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2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:00 p.m.

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

Independence, Missouri

**Visitors Always Welcome!**

### Annual Dues

Individual ----- 20.00  
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# The Border Star



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"Studying the Border War and Beyond"

*THIS MONTH IN THE WAR: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Campaign of Chancellorsville, VA from May 3-5, 2013. Campaign went from April 29, 1863 – May 4, 1863. General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was Wounded in the arm by one of his own men on May 2, 1863 and subsequently died. Just seven days Beforehand he had his photo taken at his home in Belvoir. Until his death no one except those who Actually saw him knew what he looked like. The photo was used as the frontispiece for his biography And also on the front page of the Southern Illustrated News which commissioned the photo. The Museum of the Confederacy will be displaying the Confederacy's 2<sup>nd</sup> National Flag draped on Jackson's casket on May 11-12, 2013.*

## President's Letter

*"Old soldiers never die; they just fade away"*

~ General Douglas MacArthur

With all due respect General, you're wrong. Old soldiers do die. In the year 2011, 270,000 World War II veterans died an average of 740 per day. The World War II veteran population fell below 1.5 million in 2011. That is less than one-tenth of the 16 million who served. Along with losing our fathers, grandfathers, uncles and friends we are losing their history. It is probably universally true that soldiers who have truly seen the horrors of combat rarely talk about it. The trauma they endured is just too great to remember. I sometimes wish that the veterans that remain with us could or would tell their story. Don't get me wrong I don't want the horrors. I want to know about them, where they were and how they reacted. There are heroes amongst us that we will never know and we lose more every day. The heroes in my life never told me their story and my life is a little less for that. I know that they were two farm boys from the Midwest and like many others, away from home for the first time. I know that the tie between them was great enough that they were able, despite regulations, to serve on the same ship together. They made a pact that when on the ship they would be like strangers and if something did happen each would be on their own. I doubt if they could have kept that pact.

To all veterans, please record your history. Your family needs/wants information about their hero. My heroes are now buried not ten feet apart; brothers and shipmates for eternity. I still want to hear more of their history.

~Mike Calvert, President

**Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri**

### 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 for assistance.

## **CWRTWM Calendar**

### May 2013 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 – 7:00 p.m., The Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level), 3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. Mike Calver – “Jabez Smith, the Largest Slaveholder in Jackson County, Missouri.”

### Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.  
Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51 Terr. Court S., Independence, MO.

### Historic Preservation Month – Bus Tour

Saturday, May 18, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Bus tour to Bates County Museum and Island Mound State Historic Site. \$30 for school bus transportation and box lunch. Choose between turkey and ham sandwich on bun. Send reservation checks to “CWRTWM, P.O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055.” For information please call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 (cell). Meet at the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe, 106 E. Walnut, Independence, MO. Street parking and a parking lot at Walnut and Liberty.

## **Other Civil War Events**

### Divided Loyalties – Civil War Soldiers Buried In Clay County, Missouri

Thursday, May 2, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.  
Clay County Archives, 210 E. Franklin, Liberty, MO. Book release discussion and presentation. Copies will be available for purchase at \$30. The 350 page book has brief biographies of 800 Civil War veterans and 600 photographs.

### Truman Heritage Festival – Grandview, MO

Friday evening, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, May 4, 2013.  
Civil War reenactors will be camping behind City Hall, 1205 Jones, Grandview, MO. Parade on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. Living history at the 101 year old depot until 4:00 p.m. Authentic reenactors of all branches of service and civilians.

### Liberty, MO 2013 Walking Tours

Saturday, May 4, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.

Jewell & Lightburne Historic Districts. Meet at parking lot on corner of Franklin and Lightburne Streets. Free.

### Kansas Territorial Characters

Sunday, May 5, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.  
Constitution Hall State Historic Site, Lecompton, KS. Reenactment of an 1850s Territorial Kansas town hall meeting during “Bleeding Kansas.” \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

### Lunch and Learn – Independence, MO

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 – Noon to 1:00 p.m.  
Truman Memorial Building, 416 West Maple Street, Independence, MO. David Jackson, archivist with the Jackson County Historical Society, will present information on conducting oral history interviews.

### Jesse James-American Experience, PBS

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.  
Your local Public Broadcasting TV Station.

### Cass County Historical Society – Harrisonville, MO

Friday, May 10, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.  
Pearson Hall at the Cass County Public Library, 400 E. Mechanic Street, Harrisonville, MO. Don and Lonnie Peters – “Documenting and Restoring Historic Log Buildings in Missouri.”

### American Girl: Addy’s Civil War

Saturday, May 11, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.  
Liberty Library, 10000 Kent Street, Liberty, MO. Participants age 8 and up will discover the impact of the Civil War on children of the era. RSVP to (816) 781-9240.

### “The Immortal 10 and the Rescue of Dr. John Doy”

Saturday, May 11, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.  
Westport Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO. Gary Jenkins, documentary filmmaker, has a new film about Dr. John Doy who left Lawrence, KS with 12 Freedom Seekers in 1859. They were captured about 30 miles north by Missouri bounty hunters. Dr. Doy was found guilty and sentenced to 5 years for theft of slaves. Ten Lawrence residents planned and executed the jailbreak of Dr. Doy.

### Lunch and Learn – Independence, MO

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 – Noon to 1:00 p.m.  
Truman Memorial Building, 416 W. Maple Avenue,

Independence, MO. Steve Noll of the Jackson County Historical Society will share information about the historic Jackson County Courthouse.

#### Bravest of the Brave

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.

North Independence Library, 317 W. 24 Highway, Independence, MO. Learn about the Civil War Medal of Honor recipients who went “above and beyond the call of duty” in Missouri and Kansas between 1861-1864. RSVP to (816) 252-0950.

#### Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. – Dinner (\$25).

Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee Street, Kansas City, MO. Deborah Bruckner: “Libby Custer and Her Remembrance of George Armstrong Custer.” For dinner reservation call Ann Schultis, 816-456-0669.

#### Civil War Round Table of Cass County – Harrisonville, MO

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Pearson Hall, Harrisonville Public Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Diane Eickhoff and Aaron Barnhart: *The Big Divide – A Travel Book of Kansas-Missouri*.

#### Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, May 15, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Southview Manor Apartments, 2600 A Hub Drive, Independence, MO. Kevin Fewell: “The History of Union Cemetery and People Buried There.”

#### Clay County Historical Society

Thursday, May 16, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main, Liberty, MO. Linda Emley: “The History of Ray County.” \$3.

#### Civil War Women Genealogy

Saturday, May 18, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee’s Summit, Road, Independence, MO. Through records, resources, and repositories, the role of women will be examined in anti-slavery organizations, soldiers’ aid organizations, lineage societies, and freed slave support societies. To register call (816) 252-7228.

#### Lunch and Learn – Independence, MO

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 – Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Truman Memorial Building, 416 W. Maple Ave. Independence, MO. Alversia Pettigrew:

“Growing Up in the Neck, Independence, MO.”

#### Old Home Trade Show

Thursday, May 23, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Truman Memorial Building, 416 W. Maple Ave., Independence, MO. Various companies will have information on products and services that can help historic building owners retain the historic feeling of their structure but keep it functional in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

#### The Battle of Fredericksburg

Sunday, May 26, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Museum, 101 E. Broadway, Excelsior Springs, MO. Brian Smarker: “The Battle of Fredericksburg.” Also view “Divided Loyalties, Civil War Documents from the Missouri State Archives” from 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### Memorial Day at Union Cemetery

Monday, May 27, 2013 – 11:30 a.m.

Union Cemetery, 227 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Terr., Kansas City, MO. Ceremony followed by cookie and lemonade reception. The Round Table is hosting the reception to assist the Union Cemetery Historical Society. If you can help provide cookies, please call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 (cell).

#### Lunch and Learn – Glendale Farm, Independence, MO

Tuesday, May 28, 2013 – Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Truman Memorial Building, 416 W. Maple Ave. Independence, MO. Ann Taylor: “Working on the Housekeeping and Kitchen Staff at Glendale Farm.”

#### Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, May 28, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. - Dinner (\$27).

Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Matt Spruill: “Gettysburg.” For dinner reservation call Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

#### The Underground Railroad

Thursday, May 30, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee’s Summit Road, Independence, MO. Brother John shares the Who, What, and Where Did It Go. To RSVP call (816) 252-7228.

The War for Freedom: Underground Railroad Conference

May 31, 2013. Deadline for Early Bird Registration (\$200). Conference is June 19 - 22, 2013 at Double Tree Hotel in downtown Little Rock, AR. Visit [www.asalh.org/ugrr](http://www.asalh.org/ugrr) for more information.

Cross Border Quantrill's Raid-Bus Trips from Harrisonville, MO

May 31, 2013. Deadline for Early Bird Registration (\$100 for two days or \$60 for one day). Freedom's Frontier in cooperation with Cass and Douglas County is presenting two different Quantrill tours on August 17<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup>. Tours start in Harrisonville at 8:00 a.m. and include lunch. For more info call Julie McPike at (785) 856-5300.

Liberty, MO 2013 Walking Tours

Saturday, June 1, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.  
New Hope and Fairview Cemetery. Meet at the stone arch entry on Shrader Street.

Confederate Memorial Day-Higginsville, MO

Saturday, June 1, 2013. 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Confederate Memorial State Historical Site, Higginsville, MO. Color guard, Recognition of Groups, 3 stories of real Confederate heroes, Recognition of Confederate ancestors.

Clay County Picnic at Mt. Gilead

Sunday, June 2, 2013. More information to follow.

"The Big Divide" Book Signing in Harrisonville

Tuesday, June 4, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.  
Harrisonville Library, 400 E. Mechanic,  
Harrisonville, MO. Diane Eickhoff and Aaron Barnhart will sign their new travel book *The Big Divide*.

**Exhibit through end of 2013  
Columbia, MO**

Walters History Museum, East Gallery: Missouri's Civil War 1863: Divided at Home. Boone County Museum, 3801 Ponderosa Street, Columbia, MO.  
Thursday – Sunday (12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.).  
Saturday (9:30 a.m. – 4:40 p.m.) \$2.00. Artifacts, clothing, authentic weapons, and personal effects from the tumultuous time of 1863 in Missouri.

**Coming Events for July, August & September, 2013**

Exploring the Life and Times of Abraham Lincoln  
July 16 - 18, 2013 – Three day seminar sponsored by the National Frontier Trails Museum. Visits to New Salem and Springfield, IL and the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Cost is \$303 for bus transportation, two nights lodging, two evening meals, and all admissions. Graduate credit is available. Contact Richard Edwards at (816) 325-7476 or by E-Mail to [rwedwards@indepmo.org](mailto:rwedwards@indepmo.org).

Order No. 11 Events

August 4, 2013 – Order No. 10 Event at Majors Home, Kansas City.

August 17, 2013 – Reading of Order No. 11 at Pacific Hotel – City Market, Kansas City, MO.

September 14, 2013 – Reenactment of Order No. 11 at Missouri Town, Lake Jacomo, MO.

September 28, 2013 – Austin Bean Eatin' and Reading of Order No 11, Cass County, MO.

**News About Members and Friends**

Our condolences go to the family of **Ken Cavanah** who on died on April 21, 2013. Ken was a longtime member of the Round Table and lived at the Villages of Jackson Creek for several years. He always teased that he had the shortest distance to come to the meetings in his wheelchair.

We also want to remember our board member **Chris Cooper** who lost his mother, Betty Lucile Cooper of Lee's Summit on March 30, 2013. He credits his mother for his knowledge of Lee's Summit history and genealogy, especially the Younger family. **Chris and Faye** have recently been on an archaeological investigation of the extinct townsite of Castle Rock southeast of Jefferson City. The **Coopers** will be moving from Independence to Lee's Summit on May 18, 2013.

**Frank Adams** is now staying at Sunrise Senior Living in Overland Park, KS following a stroke. The address is 12500 W. 135th Street, Overland Park, KS 66221. He spends most of his time in a wheelchair but is doing physical therapy to build his

strength. Before visiting it's a good idea to check to make sure he's not out for a doctor's appointment. The number at Sunrise is (913) 685-3340. Art Kelley and another friend were able to visit with Frank about April 1<sup>st</sup> while he was at St. Mary's Manor in Blue Springs.

Historian **James Basker** visited the Kansas City Central Library in April to talk about his new book, *American Anti-Slavery Writings: Colonial Beginnings to Emancipation*. He relates that before the Civil War a free black Methodist minister was sentenced to 10 years for possession. What Samuel Green possessed was a copy of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

On Monday, March 25, 2013 **Mike Calvert** gave a report to the City Council of Independence on the activities of the Heritage Commission which he chairs. In 2012 the Commission participated in Preservation Month in May and presented the annual Hickman Award for preservation. Commission members also attended several statewide training events and engaged in the use of social media with Facebook and Twitter pages. In other words, they joined the 21<sup>st</sup> century. They have received a \$15,000 grant to do an historical survey of the North Main Street neighborhood which should be completed by the end of the year. **Mike** also participated in the National Frontier Trails reenactment on April 27<sup>th</sup> as he portrayed Captain Daniel Whittenhall who shared his adventures while stationed at Fort Larned.

We are happy to say that **Karen Coin** is at home after a protracted bout with respiratory problems and is doing much better. She is taking walks to increase her strength and welcomes phone calls and E-mails. You can call her at (816) 506-5688 or E-mail her at karencoin9@kc.rr.com.

Congratulations to **Dwight Frizzell** who is co-creator of a new chamber opera called "Darwin." You may remember that Dwight presented a program to us at the Old Blake Museum (Blue & Grey Book Shoppe) about the "Irish Wilderness" in southern Missouri. Through Dwight we were able to meet his mother **Vesta Frizzell** who continues to live in Independence.

**Bob Grover** reminds us that the Heartland Honor Flights are continuing to take World War II veterans

from Kansas City to Washington, D.C. to visit the new WWII memorial. He and others welcome the veterans home at the airport with signs, flags, smiles, and thanks for their service. Kansas City Channel TV-9 traveled with the veterans and will be sponsoring a telethon about May 23<sup>rd</sup> to raise funds for future flights.

The *American Profile* newspaper of April 17, 2013 had in its "Tidbits" of the Midwest that **Wes Hall** of Jetmore, KS was a member of the National Underwater and Marine Agency that found the wreckage of the *CSS H. L. Hunley*, a sunken Confederate submarine, in 1995. For his work in the field Hall (1952-2012) was nicknamed "the Underwater Indiana Jones."

Our member **Jim Howk** continues to volunteer as an historian and lecturer at the National Frontier Trails Museum. In March he delivered the lecture "Exploring with Lewis and Clark."

**Barbara Hughes** will be a very busy lady in May. On May 18<sup>th</sup> she and Dick will proudly see their grandson's graduation from Blue Valley West High School. She also has a number of club bookings which draw on her American History Women. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> she will address the Jackson County Genealogical Society with a presentation called "August, 1863," the vignette on Laura Flanery who walked to Texas after Order No. 11. On May 8<sup>th</sup> she will participate in Missouri History Day at the Lone Jack Museum where she will present Martha Tate whose husband was killed by Federals after Order No. 11. On May 11<sup>th</sup> she will share with the Sons of the American Revolution the story of Anna Mary Kersallen, an indentured servant.

The **Jackson County Genealogical Society** is collecting Bible records which were often the only place that 19<sup>th</sup> Century marriages, births, and deaths were recorded. Carl Wilder is the project coordinator and invites people to photocopy the records from the family Bible, the title page of the Bible, and the copyright page to mail to Jackson County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1133, Independence, MO 64051. If you would like them to scan the pages for you, you can come to their headquarters in the historical Truman Depot, 1111 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO on Tuesdays,

Thursdays, or Saturdays. Call (816) 252-8128 to schedule an appointment.

The **Jackson County Historical Society** is presenting a new monthly calendar of events. If you would like to subscribe, go to [www.jchs.org/regional-history-events](http://www.jchs.org/regional-history-events).

Congratulations to the **Johnson County (MO) Historical Society** in Warrensburg, MO for receiving the Exemplary Community Achievement award in April 2013 from the Missouri Humanities Council.

**Melanie and Perry Johnson** were honored for historic preservation of the Stone-Gamble House, 1114 S. Noland Road, Independence, MO by being awarded the 2013 W. Z. Hickman Award. The house is now a bed and breakfast operating as the Silver Heart Inn. The Independence *Examiner* had an extensive interview with them on April 17<sup>th</sup> and David Jackson dedicated his Historical Perspectives column on April 20<sup>th</sup> to the history of the house as researched by Audrey Elder and Liana Twente, leaders of Past to Present, a local research company specializing in historical properties.

We were not able to visit the **Lewis-Gregg Cemetery** on Park Day because of the threat of rain, but Carol and Steve Olson went by and picked up a few branches. They said that the winter had been kind to the cemetery and that the stones that we cleaned a year ago are still looking good. We have begun the annual grass mowing with the help of **Chris Henderson** and our chairman **Harry Rinacke**.

**The Lone Jack Historical Society** may not have its usual luminaries for Memorial Day because the light from the nearby gas station makes the cemetery too bright. If they change their mind, Alinda Miller will let us know.

We were happy to see the picture of **Fran Mason-Nixon** presenting the DAR Conservation Award to **Frances Mathews** in the Saturday, April 2, 2013 edition of the *Examiner*. Frances made arrangements to have the Wild Edibles group from Burr Oaks Conservation visit the Little Blue Battlefield at Ripley Junction and have Ted

Stillwell tell them about the battle before exploring the flora along the Little Blue.

We send our regards to the volunteers at **Missouri Town 1855** for the death of one of their own – **Roy McClure** who used to play the banjo at the tavern at Missouri Town which recreates pre-Civil War frontier life in Fleming Park near Lake Jacomo.

We want to recognize **Ernie McGonigal** of Odessa, MO for returning to Union Cemetery, the tombstone of Lewis Adams which he discovered at his farm. Mr. Adams was born in Virginia and lived in Kansas City with his wife Matilda. He was a veteran of the Civil War, serving in the 68th Regiment USC Co B. He died at the age of 65 on October 8, 1896.

Thanks go to **Steve Miller** who noticed that the Civil War marker at Lexington and Crysler in Independence, MO was missing. Come to find out it had been hit by a car and the pole was destroyed, but the marker is intact and will be reinstalled. We rely on the eagle eyes of our members to let us know of any problems with markers.

We want to thank the publishers of *Missouri Life Magazine* for their ongoing articles about the Civil War in Missouri. The April 2013 issue had an extensive list of the postings of General Grant which form a new Civil War Trail that has been researched by our friend Greg Wolk of St. Louis who wrote the travel guide book called *Missouri's Civil War*. We have a copy of the book for sale for \$20. Call Beverly Shaw if you would like to pick it up at our meeting (816) 225-7944.

There are many museums that have the name “National...” If your travels take you to Harrisburg, PA, you will want to visit the **National Civil War Museum** which opened in 2001 and was founded by former Harrisburg Mayor and Civil War buff Stephen R. Reed. It incorporates collections of artifacts, manuscripts, documents, and photographs and encompasses the period 1850 through 1876. Popular exhibits include General Lee’s Bible inscribed “R. E. Lee, City of Mexico, Sept. 1847” and a leather glove worn by General Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson.

In Washington, D.C. you might want to visit the **National Building Museum** dedicated to the building arts. It was built in the 1880s as a “modern” office building to house the **Pension Building** where some 1,500 clerks dispensed Civil War pension benefits. It had such engineering innovations as dumbwaiters and conveyors to facilitate the movement of documents. The stairways were designed with deep treads and low risers to make the climb easier for elderly or disabled veterans. The building itself was a memorial to the veterans of the Civil War, and between 1879 and 1924, \$5.7 trillion in pensions was distributed to veterans and their dependents. The Nashville *Scene* recently had a posting called “Somewhere in this state a Civil War veteran’s kid is still getting his benefits.” It noted that at the bottom of an AP story about the ongoing cost of all wars, there was an interesting tidbit, “The Civil War payments are going to two children of veterans – one in North Carolina and one in Tennessee – each for \$876 per year.” The reporter concluded that “it’s a good reminder of just how young we are as a country. People whose fathers fought in the Civil War are still alive. It wasn’t that long ago.” The *Examiner’s* “100 Years Ago” column from April 20-26, 1913, observed that a bill was passed by the last legislature pensioning Ex-Confederate soldiers. Any man who enlisted in the Confederate Army, commonly called the Jackson State Militia, shall be entitled to a pension of \$10 a month. Another bill appropriated \$15,000 to defray the expenses of Union and Ex-Confederate veterans to attend the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

**Brian and Sharon Snyder** are concerned that their antebellum home, the McCoy House at 410 W. Farmer, is gradually being shaken to pieces by the additional traffic going by the side of their house to service the Heritage House apartments which are being redeveloped just down the block. The *Examiner* article of April 19<sup>th</sup> showed a picture of the Snyders in front of their 163-year-old house with a headline which reads “Heritage vs. heritage.” Sharon also wrote a letter to the editor on April 6<sup>th</sup> called “Listen to residents on historic needs.”

**Tom Rafiner** has a new book called *Cinders and Silence: A Chronicle of Missouri’s Burnt District* which focuses on the period 1854 to 1870. It will have 30 maps and 40 photographs and should be

available for purchase this summer. To have your name added to a list to purchase a book from the first printing, call the Cass County Historical Society at (816) 380-4396 or E-mail them at [cchsmo@gmail.com](mailto:cchsmo@gmail.com).

Best wishes to **Janice Schultz** as she retires from being branch manager of the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, Missouri. This concludes a 25 year career that started as a part-time job.

**Beverly Shaw** would like to thank the Round Table for its support in the recent honor she received as a 2013 Hickman Award recipient for historic preservation in Independence, Missouri. As you know, any award is really a group effort. She would like to request that you distribute copies of the Bus Tour to Bates County flyer to those you think might be interested and if you can help with cookies for the Memorial Day (May 27<sup>th</sup>) reception, please give her a call at (816) 225-7944.

**Richard Stewart** thanks the Round Table for the \$25 contribution to the Quantrill Special Collections at the Benton County (AR) Historical Society in Bentonville, AR. The collection will have a grand opening on June 9, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. You can follow Richard’s research on Quantrill men by going to [www.josieqscr.blogspot.com](http://www.josieqscr.blogspot.com).

**Ted Stillwell** writes historical articles for the *Examiner* and also speaks to civic groups on a variety of topics. Sometimes his audience comes up with a question he can’t answer. Ted wonders if anyone has heard of “White Rags” who may have operated in northern Missouri, similar to names such as “Redlegs” or “Jayhawkers.” If you have any information on the “White Rags,” please E-mail Ted at [teddstillwell@yahoo.com](mailto:teddstillwell@yahoo.com) or call him at (816) 252-9909. If you don’t mind sharing with the Round Table, you can also E-mail Beverly Shaw at [bevjoshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:bevjoshaw@hotmail.com) for a future item in the *Border Star*.

Our member **Steve Warren** is a finalist in the non-fiction category of the 2013 Oklahoma Book Awards for his book *The Second Battle of Cabin Creek*. The awards ceremony is in Oklahoma City.





# BUS TOUR TO BATES COUNTY, MISSOURI

Saturday, May 18, 2013 ~ 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Start from the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe, 106 E. Walnut, Independence, MO (street parking and parking lot at Walnut and Liberty). Book shop will be open.

Sponsored by the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri.

\$30 Reservation by May 15, 2013. Mail to: "CWRTWM, P.O. Box 3019, Independence, Missouri 64055." After May 15<sup>th</sup> call (816) 225-7955.

Bates County Museum in Butler, Missouri: Talk by Dr. Joan Stack, curator of art collections of the State Historical Society of Missouri. "George Caleb Bingham and the copy of Order No. 11 owned by the Bates County Museum."

Box Lunch and tour of the Museum: Ham or turkey sandwich on bun, pasta salad, cookie, and iced tea or water (please specify ham or turkey with reservation).

Drive to Island Mound State Historic Site: Interprets the first time African-American troops were used in the Civil War.

Drive by West Point, an extinct town destroyed during the Civil War. Previously was a jumping off point for the western migration.

Transportation will be by school bus so you might want to bring a pillow for padding. Some walking required. For information call (816) 225-7944.

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