

# The Hughes News

Camp # 614

May 2014

**Commander:**

**Jason Coffman**

PO Box 64

Holt, Mo 64083

660-864-1027

jasonncoffman@yahoo.com

**1st Lt. Commander:**

**Kurt Holland**

725 Gano

Missouri City, Mo 64072

816-809-3093

**2nd Lt. Commander:**

**Sam Stanton**

816-803-2815

S.d.stanton@sbcglobal.net

**Adjutant/Editor: Larry Yeatman**

5606 NE Antioch Rd

Gladstone, Mo 64119

816-728-2291

larryyeatman@msn.com

**Sergeant at Arms**

**Tim Borron**

816-419-7765

**Camp Chaplain**

**Richard Rudd**

PO Box 18

Liberty, Mo 64069-0018

816-781-9279

**Webmaster**

James Bradley

webmaster@Hughescamp.org

**Recruiter**

Bill Greene

wgreene@midwest-connections.com

913-687-9243

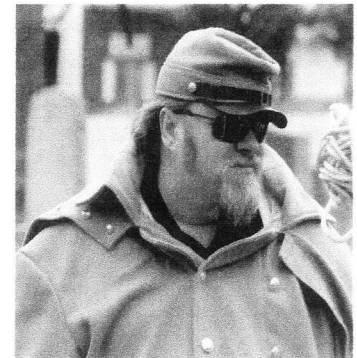
10102 W 1800 Rd

Parker, KS 66072

## Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

**Confederate Patriots,**

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Hughes Camp set up a recruitment booth at the Battle of Plattsburg Missouri. It was a well-attended event. I would like to thank camp members William Knight, Wayne Bybee, and our very own Western Brigade Commander Tim Borron for helping out with our cause. Thanks goes out to camp members



Robert Capps Jr. and Larry Yeatman too for killing the Yankee Aggressors during the battle reenactment. See pictures of the Plattsburg event in this issue of the Hughes News.

The camp sold some merchandise and many MOS&B Arkansas Toothpick raffle tickets were sold. We handed out a lot of SCV literature too. One individual wanted and said the Missouri Division SCV needs to start a camp in St. Joe Missouri. There are rumors of many men wanting to start a camp up in the further most counties in North Western Missouri soon, so look for news of a new camp starting up in that area. Therefore, that is good news, as we will attend many of their events in the future.

Our next event will be in Kingston Missouri on June 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. Confederate Memorial day at Higginsville will be on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Two years ago, one of our camp

*Continued on page 3...*

**Boyd Chapter would like to give a Warm Southern Welcome to the following new member, James L Orebaugh. Also, Hughes Camp would like to welcome new member Jerry (Jay) Roberts. Welcome aboard men!**

[www.hughescamp.org](http://www.hughescamp.org)

Go to our website and buy online to contribute to the Camp!



### Camp Calendar

**May 8th, 7:00 PM Camp Meeting *Kross Lounge and Ernie's Restaurant 605 N Sterling Sugar Creek, MO 64054 816-254-9494*** Our speakers this month will be our new member **Jay Roberts** and his subject will be on his Confederate Ancestor, **Captain William Oldham and the 6th Missouri Infantry.**

**May 2-3 Richmond Mushroom Festival.** We'll have our float in the parade and set up our booth. Parade starts at 10 AM.

**June 6,7,8 Battle of Kingston, Thrailkill's Raid Kingston, MO.** Our Camp will set up our booth at this event. Should be a good show, it's a great battlefield.

**June 7th Confederate Memorial Day, Confederate Memorial Cemetery, Higginsville, Missouri** Starts around, noon, bring a lunch and chairs. Show will start around Noon.



**Br. Gen. John T Hughes**

### What's been happening on the Western Front..

#### Message from Missouri Division SCV Commander Darrell Maples...

We are in the final stages of going forward with the billboard along I-70 near Higginsville, MO. Attached is final version. The location of the sign can be better for just a few extra dollars, and a few of us are going to chip in, but we could use about \$200 or \$300 more to get the primo location. If we could electronically "pass the hat", we will have a much better location and not hit our Division treasury as hard. This sign will cost us about \$3400 total for six months... most of which is being paid for by the anonymous donation received. Again, we don't need much more to keep our Division expense at the hoped for \$3000... so if any of you or your camp members want to throw in just a little bit, we can get there easily. Many thanks for all you do... donations could be sent to me, checks made to MO Division. I will be chipping in and the Price Camp already donated \$250 by the way. Any extra received would just go toward off-setting the overall cost.

#### Mail donations to:

Darrell Maples  
2416 Iven Rd.  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

**Darrell Maples - Missouri Division Cmdr.**

#### April Camp meeting...

Our speaker in April was our Compatriot **Jim Beckner**. His subject was **"The Attempted Kidnapping of Jefferson Davis in 1862"**. Your editor and Adjutant was AWOL from the meeting and therefore I don't have notes to summarize Jim's talk. But as always, I'm sure it was another exciting and riveting speech from Jim, who always does a great job. Thanks for speaking to us Jim!

For the business part of the meeting, one of the big subjects was the proposed I-70 Billboard near Higginsville and what artwork would be used on it. Below is what it will look like, it should be great and will garner a lot of attention for the SCV and our plight that the flag has still not been returned to the Confederate Cemetery in Higginsville.

**RESTORE DIGNITY,  
RETURN THE FLAG**  
Higginsville Confederate Cemetery  
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS / MO DIV • moscv.org

**PORLIER**



# James Country Mercantile

*Del and Jean Warren, owners*

**Your Complete WBTS  
Outfitters!**

**111 North Main St**

**Liberty, Mo 64068**

**Phone (816) 781-9473**

**Fax (816) 781-1470**

**[www.jamescountry.com](http://www.jamescountry.com)**

## 2014 Hughes News Sponsors

Thanks to the many donors that help keep the presses rolling! Joe Ferrara, John Yeatman, George Baker, Burgess Williams, Stephen Cockrell and Tim Apgar. Thanks to You All!

**Coffman continued...** members volunteered to stay at Kingston with the recruitment tent while the others went to Higginsville. Let's try and do that again, Hughes Camp being at two places at one time indicates how big the camp is and how much it's growing.

Any of you that have any MOS&B raffle funds from selling tickets, bring them to the next meeting on Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>, see you all there.

**Yours in the Bonds of Confederate Brotherhood,**

**Jason-Nathaniel: coffman**

**John T. Hughes Camp 614 Commander**



On Tuesday April 8th, Adjutant Yeatman presented the HL Hunley award to Air Force JROTC Cadet Master Sgt. Abbigail Apeldoorn.

## Our Meeting Place!



**Kross Lounge and Ernie's Restaurant**  
**605 N Sterling Ave Sugar Creek Mo 64054**  
**816-254-9494**



LEE'S SUMMIT WEST HIGH SCHOOL  
AIR FORCE JROTC MO-20051  
2600 SW Ward Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64082  
(816) 986-4024



Sons of the Confederate Veterans H.L. Hunley Award

15 Apr 2014

Mr. Larry Yeatman  
5606 NE Antioch Rd  
Gladstone 64119

Dear Mr. Yeatman,

Thank you for recognizing me as Lee's Summit West High School's AFJROTC Sons of the Confederate Veterans, H.L. Hunley Award winner. I am honored by this recognition and am grateful to you and your organization for supporting me and the JROTC program.

I am currently a second year cadet in AFJROTC, and will be enrolling into AFJROTC as a third year cadet next year. I participate in drill and will also participate in drill next year. This will allow me to very active in the AFJROTC program. My plans for after graduating from Lee's Summit West High School are to go to college and eventually into the military to serve my country.

Again thank you for the recognition and the award as I live up to and beyond the standards presented by your organization and AFJROTC.

Sincerely,

*Abbi Apeldoorn*

ABBIGALE APELDOORN, Cadet MSgt, AFJROTC

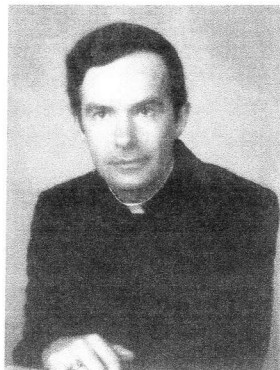
Above is a Thank You letter received from Cadet Master Sgt Abbigale Apeldoorn. I could tell at the presentation that she was genuinely pleased to earn the Award. Many other organizations are at these ceremonies to present their awards, but I can tell you, the Hunley Award is the most handsome one there. Also at the dinner prior to the ceremony, I ran into last years recipient, Cadet Hernandez, who was proudly wearing her award.

It was also exciting to see that it was formally announced at the ceremony that one young man was accepted into the Naval Academy at Annapolis. That was really neat and got quite a roar from the crowd. The young man looks quite worthy of the Academy, but I couldn't help but think about all the hard work he is about to endure!

Adjutant Larry Yeatman



## Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



We all believe what we freely choose to believe, be it the truth or a lie, and must bear the responsibility. Our system of beliefs determines the order of our values. The effects of these two critical factors are so pervasive that they can be observed in every facet and aspect of life, be it political, religious,

economic, or social, from attitudes regarding the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs, the consumption of food, sexual practices, how money is spent and votes are casted, to what is worshipped and how. In recent years, it has become increasingly evident that people, especially those who choose to believe in lies, have become so dedicated to and obstinate in their beliefs that they harden their hearts and stiffen their necks in vindictive anger when confronted with obvious and incontrovertible evidence of proof of truth to the contrary. Negative consequences of erroneous actions are either denied, ignored, or passively and fatalistically accepted. It is insisted that life be lived however one chooses, even if it kills you, because it is one's right and exercise of freedom. But, how free are those who choose to believe and live a lie?

Christ, addressing a group of such irrational people, told them that if they would heed His word and become His disciples "...you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (Jn. 8:32) In spite of living under occupation by the Roman Empire, they protested that they were free and in no need of truth, defending their claims by boasting of their pedigree saying, "We are descendants of Abraham..." (Jn. 8:33) Almost every community is populated by some who cling tenaciously to a family's decaying social status or hereditary practices predicated on nothing more than the fading accomplishments and reputations of distant ancestors. Having accomplished little or nothing in their own right and even failing to think for themselves, they are prisoners of the past and captives of ignorance rather than free. They continue to think, live, make decisions and vote within the context of contemporary times and issues in bondage to old customs and habits, out-dated or fabricated information

oblivious to the truths of reality. "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes..." (Prov. 12:15) For example, during the previous general-election year, a car parked in a shopping center lot sported two bumper stickers. One opposed abortion and the other supported BO. When asked to explain the obvious contradiction of voting for a candidate who favors abortion, the only justification they could muster was that they and their progenitors had always voted for the Democratic Party.

Exercise your First Amendment right to proclaim such truths as abortion is murder, marriage is the life-long union of one man and one woman of the same race, capitalism offers more prosperity than socialism, the WBTS was not about slavery, Islam is a terrorist organization of hate and death, America was established as a Christian society based on Biblical values, and trust exclusively in the crucified Blood of the resurrected Christ is the only way to receive pardon for sin and eternal life. Like those who accused Christ of being demonic (Jn. 8:48) and "...took up stones to throw at Him..." (Jn. 8:59), these 21<sup>st</sup>-century Pharisees will seek to threaten, silence, slander, and destroy all of those who advocate truth and freedom of thought, speech, and action. Why? Christ explained when He said that it was "...because My word finds no place in you." (Jn. 8:37) "It is because you cannot bear to hear My word." (Jn. 8:43) Today's Pharisees are devoid of truth and freedom because they refuse to hear and accept them, their thought process being skewed by political correctness, greed, or a false sense of security. "Therefore God sends upon them a strong delusion, to make them believe what is false, so that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (II Thess. 2:11) This does not mean that God causes evil, but rather that after a period of time He withdraws His protection from those who are stubborn and lets them have their own way which leads to their own ruin.

*Continued on page 6...*



**Richard Rudd continued...**

Appomatox was 149 years ago, but the battles between lies and truth, bondage and freedom are still being fought. The weapons have changed and the conflict has shifted from fields and streets to the ballot box, classroom, media, and internet. Each generation that loses its battles re-looses the war, but the struggle continues and must until the victory denied our ancestors is won. St. James described our calling and mission when he wrote, "But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing." (Jas. 1:25)

**Fr. Richard Rudd**  
**Hughes Camp Chaplain**



**Jim and Judy Beckner to  
Celebrate 50th Wedding  
Anniversary.**

On Sunday, June 1, 2014, the Beckners will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, from 2 to 4 PM. See the attached invitation to the left.

Note the neat wedding photo also. It's strange, Judy hasn't changed a bit, but it's hard to believe that Jim was actually a good looking guy when he was young! What the heck happened Jim?! Ok, just razzing you, you haven't changed a bit now days either, except for that great looking Robert E Lee beard you can now grow.

I don't see where this says to RSVP, so feel free to show up, crash the party, and help the Beckners celebrate 50 years of marriage.

Congratulations to Jim and Judy!

*Mr. and Mrs. James Beckner and their children,  
Dorothy Beckner-Salyer and Eric Beckner,  
Invite you to attend a  
Celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
On Sunday, June 1, 2014,  
From two to four o'clock in the afternoon  
In the Fellowship Hall of  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
In Raymore, Missouri  
1111 West Foxwood Drive (Rte. 58)  
No gifts please.*



### Historians Corner, Paul R Petersen

Paul is the Author of *Quantrill of Missouri*, *Quantrill in Texas*, *Quantrill at Lawrence* and *Lost Souls of the Lost Township*. Petersen is a retired U.S. Marine Corps master sergeant and a highly decorated infantry combat veteran of the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a member of the William Clarke Quantrill Society, the James-Younger Gang Association, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Jackson County and Missouri State Historical Societies.

## Yankee Hypocrisy

**He wouldn't lie to the guerrillas to save his life but he lied to his friends and the world.**

Gurdon Grovenor was one of the survivors of William Clarke Quantrill's Lawrence, Kansas raid on August 21, 1863. The survivors stories have been told and retold ad nauseam and taken for truth and never challenged by those in the academic field. Such is the case of the eyewitness testimony of Gurdon Grovenor a citizen of Lawrence, Kansas. Most accounts about Gurdon Grovenor include the fictitious story about Quantrill killing men, women and children.

Grovenor was born in Suffield, Connecticut. His parents came from England and settled in Massachusetts. In the fall of 1857 Grovenor brought his family to Lawrence with the New England Immigrant Aid Society, a semi-military company, armed by wealthy New England abolitionists who subsidized immigrants to go to Kansas and fight against the institution of slavery. Once in Lawrence Grovenor started a grocery and lumber business in town in partnership with Edward D. Reddington. It was his son, eighteen-year-old Patrick Reddington with a squad from Company H, of the 9th Kansas Jayhawker Regiment that was responsible for arresting the sisters of guerrilla William T. Anderson and imprisoning them in Kansas City resulting in the premeditated murder of five young girls including one of Anderson's sisters just weeks before the raid. The 9th Kansas was commanded by Colonel Charles Adams, James Lane's son-in-law.

Thirty-year-old Grovenor was elected a member of the Lawrence city council in the spring of 1860, and again in 1861. He was later elected mayor of Lawrence. In 1852 he cast his first presidential vote for Winfield Scott, the Whig candidate. When the Whig party ceased to exist he became a Republican, helping to organize that party in his native town in Connecticut, and as a staunch supporter of the Republican cause carried it with him into Kansas.

During Quantrill's raid Grovenor's house was slated to be burned. It was said that Grovenor came to Kansas and "entered the border war with religious zeal." Grovenor was in demand as a speaker in what he termed the "evils of slavery" and preached intolerance against the "shameless devils from Missouri." Grovenor's wife said that her husband was as much detested by the Missouri secessionists as was Jim Lane, commander of the red trousered Kansas militia.

Quantrill's surprise attack caught the town and its inhabitants completely off guard. Grovenor was accosted by a single guerrilla demanding to know if he was "Union or Secesh?" Grovenor prided himself in being an honest man above reproach. He stated: "My life seemingly hung on my answer, my position may be imagined but it cannot be described. The thought ran through me like an electric shock, that I could not say that I was a secessionist, and deny my loyalty to my country; that I would rather die than to live and face that disgrace; and so I answered that I was a union man." Fortunately for Grovenor the guerrilla's pistol failed to fire. In the ensuing confusion Grovenor managed to escape. But Grovenor had second thoughts about how forthright he would continue to be. When a second group of guerrillas approached him he readily sacrificed his sacred honor to remain an honest man. Grovenor recalled: "My would be murderer came up to me and placed the muzzle of his revolver in my ear. It was not a pleasant place to be in, but the leader of the new group told him not to shoot, but to let me alone until he could inquire about me, so he asked me if I had ever been down in Missouri stealing niggers or horses; I told him 'No, that I had never been in Missouri, except to cross the state going and coming from the east.'" Grovenor stated, "I did not feel my lie a sin then and never have since."

*Continued on page 8...*



Paul Petersen continued from page 7...

Grovenor's lie is further revealed in the diligent research of Quantrill biographer and author Paul R. Petersen. The untruth in Grovenor's statement exposed the reality that he had indeed been in Missouri plundering, murdering and raping on Jayhawker expeditions. Never before has a single mention ever been made of Grovenor's military affiliation during the Civil War. To comply with the Lawrence survivor's misleading assertion that the people of Lawrence were only peaceful, unarmed citizens no mention is ever made of their war time service. While Grovenor lied about not being in Missouri during the war he was actually a veteran in the Union army having enlisted in Company E of the 3rd Kansas Jayhawker Regiment. A photograph shows Grovenor proudly wearing his GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) veteran medal.

Though wanting to appear as an honest man to his friends and neighbors Grovenor didn't hesitate to collude with other survivors about what transpired during the raid. Grovenor conspired in the lie with his neighboring citizens claiming that the camp of recruits killed by the raiders during their attack were unarmed and too young to be in the service. Recent evidence in the book *Quantrill at Lawrence* has proven that the recruit's average age was several years older than the guerrilla soldiers they encountered. As for being unarmed, accounts by the raid survivors themselves attest to the fact that the recruits were accustomed to firing off their rifles each day following drill. Additional evidenced proved that they were fully uniformed with the latest modern rifles equipped with bayonets.

Mrs. Grovenor known as an honest women herself told of her own personal experience with Quantrill during the raid. She recalled, "Another contingent of guerrillas soon arrived. At their head rode a man wearing a red canna blossom in the band of his broad brimmed hat. Mrs. Grovenor seized the bridle of this man's horse, demanding that he order his men out of her house. He removed his hat, bowed, and said, 'William Quantrill, at your service, Mrs. Grovenor.' 'Fiddlesticks!' she snapped. 'I know you, Charlie Hart!' 'Is your husband home?' asked Quantrill. 'I give you my word he is not in the house,' she said. 'You would never tell a lie,' responded the gallant commander. Still seated on his horse Quantrill ordered his men

to put out the fire and bring out the furniture. They obeyed. The furniture was carried from the house and the flames were beaten out before much damage was done. Before leaving Mrs. Grovenor gave Quantrill a piece of her tongue. 'You should be ashamed. You stole that canna flower in your hat. The bulb was brought all the way from Massachusetts by my neighbor. She planted it in her yard, and you stole it!' With a smile on his lips Quantrill simply replied, 'Such is the fortunes of war'."

The truthful description of the guerrillas' actions by Mrs. Grovenor was ignored by later authors since it didn't correspond with their prejudicial reporting of the raid. Mrs. Grovenor remembered that "They killed a passel of men but Charlie Hart didn't molest women or children." It was a matter of fact that "The universal testimony of all the ladies and others who talked with the butchers of the 21<sup>st</sup>...is that these demons claimed they were here to revenge the wrongs done their families by our men under Lane, Jennison, Anthony and Co. They said they would be more merciful than were these men when they went into Missouri."

A guerrilla that took part in the Lawrence raid afterwards remarked, "You may be sure a great wail went up throughout the Northland because of desolated Lawrence, but never a damnation dissenting Puritan marred the platitude of his angular countenance by frowning on the atrocities that were daily being committed by Jennison, Lane and their bloody minions throughout the grief stricken portions of Missouri."

References: *Kansas: a Cyclopedia of State History*, volume III, part 1  
*Quantrill and the Border War*, William Elsey Connelley  
*Under the Black Flag* by Kit Dalton

**Paul R. Petersen**





**Battle of Plattsburg photos**



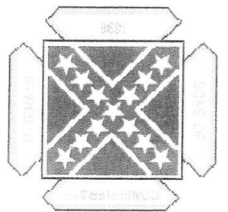
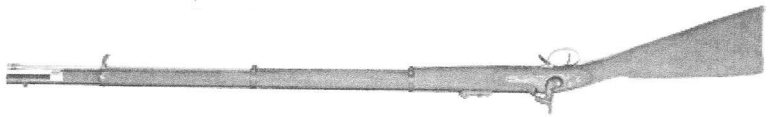
**Top left: Tim Borron-Western Brigade Commander, helps man the Hughes Camp Booth. Above: Larry Yeatman impersonates a Missouri Bushwhacker on his trusty steed. Upper right: Members of Elliott's Scouts drill. Right: Duanne Goodman loads his revolver prior to battle.**

**Don't let the captured Yankee Blue fool you. Remember what Gen. Shelby said, "The Yankee supply trains are my commissary!"**

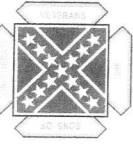


**Hughes Camp # 614**  
**Sons of Confederate Veterans**  
 5606 NE Antioch Rd Gladstone, Mo 64119

*The Hughes News is the official newsletter of the Hughes Camp # 614 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a historical, patriotic, educational organization dedicated to the preservation and protection of Southern History and Heritage.*



May 2014



The Hughes News

The Official Publications of the  
 Brigadier General John T Hughes  
 Camp # 614 and

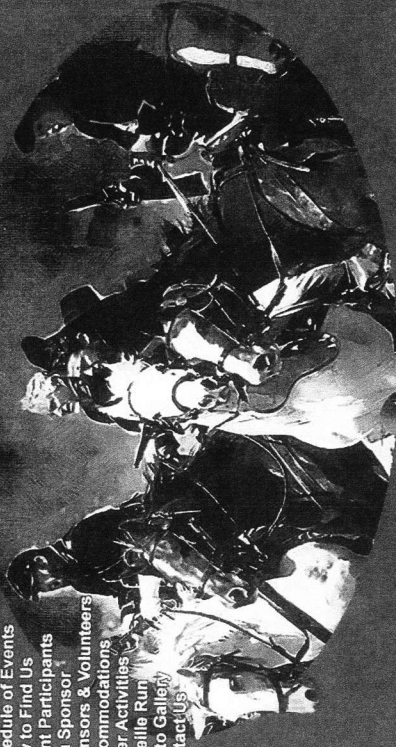
Lt. Col. John R. Boyd Chapter # 236

Caldwell County's Civil War Days Reenactment and Living History Festival  
 Dates: June 6 - 8, 2014  
 Location: Kingston, Missouri



# A COUNTRY, A COUNTY,

- General Information
- History
- Schedule of Events
- How to Find Us
- Event Participants
- Be a Sponsor
- Sponsors & Volunteers
- Accommodations
- Other Activities
- Reveille Run
- Photo Gallery
- Contact Us



The 2014 Caldwell County Civil War Days coincides with the 150th anniversary of the Thraikill/Taylor raid on Kingston. This unique event merges the authentic representation of the past dramatized by reenactors with local volunteers in supporting roles. Further, the past merges with the technology of today with a computer simulation crafted by two competing school districts - a scenario that will be completed on the field of battle by reenactors. This event will be judged by both scholars and the public - you - by using Facebook. Bring your smartphones and be prepared for a surprise with a new App funded by the Missouri Humanities Council.

## DIVIDED

"Caldwell County's Civil War Days and Living History Festival" is an Admission-Free, family-friendly event.

Caldwell County will reenact Thraikill's Raid on June 6, 7, 8. Hughes Camp will be there. For more info see [www.caldwellcountymissouri.com/civilwar/index.html](http://www.caldwellcountymissouri.com/civilwar/index.html)