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## 430<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY, May 24, 2011**

**Homestead Country Club**

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

Social Hour-Cash Bar-6:00p.m.

Dinner-6:30p.m.

**SILENT BOOK AUCTION: BRING YOUR MONEY, BRING YOUR BOOKS!**

## MAY SPEAKER JOSEPH K. HOUTS, JR.

He resides in St. Joseph, Missouri where he is employed by Commerce Bank. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Pony Express Museum. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, majoring in History. He also received a Jurist Doctor degree from Lewis University College of Law, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, now known as Northern Illinois University. He is a commissioner on the Missouri Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

His presentation, "American Medicine and the Sanitation Commission" will draw from his 2006 Missouri Governor's Award winning book *A Darkness Ablaze*. The book is based on the medical diary of Dr. John Hendricks Kinyoun, surgeon of the 66th North Carolina Infantry Regiment.

Copies of *A Darkness Ablaze* and his other book, *Quantrill's Thieves* will be available for purchase at the meeting.

### Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

*Please be sure our Treasurer receives all reservations by Friday, May 20, along with payment of \$25.00 per person. Mail to:*

**Paul Gault, 7118 N. Congress Ave., Kansas City, MO 64152**

*Homestead's deadline for reservation changes is the following Monday afternoon, so promptly report any necessary adjustments to Paul at 816-741-2962 or 816-522-8021.*

*If unable to reach him, call Assistant Treasurer Betty Ergovich at 913 441-6462.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Battle of Carthage Tour:

Many thanks to those who helped to make this tour a "sell out". We departed right on time at 8:15, stopped at the Burnt District monument, Bushwhacker Museum, a buffet lunch at Lamar, then the battle tour at Carthage and the Civil War Museum of Carthage. On our return we made a brief unexpected stop at the Butler courthouse square to see the recently dedicated monument to the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry that fought at the battle of Island Mound, arriving back at the parking lot exactly on time. There were several organizations represented on the tour including members of the Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri. Many thanks for their support. I believe all were tired when we returned home but it was a good tired.

As we celebrate the sesquicentennial we will try to keep the membership as informed as possible to future events however watch for future programs and events going on in the Kansas City area from other organizations and publications.

### Memorial Day Service:

On May 28, 10 AM, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will honor fifteen WWII veterans at its annual Memorial Day service at the GAR Monument in the Olathe Memorial Cemetery. Our service honors all members that have served in the military. At this cemetery are buried over 750 veterans of all wars, even one veteran buried here who fought in the War of 1812. There are approximately 325 Union Veterans buried here and 2 Confederate Veterans. President Barack Obama's GGG Grandfather, a member of the 145th Ohio Reserve Infantry, and who was called up late in the war for 100 days, is also buried in this cemetery. Most of these WWII veterans are members of VFW Post 846 however three members of the CWRT of KC will be included in this service, Charlie Kopke, Orvis Fitts and Jack Brooks. If you are aware of other members of the RT that are WWII veterans and would like to be honored, please notify Lane Smith, 913-649-1515 and call Lane for additional information. The service is open to the public.

### The Soldiers State

Did you know Kansas received this name after the Civil War because of the number of Civil War soldiers that migrated to Kansas. At the GAR monument circle in the Olathe Memorial Cemetery there are soldiers buried there from Pa, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Mass, NY etc. Many southern soldiers migrated to Kansas and I would assume because of the devastation to the South. As Arnold has made it clear that I understand, I am an SOB, sons of both. In addition to the SUVCW I am also a member of Col Speicher's local Sons of Confederate Veterans camp. In

that camp is a young man, Heath Roland, who has done an immense study of ex Confederates buried in Kansas. He has discovered old Confederate veterans buried in approximately 2/3's of the 105 counties in the state. In all probability there are Confederate veterans buried in many of the other counties however Heath has worn out and his study has probably been completed.

### Lives Altered at Shiloh

Cpt. Andrew Hickenlooper (Union) Commander of the 5th Ohio Battery: As the Confederates pounded the Union position, Hickenlooper's guns held off the attackers for more than six hours at what became known as the "Hornets' Nest." Recognized for gallantry after this battle, the Captain was promoted to artillery commandant and would be critical to the Union victory at Vicksburg in 1863. There is an 1895 artist's picture of Hickenlooper directing his battery from his horse, in the January issue of Civil War magazine.

GI Albert Sydney Johnston: "Tomorrow we will water our horses in the Tennessee". Also, GI Johnston on the night before the battle, several of his Generals were skeptical about attacking the Union forces, thinking the element of surprise was gone. Johnston's reply "I would attack them if there were a million". Of course GI Johnston would bleed to death of his leg wound suffered at this battle.

## SPEAKERS 2011

### SUMMER SESSIONS:

**Jun 28:** John Hilmer: Superintendent of Wilson's Creek. Battle of Wilson's Creek and the upcoming re-enactment

**July 26:** Dan Smith: Civil War History of Jackson County

**Aug 23:** Col. James Speicher: "The H. L. Hunley"

**Sep 27:** Glenda J. Wallace, Chief, Eastern Band of The Shawnee, "American Indians and The Civil War"

**Oct 25:** Arnold Schofield, "*Thunder in the Valleys*"

**Nov 22:** Doug Mischler as: "*Jefferson Davis*"

**Dec 27:** Dave Para and Cathy Barton Para "*Music of the Civil War*" & Silent Book Auction

## 2011 LOCAL AND COMING EVENTS

**April 19 On Exhibit at the National Archives at Kansas City**

**April 19 - October 22, 2011**

Lee and Grant provides a major reassessment of the lives, careers, and historical impact of Civil War generals Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant. The exhibit presents photographs, paintings, prints, coins, reproduction clothing, accoutrements owned by the two men, documents written in their own hands, and biographical and historical records to reveal each man in

his historical and cultural context, allowing audiences to compare the ways each has been remembered for almost 150 years.

**May 21, 2011** – Westport Historical Society, 1855 Harris-Kearney House, Kelly's Irish Brigade, Westport Blue and Gray Social Society present, "Confederate Weekend,," Events, Demonstrations and Confederate Ball.

**Small But Important Civil War Events**-Jim & Judy Beckner 816-322-3736

Not many towns can boast of having a President raised in their midst. Grandview has undergone many changes in the last 20 years. That does not change the fact that there is a lot of Civil War and other history in the area. A small group of people are trying to save "Harry's Hay Days", as once again they will not be able to have the Shriners in the Parade and really need as many units as possible. Please come help save a big part of Missouri history.

**Saturday, May 21st.**, Harry Truman Parade, Grandview, MO - Parade starts at 10:00, line up by 9:30 behind the Main Street City Hall at the Depot on Jones Street, bring both uniforms and any flags, men, women and children.

If you missed it the first time you probably heard that you missed a very unusual pre-Civil War event. We are going to do it one more time on June 25th, at the plantation house at the end of town. Bring you very best civilian clothes, women what a great opportunity to show off your finest gown. Men, women, and children. June 25 and 26 in Waverly, MO. Normal reenactment plus the wedding. It is only one week after Boonville but you can take July and August off to rest up.

Cass County was devastated by the war and particularly Order #11. They have the only monument to women, children, and the elderly on both sides that suffered so much during the Border War and Civil War. They are trying to keep their Civil War history alive on **Saturday, October 1**. The event lasts all day and into the evening and will not have the interference from the Kids Rodeo as they did last year. Men, women, and children. Bring civilian, Northern, and Southern uniforms.

**June 2, 2011** – Truman Library & Museum, 500 W. Hwy 24, Independence, MO. "An Evening With George Caleb Bingham."

5:00 & 5:30 p.m., "Editor's Guide to Bingham's Letters." Lynn Wolf Gentzler, Associate Director of the State Historical Society of Missouri, discusses the monumental process of compiling, editing and annotating 246 letters into the new book "*But I Forget That I Am a Painter and Not a Politician*": *The Letters of George Caleb Bingham*. The lectures will be held in the Whistlestop Room.

5:00, 5:30 & 6:00 p.m., "Step Back in Time with Eliza Bingham." The State Historical Society of Missouri Art

Curator Dr. Joan Stack provides a lively tour of the Truman Library's exhibit, "Steamboats to Steam Engines: George Caleb Bingham's Missouri, 1819-1879," in character as Eliza Thomas Bingham, Bingham's wife from 1849 to 1876. Tour groups will gather in the Atrium.

**Bigham-Waggoner Estate**, 313 W. Pacific, Independence

6:00 p.m., Festive reception begins, with guided tours of the Bingham-Waggoner House and Bingham inspired music by the Mengel Brothers String Duo.

7:00 p.m., Remarks from George Caleb Bingham, brought to life through an extraordinary portrayal by actor Robert Gibby Brand.

7:30 p.m., Dessert bar opens and entertainment continues.

Ticket Information: General Admission, \$100 Individual & \$150 Couple • Includes admission to all activities at both sites • A paperback copy of "*But I Forget That I Am a Painter and Not a Politician*": *The Letters of George Caleb Bingham* (1 per couple.)

Patron Level, \$200 Individual & \$300 Couple • Includes all of the above, plus a hardcover copy of the book and a 17" x 12" print of Bingham's *Watching the Cargo* (1 book and print per couple.) • Acknowledgment on event signage.

Sponsor Level, \$1,000 • Includes 4 admissions to all event activities, plus a hardcover copy of the book and a 14" x 20" print of Bingham's *General Order No. 11*, framed and matted. (1 book and print per sponsor.) • Acknowledgment on event signage.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the programs of the State Historical Society of Missouri. To register, make check payable to the State Historical Society of Missouri and mail to: 1020 Lowry St, Columbia, MO, 65201.

**June 4, 2011** – Higginsville, MO. **Confederate Memorial Day 2011, 112<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Supporting out Confederate Veterans, "Gone But Not Forgotten."**

**WHEN** - Saturday, June 4, 2011, one day before Jefferson Davis' Birthday. Let's make the old Veterans proud. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be Barbecue and drinks for sale or you may bring your own lunch. You will need to eat a little earlier than usual. Lightning, fierce rain or a tornado will be the only reasons to move into the Chapel.

**WHAT** - The annual Missouri Confederate Memorial Day observance, with emphasis on the 800 souls who are buried in the Higginsville Confederate Memorial State Site. Plus this year we also be emphasizing the observance of the 100 year anniversary of the 1911 Lexington reunion. If you know of any relatives of those men let us know immediately. We have a list of those who registered. A man from Springfield, MO will share with us his reunion badge and picture collection.

**WHERE** - Just north of Higginsville, MO at the Confederate Memorial State Site. From I-70 go north on 13 Hwy, through Higginsville to AA and turn right (east). This site is under the control of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Allow extra time to see the new National Veterans Cemetery adjoining this site.

**WHO MAY ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE** - Any man, woman, or child who wishes to sincerely pay their respects to the 800 Confederates and their families that are buried here. These Southerners represent all those who participated in the “late, great unpleasantness”. They all suffered and sacrificed a great deal. The Memorial is open to all races, genders, creeds, religions, and residents from all states. It is respectfully requested that Northern state flags not be used. The American flag and all Southern flags, including the misused and misunderstood “Battle Flag” may be used. The more flags the better. We have had a great response from those wishing to participate but we want YOU. Call the coordinator as soon as possible. If you know of any children who might be interested in joining the Children of the Confederacy call Raylene Cornine, 660-859-2554. Everyone in attendance will be given a flower in memory of their ancestor.

**WHY** - Memorial Day is meant to be more than a three day weekend. The State of Missouri does not have an official Confederate Memorial date. The men at the Home tried to use the Sunday closest to Jefferson Davis’ birthday on June 5<sup>th</sup>. We are trying to carry on that tradition. The Sons and the Daughters of Confederate Veterans are charged with “NOT FORGETTING”. Our Missouri site, which is in the top three in the country, is unique, special, and better preserved than most in the United States. Let’s take advantage of this great facility. The 800 souls here deserve one day of our attention. If those of us with Southern heritage do not care WHO WILL?

**STAY AS LONG AS YOU WANT AND PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY GOING HOME!**

**June 4, 2011** – John Wornall House, K.C., MO.: Hello all! On June 4th from 10am to 4pm, we are turning the Wornall House back into the field hospital it was during the Battle of Westport! I need those volunteers who will lead guests through the house and let them talk with the interpreters who will be in each room. You won’t have to say much, and no memorizing anything. I think this is going to be a really fantastic event. We are partnering with KU med and the Humanities Council.

If you are interested in getting involved and being a guide for this event, please contact Kandice at 816-444-1858 and sign up. Or email me at [Kandice@wornallhouse.org](mailto:Kandice@wornallhouse.org). We will have an orientation

and training on Thursday June 2nd from 6pm to 7pm to make sure we are all on the same page. If you can’t make that, we need to set a time to make sure you know what to do.

**June 17-19, 2011** – Booneville, Mo., Re-enactment.

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## MENU FOR MAY

Spinach Salad with Strawberries, Pecans, Cheese and Sherry Vinaigrette, Swiss Steak with Tomatoes and Onions, Grilled Vegetables, Buttered New Potatoes, Key Lime Pie with Whipped Cream.

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## FROM OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT

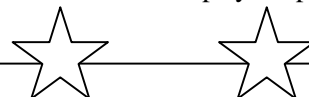
Our May meeting has always been a special one for the members of the CWRT-KC. In the years before women were admitted, the May meeting was open for the members to bring their wives. The members and their guests wore period attire. The festive evening also included a book sale. This year, we encourage the members to bring guests, wear period attire if they wish, and participate actively in the book sale.

The Missouri Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission is holding seminars to provide information and assistance to those planning Civil War sesquicentennial activities. The Kansas City meeting will be held on May 23 at the Kansas City Public Library at 14 West Tenth Street, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To RSVP go to [commemoratemocivilwar.com@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:commemoratemocivilwar.com@dnr.mo.gov) or call 573-751-1010.

The Missouri History Museum is collecting stories related to the Civil War in Missouri. The stories will appear on the new website, [civilwarmo.org](http://civilwarmo.org). Send your stories along with the date, place, names of the people involved, outcome of the event, and any other information to: [tgold@mohistory.org](mailto:tgold@mohistory.org). You can also mail your entry to: Missouri History Museum, Attn: Tami Goldman, P.O. Box 11940, St. Louis, MO. 63112

Members of the CWRT are encouraged to send copies of their submissions to Lane and/or Alisha to be posted on the Round Table's website.

Local history-enthusiast Peggy Smith is leading a grass-roots effort to add the historic names to two streets in the area of Loose Park. When J.C. Nichols developed the Loose Park/Plaza area, he paid homage to the Civil War in Kansas City by naming one street for Price and another for Pleasonton. There are several steps in this process of adding a brown historic sign to the street signs so we will keep you posted as things proceed.



# “The Sargeant Major’s Roar”

## Battlefield Dispatches #50

### Jayhawkers “JAYHAWKED”

Today, when one hears or sees the word Jayhawks, it normally refers to the nickname and mascot of the University of Kansas. However, during the Civil War “Jayhawk” & its’ derivatives had very distinct & different meanings. As a noun jayhawk, jayhawks or jayhawkers normally referred to Union soldiers from Kansas. It was also used to identify CIVILIAN OUTLAWS in Kansas & Missouri who robbed & murdered indiscriminately. These Civilian Jayhawkers / Outlaws had no political allegiance and attacked, robbed & killed civilians & soldiers in both Missouri & Kansas. They were often referred to, but were not the infamous “Kansas Redlegs”. The “Kansas Redlegs” were normally, but not always, former “Union Soldiers” who became “outlaws” or were “Kansas” soldiers still serving in the Union Army. To add to this confusion, “jayhawking” or “jayhawked” was also an action verb that referred to the act of robbing or murdering anyone or stealing anything! Therefore Jayhawkers, the perpetrators, when apprehended could be robbed (“Jayhawked”) of their stolen property or killed!

The following after action report describes the pursuit of some “Kansas Jayhawkers” who had committed acts of “Jayhawking” in both Kansas & Missouri and were killed & captured in Kansas by “Union” Soldiers from Missouri!

“Fort Leavenworth,  
Kansas

January 28, 1862.

In pursuance of Special Orders #57, I left Fort Leavenworth with my command at 2 o’clock p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 1862 & proceeded to Atchison, [Ks.], where I arrived at 8 o’clock p.m. of the same day. I reported immediately upon my arrival to Mayor Fairchild. Mayor Fairchild informed me that the citizens had driven the principle JAYHAWKERS out of town, but at the same time requested me to arrest certain parties who were suspected to be in league with these depredators & as having the keeping of stolen horses & cattle. In conformity with his request, I arrested several of such persons as he pointed out to me & charged with the above crime, but who from WANT OF EVIDENCE & with his concurrence were discharged.

On the next morning, January 21, 1862, at 4 o’clock a.m., Lieut. Sprague joined my command with 20 men & reported for duty. At 8 a.m. of the same day, I sent out Lieut. Sprague with 25 men in search of horse-

thieves & depredators & stolen property, who succeeded in capturing 5 of the stolen horses & 2 Jayhawkers & returned at 2 p.m. of the same day. I then proceeded with the balance of my command to the farm of Sueter Dixon, a NOTED JAYHAWKER & took from his farm 20 horses & 2 shot-guns, the property of citizens of KANSAS & MISSOURI, to whom I restored their property upon their bringing satisfactory proof of ownership

January 22, Mayor Fairchild delivered to me 8 horses taken from the jayhawkers by the Home Guards of Atchison previous to my arrival, which were all claimed by citizens of Kansas & delivered to them as above.

January 23, made several scouts & searches in the neighborhood of town. I was informed by Messrs. Brown, Dunlap & Sumers that several horses were brought to their farms by parties unknown for safe-keeping, but that they supposed them to be JAYHAWKED horses & would like to have an investigation of the matter. I proceeded to the farms of the above named men, seized the horses & brought them into town, when they were immediately claimed by their property owners & delivered to them.

January 24, I was notified by Mr. Irving, of Missouri, at 3 o’clock a.m. that 15 Jayhawkers had robbed his farm in MISSOURI & taken there from 40 horses & mules & 6 Negroes; that they dragged his family, among whom there are several females, out of bed, insulting them in the most revolting manner, robbed them of their jewelry & finally left & proceeded in the direction of Elwood, [Ks.]. I immediately concluded to go in search of this party & Mr. Irving offering himself & a few neighbors as guides, I consented thereto, but dispatched him in advance. I overtook him at Geary City, where I found that his party had caught 2 & killed the Captain (by name Chandler) of jayhawkers & wounded another. The rest had escaped, 11 in number & had gone in the direction of Elwood, [Ks.]. I then told Mr. Irving that I thought best for him & his party to go home, as I had a force sufficient to answer all purposes. Accordingly Mr. Irving & his party went home. I took the 2 prisoners in my charge & gave chase to the remainder. I followed them closely. When I came within 8 miles of Elwood, I ascertained that the party I was in pursuit of had divided. 5 had gone west of Elwood, in the direction of White Cloud, [Ks.] & 6 had gone to Elwood. Accordingly, I divided my command. I sent Lieut. Sprague in pursuit of the party of 5 en route to White Cloud & proceeded myself in pursuit of the other party en route to Elwood, where I captured them. Two hours later Lieut. Sprague joined me, having been successful in the capture of the party [he was] sent after with all the stolen property in their possession – 5 horses, saddles, bridles, etc. The party I captured had in

their possession 12 horses, 3 mules & 4 wagons, all these the property of Mr. Irving.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
I.W. Fuller, Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> Mo.Cav.”

A party of Jayhawkers had been JAYHAWKED  
& brought to justice!

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## STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR 2011 BROWNLEE FUND GRANTS

The State Historical Society of Missouri is proud to support observance of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War in Missouri through the resources of the Richard S. Brownlee Fund. The Society invites local historical societies and museums, both public and private, to develop projects and activities that commemorate the 150th anniversary of this difficult and important period in our past. The maximum award amount is \$500, and the deadline for application is June 30, 2011.

In previous years, the Richard S. Brownlee Fund has supported diverse research, documentation, and publication efforts, including the highly regarded Dictionary of Missouri Biography, many scholarly journal articles and books, doctoral dissertations, oral history programs, and traveling exhibits. In 2011 the Society is looking to fund development of worthy projects and community experiences that accurately commemorate the Civil War in Missouri.

The Brownlee Fund honors the dedication to history shown by former Society executive director Richard S. Brownlee whose twenty-five-year leadership brought significant growth to the organization, including expanding the newspaper collection, reference materials, and manuscript holdings, as well as new art acquisitions from Missouri masters George Caleb Bingham and Thomas Hart Benton, a contemporary art collection, and increased holdings of editorial cartoons. Brownlee's critically acclaimed book, *Gray Ghosts of the Confederacy: Guerrilla Warfare in the West, 1861-1865*, first published in 1958, has become a classic in the field of Civil War historiography.

The Society has not awarded Brownlee Grants for the past two years due to the economic downturn, and the ability to revive the program in 2011 with a focus on Civil War history is an exciting move forward. The 2011 Brownlee Fund guidelines can be found on the Society's Web site at: <http://shs.umsystem.edu/awards/index.shtml>. Grant winners will receive their funds at the Society's annual meeting in Columbia on November 5, 2011.

About The State Historical Society of Missouri

Founded in 1898 by the Missouri Press Association and a trustee of the state since 1899, the Society is the premier center for the study of Missouri

state and local history. With research centers on each campus of the University of Missouri system, the Society collects, preserves, and publishes materials that enhance research and support learning opportunities in Missouri studies and the history of the Midwest. Visit: <http://shs.umsystem.edu>

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Letter From the Editor...

I'm asking you budding reporters and typists to come forward and volunteer to pick up the reins for me. I would like to retire after the January Newsletter of 2012, I might even do the Roster for 2012, but that's it. I really appreciate all the kind words and support I've been given for all these years, and I won't say it wasn't fun. Thank you for allowing me to be your editor for the Border Bugle all these years and your support once again. So please, let me or Lane, or Alisha or someone know you're interested, it's not hard, you can use my format if you want, or try something completely new. I'll show how I do it.

Sincerely  
Mike Epstein

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## AUDIENCES STAND AND CHEER FOR "THE CONSPIRATOR,"

Directed by Robert Redford

"not many films this smart can be made,"  
says Roger Ebert.

Los Angeles, April 18, 2011 – *THE CONSPIRATOR*, directed by film legend Robert Redford, brought audiences to their feet this weekend as the movie debuted at more than 700 theaters across the country. Filmgoers gave standing ovations at sold-out shows following a similar reaction at the movie's Ford's Theatre premiere last week, which included members of the United States Supreme Court, Congress, and the Presidential Cabinet. From media outlets like the *NEWSHOUR* on PBS, *MSNBC'S ANDREA MITCHELL REPORTS*, *CNN's PIERS MORGAN TONIGHT* and *NPR's MORNING EDITION*, to social media hubs like Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/TheConspirator>), *THE CONSPIRATOR* has sparked a spirited discussion about the film's timely story and the provocative questions it raises – Does the law fall silent during times of war? How far should a mother go to protect her child?

Al Hunt, Washington Executive Editor, Bloomberg News: "One of the best movies I have ever seen. I will tell you, there are truths in there that are just as applicable today as they were 146 years ago. I know you have a busy schedule, but go see it... it is an absolutely fabulous movie.

Film critics have praised the movie in publications such as the *LOS ANGELES TIMES*, *TIME*

MAGAZINE, ROLLING STONE, the SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, the NY POST, USA TODAY

and the PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, among others, for its thought-provoking subject-matter and rich visual imagery depicting Washington, D.C. in 1865.

Roger Ebert wrote in the CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, "The Conspirator is an unusually thoughtful film... Absorbing and relevant... Not many films this smart can be made."

ROLLING STONE's Peter Travers called THE CONSPIRATOR "hypnotic." He wrote, "Robin Wright is superb... James McAvoy's performance is powerfully implosive. Redford's nuanced guidance gives this mesmerizing film its timely resonance and grieving heart."

The LOS ANGELES TIMES' Kenneth Turan said, "The resolution and strength of Robin Wright's unimpeachable performance makes the whole story seem flesh-and-blood real."

And the SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE's Mike LaSalle said this: "Compelling... Robert Redford persuades us to look at the assassination of President Lincoln through fresh eyes. THE CONSPIRATOR creates the sense of actually being there."

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## SPIELBERG CASTS SALLY FIELD AS ABE LINCOLN'S WIFE

LOS ANGELES – Sally Field has signed on to play the wife of Abraham Lincoln in Steven Spielberg's film biography of the 16th president.

The casting announcement Wednesday gives "Lincoln" a pair of two-time Academy Award winners in lead roles.

Daniel Day-Lewis was a best-actor winner for "My Left Foot" and "There Will Be Blood." He will star as Lincoln.

Field is a best-actress recipient for "Norma Rae" and "Places in the Heart." She is playing Mary Todd Lincoln.

Spielberg says Field was his first choice to portray the "fragility and complexity" of Lincoln's wife.

The film is based on Doris Kearns Goodwin's book, "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln," which examines the president's relationship with key advisers.

Shooting begins this fall, with the film due out in 2012.

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## IN NORTH, CIVIL WAR SITES, EVENTS LONG 'FORGOTTEN.'

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. – The gravesite of a Union Army major general sits largely forgotten in a small cemetery along the Massachusetts Turnpike.

A piece of the coat worn by President Abraham Lincoln when he was assassinated rests quietly in a library attic in a Boston suburb. It's shown upon request, a rare occurrence.

A monument honoring one of the first official Civil War black units stands in a busy intersection in front of the Massachusetts Statehouse, barely gaining notice from the hustle of tourists and workers who pass by each day.

As the nation marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, states in the old South — the side that lost — are hosting elaborate re-enactments, intricate memorials, even formal galas highlighting the war's persistent legacy in the region. But for many states in the North — the side that won — only scant, smaller events are planned in an area of the nation that helped sparked the conflict but now, historians say, struggles to acknowledge it.

"It's almost like it never happened," said Annie Murphy, executive director of the Framingham History Center in Framingham, Mass. "But all you have to do is look around and see evidence that it did. It's just that people aren't looking here."

Massachusetts, a state that sent more than 150,000 men to battle and was home to some of the nation's most radical abolitionists, created a Civil War commemoration commission just earlier this month. Aging monuments stand unattended, sometimes even vandalized. Sites of major historical events related to the war remain largely unknown and often compete with the more regionally popular American Revolution attractions.

Meanwhile, states like Arkansas, Virginia, North Carolina and Missouri not only established commissions months, if not years ago, but also have ambitious plans for remembrance around well-known tourist sites and events. In South Carolina, for example, 300 Civil War re-enactors participated last week in well-organized staged battles to mark the beginning of the war.

To be sure, some Northern states have Civil War events planned and have formed commemoration commissions. Connecticut's 150th Civil War Commemoration was set up in 2008 and has scheduled a number of events and exhibits until 2015. Vermont, the first state to outlaw slavery, started a similar commission last year to coordinate activities statewide and in towns.

And some Massachusetts small non-profit and historic groups are trying to spark interest through research, planned tours and town events.

But observers say those events pale in comparison to those in the South.

That difference highlights Northern states' long struggle with how to remember a war that was largely fought on Southern soil, said Steven Mintz, a Columbia University history professor and author of "Moralists

and Modernizers: America's Pre-Civil War Reformers." For Northern states like Massachusetts, Mintz said revisiting the Civil War also means revisiting their own unsolved, uncomfortable issues like racial inequality after slavery.

"We've spent a century and a half turning (the war) into a gigantic North-South football game in which everybody was a hero," Mintz said. "In other words, we depoliticized the whole meaning of the war. And insofar as it was captured, it was captured by the descendants of the Confederates."

Sons of Confederate Veterans, a group open to male descendants of veterans who served in the Confederate armed forces, boast 30,000 members across the Old South.

The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War has 6,000 members.

Kevin Tucker, Massachusetts Department Commander for the Sons of the Union Veterans, said some Northern descendants don't even know they're related to Union veterans. "I found out after my father did some research and discovered that my great-great-grandfather had collected a Union pension," said Tucker, of Wakefield. "Until then, I had no idea."

Mark Simpson, 57, South Carolina commander of Sons of Confederate Veterans, said his family knew for generations about his great-great-grandfather's service in the Confederacy. "I visit his gravesite every year and put a flag down," Simpson said. "He is real to me."

Mintz said the North has another factor affecting its Civil War memory: immigration from Italy and Eastern Europe at the turn of the 20th century. He said those populations, and more recent immigrants, sometimes struggle to identify with that war compared to more contemporary ones.

Then, Mintz said, after the Civil War a number of Northerners moved West — and to the South.

History buffs with the Framingham History Center in Framingham, Mass., a town where residents say "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" was first sung, said they are using the sesquicentennial to bring attention to long-forgotten local Civil War sites and personalities. Included in a planned event is a celebration at Harmony Grove, site of many anti-slavery rallies where abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison famously burned a copy of the U.S. Constitution and called it a "pact with the Devil."

Today, only a small plaque in front of a house announces the historic site now surrounded by industrial lots, train tracks and a motorcycle shop.

Volunteers also hope to raise around \$1 million for Framingham's dilapidated Civil War memorial building to repair its cracked walls and leaky ceiling. The building houses a memorial honoring Framingham soldiers killed in the war and an American flag that flew

over the Battles of Gettysburg and Antietam. (Murphy said the flag was discovered in the 1990s after being forgotten in a case for 90 years.)

Fred Wallace, the town's historian, said that more importantly, volunteers wanted to bring attention to General George H. Gordon, a long-forgotten Union hero from Framingham who was a prolific writer and organizer of the 2nd Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. "I don't understand how this man was lost to history," said Wallace, who has researched Gordon's life and is now writing a biography on him. "He was in the middle of everything."

During a recent afternoon, Murphy took a reporter and photographer to Gordon's gravesite, which she said would be included in a planned walking tour. But Murphy couldn't locate the site and a cemetery official needed to comb through maps to find it.

Murphy said putting the pieces together of Gordon's life is part of the fun, even when it surprises residents.

"When I was told that I lived in what used to be a barn of Gen. Gordon's horse," 81-year-old Ellen Shaw said, "I was like ... General who?"

Since then Shaw has joined history buffs in searching for what they believe is a marker announcing the gravesite of Ashby, Gordon's horse in many battles. She hasn't located it on her property.

"I hope I find it one day when I'm just walking around outside," Shaw said. "Then I can say, 'Glad to meet you. Sorry we forgot about you.'"

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## DID YOU KNOW.....

**Q:** Does Tom Hanks know whether he's related to Nancy Hanks, Abraham Lincoln's mother?

**A:** He does---and he is. But while the actor, 54, is now known for bringing history to the masses through projects like *Saving Private Ryan* and *The Pacific*, he wasn't always such an enthusiastic student of the past. Hanks has laughingly recalled using a history paper he wrote on Nancy Hanks in school. What would Honest Abe think? *From Parade Magazine, K.C. Star, Apr. 17.*

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## GETTYSBURG SITE GETS 95 ACRES

Harrisburg, Pa. For the first time, Civil War buffs can walk the land on Chambersburg Pike west of Gettysburg where Confederate and Union troops fought at the start of the epic battle.

The 95-acre tract, the scene of major fighting on July 1, 1863, has been made part of the Gettysburg National Military Park at last.

"Gettysburg will always have a sacred place in America's heritage for the pivotal role it played in our nation's history and the enormity of the sacrifice that took place here," said Salazaar, whose agency oversees the National Park Service. "With the addition of the



Emanuel Harman Farm to the Gettysburg National Military Park, we are able to include another important chapter in the story that helped shape our country.”

## THANK YOU CIVIL WAR NEWS!

Thanks to Kay Jorgensen and others at the Civil War News. They sent us a big box of their latest issue, April 2011, of The Civil War News for each of our members to enjoy. They have a special offer for us too. Start a personal or gift subscription and CWN will make a 10\$ donation to your Civil War Round Table. You can't beat that! It's a huge publication with news from all over and about all aspects of the Civil War, re-enacting, and preservation.

## HE'LL WILL BE MISSED....

Pat A. Barelli, M.D., Otorhinolaryngologist, formerly of Kansas City, Missouri and Mission Hills, Kansas, died at home Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at the age of 92. Dr. Barelli was born February 13, 1919. His mother Jennie owned Jennies' Italian Dinners and Restaurant, a 1950's pioneer in television food shows. Dr. Barelli is survived by his wife of 68 years Sarah June Paulk. They have five children; Tony, John, Tom, Mike and Susie; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Dr. Barelli was well loved by everyone, known for his understanding, kind, patient, gentle professionalism, loving medical care for all whether they could pay or not, and generous hospitality to all.

He was known for his hospitality to friends, family, and strangers. His hobbies included photography, travel, history and science.

He served in the U.S. Infantry Reserve, and the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Europe, at the Nuremberg 385th Army Medical Hospital. He was responsible for the medical care of one thousand Nazi prisoners of war. As an observer, he was assigned in Germany to the Nuremberg Trials, and cared for some of the high Nazi officers before they were executed or imprisoned.

He received an honorable discharge, rank of Captain in 1947. At the University of Kansas Medical Center, Dr. Pat completed his residency in Ear Nose & Throat. He also did post graduate work in Pathology. He participated and taught many international courses in Otology and Rhinology. He was in private practice in the Greater Kansas City area from 1950 until retiring in 1991. He received so many honors it's impossible to list them all here.

A few of Dr. Barelli's executive or board memberships or associations include: The Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City, The Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City and once again, too many to list here. He will be missed.

## CIVIL WAR ANNIVERSARY INSPIRES HOST OF ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

When news broke of shots fired on Fort Sumter and the proclamation of war that followed, the residents of Lawrence greeted it with excitement — and as a call to action.

More than 80 men joined the Independent Company of Mounted Riflemen, led by Captain Samuel Walker. The company anticipated the quick arrival of carbines, pistols and sabers from the arsenal at Fort Leavenworth.

And a Lawrence newspaper, The Kansas State Journal, noticed that "everybody that has a piece of ground that can be plowed or otherwise cultivated, is devoting it to the useful, if not political purpose, of raising potatoes, onions, beans, peas."

Long a hotbed of violent activity between abolitionist and pro-slavery forces, Lawrence of 150 years ago was ready for the history-transforming events that transpired on April 12, 1861.

"Lawrence was immediately thrown into supporting the Union cause," said local historian Katie Armitage, who recalls reading one newspaper headline that noted "Lawrence aflame with Union spirit."

Although for different reasons, excitement has returned to Lawrence as plans are under way to commemorate the Civil War's 150th anniversary.

Over the course of the next few years, expect to see more exhibits and events that highlight the region's connection to the Civil War.

"We aren't reading about something that happened in Virginia and Georgia. The people that founded our community and the places we walk past every day have connections to the history of our nation," said Steve Nowak, director of Watkins Community Museum of History and the Douglas County Historical Society. "That makes it really exciting to be in western Missouri and eastern Kansas at this time."

Many of Douglas County's ties to the Civil War took place in the years before Fort Sumter, punctuated by skirmishes between the Missouri and Kansas border that involved shootings and sackings on both sides.

In fact, some believe that the first gunshots of the Civil War were fired five years before Fort Sumter at the Battle of Black Jack, which is now a wooded grove just east of Baldwin City.

"It didn't just start with the first shot at Fort Sumter. There were a lot of things going on that led up to that and a lot of that happened here," said Judy Billings, Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area executive director.

Without a doubt, Lawrence's defining Civil War moment came in 1863 when William Quantrill raided the town, killing more than 150 men and boys.

That event will be one of the many commemorated during the next four years.

On July 2, Freedom's Frontier will open an exhibit in the former Carnegie Library, which will highlight the region's American Indian, territorial, Civil War and civil rights history.

Annual commemorations of the area's Civil War heritage —what some historians believe to be the first battle of the Civil War, the Battle of Black Jack between abolitionist militia led by John Brown and pro-slavery forces in 1856. This exceptional re-enactment will be held on June 4 at Black Jack Battlefield and Nature Park, located near Baldwin City, Kansas. Adults \$8, and children 3-12 are admitted for \$1. A re-enactment of Quantrill's Raid will be in August in honor of the war's 150th anniversary.

In August, the Watkins Museum plans to open an exhibit highlighting the evolution of downtown Lawrence from a business to retail to entertainment district. The legacy of Quantrill's Raid will be prominently featured in that display.

In the fall or next spring, the museum is also looking at bringing in scholars for a speaking series that will explore the Civil War, Nowak said.

And, discussions have already begun on how to best commemorate the 150th anniversary of Quantrill's Raid in 2013. Both Nowak and Billings said more events are likely to come. "There are new things popping up all the time," Billings said.

## A LITTLE NEWS....

The May/June issue of Preservation Magazine has a special advertising section in it on the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War which includes highlights of things to do in each state that has anything in it related to The Civil War. A little like a travel guide. It also has a great story in it called "The Forgotten" by Eric Wills on The contraband of America and the Road to Freedom. This article deals specifically with the contraband of the Civil War and some of the relatives now living of some of those men who fought as contraband in The Civil War. Excellent article.

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## THE KANSAS CITY STAR: SPECIAL SECTION ON THE SESQUICENTENIAL OF THE CIVIL WAR

Starting in April and continuing through August, look for the special keepsake section on the Civil War. The first issue was on tensions on the Missouri-Kansas border, detailed timeline tracing the conflict in Missouri, Kansas and the rest of the country. Area maps of battlegrounds including Westport, Lone Jack, Lexington and Gen Price's difficult 1864 slog through Missouri.

Go to The Kansas City Star online and click on the Civil War 150<sup>th</sup>, and on the left is a little game called "Whack-A-Reb" or "Pop-A-Jayhawker". It's fun, best out of 20, see how you do, it's hard!!!

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