



The Border Star



Official Publication of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri
"Studying the Border War and Beyond"

THIS WEEK IN THE WAR: Cassville, the county seat of Barry County, Missouri, served from October 31 through November 7, 1861 as the Missouri Capitol in exile under Governor Claiborne Fox Jackson and later served as a Union Post for most of the Civil War. See information in the calendar for October 29, 2011 for the reenactment at Cassville.

October 2011

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2nd 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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Student (under 21) ----- 5.00
Newsletter Only (no meetings) 10.00

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From "Blood & Ashes: How should we remember the border war?"

A guerrilla war is unlike a regular war. If you lived here, there was no escaping the border war. "This is a story about normal people, civilians, who are caught in the middle," Carol Bohl said. Bohl is president of the Missouri/Kansas Border War Network and director of the Cass County Historical Society. "They got hit by the bushwhackers and the jayhawkers. It didn't matter which side you were on; it was about where you lived . . . It was really the worst kind of civil war."

The government didn't sanction the guerrilla war so there was no official recognition of the suffering of civilians and their losses. The only consistent rule seemed to be that it was forbidden to physically hurt white women. Beyond that, all bets were off in what was some of the most brutal fighting of the Civil War era. Terror was both a method and a goal. "This was not a stand-up war with uniformed, flag-carrying massed troops charging one another in open combat or even the confusion of the typically disorganized battlefield; it was thousands of brutal moments when small groups of men destroyed homes, food supplies, stray soldiers, and civilian lives and morale," Michael Fellman writes.

If you lived in this area, your political views were a matter of life and death. Neutrality was not allowed, according to **Mike Calvert**, President of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri. "You had to choose a side and you never knew whose side was coming to your door . . . It was personal and bloody, especially on the civilian population." People lied about their neighbors for revenge or survival. Nobody was blameless in this war, according to local residents and historians.

From talking points of "Legacies of the Civil War" (Johnson County Library, October 25, 2011)

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

Civil War Bus Tour to Lexington, Missouri

Saturday, October 8, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Pickup at Truman Road and Main Street, Independence, MO. \$48 which includes transportation, lunch, and all fees. Combined trip with the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. Send check to Attn: Paul Gault, 7118 N. Congress Ave., Kansas City, MO 64152. For further info call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944.

October 2011 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level), 3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. Barbara Hughes: Portraying Caroline Quantrill, the mother of Missouri guerrilla, William Clarke Quantrill, she will use first person, music, historical replicas, and PowerPoint to give an in-depth look at the man who was either loved or hated.

October 2011 Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51 Terr. Ct., Independence, MO.

Other Civil War Events

Abe Lincoln Live!

Friday, September 30, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.
Plaza Library, 4801 Main St., 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 spirits of Cass Countians who experienced the war.

Cass County Folklife Festival

Saturday, October 1, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.
North Park, 1500 S. Jefferson Parkway, Harrisonville, MO. Civil War Drills/Demos at 9:45 a.m., Civil War Skirmish-Order No. 11 at 2:30 p.m., and Civil War Skirmish at 4:00 p.m. Also period music, dance and food. For further info call (816) 380-4396.

Tour of Mt. Memorial Cemetery, Liberty, MO

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

Living History at Union Cemetery, Kansas City, MO

Saturday, October 1, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.
Union Cemetery, 227 E. 28th Terr., Kansas City, MO. To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin McCoy, the father of Westport and Kansas City, volunteers in costume will tell the story of early Kansas Citians such as McCoy, Alexander Majors, and George Caleb Bingham as their graves are visited. No charge but donations are welcome to support the Union Cemetery Historical Society. A reception hosted by Westport Historical Society will conclude the tour at the Sexton's Cottage.

Raytown Historical Society Ambassadors

Monday, October 3, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.
Raytown Historical Society, 9705 E. 63rd Street, Raytown, MO. "The Civil War Ends."

Women in Missouri during the Civil War

Monday, October 3, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Riverside Library, 2700 N.W. Vivion Road, Riverside, MO. Barbara Hughes will portray Laura Flanery in a vignette as a woman forced out of her home who walked to Texas from Jackson County. Other selected women's stories will be shared through PowerPoint, music and replicas. To register call (816) 741-6288.

The Civil War in Johnson County, Missouri

Tuesday, October 4, 11 & 18, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.
Historic Johnson County Courthouse, 308 N. Main, Warrensburg, MO. Lifelong Learning from the University of Central Missouri presents wartime history, music, and stories. Joseph Beilein begins on Oct. 4 with "Guerrilla Men, Rebel Women, and Household War in Civil War Missouri." Dr. Jessica Cannon continues on Oct. 11 with "Music from the Civil War Period." The Lizard Creek String Bank will perform. The series ends on Oct. 18 with Anne Mallinson and Nancy Jackson Lewis who will present "Woe and Wrack upon Us All." Featured figures will be Rachel Boone, a freed slave and mother of musician Blind Boone, guerrilla Archie Clement, and Senator Francis Marion Cockrell. For more info call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 (cell).

Civil War Women Come Alive

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
North Oak Library, 8700 N. Oak St. Trafficway, Kansas City, MO. Stories shared through first person interpretation of both Union and Confederate women such as tales of spies and nurses and wives who lived through the war. To register call (816) 436-4385.

Divided Loyalties – Civil War Documents Visit St. Joseph, Missouri Wednesday, October 5, 2011 – December 18, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO. Divided Loyalties: Civil War Documents from the Missouri State Archives will be on display.

William C. Harris: Lincoln and the Border States Thursday, October 6, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Award-winning historian William C. Harris will talk about his new book, *Lincoln and the Border States: Preserving the Union*. To register call (816) 701-3400. Mr. Harris was interviewed by telephone on September 23rd by Monroe Dodd on the Walt Bodine Show, KCUR. To hear a podcast visit www.kcur.org/waltbodine.

Clothing and Accoutrements of the Civil War Thursday, October 6, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Jim Beckner will be showing items of clothing and weapons of the 1863 Cavalryman. Advance registration required at (816) 325-7575. \$6.00.

Johnny Reb and Billy Yank Saturday, October 8, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Living exhibit of both Union and Confederate soldiers from privates to generals, both cavalry and artillery. Get an authentic look at the arms and equipment of the Civil War. To register call (816) 252-7228.

Clay County Fall Homes Tour-Antebellum & Historic Saturday and Sunday, October 8-9, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Liberty and Gladstone, MO. \$10 (cash or check). See flyer in newsletter.

170th Anniversary of Founding of Bates County Saturday, October 8, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. Bates County Historical Museum, 802 Elks Drive (west of city limits), Butler, MO. Jeremy Neely, author and native of Bates County, will speak about *The Border Between Them: Violence and Reconciliation on the Kansas-Missouri Line*. A free-will offering for a chili and soup lunch will follow the program. An article by Neely was posted on the *New York Times*' online "Disunion."

William Clarke Quantrill Society Reunion Saturday, October 8, 2011 – All day. Bus tour of the Big Blue and Blue Ridge from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. from the south side of the Square, Independence, MO. \$12 by reservation to William Clarke Quantrill Society, P. O. Box 520123, Independence, MO. Sites will be

Wallace Grove, Pitcher Cemetery, Devil's Backbone, and Big Blue Bridge. Lunch on your own.

2:00 p.m. – Quantrill Society Headquarters opens at Courthouse Exchange restaurant, 113 W. Lexington Ave. Books & Exhibits.

4:00 p.m. – Quantrill Society Annual Meeting at Courthouse Exchange, 113 W. Lexington Ave., Independence, MO.

6:00 p.m. – Banquet and Awards Dinner. \$13. Advance reservation to William Clarke Quantrill Society, P. O. Box 520123, Independence, MO. Paul Peterson will speak on "Confessions of a Guerrilla Author."

Bingham: Not Just An Artist, But A Statesman Saturday, October 8, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Deck "Between the Bricks" at the Courthouse Exchange, 113 W. Lexington Ave., Independence, MO. \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth 12 and under. Includes box lunch (cash bar available). Tickets available at www.jchs.org (click on "bookshop" or call (816) 461-1897. In case of rain, the event will be moved indoors.

The Jackson County Historical Society recreates the political campaign of 1866 in Jackson County, MO. This will bring to life George Caleb Bingham's election series of paintings as well as his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Cast includes Judge Michael Manners portraying Judge Minor T. Graham (R) vs. Aaron J. Racine as Milton J. Payne (D), Gregg Higginbotham portraying Robert Van Horn (R) vs. David Bears as James "Jim" Birch (D), Ralph A. Monaco II portraying George Caleb Bingham (D) vs. Joe Hudgens as Joseph W. McClurg (R). Ben Mann will portray Independence Mayor Peter Hinders as Master of Ceremonies.

Daniel Woodrell at Johnson County (KS) Library Saturday, October 8, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. Central Resource Library, 9875 W. 87th Street, Overland Park, KS. Daniel Woodrell will read from and discuss his new book of short stories, *The Outlaw Album*, including the story that inspired *Woe to Live On* and the film "Ride with the Devil."

Old Fashioned Elections Sunday, October 9, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Alexander Majors House, 8201 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO. Hear candidates for the 1866 campaign for Congress and engage in lively debate about the issues on everyone's mind following the Civil War. Mingle with the candidates at a wine and cheese reception. Cost is

\$10 for adults and \$5 for youth, 5 years of age and under are free.

Louisa May Alcott: Writer and Abolitionist

Tuesday, October 11, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Boardwalk Library, 8656 N. Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO. Meet the historical March family from *Little Women* and discover the author and her life and views.

Civil War Encampment at Park University

Saturday and Sunday, October 15-16, 2011 – Mornings
Parkville, MO Campus Front Lawn. Free and open to the public.

Chili Cook-off at the James Farm

Saturday, October 15, 2011 – 1:00 p.m.

James Farm, Kearney, MO. Cole Younger and Frank James (as portrayed by David Bears and Greg Higginbotham) will be the judges and also present a skit as James and Younger. Live music. For more info go to www.jessejames.org.

Maple Leaf Tours at Black Jack Battlefield

Saturday and Sunday, October 15-16, 2011 – Guided tours at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. 163 E 2000 Road, Wellsville, KS. Free.

The James Gang Raid on Glendale Station

Sunday, October 16, 2011 – 2:00 p.m.

National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Railroad historian Armin Schannuth recounts details of this exciting adventure of the notorious James Gang in Independence, MO. Free with usual admission of \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors 62 and older, \$3 for youth 6-17, and free for 5 and under.

Platte County's Civil War

Monday, October 17 – November 23, 2011.

Exhibit at Campanella Gallery in McAfee Memorial Library on Parkville, MO Campus of Park University. "Platte County's Civil War" through original artifacts and documents.

MO/KS Border War Network Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.

Frank James Bank Building, Missouri City, MO.

Small Slaveholding Households

Thursday, October 20, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Garrison School Gymnasium, 502 N. Water, Liberty, MO. Dr. Diane Mutti Burke, professor of History at UMKC, will talk about her book, *Small Slaveholding Households, 1815-1865*. Sponsored by the Clay County Historical Society.

"Bloody Bill" Anderson's Raids in Lafayette County

Thursday, October 20, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Missouri State Archives, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO. Robert W. Frizzell will share the story of Anderson's raid on a German farming settlement in southeast Lafayette County which was little known until recently when key source material was translated from German to English.

Civil War Ghost Tours at the Wornall House

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21-22, 2011 – 6:00 p.m. –

9:00 p.m. Wornall House, 6115 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO. Tours start at 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 p.m. and fill up quickly. Reservations at (816) 444-1858. \$15.

Lantern tours through the house, roasted marshmallows in the yard, and Civil War ghost stories with the Missouri Irish Brigade reenactors.

Civil War Tour and Fish Fry-Osceola, MO

Saturday, October 22, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

South of Osceola on Hwy. 82 for 4 ½ miles, then SE 150 (left, gravel road) for 1 mile to the parking area where tour will begin and the fish fry will be held. \$15 for tour and fish fry. See the "Younger Lookout," Civil War trenches, sally ports, monuments, and history of St. Clair County. Send reservations to Richard Sunderwirth, P.O. Box 543, Osceola, MO 64776 by October 15th or call him at (417) 646-5538.

"The Gathering" for the Battle of Fredericktown

Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23, 2011

Fredericktown, MO south of Farmington off I-55. For information visit www.battleoffredericktown.com.

Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass

Sunday, October 23, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

Historic Mt. Gilead Church, 15918 Plattsburg Road, Kearney, MO. Kansas City actors Harvey Williams and Bill Warren portray Douglass and Lincoln as they wrestle with the best way to abolish slavery and reunite the nation in "The Measure of Great Men." Free. For info call Clay County Historic Sites at (816) 736-8502 or go to www.jessejamesmuseum.org.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 – Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Arnold Schofield: "Thunder in the Valleys." \$25. For reservations call Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

Legacies of the Civil War

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.

Central Resource Library, 9875 W. 87 Street, Overland Park, KS. Forum called Blood and Ashes: How should

we remember the Border War? (Mike Calvert was interviewed by phone to help prepare a discussion guide for this topic.)

Humboldt in Ashes

Wednesday, October 26, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Humboldt Public Library Community Room, 916 Bridge Street, Humboldt, KS. Arnold Schofield, Superintendent of the Mine Creek Battlefield, will present the causes and results of the September 8, 1861 raid on Humboldt by Missouri Bushwhackers and the burning of Humboldt on October 14, 1861.

First Year of the Civil War in Missouri

Thursday, October 26, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.
Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Terry Beckenbaugh of the Military History Dept. of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth will discuss the first year of the Civil War in Missouri. To register call (816) 701-3400.

Women in Missouri during the Civil War

Thursday, October 27, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Grandview Library, 12930 Booth Lane, Grandview, MO. Barbara Hughes portrays Laura Flanery in a vignette as a woman forced out of her home who walked to Texas. Other selected women's stories will be shared through PowerPoint, music and historic replicas. To register call (816) 763-0550.

Friday Night Family Night with a Civil War Undertaker

Friday, October 28, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Lee Ward portrays an 1860s era undertaker. Learn about "proper" mourning costumes. Children will create Victorian Halloween crafts with materials provided. Sponsored by Wornall House. To register call (816) 701-3481.

Annual Meeting of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund

Saturday, October 29, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum in Swope Park. Persons interested in the Civil War and the Battle of Westport are welcome. Refreshments provided.

Gov. Claiborne Fox Jackson's Capitol in Exile-

Cassville, MO, Saturday, October 29, 2011 – 10:30 a.m. Cassville, Missouri. Living history of Gov. Claiborne Fox Jackson's Legislature in Exile from October 31 through Nov. 7, 1861. Dr. William Piston from Missouri State University will be the narrator.

Ghosts of the Civil War

Sunday, October 30, 2011 – 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Woodlawn Cemetery, 701 S. Noland Road, Independence, MO. Hour long guided tour of more than

a dozen graves related to the Civil War. Along the way "ghosts" in period costumes will tell their stories (watch for Mike Calvert with a beard). Small groups will depart every 15 minutes from 3-6 pm. \$10 for adults; children 13 & under are free. Sponsored by the National Frontier Trails Museum. Rain date Sunday, November 6, 2011.

Spirits of the Past – Lone Jack, Missouri

Monday, October 31, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Lone Jack Battlefield and Cemetery, Lone Jack, MO. Meet the spirits of Lone Jack residents and soldiers.

Silent Auction for Civil War Books and Artifacts

The Round Table received over \$50 in contributions from the silent auction of books donated by members of the board at the September meeting. In October we are asking other people to bring items that you no longer need or want and have them available for purchase. The items will be on display before the meeting and during the break for silent bidding (raising the bid of the previous bidder on a sheet of paper). Bring a little extra cash and you might take home a real treasure.

Nominations for Officers and Board Members

In October we have the opportunity to advance candidates for our annual election in November. Mike Calvert has asked that present officers and board members let him know if they do **NOT** want to be considered for election. We have room on the board for some new members so if you have considered this as a way of becoming more involved, please let Mike know by calling him at (816) 898-2603 or by E-mail at mwcal53@aol.com. The board meetings are held every two months on the 3rd Wednesday night of the month at the home of Beverly Shaw in Independence.

Civil War Sources

Our webmaster, Steve Hatcher, does an excellent job of updating our website (www.cwrtwm.org) to keep it topical and interesting. On the home page he has a short article about the Battle Reenactment of Blue Mills Landing (Battle of Liberty) and links to the video of the event done by Tony Meyers. You can also go to the links on Other Sites and Organizations to see some of Len Eagleburger's weekly updates of Civil War stories in the press all over the U. S. Steve also posts our Border Star calendar so that you can see what is happening locally.

The current (Fall 2011) issue of *Missouri Resources* published by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources has an article called "Civil War Sesquicentennial" by Tom Uhlenbrock. He highlights

the major Civil War sites in Missouri which saw more battles than all but Virginia and Tennessee. He also points you to the website of the Missouri Civil War commission: www.mocivilwar150.com which lists locations and a schedule of events. Another article in the same issue talks about prismatic tiles such as those in the front of the Clay County Museum in Liberty. The article is called "Lighting the Way, Principles from the Past."

Beverly Shaw has been enjoying the Summer 2011 issue of *Today* from the University of Central Missouri. It featured an article called "Forgotten No More" about Francis Marion Cockrell, commander of the Missouri Confederate Brigade and a lawyer from Warrensburg, Missouri. She had been aware of the Cockrell name because of the Cockrell Mercantile store off 50 Highway near Lee's Summit. An alumnus named Philip Thomas Tucker has written a new book about Cockrell. See the entire article at www.ucmo.edu/today. You may also want to read about Cockrell at this website, www.cockrellmercantile.com.

In the weekend issue of the Independence *Examiner* of September 17-19, 2011, reporter Jeff Fox has ten tips for "Plenty of Civil War history to explore in your backyard." He mentions the battles at Lexington, Lone Jack, Westport, and the First and Second Battles of Independence. You can even take a weekend and hit the road to Wilson's Creek near Springfield or go to Jefferson City to see "A House Dividing" at the Missouri State Museum at the state Capitol. Pictured in the article is a sweetgum mortar that survived the war. While at the Capitol, you can take in other exhibits, plaques, busts, paintings, and mementos.

On the second floor you can see paintings depicting the Battle of Wilson's Creek and the Battle of Westport. For a beautiful color reproduction of the paintings you can go to the *Kansas City Star Magazine* of September 4th to see the article "Show Me the Murals." The Missouri State Archives has also mounted a traveling exhibit called "Divided Loyalties: Civil War Documents from the Missouri State Archives" which will be at the St. Joseph Museum this fall and then come to the National Archives in Kansas City from January through March 2012.

Are Historical Memorials Endangered?

David Jackson, archivist for the Jackson County Historical Society, posed this question in his column in the *Examiner* for the weekend of September 17-19, 2011. He noted that historical memorials and markers are being defaced and stolen in the metropolitan area. He recently discovered that an overland trail-related marker once affixed to a large boulder in Hyde Park

along Gillham Road in Kansas City was missing. The Jackson County Historical Society Archives is building a database which is intended to be incorporated into a virtual map online to aid residents and visitors in touring these significant places. They started with veteran/military markers and posted the results at www.jchs.org/monuments. If you want to be sure your favorites are on the list, send the details (especially the title/theme and location to djackson@jchs.org. The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri intends to publish a second volume of our "Memorials" guidebook to include new memorials and monuments that were not part of our first book which also needs to be reprinted. You can send your suggestions for our second "Monuments" book by E-mail to Beverly Shaw at bevjoshaw@hotmail.com or call her at (816) 225-7944.

Unique Pair of Cannons on Display in St. Louis

The Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site in south St. Louis County unveiled two Civil War era cannons on September 17, 2011. These 24-pounder siege and garrison howitzer cannons are unique in that they are sequentially numbered. They symbolize Grant's determination and tenacity and have belonged to the Busch family since the early 1900s and will be on display in the park through the Civil War Sesquicentennial. The Historic Site is located at 7400 Grant Road and is open 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily.

Kingdom's 150th

The October/November issue of *Missouri Life* magazine has an article "The Prince behind the Kingdom of Callaway." It begins by saying that "Missouri has 113 counties but only one kingdom – the Kingdom of Callaway. That enduring nickname dates back 150 years, to when ragtag Callaway County volunteers stared down Union militia and exacted a non-invasion 'treaty.' The rebels were led by a local political figure, Col. Jefferson Franklin Jones."

Callaway watched with alarm in September 1861, as thousands of Union troops arrived at Jefferson City to defend the provisional Union government there. Troops under Col. Jones magnified their appearance of strength by fashioning two or three Quaker guns (logs painted to resemble a cannon) and one handmade oak cannon, a fearful instrument of carnage. Jones asserted that his command was "not assembled in the interest of the Southern Confederacy" and was able to negotiate a truce with Union forces on October 26, 1861, so that they did not enter Callaway County. Coincidentally, the day after Jones's men returned home, Gov. Claiborne Fox Jackson's General Assembly in Neosho passed an ordinance of secession. A month later the Confederate

Congress would accept Missouri as the 12th Confederate state, and Missouri would be represented in both the U. S. and Confederate Congresses.

On September 30, 2011 at 5 pm at the Kingdom of Callaway Historical Museum, 513 Court St., Fulton, Missouri, a blue-gray muster will unveil special displays such as a replica of Col. Jones's house to initiate a month's "Kingdom of Callaway" 150th anniversary events. On October 22 at 11 am a new panel on the Gray Ghosts Trail will be dedicated at Crane's Museum, Williamsburg, Missouri. For more information go to www.callawaycivilwar.org.

News about Members and Friends

The Round Table extends its condolences to the family and friends of **Kathleen Tuohey** who passed away August 28, 2011. We made a contribution to the Jackson County Archives in her memory. Kathleen is best remembered for her work at the Pitcher Cemetery, but she also helped the Round Table this spring to help map our Lewis-Gregg Cemetery.

Congratulations to our friends at the **Bates County Historical Society and Museum** for being able to transfer their old museum property to the Bates County Sheriff's Posse to become the Bates County Law Enforcement Historical Museum. The old museum was built in 1894 and was the Bates County Sheriff's residence and jail. The property includes a small log cabin, a barn, and the Lindsey Stagecoach Depot.

Jim Beckner gave a bus tour for the Grandview Historical Society on September 12, 2011 to visit 22 of the 33 markers of the Battle of Westport as well as the Swope Park Interpretive Center and the Trailside Center at 99th and Holmes where a special display is set up in an old bank vault.

The Readorama in the July 31, 2011 issue of the *Kansas City Star* gave a good review of a new children's book about Abraham Lincoln called *My Best Friend, Able Lincoln: A Tale of Two Boys from Indiana*. The author, **Robert Bloch** lives in Mission Hills, Kansas and comes by his interest in Lincoln because his great-great-grandfather, Jonas Wollman, a Leavenworth merchant, was among those who wrote to Lincoln and invited him to visit the Kansas Territory which he did in 1859. Another tie to Lincoln is that in 1999 Bloch discovered near Weston the barely readable gravestone of Mary Owens Vineyard, a woman to whom Lincoln once proposed. She declined and later, after marrying Jesse Vineyard of Kentucky, came with him to Platte County. Bloch paid to have a new marker placed on her grave in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery.

Abolitionist **John Brown** has been added to the list of most honored Kansans even though he did not live in Kansas for most of his life. The announcement was made by Gov. Sam Brownback at the Shawnee Indian Mission in August 2011. On August 3, 2011 an interview on KCUR-FM radio was conducted near the life-size statue of John Brown at the corner of Sewell Avenue and 27th Street in Kansas City, Kansas near the Quindaro Ruins. The statue is pictured in our "Monuments" book but now needs some work. Jesse Hope III who runs a nearby museum in the house of the former caretaker of the statue says, "It's missing its nose and its scroll, and the coat's broke. But it's still – I know who it is, it's John Brown."

Mike Calvert's letter from the president in the August, 2011 *Border Star* was picked up by Freedom's Frontier's blog, facebook, and twitter. His letter dealt with the value of battlefield tourism and used Wilson's Creek as a prime example. Our Round Table was also highlighted and we thank **Julie McPike**.

We thank **Mary Lyn and Charles Childs** for the delicious cake for refreshments at the September meeting. Mary Lyn has started a new job as community liaison with the Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care at 92nd and Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri. Her E-mail address is mchilds@kchospice.org.

Chris Cooper should receive a commendation from the Missouri Archaeological Society and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for sharing numerous copies of the beautiful color poster announcing that September is archaeology month and that this year's theme is "The Civil War in Missouri." Many members took copies to post at museums, but Chris likely has extras which would be suitable for display. On one side is an engraving titled "Brilliant Charge of General Fremont's Bodyguard through the town of Springfield, Missouri, on October 25, 1861" which appeared in *Harper's Weekly*.

The Civil War Trust has announced the winners of the 2011 Civil War Photography Contest, and we have a winner from the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. **Michael Epstein**, who is retiring as their newsletter editor, won in the Then and Now category for his picture "Pittsburgh Landing, Shiloh."

Sharron Gregg has been editor of the newsletter for the Jackson County Genealogical Society and has recently received a promotion as editor of their quarterly journal. She would like to share Civil War family stories with relatives' names listed, and she is asking for your input which is more personal than just mining the indexes.

You can reach her at jcgstrailsed@mid-west.net. Sharron also volunteers at the Frontier Trails Museum and gives historic quilting classes. We think that she is also related to the Gregg family of our Lewis-Gregg Cemetery, but we need to follow that further. Our long distance member, **Nancy Hitt**, from Kentucky, has been busy honoring a Prussian volunteer in Mosby's Rangers of the Confederate States of America. On July 30, 2011 she gave a speech at the Spring Hill Cemetery at Harrodsburg which dedicated a marker in memory of Baron Robert von Massow who was buried in Germany but whose grave was damaged by Allied bombs.

Our member **Jim Howk** presented a program on the Louisiana Purchase on September 8th at the Trailside Center where he has previously given a series of Civil War talks.

In addition to the many programs that **Barbara Hughes** is giving this month at various branches of the Mid-Continent libraries, she also participated in the teacher appreciation day at the Truman Library and will give her Mary Lobb program to the Stone Church Gather Inn Senior Citizens on September 27th.

Reporter **Lee Hill Kavanaugh** wrote an excellent article about the Lexington, Missouri re-enactment which she called "Battle of the Hemp Bales thrills re-enactors" in the September 19th issue of the *Kansas City Star*. In a previous article, however, in the interest of veracity, she had to disclose that the hemp bales for the event were really made of hay because hemp is hard to come by these days. **Ted Stillwell** wrote for the *Examiner* on August 31st that "Rebels take cover behind hemp bales, win battle."

Harriett Lionberger and **Charlotte Tindall** were missed at the September meeting and regretted not being able to hear Bill Worley talk about General Grant. Harriett recently had a little toe removed and while in the hospital injured her other leg so she is not doing much tap dancing these days. Our best wishes go to both and we hope to see them soon.

Congratulations to the **Lone Jack Historical Society** and its partner, Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, for a \$55,000 grant from the American Battlefield Protection Program to create a preservation plan for the Lone Jack Battlefield. Currently only five of the 945 acres of the battlefield are preserved by Jackson County Parks and Recreation. The historical society operates the museum and interprets the history. Jim Lighthizer, president of the protection program, says "We don't need to save every square foot where Robert E. Lee's horse pooped, but we need to preserve these major

battlefields for the same reason we have saved Independence Hall and Mt. Vernon, so that future generations can understand what happened here." He continues, "Those soldiers who sacrificed their lives, those American veterans, deserve our recognition and thanks. The battlegrounds they fought over and died on should be protected for all of us to appreciate and lay honor to their struggles."

Liz Murphy received an envelope containing old postcards that appeared to be World War I soldiers with a smattering of either Civil War or Cuba vets. Someone passed these along at a recent meeting and asked if Liz could find anything out about them. Liz got so engrossed in looking at the cards that she did not get the name of the person who brought them. Would that person please E-mail Liz at lizmbales@juno.com or call her at (816) 580-4002.

Congratulations to **Steve Warren**, a new member who has not been able to attend a meeting yet, on the showing of his Civil War documentary "Last Raid at Cabin Creek" at the Tulsa Gilcrease Museum's fall film festival on September 18. Using historic photographs, documents, on-site narration, re-enactments and drawings, the film focuses on the last battle of the Civil War in Indian Territory on September 19, 1864. It was a daring and brilliant raid on a Union supply train at Cabin Creek in the Cherokee Nation near present-day Pensacola in which 2,000 Texas and Indian troops captured 130 wagons and 740 mules. The film is also available at www.Amazon.com.

The Round Table was finally able to meet **Bill Worley** at our September meeting when he spoke about General Grant. Bill is known as a history teacher, an author, and a student of Kansas City history. When the *Kansas City Star* needs a pithy comment from an historical perspective, Bill is their go-to guy. An example is the September 18th issue which talked about the opening of the Kauffman Center and the other recent building projects in Kansas City. Bill commented, "As for Kansas City's 'Next Big Thing,' don't hold your breath. Realistically, there's almost certainly going to be a lull."

Congratulations to the **Wornall House Museum** in paying off its mortgage to the Jackson County Historical Society. They are having a Mortgage Burning and red hot Gourmet Dinner Party on September 30th to celebrate. They are also looking forward to supporting their new responsibility, a second house museum – the Alexander Majors House.



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26TH ANNUAL HISTORIC HOMES TOUR 2011
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WE ARE AGAIN HAVING A **FALL TOUR** RATHER THAN A CHRISTMAS TOUR

Saturday, October 8th – 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Sunday, October 9th – 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Tickets \$10, cash or check only, please

Antebellum and Historic Homes on the Tour are:



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6508 N Jackson
Gladstone, MO



Smith House
328 W Kansas
Liberty, MO



Former Phi Gamma Delta House
155 S Leonard
Liberty, MO



Shadow Lawn
704 Nashua Road
Liberty, MO



Former Sigma Nu House
36 Moss
Liberty, MO

Tickets will be sold starting **September 6** at:

Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main, Liberty
James Country Mercantile, 111 N. Main, Liberty

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Smithville Historical Museum, 210 N. Bridge, Smithville

The Clay County Museum and Historical Society's annual Historic Homes Tour serves as a vital and important fundraiser for the organization. We hope to see you on the tour this year!

For more information contact:

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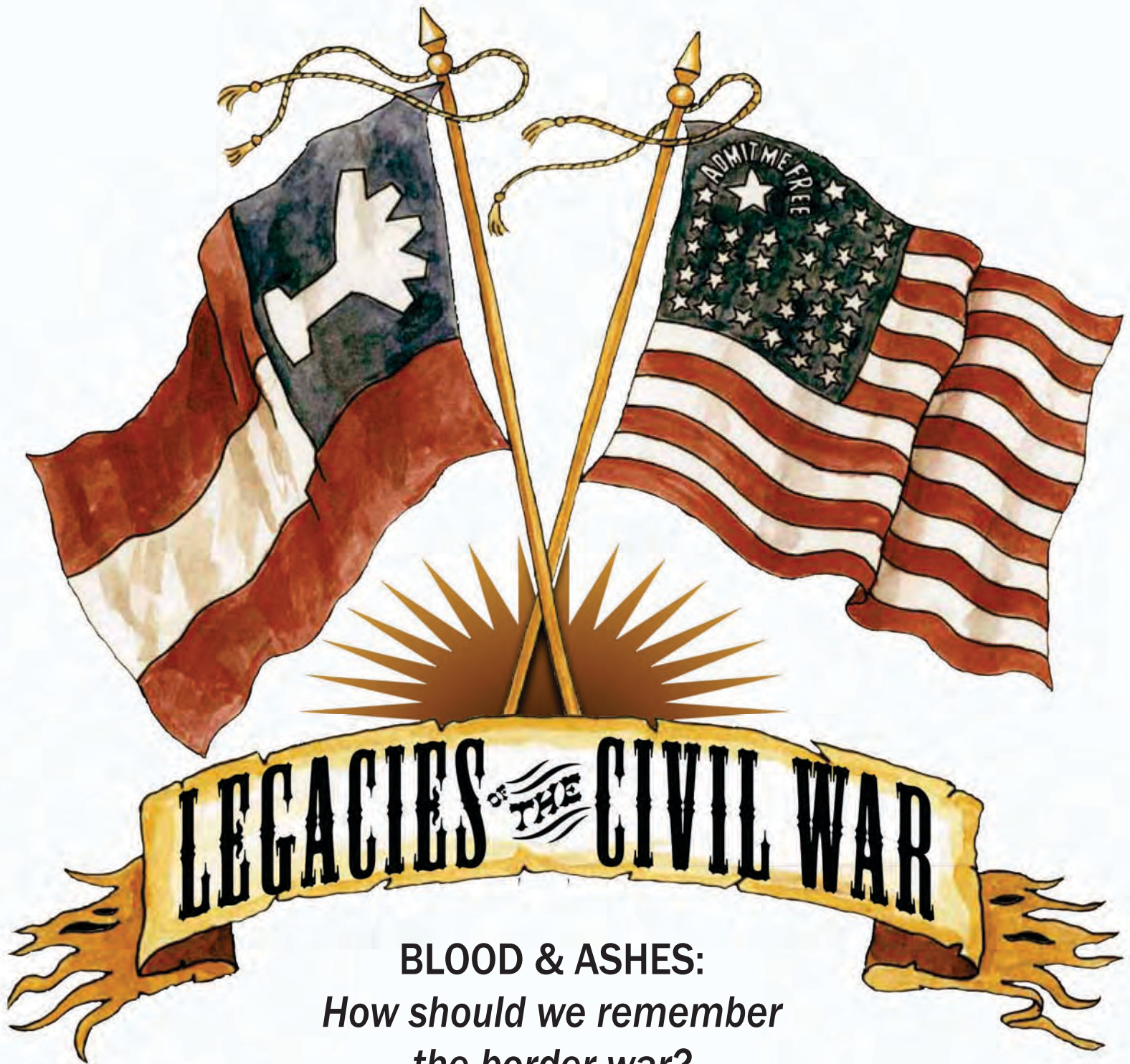
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