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Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

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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 150th Anniversary on April 12, 2011 is just 699 days away, as of the date of our next Round Table meeting on May 13th.

The month of May is "National Historic Preservation Month." The one month during the year that is set aside to emphasize preserving our past. We can discuss that preserving our past deserves more than just one month and should be our daily priority however let's save that talk for another day. What I want to talk about is not why we should preserve our past but, how we make people believe that our past is worth saving.

It all begins and ends with education. David McCullough (my favorite historian) says:

"We need historians who have the heart and humanity necessary to help students imagine the lives of people who have lived in the past and were just as human as we are today."

It doesn't matter how many buildings, monuments and battlefields we preserve if we don't also teach, inform and enlighten the public about the significance of the preserved object. All things saved from the wrecking ball will remain just things unless we as preservations take the time to tell the story. When I say story I mean **THE STORY**. Not just the date or who walked there. I mean the story of the struggle, triumphs and failures of the people who made the place or object worth saving. A battlefield is just another field waiting for the farmers plow or the developer's bulldozer unless we tell the human story of the struggle that took place there. When presenting The Little Blue Battlefield tour you can talk about troop movements all day but, tell the story of Captain Palmer going into battle in his drawers and now the struggle of the battle is personal. Take for example the house museums in Independence, unless the story is told of the people that occupied the structure we will never understand why they chose the house style or even why they chose the paint color. Ask any docent what people get excited about and I bet it won't be the restored fireplace but, the fact that a person was born, married or died in that room.

In order to preserve we must make the preserved object live. In order to make the preserved object live we must tell the real human story. As David McCullough said "History should be taught for pleasure" and what makes history pleasurable is the human story not the date.

May is preservation month take time to participate in the many activities available to you and when you do don't forget to listen to the story.

Mike Calvert, President
The Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri

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CWRTWMO Calendar

May Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level),
3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO
Jim Beckner: “Sixteen Confederate Veterans
Homes after the Late Unpleasantness.”

May Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51 Terr. Court S.
Independence, MO. (816) 225-7944.

Other Round Table Events

Symphony Designers Showhouse

Thursday, May 7, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
5236 Cherry, Kansas City, MO. Home of Senator
James A. Reed and Nell Quinlan Reed, founder of
Nelly Don Clothing. Call Beverly Shaw at (816)
225-7944 if you would like to serve as a docent.

Battle of Westport Tours

Saturday, May 16, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – Noon and
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Meet the bus at the Blue &
Grey Book Shoppe, 106 E. Walnut, Independence,
MO. Morning tour to the Battle of the Little Blue.
Lunch on your own. Afternoon tour to Battle of the
Big Blue (Byram’s Ford) and Battle of Westport.
Member price is \$10 for morning or afternoon; \$20-
all day. Send check to CWRTWMO, 17313 E. 51
Terr. Court, Independence, MO 64055. There are a
few street parking places on Walnut, but many of
the other streets near the Square are restricted to 2
hours. There is a surface lot at Walnut and Liberty
where you can park all day, about one block west of
the Blue & Grey. Eating places on the Square or
you can brown bag. Blue & Grey will be open for
business. The bus usually sells out, but you can call
Beverly at (816) 225-7944 to see if there is space
available. Non-members pay \$30 for all day and
receive a membership for the remainder of the year.

History Fair at the National Archives

Saturday, May 23, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO.
Volunteers needed to staff our table. Shifts are
from 10:00 a.m. – Noon; Noon to 3:00 p.m.; and
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We need two people per shift
to sell books, give out free brochures, and talk with
visitors about what the Round Table does. Mike

Calvert is sprucing up our Trivia Board as an
attention getter. Call Beverly at (816) 225-7944 to
volunteer.

Dedication of Ripley Junction Marker

Wednesday, July 8, 2009 – 6:00 p.m. followed by
our annual summer picnic. More info will follow.

Bus Tour to Springfield, Illinois

Weekend of September 18-19-20, 2009.
Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and
many other Lincoln sites. More info will follow.

Other Events

Monthly Display at Bingham-Waggoner Estate

313 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. “Tied to
Mother’s Apron Strings,” aprons, linens
and other Kitchen Memorabilia.

Sheep Shearing at Missouri Town 1855

Saturday, May 2, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Missouri Town is located on the east side of Lake
Jacomio in Fleming Park near Blue Springs, MO.
Take I-70 to Blue Springs. Exit south on MO 7
Highway. Travel 5 miles south, then turn west on
Cowherd Road. At the end of Cowherd, turn north
to the entrance road of Missouri Town 1855.
Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth and seniors
and under 5 is free.

Spring Wild Flower Walk

Saturday, May 2, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Fort
Osage National Historic Landmark. Located at
Sibley, MO on the Missouri River, 14 miles
northeast of Independence. Take 24 Highway east
to Buckner. Turn north on Sibley Street (BB Hwy.)
and travel 2-3 miles, watching for directional signs.
Admission is \$7 for adults, \$4 for youth, \$3 for
seniors, and under 5 is free.

Mt. Memorial Cemetery Walking Tour–Liberty, MO

Saturday, May 2, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. Tour meets at
the cemetery entrance. Follow Miller Street
entrance to William Jewell College and continue up
the hill. Free and open to the public.

National Frontier Trails Museum Presentation

Thursday, May 7, 2009 – 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.,
318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. John Mark
Lambertson, Director: “Humble Habitats:
America’s Original Log ‘Starter Homes.’” An

illustrated program on the history of log cabins in America. \$5 admission to the museum for adults and \$3 for children ages 6-17.

Mid-Continent Library History Talk

Thursday, May 7, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Grandview Branch, 12930 Booth Lane. Call (816) 763-0550 to register. “175 Years of Jackson County History in a Nutshell.” Highlights of Jackson County from 1826-2001.

Payment Due for Arrow Rock Bus Tour

Friday, May 8, 2009 for day long bus tour to Historic Arrow Rock and Lexington, MO on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Presented by Raytown Historical Society. Pick up at Drury Inn, I-70 and Blue Ridge Cutoff. Cost is \$50 for bus, lunch at Huston Tavern in Arrow Rock, Anderson House and Civil War Battle of Lexington tour including all admission fees. Call Charlotte at (816) 356-0444 for reservations.

Tours of Woodlawn Cemetery, Independence, MO

Saturday, May 9, 2009 – 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, and 11:30 a.m. 701 South Noland Road, Independence, MO. Early settlers, Civil War soldiers, a 19th century African-American entrepreneur, and the famous and infamous of Independence. Tours directed by John Mark Lambertson of the Frontier Trails Museum. On the hour – the cemetery’s history. On the half hour – art and symbolism in historical cemeteries. Free but reservations are required by calling Wendy Shay at (816) 325-7419 or E-Mailing wshay@independence.org. Reservations required for each half hour tour. Limited to 20 people.

Blacksmithing Historic Workshop

Saturday, May 9, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Missouri Town 1855 in Fleming Park, Blue Springs, MO. Ages 18 and up. Limit of 2. Cost is \$30 payable in advance. Register on-line at www.jacksongov.org/missouritown or call (816) 503-4864. Learn the historic trade of blacksmithing.

Recruiting Germans in Lafayette County

Saturday, May 9, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Battle of Lexington State Historic Site, 1101 Delaware Street, Lexington, MO. The Holmes Brigade will muster in German citizens prior to the

Battle of Lexington, 1861. Engage in conversation with German personalities such as the Pirner brothers, Frederick Becker, and Nicholas Hearle. At 1:30 p.m., Ken Luebbering will speak about Franz Siegel and his exploits in Missouri.

Artifact Road Show

Saturday, May 9, 2009 at Fort Osage, Sibley, MO. Bring your archaeological finds for professionals to authenticate and tell you about the people who made them. For information call (816) 503-4860 or go to www.jacksongov.org/fortosage.

George Caleb Bingham Art Festival

Saturday, May 9, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Arrow Rock Schoolhouse and Boardwalk. A National Historic Landmark village located 14 miles north of I-70 at exit 98 on U.S. Hwy. 41. Also Garden Show and Taste of Missouri.

Civil War Round Table of Cass County

Tuesday, May 12, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. Pearson Hall in Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Lee Ward: “Wm. Bunnell, Civil War Embalmer at Gettysburg.” This is a first person presentation by Lee who is a member of our Round Table, an author, and owner of an embalming museum.

Lunch ‘n Learn-Independence, MO

Thursday, May 14, 2009 – 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. Truman Memorial Building, 416 W. Maple. Mike Calvert: “Tradition of Military Headstones.” Refreshments and desserts. Free.

Author Event-Plaza Library, Kansas City, MO

Thursday, May 14, 2009 – 6:30 p.m. Plaza Branch, 4801 Main Street. Catherine Clinton: “Mrs. Lincoln.” Call (816) 701-3407 to RSVP. 6:00 p.m. reception precedes the event.

Common Soldier of the Civil War

Thursday, May 14, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. Antioch Branch of Mid-Continent Library, 6060 N. Chestnut, Gladstone, MO. Greg Higginbotham portrays a common foot soldier in 1861 from the enlistment procedure to camp life. Register by calling (816) 454-1306.

Gourd Canteen Workshop at Missouri Town

Saturday, May 16, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Missouri Town in Fleming Park, Blue Springs, MO. Clean and prepare a gourd to make a canteen. Ages 18 and up. \$15 fee includes the gourd. Call (816) 503-4864 or visit Missouri Town's website at www.jacksongov.org/missouritown.

Domestic Heritage – Beds & Linens

Saturday, May 16, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tavern at Missouri Town in Fleming Park, Blue Springs, MO. At 10:00 a.m. Carlene Hale will give a walking tour of several of the buildings and discuss the beds. In Tavern dining room there will be several types of bed linens on display.

Civil War Reenactment – Jefferson City, MO

Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17, 2009–10:00 a.m. Binder Park, Jefferson City, MO. General Sterling Price's 1864 Missouri Raid. Saturday Battle – 2:00 p.m. Saturday Night Firing – 9:00 p.m. Sunday battle – 1:00 p.m. Free to the public. Presented by Collins Battery "B", Cole County Historical Society, and Jefferson City Parks and Recreation. 700 reenactors, 20 field pieces, authentic camps and equipment. Free.

The Mormon Passage through Missouri

Sunday, May 17, 2009 – 2:00 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Free parking at Library District Parking Garage at 10th and Baltimore. Fred E. Woods sheds new light on the 30-year period of Mormon history. Admission is free. Call (816) 701-3407 to RSVP.

Lunch 'n Learn-Independence, MO

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 – 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. Truman Memorial Building, 416 W. Maple. David Jackson, Archives Director of Jackson County Historical Society - "Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the 1859 Jackson County Jail." Refreshments and desserts. Free.

Lunch 'n Learn-Independence, MO

Thursday, May 21, 2009 – 12 Noon – 1:00 p.m. Sermon Community Center, 201 N. Dodgion (southeast corner of Noland and Truman Road). Mike Calvert: "Order Number 11." Refreshments and Desserts. Free.

Dedication of National Archives at Kansas City

Friday, May 22, 2009 – 10:00 a.m., 400 West Pershing Road (near Union Station). Remarks by

Adrienne Thomas, Acting Archivist of the United States followed at 11:00 a.m. by a tour of the new facility including the exhibit galleries. 75th anniversary of the archives showing documents, maps, artifacts, and photographs which tell stories of human and historical interest. Also an exhibit of the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854. The original Act is on loan from Washington, D. C. and emphasizes its impact on the region, its role in the "Bleeding Kansas" conflict, and how it affected national sentiment over the question of slavery.

Saturday, May 23, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Open House and History Fair. Tours of new facility, the exhibits, and a giant History Fair by local organizations. Also visit The Kansas City Store for a souvenir.

Honoring the American Soldier

Saturday, May 23, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Fort Osage, Sibley, MO. Special exhibits and interpretations will show soldiers in arms from the Revolutionary War through Vietnam. Special commemoration at 1:00 p.m. to honor the 48 men who gave their lives at Fort Osage. \$7 for adults, \$4 for youth, \$3 for seniors, and under 5 is free.

Blacksmithing Historic Workshop

Saturday, May 23, 2009. Repeat of May 9, 2009.

Christian County Sesquicentennial

May 23-25, 2009. Courthouse Square, Ozark, MO. Visit www.ChristianCoHistory.com.

Daring Deeds of the Pony Express

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 – 11:00 a.m. North Independence Branch of Mid-Continent Library, 317 W. 24 Highway, Independence, MO. Oral historian Brother John explores the life of the Pony Express rider and the famous people and many ethnic groups represented. It lasted a mere 18 months but was a vital tool that helped preserve the Union by providing rapid communication between California and Washington, DC. Free but registrations required by calling (816) 252-0950.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Thursday, May 28, 2009 – Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Cost is \$22 per person. Call Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962. Lauren Cook Wike: "They Fought Like Demons." Silent book fair and wear your period clothing.

Pitcher Cemetery Walking Tour

Saturday, May 30, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
Pitcher Cemetery at Phil Roberts Park, Blue Ridge Cutoff and 40 Hwy., Independence, MO. Local historian and preserver of Pitcher Cemetery, Kathleen Tuohey, will give a free walking tour of this famous burial site of a Revolutionary War soldier and Civil War soldiers.

John Brown's Battle of Black Jack-153rd

Anniversary - Saturday, May 30, 2009 – 1:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Black Jack Battlefield and Nature Park, 163 E. 2000 Rd., Wellsville, KS. Visit the site at www.blackjackbattlefield.org for a map to the park. Anniversary of the June 2, 1856 battle between a Free-State militia led by John Brown and a pro-Slavery militia led by Henry Clay Pate. Regarded by some as the first battle of the Civil War. Campfire Supper from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12.50 in advance for adults or \$15 at the gate. Kids 12 and under are \$5. Tickets available at the Visitors Center in Lawrence. Guided tours of the Battlefield at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., the latter being conducted by John Brown himself.

Living History Day at the Anderson House-

Lexington, MO - Saturday, May 30, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Battle of Lexington State Historic Site, 1101 Delaware Street, Lexington, MO. Friends of the Anderson House will demonstrate daily life during the mid-1800's, including laundry, cooking, children's games, and a gun exhibit.

Frontier Justice-150th Anniversary of 1859 Jail

Sunday, May 31, 2009 – 2:00 p.m. Ophelia's Restaurant, 201 N. Main Street, Independence, MO. Paul Kirkman: "Frontier Justice," a snapshot of the 19th century jail and lawmen in Missouri and Kansas. Free

Missouri Confederate Memorial Day Services

Sunday, May 31, 2009 – 12:30 p.m. - processional; 1:00 p.m. – program. North of Higginsville at Confederate Veterans Home and Cemetery. May want to eat in advance or bring picnic lunch. For info call Jim Beckner at (816) 916-5693.

June 2009 Events

A Country, A County Divided - Kingston, MO

Friday, Saturday and Sunday – June 5, 6, 7, 2009
Caldwell County Civil War Reenactment sanctioned by the Reenactors Association. A

full schedule will be published in June. Maybe a group from the CWRTWMO would like to attend? Let's discuss at our May 13th meeting.

On the Santa Fe Trail Breakfast

Saturday, June 6, 2009 – 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Bingham-Waggoner Estate, 313 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Tickets in advance for \$7 per person. Deadline of May 25th. Call Shireen at (816) 461-3491. Tours of the Estate will also be available for a fee, and the Gift Shop will be open. Get a taste of "old" Independence when the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California Trails ran through the area. Swales are still visible on the grounds.

Living History Program at 1859 Jail-Independence

Saturday June 6, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Groups of 8-10 people to start every 15 minutes. Tickets in advance for \$10. Call (816) 461-1897 for reservations.

James Farm Reunion

Saturday, June 13, 2009, James Farm at Kearney, MO. Events will include a Black Powder Shoot, the "Jesse James Was My Neighbor" tour, lunch at Mount Hope, and an evening banquet. More information to follow.

Border Star by E-mail

We are sending as many copies of our monthly newsletter by E-Mail this month as we possibly can. There are three reasons for this: 1) Postage is going up again in May 2009; 2) You receive the newsletter quicker, and; 3) We reduce the amount of paper generated in your mailbox. What we want to do is use the savings in printing and postage to pay for a new website that is "searchable" by the key words "Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri" and "Little Blue Battlefield." Fran Mason has given us a generous gift of \$500 in memory of Lucky Mason to get us started, and we will soon meet with a webmaster to set up our new site. We are grateful to Dennis Myers for maintaining the free website we have at www.orgsites.com/mo/cwrt.

What you may decide to do is to "save" the attachment that comes to you via E-Mail, and then you can pull it up anytime to read on your monitor. You can also "forward" it to friends who might like to see what we are doing. You may decide to "print" only the pages you are most interested in for ready reference during the month.

If for any reason the digital copy of the *Border Star* does not work for you, please call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-

7944, and she will put you back on the snail mail delivery option.

We would like to start a new column for the *Border Star* called "Ancestor of the Month." We are shamelessly stealing this idea from our sister publication the *Border Bugle* published by the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. Their most recent ancestor was William Wesley Anderson (Union), Ancestor of JoAnna Dale, a former member of our Round Table and donor of her late husband's Civil War books to our Mainschein collection at the Clay County Archives in Liberty. She also recommended us to Peggy Ruester who donated the complete Official Records of the Civil War and other volumes from herself and her aunt, Mary Younger of Dayton Ohio and widow of Bob Younger of the Morningside Press.

If you would like to share your Civil War ancestor with us, please call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944, and she will send you a copy of Jo Anna's bio as a suggestion.

Stones River National Battlefield in Middle Tennessee

On April 10, 2009, there was a disastrous tornado in Middle Tennessee which damaged the trees on the battlefield called Stones River. It holds the Hazen Monument which is the oldest extant Civil War monument on the same site in the nation (built in 1863). The Round Forest is now called "the site formerly known as the Round Forest" for it is now devoid of trees. The National Park Service will bring in heavy equipment to remove the debris, but they really need help to buy trees to replant in the park. A lot of the cedar trees popular in the Murfreesboro area sadly went down. If you would like to donate to the Clarksville, Tennessee Civil War Round Table to help them buy trees, we will pass the hat at the May 13th meeting and send them a check from our Round Table for whatever we collect. If you would prefer to make a contribution by check, you can make it payable to "Clarksville, TN Civil War Round Table" and bring to the meeting or send to Beverly Shaw, Treasurer, 17313 E. 51st Terr. Ct. S., Independence, MO 64055.

News About Members and Friends

On Sunday, April 26, 2009, the Burnt District Monument in Harrisonville, MO was officially dedicated. There to record the festivities were **Art and Sharon Kelley**, who represent our Round Table at the MO/KS Border War Network meetings. The Round Table donated funds in memory of **Don Hale** to purchase a brick in the Reconciliation Plaza. The Local Section of the Kansas City *Star* had an article by **Brian**

Burnes and a picture of the monument representing the chimney of a burnt house on April 25, 2009.

We had 32 members and friends who made the journey to Boonville on April 25th for a full day of Civil War history and significant architecture in this Missouri River town. Thanks to **Karen Coin** for setting up our tour with our guide, **Dr. Maryellen McVicker**, noted speaker and resident of the McVicker House where we had lunch. The oldest part of the house started out as a dogtrot cabin in 1816 and was moved from Fayette, MO.

Jim Beckner went to the "Tea Party" on April 15th at the Liberty Memorial and round up on the front page of the Kansas City *Star* on April 16th. His protest sign reads "Pirates at Sea/Pirates in DC."

We notice that our new member **Dennis Garstang** is wasting no time in contributing to his new community. He spoke to the Westerners on April 14th on "The Two Henrys" who are Henry McCarty (Bill the Kid) and Henry Brown from Rolla, Missouri where Dennis is from. Brown was the sheriff of Caldwell, MO and a part-time bank robber.

Steve and Carol Olson missed the trip to Boonville because Carol fell and broke her shoulder. We wish her a speedy recovery. **Fran Mason** is recovering nicely from a knee injury and hopes to work with us at the Symphony Designers' Showhouse. **Paul Tate** has been in the hospital to have tests run on his heart. He received a blood transfusion and is feeling better. **Lee Ward** is returning to work at his job in pastoral care at St. Mark's Catholic Church on Lee's Summit Road on May 4th. He had about a foot of his colon removed, and luckily it was not cancerous. The surgery was able to remove debris collected from years and years of Diverticulitis, and he is feeling much better. We are sad to report that **Dr. Lee Pickering** has passed away, and we send our condolences to his family.

Congratulations go to **Sara (Cox) Nicolaus** on her graduation from the UMKC School of Pharmacy. Sara is the daughter of Kay Cox and the late Tim Cox, former President of the Round Table. Congratulations also to **Cara Satterfield**, teacher at Truman High School, for being honored by the Missouri State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution as Outstanding Teacher of American History. She has shared with students her knowledge of American History and has fostered a spirit of patriotism and support of country and constitutional government.

Last but not least, congratulations go to our newest City of Independence Heritage Commission member, our own, **Mike Calvert!**

Jackson County Historical Society Celebrates 150th Anniversary of the 1859 Jackson County Jail

The 1859 Jackson County Jail turns 150 Years Old

Plan to attend the activities surrounding the anniversary of the oldest building on the historic Independence Square! The 1859 Jackson County Jail turns 150 Years Old! For the last 50 years, the 1859 Jail, Marshal's Home and Museum (**217 N Main St, Independence, Missouri**) has been owned and operated by the Jackson County (Mo.) Historical Society. Below is the schedule of activities:
Tuesday, May 19, 2009 ~ Noon to 1 p.m.

LOCK DOWN: Outlaws, Lawmen & Frontier Justice in Jackson County, MO

David W. Jackson, Archives and Education Director for Jackson County Historical Society, will present a lunch-and-learn for Historic Preservation Month. Included in the presentation will be a virtual tour of the 1859 Jackson County Jail with highlights of the outlaws and lawmen who lived on either side of the jail's barred windows and doors. This lecture follows the upcoming book by the same title (see announcement below). This lunch-and-learn will take place at the Truman Memorial Building, 416 W Maple, Independence, Missouri. For more information about Historic Preservation Month in Independence, go to:

<http://www.indepmo.org/ComDev/HistoricPreservation.aspx>.

Sunday, May 31, 2009 ~ 2 p.m.

Special Feature Lecture: Frontier Justice

Paul Kirkman, speaker with the State Historical Society of Missouri, will present Frontier Justice. It took a lot of courage and commitment to tame the Wild West. Unsung heroes and heroines tended to the needs of prisoners in the log jailhouses and stone calabosoes along the frontier, while desperate and dangerous outlaws were hunted and confronted by equally dangerous lawmen. Paul Kirkman presents a snapshot of the nineteenth century jail and lawmen in Missouri and Kansas. Get a feel for the challenges frontier law enforcers like Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, and Wild Bill Hickok faced daily. **This lecture is made available through a grant from the State Historical Society of Missouri's Speaker's Bureau. The presentation is FREE and open to the public, and will take place in the banquet room at Ophelia's restaurant on Independence Square (201 N Main Street, Independence, Missouri).**

NEW BOOK! (Off the press May 31, 2009)

LOCK DOWN: Outlaws, Lawmen & Frontier Justice in Jackson County, MO

This book will be off the press by the first weekend in June 2009, when the Jackson County (Mo.) Historical Society will be hosting a weekend-long celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the 1859 Jackson County Jail, which served as a lock down until 1933. The 128+page book is a comprehensive history of the outlaws, lawmen (and women), and events associated with the three 19th Century Jackson County Jails in Independence, Missouri. Two major appendices include 1) ALL Jackson County Sheriffs, ALL Jackson County Marshals, and many of their deputies from 1826-1933; and, 2) ALL known "legal" hangings in Jackson County, 1839-1932. Meanwhile, a new exhibit by the same title is currently on display at the 1859 Jail, Marshal's Home and Museum. Reserve a pre-press copy at <http://store.jchs.org/category.cfm?Category=29> (scroll to "LOCK DOWN")

**Friday June 5, 2009 ~ 6 p.m. (pronto!)
Sesquicentennial Private Dining Experience
Including Special Engagement Living History Program
(Ophelia's Restaurant on Independence Square, 201 N Main St)**

The Marshal of the 1859 Jail, Marshal's Home and Museum summons you to a private dining experience in honor of the 150th Anniversary of his humble establishment. This unique fundraising event celebrating the Sesquicentennial of the 1859 Jackson County Jail includes cocktails, a sit-down-dinner, and time to visit with others interested in local history and its preservation. Main Street will be blocked off to automobile traffic between Truman and Maple so that attendees may mix and mingle outdoors. As an appetizer, dinner guests will enjoy an exciting, historically-accurate living history presentation that begins promptly at 6 p.m.

Imagine the night in June 1866 when Jackson County jailor, Henry Bugler, was shot dead in the doorway of the Marshal's office by mounted renegades demanding the release of their compatriots! This tragic and dramatic scene begins with a *Liberty Tribune* newspaper reporter setting the stage. After the guerillas ride into the scene for a shoot-out and scuffle with local citizenry, Bugler is shot, and an attempt to set the Jail on fire ensues. Meanwhile, Bugler's wife and a physician tend to Bugler's 4-year-old son who was also shot from a stray bullet. This engaging living history program is presented especially for dinner guests. The program is a prelude to **Saturday evening's ticketed event.**

This is your last chance for the next 150 years to support and take part of local history in the making...and add a really cool evening to your "rap sheet." Shackle your seats today! Advanced tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available at:

<http://store.jchs.org/category.cfm?Category=54&CFID=2927021&CFTOKEN=35901537>

**Saturday, June 6, 2009 ~ 4 to 6:30 p.m.
Living History Program at 1859 Jail ~ *These Walls Have Seen It All*
(LIMITED CAPACITY; ADVANCED TICKETS REQUIRED)**

This **ticketed event** to raise awareness of the 1859 Jackson County Jail—and support for its continued preservation—features five historically-accurate vignettes that will be performed at different stations throughout the 1859 Jail, Marshal's Home and Museum historic site (217 N Main Street, Independence, Missouri). Henry Bugler will lie post-mortem in the Marshal's parlor; Quantrill will be admitted to the Jail in the Marshal's Office; Frank James will greet visitors passing by his ornately decorated jail cell; Missouri artist George Caleb Bingham and Rev. Abner H. Deane will share their post-Civil War woes; and, a Chain Gang Jailbird tell about when the 1859 Jackson County Jail was decommissioned in 1933. Tour groups of 8-10 visitors will start every 15 minutes between 4 and 6:30 p.m., and be personally guided through each vignette. This event will sell out quickly. First paid; first reserved basis! \$10 tickets are available:

<http://store.jchs.org/category.cfm?Category=54&CFID=2927021&CFTOKEN=35901537>

**Sunday, June 7, 2009 ~ 2 p.m.
Special Feature Lecture: Social Outlaws and Notorious Persons
of the Missouri–Kansas Border Area, 1860–1880
(at Ophelia's Restaurant on Independence Square)**

Paul Kirkman returns at the request of the Jackson County (Mo.) Historical Society to present a second special feature lecture. Several infamous characters lived in Missouri during the mid- to late nineteenth century, including Belle Starr, William Quantrill, Bloody Bill Anderson, Frank and Jesse James, Wild Bill Hickok, Wyatt Earp, and more. Many of their crimes or sensational activities became legend and were later featured in film and television. Learn what forces, political or personal, drove these Missourians to the spotlight. **This lecture is FREE and open to the public, and will take place in the banquet room at Ophelia's restaurant on Independence Square.**