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Villages of Jackson Creek
3980-A S. Jackson Drive
(lower level)

Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

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THIS MONTH IN THE WAR: General William T. Sherman's relentless Union army pushed into the Atlanta suburbs, crossing the Chattahoochee River on July 8th. Confederate commander Joseph Johnston withdrew even closer to the city. Discouraged by this turn of events, Southern President Jefferson Davis replaced Johnston with John Bell Hood. The new Southern commander launched a series of futile, bloody assaults against Sherman at Peachtree Creek (July 20th), "Battle of Atlanta" (July 22nd) and Ezra Church (July 28th).

From the *Civil War Traveler*.

"President's Letter"

Raise your hand if you have ever visited a Civil War battlefield. If you have, and I know you all have, the one thing that stands out is the number of monuments that have been erected to commemorate the event. There's a story about a visitor to a battlefield and while being shown around by a guide, the visitor made the comment that it sure must have been hard to conduct the battle with all the monuments in the way. West of the Mississippi there seems to be what must have been a conscious decision to not clutter the landscape with monuments. At Wilson's Creek, if I remember correctly, there is only one and it marks the spot of the death of Lyon. I don't mean to suggest that monuments on a battlefield do not increase our knowledge of the events that took place. For example, at Gettysburg on Little Round Top, you can find out exactly the left and right flank of the 20th Maine. Good information.

On July 19th at 10:00 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery, 701 S. Noland Road in Independence, Missouri, the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri will have the duty and the honor of rededicating the third oldest Civil War monument in the United States. Unknown to many, this monument, erected July 16, 1864, is in honor of the nine members of the 2nd Colorado Volunteer Cavalry that fell during the fight at the Grinter Farm. It's not as imposing as some, but what it lacks in grandeur it makes up for in its importance to Jackson County history. On that day we will present a short history of the battle, fire a salute and read once again, the names of the fallen and the poem that was once visible on the monument.

Please come and join us in remembering our rich Civil War history.

Period attire is not required, but if you can, it would surely add to the event.

Thanks and hope to see you there.

~Mike Calvert, President CWRTWM

Use of Keypad at Villages of Jackson Creek

Our meeting room is in the Fitness Center on the lower level of the far east wing with the number "3980A" above the entrance. If the inside sliding door is secured, use the keypad on the right to enter 1207* and stand in front of the door to activate. If there is a problem, call Beverly at (816) 225-7944 (cell). To exit the building, use the keypad to the left of the sliding door and enter 1207*. Stand directly in front of the door to activate. Please do not try to force the door but instead call Beverly at (816) 225-7944

CWRTWM Calendar

July 2014 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek, 3980-A S. Jackson Drive (lower level), Independence, MO. Carolyn Grover: “The Orphan Trains.” This is the story of the “placing out” of children in the 19th century by sending them on trains from the East Coast to the heartland of America. Not only is Carolyn a researcher on this subject but she is also the wife of Robert Grover, a member of the Round Table.

No Board Meeting in July 2014

Rededication of the Second Colorado Monument

Saturday, July 19, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. Woodlawn Cemetery, 701 S. Noland Road, Independence, MO. Commemoration of the Battle of Grinter Farm and the Federal troops buried at Woodlawn Cemetery. The monument was erected July 16, 1864, which makes it one of the oldest in Missouri. Bring lawn chairs. Afterwards you might want to visit the Civil War Encampment at the National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. (See calendar)

August 2014 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek. Movie Night – “War Is All Hell.” Join us for the next to last in the Ken Burns Civil War Series. Free popcorn and soda.

August 2014 Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51 Terr. Court S., Independence, MO.

Other Civil War Events and Exhibits

Shoal Creek Living History Museum First Saturday

Saturday, July 5, 2014 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 7000 NE. Barry Road, Kansas City, MO. Free family event with re-enactors to bring the Village to life. Features 17 authentic 19th century buildings dating from 1807-1885. Located in Robert H. Hodge Park.

Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, July 8, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. – Dinner. \$25. Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee Street, Kansas City, MO. Sam Gill: “Custer and the Little Bighorn.” For dinner reservations call Ann Schultis at (816) 456-0669.

Family Fun Night at the Mahaffie Farm

Thursday, July 10, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., 1200 Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS. Civil War theme for hands-on activities. Free admission but small fees for

some activities. Stagecoach rides are \$2 for ages 3 and up.

John T. Hughes Sons of Confederate Veterans

Thursday, July 10, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Kross Lounge and Ernie’s Restaurant, 605 N. Sterling Ave., Sugar Creek, MO. Harold Dellinger: “Mysteries of the Battle at the Grinter Farm.” Harold is researching the names of the guerrillas killed there. Visitors are welcome.

Bingham-Waggoner Antique and Craft Fair

Saturday, July 12, 2014 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Estate at 313 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. Over 100 antique dealers and crafters on the grounds. Food concessions for sale. Door prizes. Free admission. Spirit of Independence Community Band will play at Noon. Mansion tours available from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the regular fee.

Historic Liberty, MO. Walking Tour

Saturday, July 12, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. Three Downtown Churches. Meet at the Presbyterian Church, corner of North Main and Mississippi Streets. Free.

Remember the Sultana

Tuesday, July 15, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. Excelsior Springs Library, 1460 Kearney Road, Excelsior Springs, MO. Programming Room. Just days after the assassination of President Lincoln, Union soldiers who had been captured were to be sent home. This tragic story tells the tale of the last days of the steamship *Sultana* and the hundreds of soldiers who lost their lives due to one man’s greed. The presenter is a descendant of one of the lucky men who survived this horrific journey. RSVP to (816) 630-6721.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, July 16, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Southview Manor Apartments, 2600 A Hub Drive, Independence, MO. Lee Ward: *But God Has So Ordered It, Civil War Diaries of Sgt. Harrison Whittemore, 1st Massachusetts Infantry, Company K*. Lee will also discuss how he got permission from the Truman Library to do the transcription.

Third Thursday Program in Liberty, Missouri

Thursday, July 17, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. “The Ringo, Adkins, and Arthur Families of Early Clay County” presented by local historian Chris Harris. Free.

Civil War Encampment at the National Frontier Trails Museum, Saturday, July 19, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Free admittance on the grounds to meet Civil War soldiers

and cavalry officers; learn about medical practices during the war; hear stories about the First and Second Battles of Independence; hear period music; make a clay bullet from a Civil War mold; write with a quill pen. Refreshments provided. Free covered wagon rides with museum admittance (\$6 - adults, \$5 - seniors 62 and over, \$3 - youth ages 6-17, free for children under 6.)

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner – \$27. Meadowbrook Country Club, 9101 Nall Ave., Prairie Village, KS. Barbara Justice, Park Ranger: “Battle of Monocacy.” Dinner reservations to Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

Railroads and the Civil War

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Christopher R. Gabel of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College: “Railroads and the Civil War.” Railroads were essential for moving men and military supplies during the Civil War. The Battle of Atlanta (July 22, 1864) was an attempt by Federal troops under Gen. William T. Sherman to seize Atlanta’s rail center and cripple the Confederate war effort. The Confederacy’s rail system performed just well enough in the first two years of the war to keep the fledgling nation in the fight. Ultimately, though, the Southern railroads lost their capacity to support the war, while the Northern railroads achieved unprecedented levels of effectiveness. RSVP to (816) 701-3400.

August 2014 Events

First Saturdays at Shoal Creek Living History Museum
Saturday, August 2, 2014. See July listing.

Historic Walking Tour in Liberty, Missouri

Saturday, August 2, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. Jewell and Lightburne Historic Districts. Meet in the parking lot at the corner of Franklin and Lightburne Streets. Free.

Saturday Lecture Series at Arrow Rock, Missouri

Saturday, August 2, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. Arrow Rock State Historic Site Auditorium, Arrow Rock, Missouri. Gary Jenkins’ Documentary: “Negroes To Hire: Slave Life and Culture on Antebellum Missouri Farms.” Please be advised that there is a bridge being replaced on Highway 41 just south of Lamine, MO which will affect traffic coming to Arrow Rock from the east that would normally take Exit 98 (Pilot Grove/Arrow Rock) from I-70. While the work is underway (from July 7 to October), traffic will be diverted to Exit 89 (Blackwater/Arrow Rock). Please allow an extra 10-15 minutes for your trip.

Raytown Historical Society Ambassadors Meeting

Monday, August 4, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. Raytown Historical Society, 9705 E. 63rd Street, Raytown, MO. Audrey Elder: “The Myths and Mysteries of Historical Properties.” Audrey is a realtor with Keller Williams who specializes in properties over 50 years old and serves on the Heritage Commission of the City of Independence, Missouri.

Wayne City Landing Days – Sugar Creek, Missouri

Thursday – Saturday, August 7, 8, 9, 2014. Roper Stadium, 131 S. Carlisle Ave., Sugar Creek, Missouri. Free festival featuring 18 carnival rides, food and craft vendors, historical re-enactors, country western music, and a shuttle to take people to the new Santa Fe Trail signage at Wayne City Landing on North River Boulevard overlooking the Missouri River. Wayne City Landing was also called the Upper Independence Landing and was one of the first riverboat ports west of the Mississippi. This festival will be a family event with no beer or wine gardens. Wayne City Landing was named for U.S. Army Lt. Anthony Wayne who camped at the Missouri River south bank site in 1825.

Santa Fe Trade and the Missouri Economy

Saturday, August 9, 2014 – 2:00 p.m. Westport Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO. Michael Dickey: “Sweat and Survival: The Impact of the Santa Fe Trade on Missouri Economy.” Sponsored by Westport Historical Society and the Westport Library. Reception afterwards at the Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO.

Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield

Sunday, August 10, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. No Entrance Fee in this 153rd Battle Anniversary Observance. South of Springfield, MO.

Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, August 12, 2014. See July calendar listing. Speaker will be Kevin Makel: “The Guns of Frank and Jesse James.”

Battle of Westport Observance at the Trailside Center

Saturday, August 16, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Westport with exhibits and speakers. Free admittance and free “trails” refreshments. For more information please call (816) 942-3581.

Brady Lecture Series – Independence, MO

Saturday, August 16, 2014 – 1:00 p.m. Historic Truman Courthouse, 112 West Lexington Ave., Independence, MO. Elevator available to the second floor Brady

Courtroom. Steve Noll: "Postcards as the Original Social Media." After the talk there is an optional complimentary guided tour of the Historic Truman Courthouse including Harry Truman's office and courtroom and the Jackson County Museum of George Caleb Bingham paintings.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Southview Manor Apartments, 2600 A Hub Drive, Independence, MO. Peggy Buhr, Director of the Bates County Museum, will talk about the Civil War in that area with a focus on the locals who fought at the Battle of Island Mound near Butler, Missouri.

Third Thursday at the Clay County Museum

Thursday, August 21, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. "Vintage Postcards of Clay County." All are invited to share their collection of postcards or share memories associated with historic scenes. Free.

Dedication of William Robinson Stewart Gravestone

Saturday, August 23, 2014 – 1:30 p.m. Columbia, MO, cemetery on Broadway. Stewart was one of Quantrill's Confederate partisans and participated at Lawrence, Fayette, and Centralia. Sponsored by Searcy SCV Camp in Columbia, MO. For further information, contact Mark Stuart, Commander, at flinthills46@socket.net.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City Meeting

Tuesday, August 26, 2014. See details from July listing. Robert Jones: "Battle of Mobile Bay."

Deadline for James-Younger Gang 21st Annual

Conference, Thursday-Saturday, October 2-4, 2014. Fort Smith, Arkansas. Registration deadline is August 31, 2014. Cost is \$89 for full conference plus hotel. Call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 to get a full registration form and details about speakers and tours.

Highlights in History at Fort Scott, Kansas

Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31, 2014. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fort Scott National Historic Site, 1 Old Fort Boulevard, Fort Scott, Kansas. Talks, tours, demonstrations, and living history programs. Explore "Bleeding Kansas" and the events and impacts of the Civil War. Go to www.nps.gov/fosc or call (620) 223-0310.

Coming Events

Battle of Westport Guided Bus Tour

Saturday, September 13, 2014 – 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City. Starts from the Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum at the Meyer Boulevard entrance to Swope

Park in Kansas City. Cost is \$48 per person which includes lunch. Driving tour of the Battle of the Little Blue River, a stop at the National Frontier Trails Museum, walking and driving tour of Byram's Ford (Battle of the Big Blue), Brief stop at Mockbee Farm near 7850 Holmes, driving and stops at Loose Park, brief stop at the Wornall House, and driving tour of exit routes of retreat including Shelby's units and the wagon train. Send reservations to Paul Gault, 7118 N. Congress Ave., Kansas City, MO 64152. Guides are Dan Smith and Ross Marshall. This may be a sellout so make your reservations now.

News About Members and Friends

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Jim and Judi Beckner** as Jim has his bladder removed on July 8, 2014. This is thought to be the best remedy for preventing Jim's cancer from spreading to other organs. If you would like to send a card, their address is 1018 Redwood Drive, Raymore, MO 64083.

Anastasia Hope plans to come to our July 9th meeting to bring some Civil War titles that she recently acquired at Anastasia's Books, 10416 E. 63rd Street, Raytown, MO. You may also look over the selection at her shop from Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Our friends at the **Steamboat Arabia Museum** are lending about 2,000 artifacts to the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh, PA through January 4, 2015. This is a homecoming of a sort because the *Arabia* was built in Pittsburgh and Brownsville, PA. The biggest challenge was getting them past Mrs. Hawley to go into the packing crates. She said, "Is it too late to call them back? Our babies have never been out on their own before."

Arlington National Cemetery recently celebrated its 150th anniversary. It was June 15, 1864 when the military burial ground was created on land once owned by the wife of Robert E. Lee and where he and his family lived in the ancestral home for many years. The house is preserved as a museum called Arlington House.

The *Missouri Resources* summer edition published by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources has an article by Tom Uhlenbrock called "Ready, Air, Action!" about the establishments of the Island Mound State Historic Site in Bates County and the documentary recently released.

Brookfield, Missouri located smack dab between Hannibal and St. Joseph on U.S. Highway 36 was featured in an article in the Kansas City *Star* on June 9,

2014. It's a town that's fighting the decline of its downtown and the closing of a factory. What caught our eye is that this revival included the restoration of a statue of a Civil War soldier. Somebody made off with the soldier's gun long ago. He was weathered and his face was barely recognizable as human. Now, after an \$18,000 makeover, he's looking able and ready for action including a new hand-carved marble rifle. Barb and Denis Wormington have photographed the statue, and we plan to include it in Vol. 2 of our "Monuments" book.

Mike Calvert will be speaking to the Independence Lion's Club on August 14th concerning "The Last Gunfight on the Independence Square." **Beverly Shaw** is to speak to residents of the Villages of Jackson Creek on July 3rd about the Battle of the Little Blue. She plans to take our replacement panel for the marker at Ripley Junction Park for show and tell. The Round Table has ordered a new frame to hold the panel to replace the one vandalized during the winter. **Harold Dellinger** will be speaking to Hughes Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans on July 10th about the "Mysteries of the Battle of Grinter Farm." He's researching the names of guerillas killed there.

Congratulations to the **Camden Point Remembrance** on June 28, 2014. There was a TV story about the event which you might be able to watch on-line at www.stjoechannel.com.

The **Cass County Historical Society in Harrisonville** has announced that they have new displays showing Civil War history using artifacts that are either new to the museum or not having been shown for many years. They also have new hours of 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on weekdays except Tuesday. With this change they will be open on Saturdays. The location is 400 E. Mechanic, Suite 203, Harrisonville, Missouri.

Congratulations to the **Clay and Ray County** archives, museums and historic sites to help educators customize learning using Northland resources. Teachers are invited to a CHARISMA Teacher's Night on Thursday, July 31, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Clay-Ray VFW Hall, 208 Veterans Memorial Drive, Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Please pass the word along to teachers for this free event. For information, please contact Gerri Spencer at (816) 529-6820.

"**Civil War on the Western Border**," an E-mail based newsletter from the Kansas City Public Library which tells Civil War stories using primary sources, has received the 2014 Award for Excellence in Public History from the Society of Civil War Historians at its

Biennial Meeting on June 12th. Shortly thereafter, the site was awarded the prestigious Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History. The most recent edition had the following stories: "Bushwhacker Leadership in New Hands," "Independence Day, North and South," and "Black Soldiers Receive Equal Pay." If you would like to receive a copy of any story, please call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944, or better yet, contact Jason Roe at www.jasonroe@kclibrary.org to be put on the E-mail list.

Jerry Plantz wrote an article for the *Examiner* on June 10, 2014 to give the history of Flag Day on June 14th. Historians credit Jonathan Flynt Morris as the father of Flag Day. He suggested the observance to the editor of the *Evening Press* in Hartford, CT. In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson issued a Presidential Proclamation acknowledging June 14th as Flag Day, but finally in 1949 President Harry Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th as National Flag Day. You can be sure that our member Terry Chronister proudly flew one of his many flags on June 14th. Terry generously donated a flagpole to the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery for which we are very grateful.

The **Gittings-Carr** House on Leonard Street in Liberty, Missouri is receiving a restoration by Brad Rolf. It was originally built by Darius Gittings, a local banker who started the project in 1861. Rolf intends to bring it back to its antebellum glory and find a unique buyer who will appreciate its history.

There must be something in the water north of the River which is prompting people to restore vintage properties. The Kansas City *Star Magazine*, on June 8, 2014, had an article about the house called **Three Gables** which is possibly the oldest house in Kansas City. It is also called the Poage-Arnold Farm in Kansas City North at 9550 N. E. Cookingham Drive and is a rare example of a Gothic Revival house.

The southeast segment of the **U. S. Grant Historic Trail** is now open. Stops include the original site of "Hardscrabble," an early Grant cabin which is memorialized on the grounds of Grant's Farm family amusement park in St. Louis, several battlefields including Pilot Knob and Fredericktown, and historic cemeteries. You can request a free printed map by going to www.civilwartraveler.com/request-form and request "Missouri."

Congratulations to our artist friend **Cheryl Harness** of Independence, Missouri, for the full spread in the *Examiner's*, *Jackie Women & Family Magazine* for June

2014. Cheryl was recently honored with the Missouri Humanities Award for Distinguished Literary Achievement in May, in St. Louis, Missouri. She is not only an excellent artist but also a historical researcher with more than 40 books to her credit.

Our friends, **Orven Schanzer** and **Lisa Gilman** from Los Angeles, recently visited the Kansas City area and had lunch with Beverly Shaw at the Courthouse Exchange. Orven gave us a generous gift to further the cause of historic markers in the Independence area. They have probably visited more historic sites than most of the people who live here. Come to find out, they have a California State Park about 150 miles north of Los Angeles, named for **Colonel Allensworth**. Here 250 African Americans once lived and thrived in a community free of segregation. It was the dream of Allen Allensworth, a former slave from Louisville, KY who moved west following the Civil War. A U.S. Army Chaplain, educator, and orator, Allensworth and two partners purchased 20 fertile acres of land in Tulane County and founded the town in 1908. It flourished until 1914 when the colonel died. It became a state park in 1974, and 22 original buildings were restored. It was the site for a joyous Juneteenth celebration on June 14, 2014, a traditional remembrance of June 19, 1865 when the citizens of Texas received word that all slaves were freed.

Our friend, **Rev. Larry Coleman**, who brought to light the contribution of colored troops at the Battle of Island Mount near Butler, Missouri, recently shared the story of John Berry Meachum, founding pastor of the African Baptist Church in St. Louis, who purchased black slaves who were non-family members in the 1840's and 1850's and put them to work at his barrel-making factory so they could earn enough money to buy their freedom. He also built a school upon his steamship which he moored in the middle of the Federally-owned Mississippi River for black children to be educated. One of his students was James Milton Turner, the first U.S. Ambassador to Haiti, and the founder of black public schools in Missouri after the Civil War. One such school in Meachum Park, Missouri was named in this honor. Larry attended the J. Milton Turner Elementary School through the 6th grade.

Through our friend Carol Bohl in Harrisonville we have become aware of the **National James-Younger Gang Journal** which is headquartered in Northfield, Minnesota, the site of the bank that was NOT robbed by Jesse James. The Editor, Danny Urban, has a good mix of articles about guerrilla partisans and members of the James and Younger gangs. We were interested in the articles about Clell Miller for whom Harold "Sonny"

Wells, the founder of our Round Table, procured a tombstone. There are pictures of Sonny and his grandson at the site in Clay County. However there is some doubt as to whether Clell Miller is actually interred there. At the annual reunion of the group this fall in Fort Smith, Arkansas, one of the investigators will bring a report on the controversy surrounding his remains.

The **Raytown Historical Society** is on the tour of the Santa Fe Trail Geocache that includes 73 boxes placed along the trail from Franklin, MO all the way to Santa Fe, NM. Geocaching is a hobby enjoyed by many individuals of all ages. It usually includes using a cell phone with a special application with a GPS locator to find the various boxes. Once found, it is protocol to take an object as a memento and leave an object of similar value for the next person. To participate you need to subscribe to a geocaching service such as Geocaching Premium for \$29.99 a year. For further info, go to www.santafetrail.org or www.geocaching.com. Raytown Historical Society is located at 9705 E. 63rd Street, Raytown, MO. While in Raytown look for new Santa Fe, Oregon, and California National Historic Trail signs installed by the Raytown Parks Department and the historic Rice-Tremonti Home. The goal is to mark the tour routes as close possible for the entire length of the three National Historic Trails. There are also new trail markers in Independence, Missouri and Sugar Creek, Missouri to mark the route from the Wayne City Landing to Independence.

For your summer reading the *Examiner* had some tips in the June 28, 2014 issue. One is called *Elizabeth's War: Missouri 1863* by Kansas City author D. L. Rogers. It is a historically accurate tale of the struggle of families living in western Missouri and is set in Cass County. It follows Elizabeth Miers and her family as they face the infamous Order No. 11 and set off on a 60-mile escape to her uncle's farm in St. Clair County. It is published by Two Trails Publishing in Independence, Missouri and can be found on Amazon Kindle and Smashwords.com or from the author at www.drogersbooks.com.

If your summer travels take you to the Springfield, Missouri area in the late summer, you might want to visit **Wilson's Creek National Battlefield** where they have recently installed a new entrance sign to be in accordance with the National Park Service signage guidelines. They are working on new exhibit panels with the assistance of Harpers Ferry staff members and hope to have them ready for the public to view in late summer. In 2014 Wilson's Creek will be observing the 153rd anniversary of the battle.