



# *The Border Star*

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## The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
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Villages of Jackson Creek  
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**Visitors Always Welcome!**

### Annual Dues

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The bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861 was the opening engagement of the American Civil War. The countdown to the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 12, 2011 is just 398 days away, as of the date of our next Round Table meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

I turned on KCPT the other night and discovered to my surprise the repeat of the special titled "Looking for Lincoln." Essentially the premise of the show was to explore the mythology that has invaded the modern memory of Abraham Lincoln. The show was well presented with a mixture of primary and secondary sources along with artifacts. It had the Lincoln scholars, memorabilia collectors and the man on the street.

What the show seem to bring out is that all of us will only be aware of the good in our heroes. Almost universally the people on the street when asked the question "What did Abraham Lincoln do while president?" will answer freed the slaves. Thus the "myth" that all Lincoln accomplished was to free the slaves.

Throughout the program the host explored not only the general public's view but also his own as an African American. Without retelling the whole program let's suffice it to say that Abraham Lincoln was neither a saint nor a knight in white shining armor.

When studying historic figures I urge you to always to do so within the context of their time. Don't bring modern sense of right or wrong to the table. The individual you are looking at made decisions based upon their upbringing and knowledge. We cannot play the "what if" game. The historical figure only knows what he knows and made his decisions in that context.

I urge you to see the program and rethink your position on Abraham Lincoln. If he is your hero you will only see that he had to struggle to do what is right just like you and I. Maybe it will make him more human. If he is not a hero to you maybe this program will change your mind.

Remember history has warts and to have true understanding it must be studied in its whole and not just the pleasant parts.

Mike Calvert, President

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

### Inclement Weather Hotline

If it looks like the weather or roads make it unsafe for people to be out, Beverly Shaw will record a message on her home number for you to call. The number will ring about four times before the answering machine picks up so please be patient. We will probably make our decision on Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

**The phone number is (816) 478-7648**

## **CWRTWMO Calendar**

### March 2010 Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Villages of Jackson Creek (lover level),  
3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO  
Judy Billings: “Freedom’s Frontier”

### Meeting 2010 Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51 Terr Ct.,  
Independence, MO. Audit will be conducted in  
addition to Board Meeting.

### Battle of Mine Creek Tour

Saturday, May 15, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Bus tour starting from Independence to Battle of  
Westport Museum and other south Kansas City sites  
following Sterling Price’s route to the Battle of  
Mine Creek near Pleasanton, KS. Lunch included.  
More details to follow.

## **Other Events**

### Daniel Walker Howe

Thursday, March 4, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.  
Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO.  
Pulitzer Prize-winning author Daniel Walker Howe:  
Abraham Lincoln and the Moral Character. Free.  
RSVP to (816) 701-3407.

### “Independence, MO,” The Concert

Friday, March 5, 2010 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
John and Dianne Lehman (Pick & Hammer) will be  
presenting a concert about the City of Independence  
and would like constructive feedback so that they  
don’t corrupt any innocent out-of-towners. No  
cover charge, but come to enjoy good home  
cooking at Hazel’s Country Café at 219 W. US 24  
Highway, Independence, MO.

### Digitalization of Historical Maps

Saturday, March 6, 2010 – 10:00 am.  
Jackson County Genealogical Society meeting  
at the Truman Depot, 1111 W. Pacific,  
Independence, MO. Eric Constance of the US  
Geological Survey Agency: Digitalization of maps  
and how to locate websites for acquiring early  
maps. Free.

### Missouri Irish Brigade Encampment

Saturday, March 6, 2010 – 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Irish Museum & Cultural Center at Union Station,  
30 Pershing Road, Suite 700, Kansas City, MO.  
Col. James Crofutt: First-person narrative of  
Missouri’s 7<sup>th</sup> “Irish” Brigade. Medical info, Civil  
War artifacts, live period music, authentic  
equipment and dress.

### Sixth Annual Military Collectors Fair

Saturday, March 6, 2010 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial. Private  
collectors display rare military artifacts from Civil  
War to 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Free admission to the display  
in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium Lobby. No buying,  
selling or trading of artifacts.

### Lecompton Bleeding Kansas Program Series

Sunday, March 7, 2010 – 2:00 p.m.  
Bryce Benedict: *Jayhawkers – The Civil War  
Brigade of James H. Lane*. Constitution Hall  
State Historic Site, 319 Elmore, Lecompton, KS.

### Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Pearson Hall, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville,  
MO. Jim Beckner: “The 16 Confederate Veteran  
Homes after the Late Great Unpleasantness.”

### The Westerners March Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. - Dinner (\$22)  
Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road,  
Prairie Village, KS. John Rotterman: “Jesse  
James, the Final Days.” For reservations call  
Ann Schultis at (816) 741-2897.

### Harriet Tubman Day

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 – 1:15 p.m.  
Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Center, 3700 Blue  
Parkway, Kansas City, MO. “The Triumph of the  
Spirit Musical.” For info, call Mrs. Johnson at  
(816) 353-0707.

### Priscilla Mullins, A Pilgrim

Thursday, March 11, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Liberty Mid-Continent Library, 1000 Kent, Liberty,  
MO. Barbara Hughes portrays Priscilla in the  
Plymouth colony.

### Civil War Ancestor Workshop

Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, 2010,  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cass County Public Library,  
400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. \$15 fee  
includes breakfast snack, workshop syllabus, and  
one on one help. Pre-registration at (816) 884-8285.

### Family History Day: Civil War Resources

Saturday, March 13, 2010 – 9:30 a.m. - Noon.  
Missouri State Archives, Kirkpatrick State  
Information Center, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson  
City, MO. No registration required.

### Saturday Lecture Series - Arrow Rock, MO

Saturday, March 13, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.  
(Rescheduled from February). Arrow Rock State  
Historic Site Visitor Center. Dr. Debra Miles:  
“Legal Representation for Missouri Slaves: Zealous  
or Passive.”

### Victorian Secrets: A Workshop for Women

Saturday, March 13, 2010 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas  
City, MO. Workshop on reproduction clothing  
(1850s and 1860s) for women and children given by  
JoAnn Barber and Belinda Canaday. Cost of \$10  
for lunch and materials. Deadline is March 10<sup>th</sup>. For  
registration, please call (913) 648-0952.

### Reproduction Clothing for Men – 1850s and 1860s

Sunday, March 14, 2010 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas  
City, MO. Workshop given by Greg Higginbotham.  
\$10 for lunch and materials. Deadline is March 10<sup>th</sup>.  
For registration, please call (913) 648-0952.

### Overlay of Historic Maps to Modern Maps

Sunday, March 14, 2010 – 2:00 p.m.  
National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W.  
Pacific, Independence. John Schumacher of the  
US Geological Survey office will share his  
expertise in overlaying maps. A DVD and  
bibliography for researching the Santa Fe Trail  
in Independence is for sale in the museum shop.

### Female Espionage

Thursday, March 18, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Liberty Mid-Continent Library, 1000 Kent, Liberty,  
MO. The stories of courageous female Civil War  
spies including Emma Edmonds.

### Alvin and the Jayhawks: The Battle of Paint Creek

Thursday, March 18, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Frontier Army Museum, 100 Reynolds Ave., Fort  
Leavenworth, KS (Allow 15 minutes to go through  
security to enter the post and bring a picture ID).  
Dr. Randy Mullis: The Battle of Paint Creek (April  
1858). He is the author of *Peacekeeping on the  
Plains: Army Operations in Bleeding Kansas*.

### Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice

Saturday, March 20, 2010 – Noon - 2:00 p.m.  
Lunch and fashion show by Dillard's at the  
Bingham-Waggoner House, 313 W. Pacific,  
Independence, MO. Prepaid reservations are \$25.  
Call Shireen at (816) 461-3491.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ladies Spring Brunch

Saturday, March 20, 2010 – 10:30 a.m.  
Robertson Hall in the Bates County Museum,  
802 Elks Drive, Butler, MO. Prepaid reservations  
are \$10. Call Peggy at (660) 679-0134.

### Civil War Round Table of Kansas City Meeting

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 – Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road,  
Prairie Village, KS. \$22. For reservations call  
Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962. Program on Abraham  
Lincoln.

### Blue or Gray? Civil War Military Records

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Lee's Summit Mid-Continent Library, 150 NW  
Oldham Parkway, Lee's Summit, MO. Review of  
primary resources. Registration required at (816)  
524-0567.

### The Story of Harriet Tubman

Thursday, March 25, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Liberty Mid-Continent Library, 1000 Kent, Liberty,  
MO. Two-act play based on Harriet Tubman's life,  
portrayed by Shirley Johnson.

### **Letter from Richard Stewart**

*Richard Stewart has spoken to our Round Table  
about Elmwood Cemetery and the relationship  
between various historical figures. He will be  
visiting our March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to ask for your help  
on his new project (see his letter below). If you  
have books or other documents you would like to  
donate, you can bring them to the meeting or get in  
touch with him.*

Hello everyone, good to talk to you all again. As you know, I have written you in the past regarding my newest project regarding the Gentry, Arkansas Public Library and my quest to make it a central educational location in northwest Arkansas for the research of William Quantrill and his Confederate guerrillas. My requests for donations for books for my book drive and any financial support have been heard and I have gotten good response. But I need more. This quest has grown much larger since it's conception and is now growing into becoming a serious and very valued part of education for the students, researchers and historians in Arkansas.

I am searching across the country for papers, documents, letters and other great resources to make this all come together, but I am falling under the thumb of the dollar. For instance, I have found many letters and documents of Quantrill history at the Univ. of Southern Mississippi. To visit their special collections and make copies is only ten cents per page. BUT.....to have them copied for me and sent long distance is twenty-five cents per page plus a three dollar handling fee! To make copies at the Jackson County Historical Society in Independence, Mo. is TEN dollars for a fee and twenty-five cents per copy. So this adds up real fast without even making the first copy!

I ask for your help and support in this cause and I am hoping you will help me share the great history that we have here and build this little town library into a very formidable ally of education of Quantrill, his men and the soldiers he fought against. This Quantrill Research Fund will go straight to the Gentry Public Library and will be open for students, genealogists, historians, researchers and the general public to explore and learn.

This is building to be something much greater than just a few pages and books to check out and look at. If any of you know of the Jackson County Historical Society archives, THAT is my goal. But on just a little smaller level. ALL regarding the history of William Quantrill and the Kansas-Missouri border wars! Please help me drop our two historic states into the lap of the state of Arkansas! If you have any questions about this before you support it, do not hesitate to contact me! Please

remember I am asking for books on the subject as well as the financial backing!

Thanks again for reading!

Sincerely,  
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## **Neighborhood Battle Grounds – 1862**

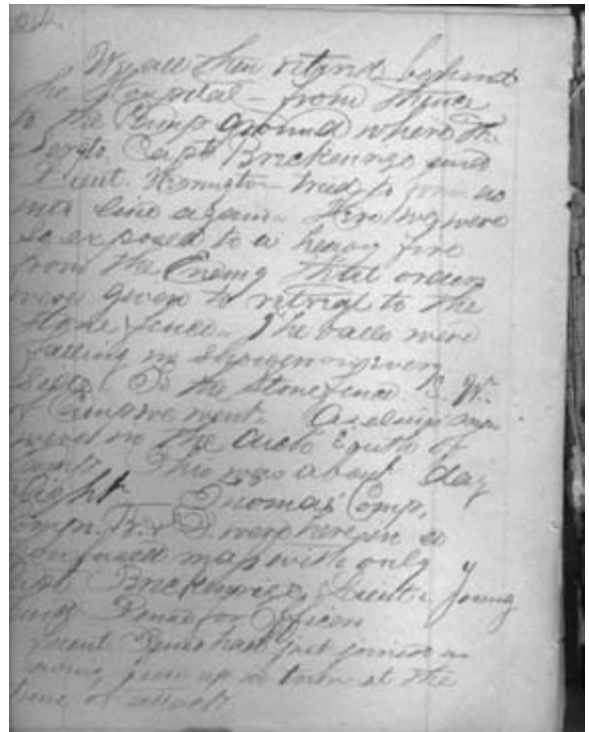
Photos by Brian Snyder

Text by Brian Snyder and Homer Jewett

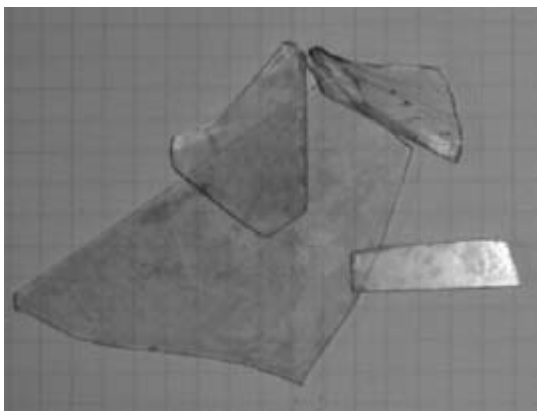
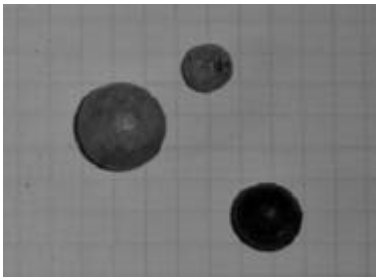
It was approaching sunrise on a Monday morning, August 11, 1862, when Confederate Troops stormed downtown Independence. The first “Battle of Independence” was beginning. Union Headquarters was on the second floor of William McCoy’s Bank on Lexington Street (where “B Here Now” decorating shop is today), was ransacked and burned. Union Cavalry Troops, camped in an open field (near C. of C. Campus area), were sleeping and immediately forced to fight before they could even get dressed. **Homer Jewett**, a Cavalry Union soldier, was one of those men. He kept a daily journal of his adventures as a young soldier. Family members stored his journals in the attic over the last century and a half at their family home in Iowa. Recently, a great-great nephew, Tom Jewett, decided it was time to dust off those journals and transcribe them for publishing. Below is excerpt from Homer’s journal describing that August morning as Confederate Troops were advancing and driving them towards the McCoy Neighborhood and the McCoy House (which is now the home of **Brian and Sharon Snyder**):

*“Behind the stone fence Capt. Breckenridge raised a white flag but some of the men threatened to shoot him so he took it down for a few minutes. He was going to raise it again when Mead said, “Jewett let us go to Kansas City. I will never surrender.” We started and went ¼ mile to a house where some 50 others of the same mind were. Here a man gave me a cap and pr. of shoes. All the men were willing to fight but determined never to surrender.*

...we marched "single file" until we were north of camp, the ME Church and took possession of the Wm McCoy house, a large two story brick. We knocked all the windows out and took our stations, some up stairs and some down below. His house was richly furnished. As we came to the house 3 pickets ran and we fired on them. This was about 9 AM. Firing could be heard at camp for a little while then all ceased and the smoke was seen to rise from our burning tents and the com- stores on our right (nearly). About 10 AM some 200 Cav came marching towards us from the ME Church. When within 200 yds of us we opened fire from every window which emptied some saddles. They ran without even returning our fire. The family now cooked us some breakfast and "we did it justice." Some ate while others watched and visa versa. Near 11 AM we sent a spy (a Negro woman) down town. She soon returned saying Col. Buell had surrendered every thing. We staid here untill 12 M when we left for Kansas City not thinking it best to remain there when we had so little ammunition. Their pickets saw us leave. We traveled south west to the river – then followed it to Kansas City where we arrived at 4 PM tired and footsore for some were barefooted and bare headed and coatless."



Above: Artifacts – lead shot and broken glass found on the property and a sample of an actual page from the diary.



Photograph of Union Cavalryman Homer Jewett

### General US Grant's papers now reside deep in the heart of Dixie

Over 46 years, the US Grant Association published 30 volumes of The Papers of US Grant. In 2008 the association moved all Grant materials from

Southern Illinois University to the Mitchell Memorial Library at Mississippi State University. The collection consists of about 15,000 linear feet of correspondence, artifacts, photographs, scrap-books and related material chronicling the Union General's life. Grant's own words near the end of his life point out just how appropriate it is that his papers have found a refuge within the heart of the Old Confederacy. In July 1885, just 13 days before his death, Grant was visited by an old friend and Civil War opponent, General Simon Bolivar Buckner. (By the way, General Buckner's Great Grandson is a member of the CWRT of KC). Buckner was in command of Ft. Donelson when he surrendered that fort to Grant in early 1862. They had also been prewar friends. Unable to speak, Grant wrote Buckner a note, "I have witnessed since my sickness just what I have wished to see ever since the war; harmony and good feeling between the sections. I have always contended that if there had been nobody left but the soldiers we would have had peace in a year." Grant would doubtless be happy to know that his papers have found a home in Mississippi.

Preceding article courtesy of *The Old Flag*, February 2010, Volume 6, No 2, Franklin Camp #5, Olathe, Kansas, Department of Kansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

On January 29, 2010, Jim Salter of The Associated Press revealed in the Springfield, MO *News-Leader* that there is an idea for creating a Ulysses S. Grant presidential library at Jefferson Barracks military post in St. Louis County by 2026, the 200th anniversary of the barracks' opening. The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri is planning a weekend trip to Jefferson Barracks this fall and further details will be forthcoming. If you have ideas for Civil War sites in the St. Louis area that you would like to see, please pass those along to Barbara Hughes at (816) 229-0978 or E-Mail her at dbhughes5@yahoo.com.

## **Museums, Reenactors Gear Up To Commemorate Historical Events**

From the *Buck and Ball*, Volume 50, No. 3, March 2010  
By Michelle Brooks (Published June 13, 2008)  
Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

From metal detectors to museums to maps - Missourians are preparing for the War Between the States sesquicentennial, 2011-2015. Roger Baker has hundreds of firearms, swords, bullets, buttons and fragments that he has collected through the decades at suspected campsites and engagement fields. He takes his artifacts from metal detectors to museums to maps - Missourians are preparing for the War Between the States to classrooms and community programs. "It's history," Baker said. "It allows other people to know what happened, to see equipment and discuss what it is. We need to learn from history and understand it; we need to know what happened and who was there." And at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, more than 400 statewide volunteers have formed the Missouri Civil War Museum. After historic rehabilitation of the Old Officer's Post Exchange and Gymnasium is complete, they will begin building exhibits. "Missouri has such an amazing Civil War history," said Gary Stephens, museum public affairs. "Everyone thinks of back east, but Missouri had such a pivotal role ... with Missouri and Kansas in 1854, the fighting started here." Already the museum has received calls from tour-planning groups that want to add it to their itinerary, said president Mark Trout. They expect to draw in a good deal of out-of-state tourism dollars. "No longer do they have to go to the east; the east can come here to learn," Trout said. Organizers hope to be able to tell the entire state's story by 2011. State parks have hosted and will continue to create special events and re-enactments at least through 2015. "As a society, we have not completely come to grips with what happened in the Civil War," said John Cuning, director of the resource management and interpretation program. "This will help us learn more about it and understand it - especially in Missouri where we were so divided. We're trying to help people understand why we were so divided and better understand how we have developed from that time until now." Although no major battles occurred in Jefferson City, as the capital in a state that had two governments during that tumultuous time, the local community's role will be to help tell that political part of the state's story, Cuning said. "We're already beginning to see a bit of interest increase," Cuning said. "Visitor comments tell us they are aware of the 150th coming up, they're doing reading and the media, like the History Channel, is offering more information. People are

simply more aware. It's a topic that a lot of people are very interested in both here and abroad."

## **2010 National Convention of the National Congress of Old West Shootists**

The 2010 National Convention of the National Congress of Old West Shootists (NCOWS) and Victorian Show and Sale will be held March 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> at the Reardon Center, 500 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. Includes old west antiques, collectibles, rifles, pistols, shotguns, ammo, gun leather, trap and skeet supplies and more. Visit [www.ncows.org](http://www.ncows.org) for additional information. NCOWS is a 12-state organization dedicated to the reenaction and promotion of our historical, western heritage in all its ethnic, social and occupational diversity as well as the enjoyment, enhancement and promotion of safe western action shooting.

## **Liberty, Missouri has Civil War History**

*Liberty Tribune*, by Jay Jackson, February 4, 2010

The Battle of Liberty, September 17, 1861, was fought three miles south of Liberty Square between 600 United States (Yankee) troops and 600 Missouri State Guard (Rebel) troops. The Guard won and crossed the Missouri River to be in the Battle of Lexington. The Union troops withdrew to William Jewell College, cared for their wounded and buried their dead. On the following day, 2,500 more Union troops were camped on the Square and in the orchard of the Lightburne House. It must have been quite a scene, some 3,000 U.S. soldiers here in Liberty to fight "the rebels." On September 16<sup>th</sup> the rebels had passed through the Square in mass, between 3,500 and 4,000 strong, on their way to Blue Mills Landing, south of Fountain Bluff Park, where they would cross the Missouri River to get to General Sterling Price at Lexington. Most were on horseback, and they had three cannons and 100 wagons with them. They knew that the Yankees were chasing them. After most of them had gone four miles south to cross the river, their leaders left 600 men about two miles south of town in order to ambush the Yankees and buy time for the rest to cross. They were in a ravine that cut across the road. The 600 Yankees who got to Liberty at 7:00 a.m. on September 17<sup>th</sup> gave up on waiting for reinforcements and went after the rebels. South of town they had to go down a very narrow road through dense woods. They couldn't go in fighting

lines and could only move in a column, four abreast, until they came to the ravine. The rebels in the ravine waited until their shotguns and squirrel rifles would be effective and shot all the way up through their column hitting more than 100 of them. In each of the 10 companies in the column, the 3rd Iowa took casualties. Even the Missouri Home Guard in its rear took hits. The Yankees couldn't deploy as they had been trained to do, so they endured this ambush for as long as they could, then they fell back. The wounded and dead were carried back to Liberty by the survivors. These soldiers were not Liberty men. The Liberty men had already picked their sides and left a few months before. The men in this battle were from elsewhere. The Yankees were the 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Infantry, 500 soldiers in 10 companies. They walked to the battle from the railroad at Cameron. With them were about 70 U.S. Missouri "Home Guard" from Caldwell, Adair and Macon counties that had been on railroad guard duty with the 3rd Iowa. The reinforcements that were coming from St Joseph to help were the 16th Illinois Infantry and the 39th Ohio Infantry. The rebels were of the Missouri State Guard 5th Division from Northwest Missouri. This included Clay County and all the counties due north up to the Iowa line and west to the Missouri River. They were not uniformed, were loosely organized, had no overall commander and carried their own squirrel rifles and shotguns. Some of their kin and friends had already gone to war and these were hoping to get in on the action "before it was over." Members of the 3rd Iowa were in their new gray uniforms, had huge .69 caliber smoothbore military muskets and bayonets, and were very well officered. They were highly drilled and if not ambushed would have defeated any foe in a "fair" fight. It was an ambush more than a battle. The rebels fought like their ancestors in the Revolutionary War. Both sides left their mark on Liberty's history.

## **News About Members and Friends**

**George Caleb Bingham**, Missouri painter and politician, was placed in the Hall of Famous Missourians in the third floor rotunda at the Capitol in Jefferson City. The bronze bust was unveiled on Monday, February 15, 2010.

*A Rich Heritage, A Black History of Independence, Missouri* written by **Bill Curtis** was used as a source by two Independence *Examiner* columnists



in February. **Adrienne DeWeese** drew from it on February 20-22, 2010 for a countdown of 10 people and places making up a rich black history in Independence. **Ted Stillwell** used it as a source for his column on February 24, 2010 describing a famous African-American, Hiram Revels.

**Dennis Garstang** noticed an error in the date of the Pinkerton raid at the James Farm which was published as a bonus article for our E-Mail subscribers in February. It actually occurred the night of January 25, 1875 and the morning of January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Rick Gath**, a Civil War re-enactor, was pictured in the *Examiner* on February 6-8, 2010, as he dressed the children of the History Discovery Club in Civil War clothing at the **Midwest Genealogy Center**, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. The club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. For info, call Suzanne at (816) 252-7228.

**David Hardy** is serving on a Clay County Museum committee to research railroads and related structures during the era of rural mass transit.

**Barbara Hughes** has been selected to give her program on Rebecca Hawkins and Mary Lobb: Jackson County Pioneer Women at the Crossroads" for the 34<sup>th</sup> annual dinner and membership meeting of the Blue Springs Historical Society on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

An article in the February 8, 2010 issue of the *Examiner* reveals that **David Jackson**, archivist for the Jackson County Historical Society, will be helping the City of Independence decide what old documents should be retained or donated to the archives. Of special interest are bills paid for repairs and the boarding of prisoners in the 1880s at the Old Jail which is now a museum.

The **Kansas City Library** has received a grant to start the process of digitizing thousands of Civil War-era letters, photos, and military papers tucked away in institutions all over the violent Kansas-Missouri border and making them available on the internet. **Henry Fortunato**, the library's public affairs director, said in the February 15, 2010 *Kansas City Star* that the project is called "The Missouri-Kansas Border: Where the Civil War Really Began." The Missouri Valley Special

Collections manager, **Mary Beveridge**, was pictured in the February 24, 2010 article called "Treasure Trove of Area History." One of the digital gallery's latest additions is the Guerrillas and Outlaws collection of late-1800s charcoal drawings of Quantrill's raiders and the James-Younger gang. If you visit the Central Library located at 14 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO, check out **Garry Noland's** exhibit through March 28<sup>th</sup>.

The February 10, 2010 issue of the *Kansas City Star* revealed that the **Alexander Majors** home near 83<sup>rd</sup> Street and State Line Road in Kansas City faces a future of uncertainty following the death of its longtime caretaker, **Terry Chapman**. **Kathy Pickering** will be telling us more about the Majors home at a future meeting.

**Judy Tharp** was especially interested in seeing the new documentary, "Negroes to Hire," because she is a descendant of the Jesse Miller family in Platte County who ran a plantation on which Jimmy Johnson's ancestor was a slave. Her direct ancestor was Achsah Miller Settle, the sister of Jesse Miller, and Judy's father was named Jesse Miller Jones III, and so it goes.

We extend our condolences to the family of **Howard Thompson** who passed away February 4, 2010. Howard and his wife Phyllis are longtime members of the Round Table. Howard was a glider pilot during World War II.

**Sue Valentine**, a member of the first Truman High School graduating class, expressed her opinion in a letter to the editor of the *Examiner* on February 20-22, 2010. She thought that playing many of the Truman girls varsity basketball team against the junior varsity girls of Chrisman for a couple of quarters in order to secure a win was not a good example of fairness.

### **The William Clarke Quantrill Society**

This non-profit corporation is 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 more information, please visit: [www.geocities.com/quantrillsoc](http://www.geocities.com/quantrillsoc) or send an E-mail to [wcqsociety@aol.com](mailto:wcqsociety@aol.com).