how Apache Warriors gave their side of history to famed oral historian, Eve Ball. Sanchez shares how Eve gained their confidence, and how she became Ms. Sanchez' mentor. Sánchez describes what it was like working side by side with this noted chronicler of Apache, Anglo and Hispanic history.

Perhaps some of the best things about Eve is that she had training in English and hard work; she admired the Native American History of our nation and she always wanted to write about the Apaches. For more than four decades Eve listened to the Apache people. She gained their respect and ultimately their friendship. By listening to, rather than trying to talk over the old-timers she obtained fresh information and a differing point of view. She interviewed more than 100 of the tribal elders, many of whom survived the Apache wars. They had many adventures together and those tales as well as some unusual artifacts will be revealed during the Zoom presentation that is now on YouTube.

Ace Daklugie at age 85 (nephew of Geronimo, son of Chief Juh)

"Apache Warriors tell their side to Eve Ball" Zoom talk link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vi7iB8M8kd4

An Historian's Historian Passes

Dalton family historian and book reviewer for Stray Leaves, Nancy B. Samuelson, alerts us to the passing of historian, genealogist, and researcher Joanne Chiles Eakin.

While not generally recognized by the history reading public, Eakin is widely respected among professional historians and genealogists for her focus on topics relating to the Civil War in Missouri.

Books authored by Joanne C. Eakin include the following:

- ✓ Frank James Surrenders Himself October 5, 1882
- ✓ Battle of Lone Jack, August 16, 1862
- ✓ The Battle of Independence: 11 August 1862
- ✓ Battle at Blackwater River: Milford, Johnson County, Missouri on December 19, 1861: including a list of 736 captured
- ✓ The Little Gods: Union Provost Marshals in Missouri 1861 – 1865
- ✓ The Making of a Missouri Rebel: John P. Webb, 1832-1913
- ✓ Opening the Western Frontier, Rev. Thomas Johnson & the Shawnee Indian Mission
- ✓ Tears and Turmoil - Order Number 11
- ✓ Warren Welch Remembers: A Civil War Guerrilla from Jackson County, Missouri
- ✓ Recollections of Quantrill's Guerrillas: As told by A.J. Walker of Weatherford, Texas to Victor E. Martin in 1910

Obituary for Joanne Webb Chiles Eakin October 26, 1934 - January 25, 2022
Independence, Missouri -

Joanne, 87, Independence, MO, local Historian and published Author, passed away at her home January 25, 2022. Joanne was born October 26, 1934, on her Grandparent Chiles' farm in LaRussell, MO, to Frank Perrin Chiles and Susan Emaline Webb Chiles.

Graduating from William Chrisman High School in 1952, she attended Park College in Parkville, MO. Joanne married Victor Vincent Kish from Sugar Creek, MO, son of Hungarian immigrants, on September 12,1953. She worked for TWA in Kansas City until she started her family in 1957. Joanne read a book written in 1843, entitled "Incidents of Travel in Yucatan", and convinced her husband to drive from Kansas City to Yucatan, Mexico, to immerse herself in the culture of the Mayan Indians and explore the Mayan ruins. Thereafter, for many summers in the 1960's, she would drive to Yucatan where she made many friends.

In 1972, she became one of only two women construction contractors in the Kansas City area, establishing K-T Construction with her brother-in-law, John Taylor. For several years she contracted with the Federal government for jobs, including a large project for the Eisenhower home and museum in Abilene, KS and Clinton Lake in Lawrence, KS.

Joanne married O.B. Eakin from Dover, Arkansas, in 1974. They became genealogists and also researched local Civil War history. Publishing her first book in 1983, "Walter Chiles of Jamestown", she went on to publish 34 books and transcriptions and co-authored, "The Blue and Gray Chronicle". Before the Internet, she traveled the country, visiting many courthouses, graveyards and historical sites to gather information for her non-fiction books.

A well sought-after lecturer, Joanne received many awards. As a member of HOA Genealogical Society, JACOMO Historical Society, Friends of the National Frontier Trails Center, Oregon, CA Trails

Association, MO State Genealogical Society, Quantrill Society, United Daughters of the Confederacy, KC Area Archivists, to name a few, Joanne had many friends who helped with her research.

She is survived by her daughter, Victoria Joanne Smith; son Frank Kish (Anita); granddaughter, Lauren Victoria Lynn Kish; sister Patricia Taylor (John); sister Deborah Chiles Riley; and many nieces and nephews.

Joanne's family is grateful to Nurse Stoos and for the many years Crossroads Hospice helped take care of her in her home. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association. (Published by *Kansas City Star* on Jan. 30, 2022.)