



# *The Border Star*

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"Studying the Border War and Beyond"*

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## **The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri**

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### **Meetings**

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 ----- 15.00  
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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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 12, 2011 is just 34 days away, as of the date of our next Round Table meeting on March 9, 2011.**

### ***President's Letter***

"...in the years immediately before Missouri entered the American union and in the decades that followed, it became the focal point of the strife between "free" and "slave" states. Missouri's entrance into the United States nearly split the American republic in two. The state remained on the front lines in the gathering conflict between "North" and "South," while also serving as the chief staging ground for continuing American expansion west. Historically the place where north, south, east and west connected, the American confluence looked more and more like it would be the site at which the United States divided."

*American Confluence; The Missouri Frontier from Borderland to Border State ~Stephan Aron*

What a place to live. Here, in Missouri, the place where history oozes from the very core of its being. Here in the counties on what was once the beginning of the great unknown that beckoned men to trek on, trek on seek your fortune. Here in the place where men fought bloody battles to either hold a union of states together or to rent that same union apart. There is so, so much history to remember, to discover, to share and to ensure it won't be another forgotten moment in the dim light of our past.

Where do we begin? We have to understand that the history we possess is not ours (Unless of course it's your life story). We are merely stewards of the lives of other individuals. We have information for the sole purpose of passing it on. Many times I have witness "historians" play the game of I'll show you mine if you show me yours. What a dangerous game to play. We flirt with the danger of losing history. If you have information please, please, please pass it on. The loss of history is much like a hearing loss, it can't be recovered. If history is lost we will no longer hear it speak to us. What a poverty of experience. What a vacuum of knowledge. What a waste.

*~Mike Calvert, President, Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri*

### **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**

### March 2011 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level),  
3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO  
Diane Mutti Burke: On Slavery's Border:  
Missouri's Small-Slaveholding Households,  
1815-1865. See article.

### No Board Meeting in March.

### George Caleb Bingham Memorial Service

Saturday, March 19, 2011 – 4:30 p.m.

Union Cemetery, 227 E. 28th Terr. (just east  
of Main Street), Kansas City, MO. See article.

### Civil War 150 Symposium

Saturday, March 26, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

North Independence Library, 317 W. 24 Highway,  
Independence, MO. See article.

### Cleanup at the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery

Celebrating Civil War Trust "Park Day" on Saturday,  
April 2, 2011 we will meet at the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery  
9:00 a.m. – Noon. Please bring your own gloves, tools,  
and water. Directions to cemetery will be in the April  
*Border Star*.

## **Coming Attractions**

### Opening of Missouri's Civil War Museum

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 – Jefferson Barracks,  
St. Louis, MO.

### Battle of Kirksville Reenactment

April 16 - 17, 2011. Harris, MO. Please visit  
[www.mocivilwar150.com/event/561](http://www.mocivilwar150.com/event/561).

### Camp Jackson: A Tipping Point

April 29 – May 1, 2011. Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis,  
MO. [www.mocivilwar150.com/event/505](http://www.mocivilwar150.com/event/505).

### Battle of Carthage Bus Tour

Saturday, April 30, 2011. See attachment.

### Symphony Designers' Showhouse

Thursday, May 5, 2011 – 4:00 p.m., 1000 Westover,  
Kansas City, MO.

### Civil War Missouri: A House Dividing

May 10, 2011 – June 1, 2014. Exhibit in the Missouri  
State Museum, first floor of State Capitol, Jefferson  
City, MO. Includes "Slavery's Echoes," "Hands-On  
Civil War" and Civil War Cannon Diorama. Please see  
[www.mocivilwar150.com/event/274](http://www.mocivilwar150.com/event/274).

### CWRTWM Bus Tour to Clay County

Saturday, May 14, 2011. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Meet at the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe, 106 E. Walnut,  
Independence, MO. Tour to Clay County with an  
intermediate stop at the Jabez Smith Cemetery and the  
site of the Blue Mills Landing before heading "across  
the river." Cost to be determined.

### Battle of Carthage Reenactment

May 14 – 15, 2011. Downtown Carthage, MO.  
[www.mocivilwar150.com/event/521](http://www.mocivilwar150.com/event/521).

### Mid-America Library Alliance Workshop

Tuesday, May 17, 2011. North Independence  
Library, 317 W. 24 Highway, Independence, MO.  
\$65 for Member Registration. "War on the  
Western Border." Materials and programming.  
[www.kcmlin.org/html/spring2009calendar/wc201](http://www.kcmlin.org/html/spring2009calendar/wc201).

### Missouri Confederate Memorial Day

Saturday, June 4, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Confederate Veterans Home Park. Higginsville, MO.  
Meetings of Confederate Heritage groups in AM.  
Memorial service for 800 buried in the cemetery in PM.

### Talkin' Truman – Battle of Blue Mills Landing

Saturday, June 11, 2011 – 11:00 a.m. – Noon, Truman  
Library, 500 West US 24 Highway, Independence, MO.  
Jay Jackson: Battle of Blue Mills Landing just south of  
Liberty, MO on September 17, 1861. Also a display of  
Civil War uniforms, guns, and other period clothing.  
Program sponsored by CWRTWM, but it does not  
replace the regular monthly meeting. Admittance to the  
Truman Library is \$8 for Adults, \$7 for Seniors 65 and  
over, \$3 for children 6 – 15 years, and free for children 5  
and under.

### First Battle of Boonville Reenactment

June 17 – 19, 2011. Boonville, MO.  
[www.mocivilwar150.com/event/547](http://www.mocivilwar150.com/event/547).

### Reenactment of General Jo Shelby's Wedding

June 24 – 25, 2011. Waverly, Missouri. Great-great-  
great granddaughter of Gen. Shelby will be portraying  
the bride. The wedding party will consist of many major  
figures of the day such as Frank Blair, David Atchison,  
Claiborne Jackson, and other surprise guests. A period  
ball and Shelby family reunion. Some shootouts  
between the Jayhawkers and the Border Ruffians. More  
information to follow. Organizer: John Hinz at (660)  
493-2802 or E-mail to [jandjhinz@yahoo.com](mailto:jandjhinz@yahoo.com).

## Other Civil War Events

Clothing, Accoutrements and Weapons of the 1863 Union Cavalryman on Saturday, March 5, 2011 – 10:00 a.m., Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Jim Beckner will present a history seminar on the Union Cavalry officer. Sponsored by the Liberty Preservation Office and Historic Liberty, Inc.

### Bingham and Politics

Saturday, March 5, 2011 – 10:00 a.m., Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitors Center, 818 Main Street, Arrow Rock, MO. Kansas City actor Bob Brand portrays George Caleb Bingham. Free. Funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

### Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., Pearson Hall, Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Larry Wood: “The Two Civil War Battles of Newtonia.”

Bingham @ 200 Exhibit at Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Opening Wednesday, March 9, 2011 and runs through October 2, 2011. 45th and Oak Streets, Kansas City, MO. Free. Exhibit of 30 preparatory drawings, the loan of “Stump Speaking” from the St. Louis Museum, and from the Nelson Gallery Collection such favorites as “Fishing on the Mississippi” and “Canvassing for a Vote.”

Steamboats to Steam Engines: George Caleb Bingham’s Missouri, 1819-1879, Thursday, March 10, 2011 – September 8, 2011. Truman Library and Museum, 500 W. US Highway 24, Independence, MO. Includes the loan of “Order No. 11” from the State Historical Society of Missouri.

### Tombstone Talks at Trails Center

Thursday, March 10, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. John Mark Lambertson continues his series with “Chiseled History: Curious, Informative and Humorous Tombstone Inscriptions.” Cost is \$6.

George Caleb Bingham: The Missouri Artist Who Mixed Politics with Paint, Saturday, March 12, 2011 – 2:00 p.m., Westport Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO. Susann Shinkle is a Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art docent and has prepared a PowerPoint on the Bingham holdings at the Nelson which are not always on display. Also on display will be a color reproduction of “Order No. 11” on loan by the family of our late president, Tim Cox, and “The Jolly Flatboatmen” loaned by Beverly Shaw. For sale will be reproductions of the print of “Order No. 11” produced by Sartain (\$20) and

suitable for framing. A lunch meeting of Westport Historical Society at Noon will precede the program (lunch is \$15). For info call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 (cell).

### ParaCon 2011 – Liberty, Missouri

Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12, 2011. Belvoir Winery (former Odd Fellows Home), 1325 Odd Fellows Rd., Liberty, MO. \$30. Nationally recognized presenters such as Lee Ehrlich, Marie D. Jones and Larry Flaxman will delve into the realm of the paranormal. Will include building tours, ghost tours of Liberty, Conference sessions, and vendor showcase. [www.paracon2011.com](http://www.paracon2011.com) or phone Beth Meyer at (785) 383-2925.

George Caleb Bingham: Missouri’s Famed Painter and Forgotten Politician, Tuesday, March 15, 2011 – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Wild about Harry, 104 W. Maple, Independence, MO. Paul Nagel stops by to sign copies of his book.

### Civil War Women of Missouri

Saturday, March 19, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Historians Anne Mallinson and Nancy Lewis discuss the lives of women caught up in the drama of Civil War conflict. Regular museum admittance: \$6.00 for adults, \$5 for seniors 62 and older, \$3 for youth ages 6 – 17 years, Children 5 and under are free.

### Old West and Victorian Show and Sale

March 18 – 20, 2011 at the Reardon Civic Center, 5th and Minnesota, Kansas City, KS. Held in Conjunction with the National Congress of Old West Shootists.

### Early Bird Opening of Bingham-Waggoner Estate

Saturday and Sunday, March 19 – 20, 2011, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday. 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Only Bingham home still standing in the Kansas City area. “Order No. 11” was painted in a studio since torn down. House tours are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 for children 5 – 16 years old and free for children under 5.

### George Caleb Bingham as a Politician

Saturday, March 19, 2011 – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, 45th and Oak, Kansas City, MO. Ralph Monaco, former Missouri Legislator, portrays Bingham in the American galleries, offering stump speeches like those given by the artist. Free for adults and children. Also on Sunday, March 20, 2011.

Meet the Past: R. Crosby Kemper III Meets George Caleb Bingham. Sunday, March 20, 2011 – 2:00 p.m.

Nelson-Atkins Auditorium, 45th and Oak, Kansas City, MO. Kansas City Public Library director Kemper meets George Caleb Bingham as portrayed by Robert Gibby Brand. In the Bloch Lobby the first 500 visitors will enjoy birthday cupcakes and hear the Alferd Packer Memorial String Band playing bluegrass and folk music from the Bingham era. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

George Caleb Bingham Memorial Service-Union Cemetery Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20, 2011 – 4:30 p.m. Union Cemetery, 227 E. 28th Terr., Kansas City, MO for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of George Caleb Bingham who is buried at Union Cemetery. Recreation of an actual 1800s funeral service.

George Caleb Bingham, An Art Detective and Genealogy, Tuesday, March 22, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Patricia Moss, known as the "Bingham Lady" according to the Smithsonian's Research and Scholars' Center, will speak on the Bingham portraits that relate to the history of the Independence region, concentrating on how genealogy helped her find the paintings and the stories behind them. Several Bingham portraits from the collection of Ken and Cindy McClain will be on display. RSVP to (816) 252-7228.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City March Meeting Tuesday, March 22, 2011 – Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Dinner: \$25. Patricia Moss visits the Round Table for a lively discussion of "George Caleb Bingham and Order No. 11" in honor of the 200th anniversary of his birth. For dinner reservations call Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

Confederate Women and Military Justice in the St. Louis Area, Thursday, March 24, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Missouri State Archives, Kirkpatrick State Information Center, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO. Free.

George Caleb Bingham's "Order No. 11" Saturday, March 26, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. Cass County Library, Genealogy Branch, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Patricia Moss speaks on "Order No. 11".

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.

Blacks in Blue – Joelouis Mattox Sunday, March 27, 2011 – 2:00 p.m., Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Local historian Joelouis Mattox of the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center presents the story of the U. S. Colored Troops, specifically those from Missouri and Kansas who fought for the Union at the Battle of Island Mound in Bates County, MO on October 29, 1862 and the Battle of Westport in October 1864. RSVP to (816) 701-3481.

Independence Historic Sites Opening April 1, 2011 The Bingham-Waggoner Estate and the 1859 Jail and Marshal's Home and Museum open April 1<sup>st</sup> and go through October 31, 2011. Self-guided tours of the 1859 Jail, 217 North Main Street, Independence, MO show where Rev. Abner Dean was incarcerated after the Civil War. George Caleb Bingham photographed and then painted Dean in his jail cell. A reproduction by regional artist Charles Goslin is on permanent exhibit. [www.jchs.org](http://www.jchs.org).

Friends of Arrow Rock Bingham Art Exhibit Saturday, April 2, 2011 – July 30, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitors Center, Arrow Rock, MO. Exhibit of rarely seen Bingham works. Free. Catalog by Dr. Maryellen McVicker (\$10).

Bingham in the Boonslick Symposium Saturday, April 2, 2011 – Day-long event with lunch at the Huston Tavern, Arrow Rock, MO. Symposium, lunch, Bingham Exhibition catalog, and optional tour of the Bingham cottage built with his own hands is \$75. Presenters at the Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitors Center, 818 Main Street, Arrow Rock, MO are Dr. Margaret Conrads, the Samuel Sosland Curator of American Art at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; Dr. Joan Stack, Curator of Art for the State Historical Society of Missouri; and Roger Robinson, historic researcher for a new forthcoming book on Bingham called "But I Forget That I Am a Painter and Not a Politician." Please visit [www.arrowrock/org](http://www.arrowrock/org).

"Park Day" Historic Preservation Cleanup Saturday, April 2, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. Lone Jack Battlefield, 301 S. Bynum, Lone Jack, MO. Civil War Trust Cleanup at Lone Jack to rake leaves, clean up the cemetery and museum and pick up sticks. Bring your own gloves and tools. Free T-shirt.

The Battles of Liberty Saturday, April 2, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. Corbin Theatre, 15 N. Water Street, Liberty, MO. Jay Jackson and friends present the story of the Civil War battles fought in and

around Liberty. Free. Sponsored by City of Liberty's Preservation Office and Historic Liberty, Inc.

Ambassadors Meeting - Raytown Historical Society  
Monday, April 4, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. Raytown Historical Society Museum, 9705 E. 63rd Street, Raytown, MO.  
“Early Days of the Civil War.” Free.

### **Mike Calvert to Speak at The KC Posse of the Westerners**

Mike Calvert will speak at the Tuesday, March 8, 2011 meeting of The Kansas City Posse of the Westerners, meeting at the Golden OX Restaurant in the Livestock Exchange Building in the historic Kansas City Stockyards area, 1600 Genesee Street, Kansas City, MO, (visit <http://www.goldenox.com/history.php>). Social time begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner orders at 6:30 p.m. Mike will speak on “*The Last Gunfight on the Independence Square*,” illustrating in historical detail what happened. “BLOOD! BLOOD!: A Terrible Killing Affray at Independence” is how Mike describes the event and how it's now a part of our history.

For reservations please contact Ann Schultis at (816) 741-2897 or E-mail her at [aschultis@hotmail.com](mailto:aschultis@hotmail.com) to confirm you will be attending. This will provide an approximate count in case a larger room is needed. Membership in the Westerner's is \$25.00 for individuals or \$35.00 for couples per calendar year which includes membership in the national organization and helps pay for speaker's dinners, national dues, postage and other expenses. See <http://www.westerners-international.org>. Please call Betty Ergovich at (913) 441-6462 for questions.



### **George Washington Artifacts on Display**

George Washington artifacts largest display in the Midwest to be shown at Midwest Genealogy Center at 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, Missouri, starting July 9, 2011.

Harkins, Claude: Early American through art and artifacts. By David Swafford.

Claude and Inez Harkins loaning out portions of his stunning collection of early-American relics and

documents to museums near and far. His home is much like a museum. It contains a stunning assortments of early Americana: about 200 relics, flags, and documents from late 1700's.

Some items are: Double-barrel flintlock revolver with silver wire inlay in the handle is least 235 years old. Belong to Hugh Maxwell was a minuteman from Cambridge, Mass. Miniature ivory painting of George Washington and turn it over. On the back side is a national treasure-the largest lock of Washington's hair known to exist, about 100 reddish strands. Jeweled French shoe buckle, one of a pair given to the first president as an inaugural gift. Power horn engraved with scenes from July 4, 1777, in Philadelphia. Terracotta bust of George Washington in military uniform by artist Charles Corbet, a protégé of Jean-Antoine Houdon. Other bronze reproduction of Washington bust by Houdon himself. Many reproductions of famous portraits of Washington. Some of the cut glass and china that George and Martha used at Mont Vernon. Four rare flags: Three of the four were made in the last quarter of the 1700s. First, Original flag made of a British uniform by an imprisoned American seaman in Plymouth, England, in 1781. Second, American Seaman Prisoner's Flag. This is the one made from a British uniform, and it is the one to which Claude ask his audiences to pledge Allegiance. He believes it was made either by Joseph Ashburn or John Claypoole, cellmates in England in 1781. Coincidentally, Ashburn was married to Betsey Ross at the time, and years later, after Ashburn's death, Claypoole became Betsy Ross' husband. Three, Whiskey Rebellion flag of 1700's. A purposeful mockery of the Stars & Stripes, this flag features eight stripes, the bottom one blue, and a canton of nine five-pointed stars and four four-pointed stars. The stripes symbolize the eight counties in western Pennsylvania that protested the Washington administration's excise tax on whiskey, which had been enacted to fund the national dept. Fourth, Pierre L'Ebfant Flag circa 1800. It is made of silk and show a canton of 13 five-pointed stars in a perfect oval. The stars were covered with gold leaf, which is still visible. The Harkinses have exhibited portions of their collections at 17 museums across the country. Then, in 2012 two exhibits will be held at the Betsy Ross house in Philadelphia.

David Swafford is a freelance writer with experience in newspaper and magazines and communication specialist who lives in Blue Springs, Missouri.

### **The Far-Reaching Tentacles of American Slavery**

This was the title of Diane Mutti Burke's article in the *Kansas City Star* on January 16, 2011. She is an Associate Professor of History at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and the author of *On Slavery's Border: Missouri's Small-Slaveholding Households, 1815-1865*.

Burke reminded us that Barack Obama urged Americans to begin a long overdue conversation about race. Difficult as it is, this conversation must begin with slavery. We often minimize the effect of slavery and segregation. Missourians have suggested that theirs was a more benign form just as Kansans have held up free state ideology as proof of their virtue. The truth lies somewhere in between. She will have a chance to explain her thesis at our monthly meeting on March 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

### **George Caleb Bingham Memorial Service**

We have an opportunity to partner with the Union Cemetery Historical Society as they present a period memorial service for George Caleb Bingham in the most historic cemetery in Kansas City – Union Cemetery where he is buried. Over the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday weekend, March 19 and 20, 2011, there will be a memorial service at 4:30 p.m. both days. The Round Table has chosen to participate for the Saturday event to provide an undertaker (Lee Ward), a casket provided by Jim Beckner, and mourners in period dress. A local actress will portray Mattie Lykins Bingham as she gives the eulogy.

What, you may ask, did the well-dressed mourner wear in 1879, the year Bingham died. For ladies, the era of the hoop skirt had passed and they were wearing bustles on their backsides – the bigger the better to display wealth. By today's standards it is unthinkable to emphasize a part of the female anatomy that we seek to minimize (hence the age old question: Does this make my butt look big?) However at our board meeting Don Moorehead volunteered information that he had read about the

reason for the bustle. It was partly to lift the lady's skirt up out of the dirt and reduce the danger of tripping on it. If a lady did not want to wear a bustle, she might have a simple "walking skirt" and bodice (blouse). Only the immediate family were expected to wear black. Other mourners would often wear a piece of black crepe on the collar or gentlemen would wear a black arm band. Ladies could carry a black shawl, hat, or parasol and perhaps sew a band of black crepe around the edge of their skirt as a sign of respect. Don't worry if you don't have period mourning clothes; anything in a somber color will do.

Another way that we can help involves the revelation of a secret. The word is out that the Round Table provides the best refreshments in town! If you can help by baking a couple dozen cookies and taking them to the event on March 19<sup>th</sup> or getting them to Beverly Shaw by about 3:00 p.m. on that Saturday, they will be well received at a reception following the memorial service. A history club at UMKC plans to help serve. If you can provide cookies, please give Beverly a call at (816) 225-7944 or E-mail to bevjoshaw@hotmail.com.

Don Moorehead will tape the memorial service to be shown at our joint Christmas luncheon with Union Cemetery Historical Society, December 3, 2011.



Portrait of George Caleb Bingham

### **Lasting Legacies of the Civil War**

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City has invited us to participate in a symposium featuring Dr. David Blight, Dr. Dwight Pitcaithley, Jim Denny and Arnold Schofield on Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. at the newly remodeled North Independence Library. It's free and open to the public, but RSVP's are recommended by March 25<sup>th</sup> because this is such a unique opportunity to hear such eminent scholars of



Civil War history. You may call (816) 252-0950 or go to [www.mymcpl.org](http://www.mymcpl.org).

Our responsibility for the symposium is to provide refreshments during the afternoon. For ease of serving we are requesting cookies of any flavor you wish to donate. You can bring them the day of the event or get them to Beverly Shaw by Noon on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please let her know you can help by calling (816) 225-7944 or E-mailing her at [bevjoshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:bevjoshaw@hotmail.com).

### News About Members and Friends

Our condolences go to the family of **Paul Tate**, our longtime Historian who passed away February 9, 2011. The funeral and burial took place in Arkansas. The family very much appreciated the cards and phone calls Paul received from Round Table members during his final illness. We would like to fill the Historian's position on the board so if anyone would like to volunteer to serve, please call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 (cell) or Mike Calvert at (816) 898-2603. The job entails keeping scrapbooks of our newsletters and activities. Terry McConnell, our official photographer, prints out thumbnail pictures which need to be labeled as to date, activity, and people shown. We have sheet protectors and large three-ring binders to preserve our records.

Kathy Moorehead lost her brother-in-law, Ted Wilson of Holden, Missouri, and we extend condolences to her and the family.

We have received a couple of requests for information from people doing Civil War research. You can reply to these on your own if you have something to share. **Larry Puckett** of the Fort Smith (AR) Civil War Round Table writes that they would like information on any **descendants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kansas Cavalry** who participated in the battles Prairie Grove, Van Buren, and Devil's Backbone. You can respond to [larrypuckett@gmail.com](mailto:larrypuckett@gmail.com).

**Lee Everett** is researching **Joseph Lawrence Hart** of Andrew County who was a bushwhacker and lies in an unmarked grave in Livingston County near Chillicothe at Spring Hill. He wrote a guerrilla's diary before he died July 16, 1863, and it has disappeared. It was used in a trial in St. Joseph, Missouri when two of the men he rode with were

arrested. He later was a captain in the partisan rangers commanded by Parker in the Confederate army. He would like to see Hart reburied at the Confederate Cemetery at Higginsville. You can reach him at (816) 646-6498.

**Beverly Shaw and Sharon Snyder** attended the Interpretive Sites Coalition workshops at Burr Oak Woods on February 21, 2011 and got some very good tips. They were glad to see the wonderful display of the tombstone of **Morgan Walker** on whose land the conservation center sits in Blue Springs. We thank **Bill and Annette Curtis** for protecting it all these years and for **Harold Dellinger** for making arrangements to return it to its rightful place. The manager of Burr Oak Woods, Lisa LaCombe, was recently honored by the Blue Springs Chapter of the DAR with its highest award for conservation. **Goldie Lewis** was asked by the Independence *Examiner* in February what it means to belong to the DAR. She replied that the DAR remembers the veterans who helped make our land free (visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org)). Goldie's husband Delbert is a descendant of Nathaniel Lewis, a Revolutionary War soldier buried in the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery.



### The William Clarke Quantrill Society

The William Clark Quantrill Society is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the study of the Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas border with emphasis on the lives of Quantrill, his men, his supporters, his adversaries and the resulting historical record. For information please E-mail [wcqsociety@aol.com](mailto:wcqsociety@aol.com). write P.O. Box 520123, Independence, MO 64052 or call (816) 241-5315.

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# **The Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City invites you to the...**

## **JULY 5, 1861 BATTLE OF CARTHAGE**

### **The 'first land battle' of the Civil War**

A GUIDED BUS TOUR

**Saturday, April 30, 2011**

Departure time 8:15 from the Auto/Bus Commuter Lot at Red Bridge Rd & 71 Hiway

Cost: \$47 includes bus transportation, noon meal & Bushwhacker Museum

Stops at:

- 8:30 The Burnt District Monument in Harrisonville
- 10:00 The Bushwhacker Museum, Nevada (restroom stop)
- 11:30 Lunch at Blue Top Restaurant, Lamar (restroom stop)
- 1:00 A ten mile driving tour of the Battle led by Steve Weldon, Carthage Battlefield Resident Historian
- 2:45 The Civil War Museum of Carthage (restroom stop)
- Return arrival approximately 5:30

--In addition, as we travel, we will see and/or discuss:

- Why was Missouri so important to both sides & what was the history of Missouri leading to the War
- What led to Missouri's departure from neutrality
- The role that towns along Highway 71 played in the Border/Civil War
- The first campaign of the Civil War
- The leaders involved in the battle, Gov Jackson, General's Price, Rains, Sigel and others
- The Battle of Carthage and its importance

--Includes:

- Campaign and battlefield Maps/ Tour stops information
- Informational Handout materials for discussion

Bus Hosts will be members of the CWRT

With the start of the Civil War in 1861, Missouri increasingly found itself a divided state in a divided nation. The population of Missouri was approximately 1,000,000 whites and 100,000 slaves. Of the slave states Missouri was the number 2 state in terms of white population, one of the many reasons that Missouri was important to both the North and the South. Slavery was of less economic importance in Missouri than in other slave states, however Missouri's population was predominantly of southern stock, primarily those along the Missouri River and western Missouri border, and many sympathized with the cause of the South. However, there also were a large and growing number of German immigrants, primarily in St Louis, who tended to be strongly anti-slavery and pro-Union. The strong emotions felt by important Missouri citizens who were tied to one side or the other quickly pulled the state apart.

The campaign leading to the Battle of Carthage started first with the Price / Harney agreement in late May, 1861 and then the meeting in early June between the forces of Gov Jackson/ Price and Congressman Blair/ Lyon and culminated in the campaign and the Carthage battle on July 5, 1861. We will study the agreements (or disagreements), and the campaign from its inception, how it was organized or disorganized, as this was the first large overland campaign of the Civil War. At that time, this would be the largest land battle of the Civil War and was front page news of the New York Times for 5 days.

Join us for a day long tour that will not only be a discussion and observation of the battle itself but also a very informative discussion of Missouri leading up to that time.



## BATTLE OF CARTHAGE TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

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Number to attend: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$47.00 each, total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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