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3980-A S. Jackson Drive
(lower level)
Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

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The bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861 was the opening engagement of the American Civil War. The countdown to the 150th Anniversary on April 12, 2011 is just 62 days away, as of the date of our next Round Table meeting on February 9, 2011.

President's Letter

Bingham's "Order No. 11 Argued for Civil Liberties

Mike Calvert sends greetings from the snowy netherlands of Lake City Arsenal where he is now employed as facilities manager. He apologizes for not having an essay for this month's Border Star, but the creative juices have refused to flow.

Beverly Shaw is substituting this month to bring you thoughts on Missouri painter George Caleb Bingham whose birth 200 years ago is cause for many events and activities in 2011. Our late President Tim Cox had a very keen interest in Bingham and prepared a first-person presentation complete with frock coat, brocaded vest and hat (Bingham was a bit of a dandy). Tim's family gave him the linchpin of his Bingham programs – a photographic reproduction of "Order No. 11" (aka "Martial Law") from the Cincinnati Museum of Art. The second painting on the same theme is a slightly larger version which is now part of the State Historical Society's Bingham collection and currently hangs in Ellis Library on the University of Missouri campus. "Order No. 11" was also rendered in line and mezzotint engravings which are 32 x 43 inches and produced by John Sartain of Philadelphia in 1872.

Recently the Burnt District Museum in Harrisonville, Missouri was loaned an engraving from the first printing and visitors may view it during regular business hours at the Harrisonville Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, Missouri. The Westport Historical Society also owns an engraving which was restored several years ago and hangs in the Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri.

As a part of the Bingham programs, the Westport Historical Society has invited Susann Shinkle, a Nelson Gallery docent, to bring a PowerPoint presentation on the Bingham works held at the Nelson to its monthly speaker's series at the Westport Library at 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, Missouri, on Saturday, March 12th at 2:00 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. Kay Cox and her children have generously agreed to loan their copy of "Order No. 11" for this special program.

Ted Stillwell wrote a column for the *Examiner* on January 26, 2011 about "Order No. 11." He reminds us that the painting was not actually begun until mid-November of 1865 and not completed until the latter part of May 1868. Bingham used it as a political tool to spread his disgust with Ewing's disregard for the civil liberties of Missouri citizens displaced from their homes and property.

Weather Advisory and Use of Code for Entrance & Exit at the Villages

Given the vagaries of Missouri weather we are instituting our winter policy of having a recorded message on Beverly Shaw's home phone if we feel the need to cancel our monthly meeting. The number is (816) 478-7648.

Our meeting place is very generously provided by the Villages of Jackson Creek, an Independence assisted living and nursing care facility. We meet in the eastern wing of the building which is occupied by the assisted living clients. In the evening the front doors are secured and can only be accessed by the keypad with the code **1207***. When you leave after the meeting, please be sure to utilize the keypad rather than forcing the doors open. Once you have entered **1207***, you will need to stand directly in front of the doors to activate them. If you have a problem, you can call Beverly on her cell phone number (816) 225-7944 to ask for assistance.

CWRTWM Calendar

February 2011 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level),
3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO
Movie Night-First episode of Ken Burns'
Civil War series – “The Causes.” Popcorn,
cookies, and drinks will be served. Thanks
to Don Moorehead for providing the DVD.

February 2011 Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 16, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51 Terr. Court,
Independence, Missouri.

Other Civil War Events

Minstrel Show at Alexander Majors Home

Friday, February 4, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.-Wine &
Cheese, 6:30 p.m. - An evening with celebrated
banjo and minstrel showmaster, Frank Converse.
Majors Home, 8201 State Line Road, Kansas City,
MO. Free but donations appreciated.

George Caleb Bingham Series at Arrow Rock

Saturday, February 5, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. Arrow
Rock State Historic Site Visitors Center. Dr.
Maryellen McVicker: “Bingham and His Art.”

Cherokee Freedmen

Saturday, February 5, 2011 – 10:30 a.m. Midwest
Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee’s Summit Road,
Independence, MO. Preston Washington: Records
about Freedmen, slaves owned by Indian Tribes,
and how his family learned about their slave
generations. To register, call (816) 252-7228.

Bleeding Kansas Lecture Series - Lecompton, KS

Sunday, February 6, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. Constitution
Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore Street,
Lecompton, KS. Dave Schafer: “Border State Son:
Harry S.Truman and the War Between the States.

The Story of Nicodemus, Kansas

Monday, February 7, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.
West Wyandotte Branch Library, 1737 N. 82nd
Street, Kansas City, KS. Angela Bates:
Nicodemus, the only remaining all-Black settlement
west of the Mississippi. Angela details the slave
experience as told by those who lived it. For
information, call (913) 596-5800.

Cole Younger & Frank James’ Wild West Show

Monday, February 7, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Mid-Continent Library at 404 Frank Street,
Edgerton, Missouri. After 25 years in the Stillwater
Penitentiary Younger is reunited with Frank James,
and they talk about their noted exploits. Interpreted
by Dave Bears and Gregg Higginbotham. Sign up
required at (816) 790-3569.

Pony Express Lecture Series - St. Joseph, MO

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Pony
Express Museum-Community Room, 914 Penn
Street, St. Joseph, MO. The “Dunlap Diaries –
Words Written 150 Years Ago Come to Life” and
“A Conversation with Caldwell and Sam” as
portrayed by Judge Frank Connett and John
Wiggington.

Civil War History-Liberty Library

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Mid-
Continent Library, 1000 Kent Street, Liberty,
MO. “What Happened in April of 1861?”
Registration at (816) 781-9240. Program
repeated on February 24th and 25th at 3:00 p.m.

Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Cass County
Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO.
Barbara Hughes portrays Caroline Quantrill, the
mother of William Clarke Quantrill and gives a
PowerPoint presentation on Quantrill. See article.

“Lincoln Shot” by Barry Denenberg

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 – 2:00 p.m.
Blue Springs North Library, 850 NW Hunter
Drive, Blue Springs, MO. Discussion of the
book *Lincoln Shot: A President’s Life
Remembered*. Registration at (816) 224-8772.

Tombstone Talks - Frontier Trails Museum

Thursday, February 10, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W.
Pacific, Independence, MO. \$6. John Mark
Lambertson: Glorious Monuments: America’s
Golden Age of Tombstone Art.”

The Border Between Them - Jefferson City, MO

Thursday, February 10, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Missouri
State Archives, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City,
MO. Jeremy Neely, author of *The Border between*

Them: Violence and Reconciliation on the Kansas-Missouri Line.

Militaria Show - Leavenworth, KS

Saturday, February 12, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Leavenworth Riverfront Community Center, 123 S. Esplanade Street, Leavenworth, KS. Sponsored by the Fort Leavenworth Historical Society. \$3 Donation. Military Collectibles only from all time periods.

Records of Antebellum Southern Plantations

Saturday, February 12, 2011 – 9:30 a.m. Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. With letters, ledgers, and lithographs, the lives of southern ancestors come alive. To register call (816) 252-7228.

"Ride with the Devil" Screening

Saturday, February 12, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. National Archives, 400 W. Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Free winter film. See article.

African Americans in the Civil War

Saturday, February 12, 2011 – 10:30 a.m. Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, 3700 Blue Parkway, Kansas City, MO. Joe Mattox presents a 3-part selective history of U. S. Colored Troops who fought at Island Mound near Butler, MO and at the Battle of Westport. Class Fee is \$16 payable to Communiversity at UMKC. Call (816) 235-1407 or visit; www.umkc.edu/commu.

Bleeding Kansas Lecture- Lecompton, KS

Sunday, February 13, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore Street, Lecompton, KS. Diane Mutti-Burke: "On Slavery's Border – Missouri's Small Slaveholding Households, 1815-1865." Free.

Stories of Kansas Exhibition - National Archives

February 15-May 28, 2011 – Business Hours.
National Archives, 400 W. Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Free exhibition called "Cowboys, Quacks, and Carousels: Stories of Kansas." The section called Fame, Fortune, and Fury features such characters as James Lane.

Living Abe Lincoln as portrayed by Larry Greer

Tuesday, February 15, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Blue Ridge

Library, 9253 Blue Ridge Blvd. Kansas City, MO. Few Americans have had a more profound effect on American society than Abe Lincoln who is brought to life in this riveting account by actor Larry Greer. To register call (816) 761-3382.

Lincoln program repeated at Smithville Library on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. 120 Richardson Street, Smithville, MO. To register call (816) 532-0116.

Lincoln program repeated at Colbern Road Library on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. 1000 NE Colbern Road, Lee's Summit, MO. To register call (816) 525-9924.

A Story about Harriet Tubman

Tuesday, February 15, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. North Independence Library, 317 W. 24 Highway, Independence, MO. Shirley Johnson portrays Tubman in "Triumph of the Spirit," a witty two-act play based on her life. Register at; (816) 252-0950.

Cemetery Art: What Does That Thing on the Headstone Mean? Wednesday, February 16, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. Red Bridge Library, 11140 Locust, Kansas City, MO. Join Ellen Miller for a presentation on what many cemetery icons mean. To register call (816) 942-1780.

Juneteenth in February

Saturday, February 19, 2011 – 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 20, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. "Juneteenth" describes the day the last slaves in Texas heard about their freedom. Classes, demonstrations, and displays. Co-sponsored with MAGIC (Midwest Afro-American Genealogy Interest Coalition). Classes will include tips on researching black, free persons of color, slaves, and freedmen.

"Dance at the Mockbee House" - Drama

Saturday, February 19, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. 1897 Courthouse, 201 E. Wall, Harrisonville, MO. An original play in 3 acts depicting Cole Younger's fight with a Union officer at a Harrisonville dance that forced Younger into hiding and guerrilla life. Contact the Cass County Historical Society at (816) 380-4396 for tickets.

Bleeding Kansas Lecture - Lecompton, KS
Sunday, February 20, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore Street, Lecompton, KS. Shane Seley, documentary filmmaker with Wide Awake Films: “Bad Blood: The Border War that Triggered the Civil War.”

Frontier Feminist: Clarina Howard Nichols
Sunday, February 20, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Historians Kristen Tegtmeier Oertel and Marilyn S. Blackwell discuss their new book, *Frontier Feminist: Clarina Howard Nichols and the Politics of Motherhood*. After joining the antislavery migration from Vermont to Kansas in the 1850s, Nichols championed freedom in the territory and assisted former slaves. To register call (816) 701-3400.

Kansas City Round Table Membership Meeting
Tuesday, February 22, 2011 – Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Dinner: \$25. For reservations call Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962. Daniel Hadley: The Battle of Lone Jack.

Lincoln Arrives in Washington
Wednesday, February 23, 2011 – 11:00 a.m. North Independence Library, 317 W. 24 Highway, Independence, MO. A trip back in time to Washington. To register call (816) 252-0950.

Negroes to Hire - Jefferson City, MO
Thursday, February 24, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Missouri State Archives, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO. Filmmaker Gary Jenkins will be joined by some of the authors and noted historians who are featured in the film “Negroes to Hire: Slave Life and Culture on Missouri Farms.”

Old Stone Church Gospel Concert
Saturday, February 26, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Old Stone Church, 315 Sixth Street, Osawatomie, KS. The church was built In 1861 by the Rev. Samuel Adair, John Brown’s brother-in-law. A benefit for The John Brown Museum.

Bleeding Kansas Lecture - Lecompton, KS
Sunday, February 27, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore Street, Lecompton, KS. Elliott Schimmel: “The Politics of

the English Bill: A disingenuous Compromise for Kansas Statehood.”

Ray County in the 1800s
Thursday, March 3, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. Excelsior Springs Library, 1460 Kearney Road, Excelsior Springs, MO. The curator of the Ray County Historical Museum will tell what life was like in the 1800s and show artifacts and clothing. To register call (816) 630-6721.

Living Abe Lincoln - Lone Jack Library
Thursday, March 3, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. Lone Jack Library, 211 N. Bynum Road, Lone Jack, MO. Abe is brought to life by actor Larry Greer. To register call (816) 697-2528.

Civil War - Liberty Library
Thursday, March 3, 2011 – 3:00 p.m. Liberty Library, 1000 Kent Street, Liberty, MO. Learn more about the Civil War. To register call (816) 781-9240.

Coming Attractions

Memorial Service for George Caleb Bingham
Saturday and Sunday, March 19-20, 2011 – 4:30 p.m. Union Cemetery, 227 E. 28th Terr., Kansas City, MO. 200th anniversary of the birth of George Caleb Bingham, painter of “Order No. 11” who is buried at Union Cemetery. Re-creation of an actual 1800s funeral service. See article.

Lasting Legacies of the Civil War
Saturday, March 26, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee’s Summit Road, Independence, MO. The Kansas City Round Table is sponsoring a Symposium featuring three well-known Civil War scholars. See Article.

Battle of Carthage Guided Bus Tour
Saturday, April 30, 2011. The Kansas City Round Table is sponsoring a tour with stops at the Burnt District in Harrisonville, the Bushwhacker Museum in Nevada, a 10-mile driving tour of the Battle of Carthage, and the Civil War Museum at Carthage. Price of the tour and departure time and location to be announced soon.

Third Trans-Mississippi Conference
Friday and Saturday, November 4-5, 2011. Clarion

Hotel, Springfield, MO. Hosted by Dr. William Piston of the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks.

News About Members and Friends

As of February 1, 2011, **Paul Tate**, our Historian, is still a patient at Research Medical Center. If you would like to send him a card, the address is Paul Tate - Room 4102, Research Medical Center, 2316 E. Meyer Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64132. Paul also enjoys receiving phone calls at (816) 276-9193.

We extend our condolences to **Tom and Janice Pearson** for the loss of his stepmother, Susan Woodward Pearson on January 26, 2011. She was a proud member of the DAR and was a great friend to many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She always wished she could keep all their names straight.

Karen Wells extends a special THANK YOU to her dear friends in the Civil War Round Table for their many kind expressions of sympathy evidenced in thought, deed, and prayers since her mother's death in Nebraska. They were deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Congratulations to **Mike Calvert** on his new job as Facilities Manager at Lake City Arsenal. In addition to being close by, it has the added bonus of some flex scheduling so that he can continue to indulge his interest in Civil War history and travel. Mike has become the "go to" guy for background information on the Border War and the Battle of the Little Blue. The Kansas City *Star* is in the process of publishing a book about Civil War history in our area, and Mike was interviewed by phone. He was also asked to participate in a telephone interview by Jennifer Wilding of the Johnson County (KS) Library. She is producing a deliberative discussion guide to get people talking about how to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

We would like to welcome **Liz Murphy** to the Board of Directors. She joins the ranks of our "north of the River" Board Members. Liz is a volunteer at the Jesse James Farm at Kearney, Missouri.

Kathy Pickering told us at the January meeting that the Pickering Award of the Native Sons and Daughters in honor of her late husband was recently awarded for the Town of Kansas marker. Maybe we can put together a day trip to drive into Kansas City and visit some of the newer historical markers that we don't have in our "Monuments" book which needs to be updated and reprinted.

Congratulations to **Pat Gradwohl** on the birth of a new great-granddaughter and to **Terry McConnell** on the birth of a new great-niece.

Lee's Summit recently lost a favorite restaurant called Neighbor's Café on 3rd Street in downtown. Among the final patrons voicing their sadness was **Dana Johnston** who called it a slice of Americana where the servers knew their clientele by name and even their favorite meals. He said, "You don't find these types of diners anymore."

Ann Straulman, Treasurer of the Union Cemetery Historical Society, read our story about the recently discovered message that was never delivered to Vicksburg in 1863. She tells us that her great-grandmother had a brother named Victor who lived in Vicksburg during the siege. The story comes down that the aunts would tell stories about eating boiled rat during the siege.

The Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks has a new website at www.cwrtozarks.tripod.com, and we will soon have our own new website up and running.

Diane Mutti Burke, Associate Professor of History at UMKC, wrote an article in the "As I See It" section of the Kansas City *Star* on January 16, 2011 on the separate paths taken by Kansas and Missouri on the question of slavery. She notes that "because of climate and location, Missouri was marked not by plantations but by small-slaveholding farms. The intimacy of Missouri slavery exposed slaves and owners to an array of human exchanges from empathy and cooperation to hatred and brutal violence. Slavery here often was just as cruel and exploitative as anywhere. Kansans have long congratulated themselves that they were on the right side of the slavery question, although most Kansas settlers were not abolitionists and merely wished to limit slavery's extension. Missourians also were not all in agreement about slavery and secession. The intensity of these conflicting viewpoints led to extreme violence as people took up arms to decide the future for both black and white residents. Diane is the author of *On Slavery's Border: Missouri's Small-Slaveholding Households, 1815-1865*. She will be discussing her book at Lecompton, Kansas on February 13th (see our calendar) and plans to speak to our Round Table on March 9th.

Congratulations to **Peggy Buhr**, Bates County Museum Marketing Director, who was recently elected President of the **Missouri-Kansas Border War Network** for a two year term. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Carol Bohl of the Cass County Historical Society who has served as President since 2006 when the Border War

Network was started from an idea that she and Jim Beckner had for better cooperation between the historical groups in western Missouri and eastern Kansas. The group meets bi-monthly on the third Wednesday of the month at different locations. The business meeting is held at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch and a tour of the host site. If you are interested in attending any of the meetings, just let Beverly Shaw know and she will send you the current information. Contact Beverly by phone at (816) 225-7944 or E-Mail at bevjoshaw@hotmail.com. The February 16th meeting will be held at the Bates County Museum at Butler, MO. You can go to www.moksbwn.net to view what the Border War Network has done in five years. The Board feels that our dues to this organization are very worthwhile. A new chapter is being written by the formation of the Burnt District Players which present first-person portrayals and readers theater presentations. On February 18-19, 2011 Peggy will portray her great-great-grandmother, Elizabeth Wheatley in a play "Murder in the Courthouse" at the Johnson County (MO) Courthouse located at 302 N. Main Street, Warrensburg, MO. The Wheatleys all lived in Johnson County in the Civil War, and it's quite possible that some of Peggy's ancestors were there when the 1861 murder occurred. For ticket information call Peggy at (660) 679-0134 or E-Mail to bcmuseum@earthlink.net.

Another organization with whom we work very closely is the **Jackson County Historical Society** based in Independence, MO. They are a great source of information about history events through their HistorE-Calendar at www.jchs.org/events. You can register to receive a free calendar by E-Mail monthly. **David Jackson** is also collecting notices of George Caleb Bingham events on a separate listing.

Our friend and former host at the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe in Independence, **Ted Stillwell**, wrote a very informative article in the January 12, 2011 issue of the *Examiner* called "Kansas Celebrates 150 Years of Statehood." He gives a thumbnail history of the state of Kansas during the time leading up to the Civil War and the bloody Border Wars. He gives credit to the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri for some of the material that originally appeared in the *Border Star*.

Author and Independence resident **Cheryl Harness** was featured in the "Jackie, Women & Family Magazine", a supplement of the *Examiner*, in January 2011. Cheryl is well-known for her illustrated children's books on historical topics and has spoken to the Round Table at the Truman Library.

Terry McConnell was kind enough to bring a clipping to the January meeting called "More Pieces of Key Highway Falling into Place" which appeared in the January 12, 2011 issue of the *Kansas City Star*. Reporter Brian Burnes writes that the Lewis and Clark Expressway is continuing to be built from I-70 north to 24 Highway through Independence, Missouri. Not visible, however, is any sign of progress on the middle section which would largely be built in unincorporated Jackson County. Burnes notes that this section has long concerned Civil War buffs because of the potential impact on the Little Blue Battlefield. Mell Henderson, Transportation Director at the Mid-America Regional Council, says that this portion is now on pause because of lack of funding. Bob Steiert sent an extra \$5 with his dues to buy some "Save the Battlefield Pins" to lend his support to an effort to keep this historic area as some kind of permanent easement or park. We are lucky that a portion of it is already set aside along the Little Blue River as the Jackson County Parks hiking and biking trail where we erected one of our two new markers at Ripley Junction. It was also announced on January 26, 2011 in the *Examiner* that Independence City Council member Jim Schultz has been elected chairman of the Board of Directors of Mid-America Regional Council for a two-year term.

Barbara Hughes to Visit Cass County Round Table

Barbara Hughes will speak to the Cass County Round Table on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. She will provide a first-person re-enactment of Caroline Quantrill, the mother of William Clarke Quantrill. She will use story-telling, historic replicas, music and PowerPoint. She has also posted videos at www.americanhistorywomen.com. The meeting is at the library in Harrisonville at 7:00 p.m.

Barbara has also been keeping busy this winter by presenting her various "women" to classes in the Independence School District.

"Ride with the Devil" Screening

The National Archives is showing this Civil War era movie on February 12th at 1:00 p.m. (see calendar). It involves a bunch of young Southern sympathizers living in Missouri at the start of the Civil War. Jake Roedel and Jack Bull Chiles are friends, and when Jack's father is killed by Kansas Union Jayhawkers, they join the Missouri irregulars known as "Bushwhackers" or "Border Ruffians," informal units loyal to Missouri but not willing to fight someone else's war in Virginia. They meet George Clyde and former slave Daniel Holt whom Clyde granted his freedom. They battle Jayhawkers using guerrilla tactics and hide out during

the winter months. These characters are based loosely on Quantrill's raiders, and it is said that one of the actual winter hideouts was in the area at 40 Highway and 291 where the Bass Pro Shop and Waterfall Park are located today. The movie is based on the novel *Woe to Live On* by Daniel Woodrell, a Missouri author.

Memorial Service for George Caleb Bingham

The Union Cemetery Historical Society is planning a memorial service on Saturday and Sunday, March 19th and 20th at 4:30 p.m. at the cemetery where Bingham is buried. This is in honor of the 200th anniversary of Bingham's birth. They are planning an actual 1800s funeral service. They also need help to find someone to portray a preacher, men to help as pall bearers, people as mourners, as well as someone to help with hymns that can be sung during the service. They already have a lady to portray Bingham's wife, Mattie. They are also hoping to have a small reception afterwards. To volunteer to help with any of these needs, please call Kevin Fewell, President, at (818) 931-8257 or E-Mail him at fewell2@yahoo.com. Get out your best mourning garb and come have a good cry.

"Lasting Legacies of the Civil War" Symposium

We have a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a scholarly Civil War seminar for free at a location in our area plus meet some of our compatriots in the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City and the Civil War Round Table of Cass County. The Kansas City Round Table invites us to attend "Lasting Legacies of the Civil War" featuring Dr. David Blight, Dr. Dwight Pitcaithley, Jim Denny and Arnold Schofield at the Midwest Genealogy Center on Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event is free but you do need to register (see our calendar).

Dr. David Blight will present "Has Civil War Memory Divided or United Americans over 150 Years? He is a Professor of History at Yale University and is the author and editor of several books including *Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory* and *Beyond the Battlefield: Race, Memory, and the American Civil War*.

Dr. Dwight Pitcaithley will present "Missouri's Secession Convention and the Great Slavery Question." He is a former Chief Historian of the National Park Service.

Jim Denny will present "Bleeding Missouri." He is retired from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and is the author of *The Civil War's First Blood: Missouri, 185-1861*.

The Kansas City Round Table's own Arnold Schofield will present "Origins, Animosities, and Legacies of the Kansas/Missouri Border Wars: 1856-1865 and Beyond." He is the Site Administrator at the Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site in Kansas which some of us visited on our Historic Preservation Month Tour in May 2010.

Civil War Museum Collection to Remain at Wilson's Creek for the Present

There was the possibility that the collection of Civil War artifacts housed in the museum at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield near Ozark, MO, formerly known as the General Sweeney Museum, would be boxed up and shipped off to underground storage near Kansas City. The frame of the museum does not meet fire suppression and security guidelines. Luckily cooler heads prevailed and the collection will still be on display until after the August 2011 re-enactment of the Battle of Wilson's Creek. Then a more permanent solution will be considered. It has been a long-range plan to add a museum to the existing visitor's center. The danger is that once a collection is removed, it's hard to get it back.

A Battlefield Victory - Battle of the Wilderness

Another disaster was averted when Wal-Mart acceded to public pressure and abandoned its plans to build a Supercenter on hallowed ground where in 1864 Robert E. Lee first met Ulysses S. Grant in battle. Pulitzer-Prize winning historian James McPherson said that a portion of the site 60 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. near Orange, Virginia was a "nerve center" for the Battle of the Wilderness. It's viewed by historians as a critical point when the Civil War started to turn in favor of the North. An estimated 185,000 Union and Confederate troops fought over three days in the Wilderness, leaving 30,000 killed, wounded or missing.

Missouri Life Magazine Highlights the Civil War

If you do not take *Missouri Life* by subscription, you will want to look for the April 2011 issue on your newsstand because it will be primarily devoted to Civil War history and travel. The magazine often has at least one story involving the Civil War and the February issue is no exception. In its article about Centralia, Missouri it talks about the time Bloody Bill Anderson and Jesse James came to town and executed 24 unarmed Union soldiers in what came to be known as the "Centralia Massacre." A subscription is available for \$19.99 for one year (6 issues), which is a 26% savings off the cover price of \$4.50. You can subscribe by sending your check to Missouri Life Magazine, P.O. Box 391, Boonville, MO 65233-9907.