

### July 2011

# 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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<u>THIS WEEK IN THE WAR</u>: In July 1861, the Kansas Brigade Jayhawkers entered Harrisonville, MO and looted the businesses on the Square. Henry Younger's livery was first to be robbed of fine horses, wagons and tack. Over the next several days, Harrisonville was the scene of skirmishes and more Lootings until Union troops took control and occupied the town under martial law.

## President's Letter

With the Fourth of July just around the corner, seeing the American Flag displayed in more locations than normal and the premature detonation of fireworks in the neighborhood I started to think about Civil War soldiers and their celebrations of our nation's birth. I'm sure that most of the men in ranks would have never believed they would have celebrated one Fourth let alone three fighting not side by side against a common foe, but across the battlefield from, and far too often, a father, brother or cousin. I began to wonder if there were any differences or similarities in how the North and South chose to commemorate the birth of the nation that one side was fighting to save while the other was fighting to create a new nation. So, with a decidedly small amount of research, here goes.

Soldiers of the north and south, like all soldiers from the beginning of time wrote often about the food and libations they consumed in their celebrations. They wrote of the bounty of meat and desserts set before them. One Federal private recounted the menu of the day "stewed oysters, roast turkey, bread pudding, tapioca pudding, apple pie, lemonade and cigars." Both sides listen to speeches and patriotic songs. In the north cannon were fired in celebration. While in the south not so often, the need to conserve powder being more important. In one case outside of Vicksburg one Union soldier expressed his regret that the Rebels had surrendered, he wished to celebrate the Fourth with a cannon salute into Vicksburg. More often than not the day was spent in either camp, thinking of home and the loved ones left behind.

As could be expected there were differences in how the Day of Independence was viewed. It was these differences that lay at the core of how the South and the North viewed the day of celebration for the birth of the nation they were fighting to maintain or fighting to divide. The south celebrated the idea of the fight for independence from an aggressor nation and the north celebrated the union of states created by the separation from an aggressor nation. The north's vision of America was a nation of strong United States. The south's vision of America was liberty and the right to self-govern.

Today, 150 years later, not without many trials we find we still remain one nation. Not that we don't still quarrel like siblings, but in the end we are Americans living in a nation of great opportunity. Celebrate the Fourth with family and friends, but don't forget to remember those who have and are protecting you and our great nation. Fly the flag a little higher with a little more pride. We have something to celebrate.

## ~Mike Calvert, President, Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

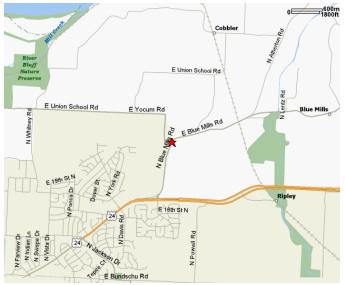
No meeting at the Villages of Jackson Creek in July 2011. Instead we will have our annual picnic on the grounds of the Lawson Moore House, 20309 E. Blue Mills Road, Independence, MO (eastern Jackson County) on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 (see map below). The house will not be open. Parking is available from the second entrance to the grounds. The potluck picnic will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the Round Table providing fried chicken and drinks and members and friends bringing a dish to share and their own plates and silver plus a lawn chair.

After supper we will have Civil War music performed by Pick and Hammer, our friends John and Dianne Lehman. A special guest will be Rose Ann Findlen, author of *Borderland Families, Always on the Edge: Journey of the Lykins, Peery, and Heiskell Families along the Misssouri Kansas Border.* Rose Ann has also written a new biography of Mattie Lykins Bingham called *Missouri Star.* Copies will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

# **CWRTWM Calendar**

July 2011 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, July 13, 2011 – **6:00 p.m.** Annual picnic at the Lawson Moore House, 20309 E. Blue Mills Road, Independence, MO. Potluck picnic. Please bring a dish to share and your own service and silver plus a lawn chair. The house will not be open. Please park on the grass at the second entrance. Program: Civil War Music by John and Dianne Lehman. Special guest: Author Rose Ann Findlen. See map:



Lawson Moore Home, 20309 E. Blue Mills Road

<u>July 2011 Board Meeting</u> Wednesday, July 20, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51 Ter. Ct., Independence, MO. Please note new stop signs at Downey to make a 4-way stop.

# **Preview of Coming Events**

Tour to Lexington, Missouri

Saturday, October 8, 2011. The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri and the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City are presenting a guided bus tour to Lexington, Missouri.

# **Other Civil War Events**

### "Lee and Grant" Speaker Series

Tuesday, July 5, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. National Archives, 400 W. Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Dr. Gregory Hospodor: "Ulysses S. Grant before the Civil War." Reception at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Hospodor is an associate professor in the Department of Military History. U. S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS. To RSVP call (816) 268-8010 or go to Kansascity.educate@nara.gov. <u>George Washington Artifacts at Genealogy Library</u> Starting Saturday, July 9, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. George Washington artifacts from the Claude and Inez Harkins collection.

<u>Bingham-Waggoner Antique and Craft Fair</u> Saturday, July 9, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 313 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Over 100 crafters and antique dealers. Admission to the fair is free, but the usual fees for the house tour apply. Concessions and musical entertainment.

### "Travel Through Time" in Ray County

Saturday, July 9, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. - Noon Guided bus tour starting from the Ray County Museum parking lot, 901 W. Royale St., Richmond, MO. \$25 for reserved seat. Call (816) 776-2305. Sites will include Bob Ford's grave in Richmond Cemetery, Bloody Bill Anderson's grave in Pioneer Cemetery, The Farris Theatre, Alexander Doniphan's monument, Trail of Death Historic Marker, riverboat landing at Camden, Buffton Historic Marker, Lewis & Clark encampment. After the bus tour cake and ice cream will be served at the Ray County Museum in celebration of Alexander Doniphan's birthday. At 1:00 p.m. Bruce and Jane Bartlett are giving a program about "Civil War Artifacts" for the Ray County Genealogical Association. Everyone is welcome.

### Historic Cemetery Tour of Liberty, Missouri

Saturday, July 9, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. New Hope Fairview Cemetery, Liberty, MO. Meet at the stone arch entry on Shrader Street. Tour led by Bryan Boyd of Historic Liberty, Inc. Free.

### Talkin' Truman Series – "Lock Down"

Saturday, July 9, 2011 – 11:00 a.m. - Noon Truman Library, 500 W. U.S. 24 Highway, Independence, MO. David Jackson, archivist for the Jackson County Historical Society, will talk about the oldest structure on the Independence Square – the 1859 Jackson County Jail and Marshal's Home and Lock Down: Outlaws, Lawmen and Frontier Justice in Jackson County, Missouri, a book he co-authored with Paul Kirkman. Admission to the Library is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors 65 and older, \$3 for children 6-15, and free for children 5 and under. You can also see the original George Caleb Bingham painting of "Order No. 11" on loan from The State Historical Society of Missouri.

#### Party in Swope Park

Saturday, July 9, 2011 – Noon – 4:00 p.m. Grounds of the Battle of Westport Museum at the main entrance to Swope Park, Kansas City, MO. Small reenactment with a cannon.

<u>Abraham and Mary Lincoln – A House Divided</u> KCPT-Channel 19 Series (Comcast Channel 4). Monday, July 11, 2011 – 9:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time. Continues July 18, 25 and August 1, 2011.

"Borderland Families" at the Truman Library Tuesday, July 12, 2011 – 12:30 p.m. Truman Library, 500 W. U.S. 24 Highway, Independence, MO. Rose Ann Findlen will talk about her new book *Borderland Families, Alwayson the Edge,* which tells how the Border War affected families six years before the official outbreak of the Civil War. Usual entrance fees to the Library but her presentation is free and open to the public.

Civil War Night at Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm Thursday, July 14, 2011 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. 1200 Kansas City Rd., Olathe, KS. Get a glimpse of Civil War life including marching and drilling, camp life and artillery. Free admission.

#### Honoring Jack Brooks and Orvis Fitts

Thursday, July 14, 2011 – Meet at 6:45 p.m.; Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Dodge City Distillery, 11936 S. Blackbob Road, Olathe, KS. On the occasion of the 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Trailside Center at 99<sup>th</sup> & Holmes which houses a Battle of Westport gallery and sponsors Civil War Programs, Jim Beckner will be master of ceremonies to honor Civil War historians Jack Brooks and Orvis Fitts and artist Asterio Pascolini. Special guest will be Octave Chanute played by Bill Nicks to talk about the building of the Hannibal Bridge. Dinner is \$15. To reserve, send a check payable to "The Historical Society of New Santa Fe," Attn: Chuck Loomis, 1148 Queens Place, Kansas City, MO 64131. For information please call (816) 942-3724.

#### General Sterling Price and the Confederacy

Thursday, July 14, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Missouri State Archives in the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO. Robert G. Schultz: Missouri Confederate Gov. Thomas C. Reynolds' manuscript about the service of General Sterling Price whom he never completely trusted. Also Reynolds' view of the Confederate government.

### Living Abe Lincoln (Ages 9 and Up, Family)

Thursday, July 14, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Few Americans have had a more profound effect on American society than our 16<sup>th</sup> president. Abraham Lincoln is brought to life in this riveting account of his life and times by actor Larry Greer. For reservations, call (816) 252-7228.

#### Borderland Families, Always on the Edge

Saturday, July 16, 2011 – 11:00 a.m. National Archives, 400 W. Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Rose Ann Findlen talks about her new book *Borderland Families*. Free and open to the public. For reservations, call (816) 268-8010.

#### Battle of Wentzville, MO. Reenactment

Saturday and Sunday, July 16-17, 2011. At 11:00 a.m. Saturday there is a mounted cavalry demonstration. At 11:00 a.m. Sunday military troops will march in review. Battle reenactments at 2:00 p.m. both days for the battle that took place in 1861.

#### Civil War Comes to Harrisonville Tour

Saturday, July 16, 2011 - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Narrated bus tour of Jennison's Jayhawker raids on Harrisonville and the battle with Van Horn's Union recruits north of town in July 1861. Bus tour, Civil War supper, and program detailing the subsequent Union occupation all for \$15 for ages 12 and up and \$5 for children. For information call (816) 380-4396 or E-mail cchsmo@gmail.com.

#### George Caleb Bingham's Uncivil Civil War

Monday, July 18 – Friday, July 22, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Education Seminar and Field Trips about the Missouri artist George Caleb Bingham and the turbulent era of the Civil War. Includes lectures, first-person interpretation, period music, and two day-long fieldtrips; one to Lexington and the other to Independence and Kansas City. Cost is \$40. For reservations call Richard Edwards at (816) 325-7575 or send an E-mail to him at rwedwards@indepmo.org.

Laura Flanery, the Woman Who Walked to Texas Monday, July 18, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Lee's Summit Library, 150 NW Oldham Parkway, Lee's Summit, MO. Barbara Hughes portrays Laura Flanery who was forced out of her home in Jackson County and walked to Texas. She also tells other selected women's stories through PowerPoint, music, and historic replicas. For reservations please call (816) 524-0567. Antebellum Homes in Kansas City Sunday, July 24, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Alana Smith, president of the Westport Historical Society, shares the history of the Harris-Kearney House at 4000 Baltimore. It's the oldest remaining brick residence located in historic Westport. It was located on the Santa Fe Trail and later served as a headquarters for the Union army in the Civil War. For reservations call (816) 701-3481.

Women of the Civil War Era: Their Fashions and Lives Tuesday, July 26, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO. Nicole Johnston-Blatz will speak about how women's lives influenced their fashions during the Civil War. She is the Collection Manager of the Missouri Historic Costume and Textile Collection at the University of Missouri. Display of dresses and other garments. Mary Lincoln's favorite strawberry dessert and tea will be served. \$15 pre-paid reservation is required by calling (816) 232-8471.

<u>Civil War Round Table of Kansas City</u> Tuesday, July 26, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. (no dinner) Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Dan Smith: "Civil War History of Jackson County."

<u>The Underground Railroad – Lives and Stories</u> Saturday, July 30, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. Cass County Public Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Genealogy Branch presents Linda Hendricks from Joplin, MO. She will portray a plantation wife who helps slaves escape without her husband's knowledge. She tells all: secret phrases, Underground Railroad terms, quilt code, slave narratives, and avid abolitionists. Free.

### **News from Members and Friends**

Our condolences go to the family and friends of **Mary** (**Hayes**) **Carroll** who died on June 24, 2011 at the age of 99. Mrs. Carroll was the daughter of Samuel G. Hayes who served in the Union Army during the Civil War. On March 22, 2009 the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War honored his memory for his service and honored Mary as a Real Daughter of a Civil War soldier.

If you see a new face at Round Table meetings, it might belong to one of the following new members: **Darla and Dale Blevins, Lowell Burns, Linda and Michael Garrison, Stephen Miller, Pat Racki, Linda and Keith Rosewaren, Mary Lou Fields Shelton (Florida), Richard Spieck, or Barbara and Denis Wormington.** Please make them feel welcome! Congratulations to **Judy Billings** who was awarded a 2011 Preservation Advocacy Award by the Kansas Preservation Alliance. She presented a program to us about Freedom's Frontier which has recently moved to a permanent headquarters in the former Carnegie Library in Lawrence, Kansas.

The **Blue Springs Historical Society** celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in April 2011 with a Civil War program given by Greg Higginbotham.

**Mike Calvert**, our President, gave a Civil War talk to the Military Order of the World Wars, Kansas City Chapter, in May and to a group at the Baptist Church in June. He also spoke to the Kansas City Posse of the Westerners and enjoyed a great meal at the Golden Ox.

**Bob Grover** has been busy with the color guard of the Harry S. Truman Chapter/Missouri Sons of the American Revolution who served at Union Cemetery on Memorial Day, 2011. *The Examiner* reported in the weekend edition of June 18-20, 2011 that he presented an award on Flag Day in June to Bernard Camerlinck for faithfully and properly flying the U.S. flag. The color guard also greets the Honor Flights of World War II veterans upon their return from Washington, D.C.

These condolences are a little late, but we noticed in the 100 Years Ago column of *The Examiner* that funeral services for **A. E. Higgason** were conducted at the Christian Church in Independence in 1911. As a staff officer under General Robert E. Lee, he had the honor of being the last soldier of the lost cause to part with Lee. When the great commander after the final surrender rode on horseback to his home, he was escorted by Mr. Higgason, and they parted sadly at the portal of the old Southern mansion.

**Betty Key** was interviewed for a special edition called *Discover Downtown Independence* on April 21, 2011. When asked what was unique about the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe, 106 E. Walnut, Independence, Missouri, she replied, "We have the largest selection of Civil War and local history books in the area. I also make some period clothing, custom costumes, and one-of-a-kind artwork."

We congratulate **Goldie and Delbert Lewis** on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 5, 2011. Delbert is a descendant of Revolutionary War soldier Nathaniel Lewis who is buried in the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery which we care for. Goldie is an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and has passed along to us valuable records of the burials at the cemetery.

**Liz Murphy**, Round Table board member and tour guide at the James Farm, was recently honored with a national CTA award from the Tourism Ambassador Institute. She will receive a round-trip ticket to wherever she wants to go in the U.S. A little closer to home, she and a group of friends will be attending the Barbershop Quartet convention in Kansas City. Selfdescribed "groupies," the friends will spend time in a hotel close to the festivities so that they don't miss a single note.

We look forward to visiting our friends at the **North Independence Library**, 317 W. U.S. 24 Highway, Independence, Missouri, and it's not just for the books. Jeff Wilson has recently opened Novella's Bistro in the newly renovated library. It's named for his grandmother and is open 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday; and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday. He serves gourmet soups, salads, sandwiches, and special desserts from Kansas City area food entrepreneurs.

Congratulations to the **Patee House Museum** in St. Joseph, Missouri, for being recognized by the Missouri State Parks Department as an official site of the Civil War. In June 1861, Union soldiers from Leavenworth, Kansas, commandeered the Patee House hotel in St. Joseph, a transportation hub to the western frontier. The hotel was also the site where people stood trial for treason.

**Richard Stewart** is delighted to announce that his project of establishing a Quantrill Collection at the Gentry Public Library in Benton County, Arkansas, has been sanctioned by the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee and is due to open May 19, 2012.

We want to thank **Lee Ward** for participating in the George Caleb Bingham Memorial Service at Union Cemetery on the occasion of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bingham's birth. He has been doing a lot of speaking to groups about funeral customs, especially of the Civil War era. In addition he is writing his fifth book on early funeral homes of eastern Jackson County and putting together a database of over 100,000 early deceased which will be accessible on line. He's also working on a history of black funeral homes in Kansas City. It's no wonder that we don't see him at our meetings as much as we would like.

## **Box the Gutters**

One of our sister organizations in Independence, the Bingham-Waggoner Estate, has an opportunity to restore the box gutters to the estate at the same time it is having roofing work done. They need to raise \$80,000 in a short amount of time to add back the original type of gutters that were used before pre-formed metal gutters became widely popular. Box gutters are invisible from the ground.

If you would like to help, you can send a donation to Bingham-Waggoner Estate, P.O. Box 1163, Independence, MO 64051 and mark it as "Box the Gutters." You might also attend the Antique and Craft Fair on July 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **Upgrades for Trails Museum**

The June 18-20, 2011 issue of *The Examiner* had an article by Adrianne DeWeese called "Trails Museum has money for upgrades." The improvements are to come in three phases: the existing museum itself at 318 W. Pacific in Independence, the former Waggoner-Gates Mill office building, and the Pioneer Spring Cabin.

Museum director John Mark Lambertson explains that about 5,000 square feet on the second floor of the National Frontier Trails Museum remains empty and unused. He would like to relocate many of the "behindthe-scenes" activities to the second floor to free up space for more exhibit expansion on the ground floor.

The former Waggoner-Gates Mill Office space dates from the 1880s and was also once a tavern. The ground level would become the headquarters for the National Oregon-California Trails Association, and the second floor would house a model railroad installation.

The Pioneer Spring Cabin is presently located at the corner of Truman and Noland Roads near the Sermon Community Center where it is not very visible nor widely used. Lambertson suggests the relocation of the cabin to the Trails Museum grounds where it would be included in the discussion of pioneer life and Westward expansion.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> Frank Haight writing for *The Examiner* revealed that the a special treat awaits visitors to the Trails Museum in the form of hand-held audio tour guides which give additional information besides what is available on exhibit panels. The guides can be rented for \$2 and present information in a more interesting way and assist any visitors with vision problems.

A new twist on the audio tour concept is being used at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield south of Springfield, Missouri – your cell phone. Twelve stops on the tour road, the Ray House, and the Bloody Hill Trail have been developed for the tour.

# Bushwhacker Museum Seeking Museum Coordinator

The Bushwhacker Museum at Nevada, Missouri, is seeking a Museum Coordinator with the following qualifications: knowledge and experience in museum administration, knowledge of Past Perfect software, strong interest in history, and some physical abilities (conducting tours, climbing stairs and step stools, handling artifacts, etc.). The job has a maximum of 40 hours a week with a flexible schedule and a start date to be determined at the time of an interview. Salary is commensurate with experience. Mail resume to Bushwhacker Museum, 212 W. Walnut Street, Nevada, MO 64772. **No phone calls, please!** 

# **National Park Service Cooperation**

The June 16, 2011 issue of the Fort Scott *Tribune* showed a picture of some artifacts from the Fort Scott National Historic Site being packed to be moved to the National Park Service facility in Independence, MO. Hold on, you say. Isn't this breaking the rules of the Missouri-Kansas rivalry? Apparently not because one of the goals of the regional program of the National Park Service is to provide increased access to collections through digital catalogs and special on-line exhibits. The items being moved were not on display, and there is the possibility that the collection can be brought back to Fort Scott when adequate storage for it can be arranged. The Fort Scott staff and researchers will still have access to the collection at the Independence facility. Items being moved include books, marbles, photographs, objects, quilts, and archaeological ceramic shards. The scope of the Fort Scott collection is 1840s to early 1870s including the Bleeding Kansas and Civil War period.

# **CWRTWM Lending Library**

The Round Table buys books from authors who give programs to the group and members also donate books to us. We would like to make these available to our members to read on a rotating basis. Karen Coin has volunteered to be our librarian and will bring the following books to our regular meetings starting in August. If you have any gently used Civil War related books you would like to donate, please bring them to a meeting. These may be non-fiction or fiction based on the Civil War era.

On Slavery's Border, Missouri's Small Slaveholding Households, 1815-1856 by Diane Mutti Burke. History of slavery in the South's border states and the nature of smallscale slavery.

*The Coming Fury*, Volume 1 in the American Civil War Trilogy by Bruce Catton. Opens with the Democratic Party's Charleston Convention in 1860 followed by the Republican Convention and election of Lincoln. Covers wage of secession, the first shots at Ft. Sumter, the aligning of forces in the North and South, and ends with the Battle of Bull Run. *Both Prayed to the Same God* by Robert J. Miller. Comprehensive study of religion in the Civil War. Explores the centrality of faith and religion in every aspect of life in early 19<sup>th</sup> Century America.

Why the South Lost the Civil War by Richard Beringer, Herman Hattaway, Archer Jones and William Still, Jr. The authors come to the conclusion that the South lacked the will to win, that weak Confederate nationalism and the strength of a peculiar brand of evangelical Protestantism sapped the South's ability to continue a war that was not yet lost on the field.

October 25<sup>th</sup> and The Battle of Mine Creek by Lumir F. Buresh. In the fall of 1864 the state of Kansas was invaded by a Confederate Army. In a single square mile of open prairie over 10,000 cavalrymen fought in one of the greatest cavalry engagements in our nation's history.

*Forever...Remember* (Confederate Memorial at Osceola, Missouri) by St. Clair County Historical Society. The book outlines the Osceola Confederate monument dedicated October 11, 2008, with biographical sketches of those remembered on memorial bricks around the monument. "In Memory of Osceola Citizens Murdered by Kansas Jayhawkers and the Union Army."

# Study of the Civil War

One of the most popular ways to study the Civil War is through literature. A few new titles have come to our attention through Len Eagleberger's weekly Civil War newsletter from Springfield, Missouri . Two books about the Civil War and the lives of women were reviewed in the Springfield *News-Leader* on June 18, 2011 by Linda Leicht.

The first is called *Confederate Girlhoods* and is a collection of writings, mostly by members of the John Polk Campbell family. Campbell was the founder of Springfield and was a slaveholder who moved his family there from the South. The family generally supported the Confederacy although Campbell died before the war. In April 2011 when the Springfield-Greene County Library District held its "big read" of Civil War books, it chose *Confederate Girlhoods: A Women's History of Early Springfield, Missouri*, edited by Craig A. Meyer.

*In Bitter Tears: Missouri Women and Civil War, Their Stories*, the United Daughters of the Confederacy collected wartime stories and gathered them for first-person narratives which were published by Carolyn M. Bartels in 2002.

A third book is called *Mary, Mary Quite...(The Life and Times of Mary Whitney Phelps, 1812-1878)* by Jerena East Giffen. She became Missouri's first lady but refused to live in the governor's mansion. She was a leader in national organizations, cared for those wounded in battle and fought for women's suffrage.