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## The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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

Independence, Missouri

**Visitors Always Welcome!**

### Annual Dues

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# The Border Star



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*"Studying the Border War and Beyond"*

THIS WEEK IN THE WAR: Cutberth Mockbee of Harrisonville, MO hosted a birthday ball for his daughter, Martha, in October 1861. Attending were Cole and Sally Younger. When Sally was asked for a dance by Union Capt. Irvin Walley, he did not heed her refusal. Cole intervened and a heated exchange was followed by Walley drawing his pistol on Cole. This resulted in Cole's taking to the brush and joining up with Quantrill. See Cass County Folk Life Festival, Oct. 1, 2011 for dance reenactment.

### President's Letter

I have been watching, or should I say re-watching, Ken Burns' documentary *The War*. An excellent presentation of World War II and the effect it had on the civilian population. If I take nothing else from this film I now understand that no one, absolutely no one remained unaffected by that war. No matter who you were or where you were the war changed your life. So I began to think: Did the American Civil War effect the civilian population to the same extent as World War II?

Based upon my limited research and given the limited space I can only present the following:

- Of the 31 states and 12 territories, only 10 did not have a campaign, battle, engagement or skirmish
- Of the 31 states and 12 territories all recorded casualties

From this we know that 75 per cent of the states and territories had combat of some type occur within their borders and all of them knew of the price to be paid for this war. It would seem that everyone within the United or Confederate States knew someone who had been included on the casualty lists. How could they not, especially when entire town of men of military age would enlist and serve in the same unit? Can you imagine waiting outside the newspaper office or the post office just to read the latest list of killed, wounded or missing. What a place of sadness.

I know this wasn't the only way the Civil War changed the lives of the civilian population, but it is the most personal. There were 1,030,000 casualties (dead, wounded or missing in action) in the Civil War; 3% of the population. How could the war not affect you?

World War II had 1,106,559 American casualties (dead, wounded or missing in action); 0.8% of the population.

Like World War II the Civil War was also fought internationally. I leave it to you to find out where.

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

### Use of Code for Entrance and Exit at the Villages of Jackson Creek

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

### September 2011 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. Bill Worley:

“Ulysses S. Grant: Citizen General.” Bill will focus on Grant’s willingness to follow a strategy that ultimately won the war – “never retreat.”

### **Preview of Coming Events**

#### Battle of Lexington Guided Bus Tour

Saturday, October 8, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Truman Road and Main St., Independence, MO. \$48.

See reservation form.

#### William Clarke Quantrill Society Reunion

Saturday, October 8, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Bus

Tour. Meet bus at the Independence Square. \$12. Civil

War Tour of the Blue Valley-Blue Ridge area. Send

reservations to William Clarke Quantrill Society, P. O.

Box 520123, Independence, MO 64052

#### Fall Historic Homes Tour – Liberty, MO

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8-9, 2011. More information to follow.

### **Other Civil War Events**

#### Jackson County Genealogical Society

Thursday, September 1, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Community of

Christ Church, 3100 South Crysler, (south entrance),

Independence, MO. Kathleen Brandt, professional

genealogist: *8 Generations in 60 Seconds – Research to Fast Forward*. See flyer.

#### Lamoni, Iowa Civil War Days

Saturday, September 3, 2011. At the Women’s Tea Barbara Hughes portrays Laura Flanery, the woman who walked to Texas from Lee’s Summit, MO after Order No. 11.

#### Genius of Place: The Life of Frederick Law Olmsted

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. Central

Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Justin

Martin talks about his new biography of Olmsted,

renowned landscape architect, early environmentalist

and abolitionist. He was largely responsible for the

design of New York’s Central Park and is credited with

helping dissuade England from aiding the South during the Civil War. RSVP to (816) 701-3400.

#### German Anti-slavery Struggle in Kansas Territory

Thursday, September 8, 2011 – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Floyd Cline Hall, 23860 W. 83rd Street, Lenexa-Monticello, KS. “Harrah, Frie Kansas!” Kansas Humanities Council.

#### Thunder on the Border

Saturday, September 10, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Missouri Town 1855, Fleming Park, in eastern Jackson County near Lake Jacomo. The antebellum architecture of Missouri Town provides the perfect backdrop for a powerful reenactment. \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth 5-13 and seniors, free for children under 5.

#### Reenactment of The Battle of Liberty (Blue Mills

Landing) – Saturday, September 10, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. William Jewell College and downtown Liberty, MO. 9:00-10:00 a.m. – Presentation of the battle history by Dr. Chris Sizemore and Jay Jackson in front of Jewell Hall followed by 17-gun salute in honor of dead soldiers buried nearby.

10:00-10:30 a.m. – March of troops and brief, controlled street fighting down Franklin Street. Pause at the courthouse and sing “Battle Hymn of the Republic” and “Dixie.” Ladies of the town waving hankies in support of the troops.

10:30-11:00 a.m. – March one block west to Rotary Club Plaza (Gallatin and Franklin) to present descendants of soldiers who fought in the battle.

Noon-3:00 p.m. – Battle Reenactment at Shoal Creek Living History Museum, 7000 N. E. Barry Road, Kansas City, MO. From I-435 north of the Missouri River, take 152 east. Go ½ mile, then turn north on to Shoal Creek Parkway and make an immediate left on to Barry Road. Go west on Barry Road to the entrance of Hodge Park.

#### American Civil War Genealogy Research

Saturday, September 10, 2011 – 9:30 a.m., Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee’s Summit Road, Independence, MO. Discover research tools among the soldiers’ records to give rich meaning and texture to family history. Registration at (816) 252-7228.

#### ProQuest Civil War Era Database

Saturday, September 10, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. Riverside Library, 2700 N. W. Vivion Road, Riverside, MO. See a demonstration of how to use primary source materials such as newspapers, pamphlets and articles. Registration at (816) 741-6288.

Program repeated at North Oak Library, 8700 N. Oak St. Trafficway, Kansas City, MO on Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Registration at (816) 436-4385.

### The Leaders of the Civil War

Monday, September 12, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. Raytown Historical Society, 9705 E. 63rd Street, Raytown, MO. Monthly Ambassadors meeting.

### Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. (dinner). The Golden Ox restaurant, 1600 Genesee Street, Kansas City, MO. Liz Murphy: Western Travels of the James Gang after the Civil War. \$25 for steak or salmon; \$20 for chicken. Call Ann Schultis at (816) 741-2897 or E-mail aschultis@hotmail.com.

### Civil War Round Table of Cass County

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 – 7:00 p.m., Pearson Hall, Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Chris Edwards speaks on Bloody Bill Anderson.

### Louisa May Alcott: Literary Phenomenon and

Social Reformer – Thursday, September 15, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Liberty Library, 1000 Kent Street, Liberty, MO. Alisha Cole will speak about Alcott's writing to advance many social reforms such as abolition. To register call (816) 781-9240.

### Archaeology Month Symposium – Butler, MO

Saturday and Sunday, September 17-18, 2011 Bates County Museum, Elks Drive just west of the city limits. Saturday: 8:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Presentations such as "The Archaeology of Order No. 11 in Bates County" by Ann Raab and "The Jabez Smith Sites" by Douglas Shaver. Box lunch for \$10 or brown bag. Evening hayride tour and dinner for \$18 at Poplar Heights Farm.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – Field Trip to the Battle of Island Mound (gather at the Museum to caravan). Except for the cost of meals the events are free and open to the public, but preregistration is required. Call Lisa Haney at (417) 836-3773 or E-mail lhaney@missouristate.edu. For a complete list of seminar presenters, call Beverly at (816) 225-7944.

### Battle of the Hemp Bales, Lexington, MO

Friday-Sunday, September 16-18, 2011. See Schedule of Events in the Border Star.

### Freedom Festival-Osawatomie, KS

Saturday and Sunday, September 17-18, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday. John Brown Memorial Park, 10th and Main Streets, Osawatomie, KS. Living history with reenactment of the Battle of Osawatomie. Free

### Crazy Quilt Order No. 11

Saturday, September 17, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Quilter Sharron Gregg will focus on the history of Order No. 11 and remember it in a "crazy way." Fabric, thread, and decorative items are included for \$30. Bring your own needle, scissors and enthusiasm. Preregistration required at (816) 325-7575.

### 30th Annual Pig-Pickin'-Chicken-Lickin' Feast

Saturday, September 17, 2011 – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Bingham-Waggoner Estate, 313 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. Delicious dinner of pulled pork, apple coleslaw, baked beans, corn nuggets, vanilla and chocolate cake, lemonade and iced tea. \$14 for adults and \$5 for children 5-10. Reservations required in advance by calling (816) 461-3491. After dinner enjoy a complimentary tour of the mansion.

### What Archaeology Can Reveal about Gen. Order #11

Thursday, September 22, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Missouri State Archives, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO. Ann Raab's excavation in Bates County offers help in understanding Order #11's destructiveness and how survivors were able to recover.

### African-Americans in the Civil War

Thursday, September 22, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. National Archives, 400 W. Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. "Freedom War" panel discussion moderated by Dr. Larry Coleman. Presenters include Joe Mattox, Antonio Holland, Shawn Alexander and Gary Kremer. To RSVP call (816) 268-8010 or send an E-mail to this address, kansascity.educate@nara.gov.

### Quantrill's Mother

Thursday, September 22, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Lone Jack Library, 211 N. Bynum Road, Lone Jack, MO. Barbara Hughes portrays Caroline Quantrill who talks about her son's exploits. To RSVP to the library, call (816) 697-2528. Barbara will be presenting this program to CWRTWM at our October 12, 2011 meeting.

### Blue or Gray? Civil War Military Records

Thursday, September 22, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. South Independence Library, 13700 E. 35th Street, Independence, MO. Tour of primary resource materials to open doors to the past. To register: (816) 461-2050.

### 2011 Missouri Literary Festival

September 23-25, 2011 – General Admission: \$5. The Creamery Arts Center, 411 N. Sherman Parkway, Springfield, MO. National, Regional, and Local Writers. Tickets are also available for "High Tea with Janis Cooke Newman" for \$25 and "The Blue and Grey Meet-

the-Authors Gala” for \$50. A special guest is Jeff Shaara, acclaimed author of “Gods and Generals,” the prequel to his father Michael Shaara’s “The Killer Angels.” For more information please visit the website [www.missouriliteraryfestival.org](http://www.missouriliteraryfestival.org).

#### Hermann, Missouri Reenactment

September 24-25, 2011. 200-acre Hermann Living History Farm will feature an encampment, exhibits, and music. For more information visit the website at [www.mocivilwar150.com/event/592](http://www.mocivilwar150.com/event/592).

#### Austin Bean Eatin’ Day (Cass County)

Saturday, September 24, 2011 – 10:30 a.m., Grand Opening - look for the signs: 3 miles east of Archie on B blacktop, then 4 miles north on T blacktop, or 4 ½ miles south of Highway 7 on T blacktop. 11:00 a.m. – Serving ham an beans, cornbread, cole slaw, homemade pie and beverage. \$6 for adults; \$2 for children under 12. Entertainment by the Cross County Country Band and the Blues Brothers. Collins Battery C will have drills, demonstrations, cannon firing and exhibits during the day. This event is a reminder of the GAR reunions that used to be held at Austin, MO. It now benefits the Austin Cemetery Association.

#### Civil War Medicine

Saturday, September 24, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. Parkville Library, 8815 Tom Watson Parkway, Parkville, MO. Family event looking at doctors and medical procedures such as the proper way to treat a bullet wound and bandage a hurt soldier. To register call (816) 741-4721.

#### Louisa May Alcott: Through Her Eyes

Sunday, September 25, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. The Pavilion, John Knox Village, 520 NW Murray Road, Lee’s Summit, MO. Family event with music, displays, food, and games. Children’s author Cheryl Harness will be portraying Louisa May Alcott. Register at (816) 524-0567.

#### Arrowhead Presentation at the Pharis Farm

Sunday, September 25, 2011 – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Pharis Farm, 20611 EE Highway, Liberty, MO. Dan Bortko will speak about the origins of arrowheads, their functions, and the cultures from which they came. For information call (816) 736-8503.

#### Civil War in Jackson County, Missouri

Monday, September 26, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Oak Grove Library, 2320 S. Broadway, Oak Grove, MO. Gregg Higginbotham discusses the war that turned neighbor against neighbor and brother against brother. To register call (816) 690-3213.

#### The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant

Tuesday, September 27, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. National Archives, 400 W. Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Dr. Christopher Stowe from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College will be speaking. To register call (816) 268-8010.

#### Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, September 27, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. - Dinner Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Glenna J. Wallace, Chief of the Eastern Band of the Shawnee: “American Indians and the Civil War.” \$25 for dinner. Make reservations with Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

#### Abe Lincoln Live!

Friday, September 30, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Family fun night features Larry Greer portraying Abraham Lincoln and Walter Coppage as Frederick Douglass. Register by calling (816) 701-3481.

#### Walk with Civil War Spirits

Friday, September 30, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. North Park, 1500 S. Jefferson Parkway, Harrisonville, MO. A candlelight walk through the woods to meet and talk with the spirits of Cass Countians who experienced the war.

#### “Lee and Grant” with JCGS Members

Friday, September 30, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. Group tour at the National Archives, 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. The Jackson County Genealogical Society has arranged a group tour of the Lee and Grant exhibit, and visitors are cordially invited. Parking in front of the building is free. Please sign up for the tour by E-mail to Linda Dimon at [vp1programs@jcgs.org](mailto:vp1programs@jcgs.org) or call her at (816) 353-8349.

#### Cass County Folklife Festival

Saturday, October 1, 2011, North Park Activity Center, 1500 S. Jefferson Parkway, Harrisonville, MO. Re-enactment of the dance at the Mockbee House and the Battle of Morristown, period music, dance and food. For information call (816) 380-4396.

#### Tour of Mt. Memorial Cemetery, Liberty, MO

Saturday, October 1, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. Meet at entrance to cemetery on the campus of William Jewell College. Enter from Miller Street and continue up the hill. Liberty, MO.

### **Nominating Committee to be Chosen**

It’s that time of year again when we elect a nominating committee to help select our leadership for the coming

year. At the general meeting, election nominations from the floor will also be accepted with the permission of the nominee. On the masthead of the *Border Star*, you can see the present list of officers and board members. Please consider this election an important part of your membership. If you want to be more involved in the Round Table, don't be shy about letting the nominating committee know. Board meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night every other month.

### **Potential Projects of the Round Table**

At the August board meeting, the following projects were discussed: Publishing a second volume of our "Monuments" book in honor of our 20<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2012; preparing a pamphlet as a guide to the burials at the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery; organizing an antebellum homes tour in Independence, MO; and publishing a guide to the antebellum homes in Independence. The consensus was that rather than try to accomplish everything at one time, we would bite off the smallest task first. Remember the old story about "How Do You Eat an Elephant?" The answer is "One Spoonful at a Time." Therefore Carol Olson said she would be willing to work with others on a guide to the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery. We have a good start because of the mapping that David Jackson and Kathleen Tuohey did earlier this year. If you would like to help Carol, please call her at (816) 452-3540 or E-mail to Solson816@sbcglobal.net.

We have not received official notification yet, but apparently the Round Table has been chosen for a \$500 Brownlee Grant to help us publish a second volume of our "Monuments" book. This is where we will need the help of everyone. We need to make a list of the Civil War monuments and memorials in the Kansas City area that are not in our first volume. This would include our own low-profile markers for the Battle of the Little Blue and the Burnt District Monument at Harrisonville. We will be sending around a pad of paper at the September meeting to get your suggestions. Even if you think we already know about them, list them anyway. You can also E-mail Beverly Shaw at bevjshaw@hotmail.com or call her at (816) 225-7944 (cell). Beverly recently read in the *Star Magazine* that there is a plaque in the Wyandot National Burying Ground in Kansas City, KS which explains that some Union soldiers who fought in the Battle of Westport are buried there. We will be calling on members to be reporters and photographers to visit the sites. We also need people to write and edit the stories and work with the publisher. If you have a special interest in this area, please let Mike Calvert know by E-mail to mwcal53@aol.com or call (816) 898-2603 in the evening.

Patricia Gradwohl has a special interest in working on an antebellum house tour in Independence. She has assisted Carolyn Hatcher and Karen Wells in arranging the house tours in Liberty which will be coming up September 8-9, 2011. If you are interested in this project, please call Pat at (816) 781-8607.

If you have other projects that you think the Round Table should investigate, please contact a board member. We'd like to hear your ideas!

### **Silent Auction at September Meeting**

During the summer the Round Table made capital purchases of audio-visual equipment so that we can present PowerPoint programs at our meetings and send speakers to other groups to give programs without having to borrow equipment from our members. We want to thank Bill and Annette Curtis and Barbara Hughes for the generous use of their computers and projectors but now we have our own. This expenditure has brought down our operating account balance and we would like to build it back up. Board members plan to bring donated books and Civil War related memorabilia to the September meeting for a silent auction before the program and during refreshment time. The items will be displayed on the pool table in the lounge with a bid sheet beside each one. Some items may have a minimum bid, and you can raise the bid in one dollar increments to be the winner. Money will be collected after the bidding ceases and you can take home a new-to-you book or artifact. If you have any Civil War related note cards that you have bought on your travels and have not used, we would like to have those for our correspondence.

Please look through your own personal library and see if there is an item you would like to share with someone else and benefit the Round Table at the same time. We would like to have silent auctions for several months so put a few extra dollars in your pocket and you can take home a treasure.

### **Requests for Assistance**

We are pleased that members and people in the community look to the Round Table to assist with Civil War themes during the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. Kathy Pickering, a member of the Round Table, is helping her "Block Watch" group in the Fairmount Neighborhood of Independence to plan a party on Sunday, September 25, 2011 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Hardy Street north of 24 Highway. They will have smoked brisket and everyone else brings a covered dish. She is asking for some displays and/or people in costume. She can provide tables if you have memorabilia to display. Kathy can be reached between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. at (816) 461-6494.

Sam Savona, a former member who would like to get back with us, has been very involved in being a Boy Scout leader. The North Star District of the Boy Scouts is having a jamboree on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at Smithville Lake. They would like to have small reenactments of any type and can provide food and a black powder reimbursement. The reenactors could set up on Friday evening, October 14<sup>th</sup>, if they wished. Please E-mail Sam at savona7788@yahoo.com or call him at (816) 673-8519 (cell) or (816) 350-3965 (home).

## Civil War in Newspapers

You have no doubt been following the series of Civil War 150 articles in the Kansas City *Star* which culminated on August 28<sup>th</sup> when **Mike Calvert** was interviewed for the story on the Jabez Smith mass burial called "Racing to save hallowed lands," **Barbara Hughes'** interpretation of Laura Flannery, the woman who walked to Texas, was cited in the article about the descendant of Laura who had five relatives buried in the "Six-man Cemetery," **Shane Seley** from Wide Awake Films was shown in costume while filming at the Battle of Wilson's Creek, **Del** and **Jean Warren** of James Country Mercantile provided period dress for the photographs of "Dressing the Part," and **David Blight**, one of the speakers at the Civil War symposium at the Mid-Continent Library earlier this year, wrote an essay called "Civil War at 150 – The Past in the Present?"

If you missed any of the articles in the series, you can collect them all in book form prepared by the Kansas City *Star*. **Darryl Levings** has also written a fictional account of the Border Wars in *Saddle the Pale Horse*. The *Star* has a special price for both books by e-mailing weaver@kcstar.com and putting "Civil War Books" in the subject line. There is no obligation to purchase.

The Independence *Examiner* reminds us that the exhibit at the Truman Library called "Steamboats to Steam Engines: George Caleb Bingham's Missouri, 1819-1879" runs through September 8, 2011. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday and Noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors 65 and older, \$3 for children ages 6-15 and free for children 5 and under. This is your last opportunity to see one of the two existing Bingham paintings of "Order No. 11" before it goes back to Columbia, Missouri.

**David Jackson**, curator of the Jackson County Archives, wrote an interesting column in the August 20-22, 2011 issue of the *Examiner* called "Civil War letters tell the story." The "story" is about Upton Hays and his wife Margaret who buried in the Boone-Hays Cemetery on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street in Kansas City (no doubt another memorial we ought to include in our second "Monuments" book).

Hays was a great-grandson of Daniel Boone and was commissioned a cavalry captain in the Confederate Army. He was shot in the foot at the First Battle of Independence and six days later fought at the Battle of Lone Jack. He died at the Battle of Newtonia, Missouri. Between 1852 and 1872, Margaret Hays wrote letters to her parents in California. These and other documents were recently donated to the Jackson County Archives.

Jeff Martin, reporter for the *Examiner*, sought the help of **Mary Potter**, president of the Blue Springs Historical Society, to "Take a tour of city's rich history" in the August 27-29 issue. You may have read that the historical society is attempting to save the old Chicago & Alton Railroad Depot. They have already been successful in saving the Chicago & Alton Hotel which was moved to the society's property at 15<sup>th</sup> and Main streets. **Beverly Shaw** was interested to read that the Burrus Old Mill Park on Woods Chapel Road where she and her husband walk their miniature Schnauzers dates from 1825 when settlers stayed at this site before crossing the plains to Santa Fe. Mary would like to see the City of Blue Springs' historical district enlarged to include Burrus Old Mill Park, the Lobb Cemetery which Barbara Hughes brings to life in her interpretation of Mary Lobb, the Morgan Walker Family Cemetery adjacent to the James Lewis Elementary School, and the Blue Springs Cemetery. Some of those buried at the Blue Springs Cemetery are Moses Branton, a Confederate soldier who served under Stonewall Jackson and James W. Goodloe, one of Quantrill's raiders.

The Kansas City *Star* carried an article from Kimberly Hefling of the Associated Press on August 27, 2011 called "Old Guard's night duty." It's about the mission of the Old Guard, which is the Army's official ceremonial unit, to photograph more than 219,000 grave markers and 43,000 sets of cremains at Arlington National Cemetery in order to account for every grave and to update and digitize the cemetery's maps. They are doing this at night to escape the heat and to not interfere with the average of 27 funerals daily. The project is called Task Force Christman in honor of Pvt. William Christman of Easton, PA, who died in the Civil War and was the first soldier buried at Arlington.

## 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 visit; [www.wcqociety.com](http://www.wcqociety.com) or send an E-mail to [wcqociety@aol.com](mailto:wcqociety@aol.com).

**The Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City**  
**And**  
**The Civil War Roundtable of**  
**Western Missouri**

**SEPT 1861 BATTLE OF LEXINGTON**

A GUIDED BUS TOUR  
**Saturday, October 8, 2011**

Bus departure time 8:30 sharp, Truman Rd and Main, Independence return 5:00/5:30

Stops at:

- 8:45 Liberty Arsenal (April 20, 1861)
- 9:10 Little Blue Battle of Westport 1864
- 10:00 Lexington Battle Museum and Anderson House tour (Sept 19,20,21 1861)
- 12:00 Lunch Victorian Pelican
- 1:00 A battlefield walking tour and driving tour
- Tour of Old Town Lexington
- 3:00/3:30 Lexington Museum
- 4:00 Confederate Cemetery - Higginsville

--In addition we will see and/or discuss:

- What impact did the Liberty Arsenal , April 1861 incident, have on Lexington?
- After Carthage and Wilsons Creek, how did this campaign affect Missouri?
- Where were the troops placed in the town of Lexington for the battle?
- What is Old Town Lexington?

--Includes:

- Campaign and battlefield Maps
- Handout materials

Bus Guide for the rolling classroom, Ross Marshall, CWRT of KC. For the Little Blue stop, resident expert Mike Calvert, Pres of the Western Mo CWRT, Battle of Lexington resident tour guide Roger Slusher. Confederate Cemetery resident tour guide Wade Ankesheiln

\*\*\*Formal Registration begins with the Aug 23 meeting

Near Sprgfld, Mo  
Aug 17, 1861

Dear Margaret,

All is well here. Morale is high among our troops and feel confident of future success for our cause. We whipped the Dutch at Carthage on July 5<sup>th</sup> and Lyon and his Federals at Wilson's Creek just last week. We feel one or two more victories and we can secure the state for our cause and restore Gov Jackson to his position as lawful Gov. Rumor has it that "Old Pap Price" will move north in the very near future. Not sure where we would engage the enemy, possibly Lexington, Boonville, Jeff City, where ever the enemy will be found.

Hope all is well with you and the boys, give them my love and hopefully this war will be over soon and I can return home.

Your loving husband Alexander

The above letter is fictitious however it is what you would expect at this stage of 1861. The characters are real. Alexander Griffith was a prosperous merchant from Dayton, Cass Co, Mo, his wife Margaret remained in Dayton when he went off to war. When the war broke out he immediately cast his lot with Gl Rains, VIII Div, MSG, assigned to the Quartermaster Corp and would have been present at both the above battles. He would serve throughout the war surrendering with his troops, the 10th Missouri Cav in Ark when the war concluded. His family would suffer the horrors of war, the burnings, killings etc that accompanied this American tragedy.

Join us on Oct 8 for an educational history lesson and tour of the sesquicentennial battle of Lexington.

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Battle of Lexington Registration Form

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_

Number to attend:\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$48.00 each, total \$\_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to  
and send to:

Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City  
Attn: Paul Gault  
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# **Jackson County Genealogical Society**



***Mark your calendar for***

***7 p.m., Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>***

***JCGS meets at South Crysler Community of Christ Church***

***3100 South Crysler (south entrance), Independence, MO.***

***8 Generations in 60 Seconds – Research to Fast Forward***

***Presented by professional genealogist Kathleen Brandt***

Brandt has more than 10 years experience as a genealogist in the Midwest and Southern regions of the USA including Kansas, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee.

After working 20 years for International corporations, she settled in the United States, Missouri, to pursue her love of historical research as a Professional Genealogist and Freelance Writer for Genealogy Magazines. Brandt is called upon to do international and nationwide family researches and document retrievals to include military, naturalization and immigration searches. In addition to working with lineage societies and European family histories, she is also a premier researcher of free-coloreds and slaves' families and history. Utilizing her International experience and education, she translates Spanish, French and Italian records into English; and works with German and other International records as well. Published work can be seen in the Genealogy Archives Expert Series online magazine at <http://experts.archives.com/>.

Recently, Brandt was a consultant on the television shows, "Who Do You Think You Are?" with Tim McGraw and Ashley Judd. This presentation shares examples of the Chrisman family research she presented to Tim McGraw on Who Do You Think You Are? Brandt thought this would be interesting, since the research examples are close to home, even though they can be used anywhere.

For more information about Brandt and genealogy, see her website: [a3Genealogy](http://a3Genealogy.com).

***Hope to see you there!***

# Schedule of Events



A Signature Event  
Of The Missouri Civil War  
Sesquicentennial

## At Big River Ranch

### Saturday, Sept. 17

Camp Open to Public	9 am - 10 pm
Sutlers Open for Business	9 am - 10 pm
Opening Ceremonies	10 am
Generic Battle & Maneuvers	3 pm
Campfire Tours \$5	7 - 10 pm
Artillery Night Fire	Dusk
Reenactors Civil War Ball	9 - 11 pm

### Sunday, Sept. 18

Camps Open to Public	10 am - 1 pm
Sutlers Open for Business	10 am - 1 pm
Church Service	10 am
<b>Battle Reenactment !</b>	<b>1:30 - 3 pm</b>

Cannonball Anderson Says,  
All events/dates/times  
subject to change!

For details on  
events, parking,  
accommodations  
and the latest  
updates, go to

**VisitLexingtonMo.com**  
Or call 866-837-4711

## In Lexington

**Exhibit** Beyond the Hemp Bales: The African American Experience, **Sept 14-18**, 10 am—7 pm, 1012 Main St. **Free**

### Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011

Civil War Film Festival Opens	12 Noon - 9 pm	Cannonball 6 Theatre, 1125 Franklin <b>\$7 adults, \$5-12 &amp; Under</b>
Civil War Authors Roundtable	7:30 pm	Groendyke Hall, Wentworth Military Academy <b>\$5</b>

### Thursday, Sept. 15

Civil War Film Festival	12 Noon—9 pm	Cannonball 6 Theatre, 1125 Franklin <b>\$7 adults, \$5-12 &amp; Under</b>
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### Friday, Sept. 16

Anderson House Open	9 am - 5 pm	Battle of Lexington State Historic Site <b>Free</b>
Civil War Bus Tours	1 pm - 5 pm	Lv from Tourism Bureau 927 Main <b>\$5 adults, \$3-12 &amp; Under</b>
Civil War Film Festival	12 Noon—9 pm	Cannonball 6 Theatre, 1125 Franklin <b>\$7 adults, \$5-12 &amp; Under</b>
Block 42 Beer Garden	5:30 pm - 1 am	City Hall Parking Lot <b>Cover Charge for Entertainment</b>
Civil War Memorabilia Auction	6 pm	Adkins Auction 13321 E Hwy 13 <b>Free</b>

### Saturday, Sept. 17

Anderson House Open	9 am - 5 pm	Battle of Lexington State Historic Site <b>Free</b>
Living History Activities	9 am - 4 pm	Battle of Lexington State Historic Site <b>Free</b>
Antebellum Homes Open	10 am - 4 pm	Various Locations, Lexington <b>\$3 each home</b>
Civil War Bus Tours	9 am - 5 pm	Lv from Tourism Bureau 927 Main <b>\$5 adults, \$3-12 &amp; Under</b>
Vendors	9 am - 7 pm	10th Street Downtown and elsewhere
Chautauqua Tent	10 am - 6 pm	10th Street Downtown <b>Free</b>
Living History Scenarios	9 am - 5 pm	Downtown and elsewhere <b>Free</b>
"Painting The Battle" Talk	2 pm	Battle of Lexington State Historic Site <b>Free</b>
Civil War Film Festival	3 pm—9 pm	Cannonball 6 Theatre, 1125 Franklin <b>\$7 adults, \$5-12 &amp; Under</b>
Parade	12 Noon	Downtown Lexington <b>Free</b>
Block 42 Beer Garden	11 am - 1 am	City Hall Parking Lot <b>Cover Charge</b>
Anderson House Hospital Tour	6 - 9 pm	Battle of Lexington SHS <b>\$5 adults, \$3- 12 &amp; Under</b>

### Sunday, Sept. 18

Anderson House Open	9 am - 1 pm ; 3 - 5 pm	Battle of Lexington State Historic Site <b>Free</b>
Civil War Bus Tours	10 am - 3 pm	Lv from Tourism Bureau 927 Main <b>\$5 adults, \$3 12 &amp; Under</b>
Chautauqua Tent	10 am - 5 pm	10th Street Downtown <b>Free</b>
Vendors	10 am - 6 pm	10th Street Downtown and elsewhere
Living History Scenarios	10 am - 1 pm	Downtown and elsewhere <b>Free</b>
Antebellum Homes Open	11 am - 3 pm	Various Locations, Lexington <b>\$3 each home</b>
Civil War Film Festival	12 Noon—9 pm	Cannonball 6 Theatre, 1125 Franklin <b>\$7 adults, \$5-12 &amp; Under</b>
Block 42 Refreshment Garden	1 - 4 pm	City Hall Parking Lot <b>Free</b>

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