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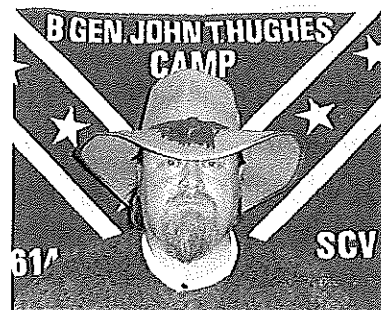
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Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

Confederate Patriots:

This month I thought I'd tell you about the 41st Alabama that my ancestor served in. No better way to keep their history alive, then to talk about them!

Also, we had a good turnout from the Camp at the Memorial Day at Higginsville. It was a great day and ceremony, and we did make about \$100 on sale of merchandise.



FORTY FIRST ALABAMA INFANTRY C.S.A

This regiment was organized in May 1862, and soon after proceeded to Chattanooga. It operated in middle Tennessee some months, and then joined the army of Tennessee soon after its return from the Kentucky campaign. It was initiated into the harsh realities of war when "stormed at with shot and shell," as part of Hanson's devoted brigade, at Murfreesboro; and on that fatal field left its brigadier and 198 of its dead and wounded.

The regiment then remained at Tullahoma till ordered to Mississippi with the other portions of Breckinridge's division. It was engaged in the operations for the relief of Vicksburg, and in the trenches of Jackson. Having rejoined the Army of Tennessee, the Forty-first was in the forward movement at Chicamauga, and in the fierce struggle over the enemy's fortified position, left its brigade commander (Gen. Helm of Kentucky) and 189 men on the bloody field.

The regiment was shortly after transferred to the brigade of Gen. Gracie of Mobile--Forty-third, Fifty-ninth, and Sixtieth Alabama, and Stallworth's battalion. As part of Longstreet's corps, the Forty-first participated in the bloody struggles and severe privations of the winter campaign in east Tennessee, sustaining much loss. The regiment reached Virginia in April 1864, and was engaged in the battle of Drewry's Bluff and Dutch Gap. It was then in the protracted siege at Petersburg, and in the bloody battles around that city.

The regiment was also very hotly engaged at Hatcher's Run, and in the fighting on the retreat to Appomattox; and was there fighting under the matchless Lieut. Gen. Gordon, when the flag of truce appeared. About 270 of its number were there present for duty, under Col. Stansel. **Continued on Page 3...**



Camp Calendar

June 10th , 7:00PM Camp Meeting- Courthouse Exchange Restaurant 113 W. Lexington, Independence, Mo. This month our speaker will be our own, **Jim Beckner!** Jims subject will be on, the Confederate Constitution. In his speech, you will learn of the ways it differed from the US Constitution. You'll see, that if given a fair chance, it would have worked much better than our current constitution.

You won't want to miss Jim on this topic, as it will arm you with some good information!

June 12th Jesse James Farm Reunion, Kearney Missouri . This isn't a Hughes Camp event, but just thought you might want to go up and check it out. Probably see jessejames.org for a schedule.



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

What's been happening on the Western Front

Camp Meeting, May 13th

We had an awesome crowd for our May meeting. Good job guys, that might have been our largest meeting attendance ever! The room was full, and we had several guest. For guest we had Ken Gillespie and his wife Louise. Ken is running for Missouri State Representative and is brother to member Carl Gillespie. We also had Rod Klutz from Parson's Camp, and Greg Higginbothon, who is a well know reenactor and appears in many documentaries on the History Channel etc.

Our speaking Program featured several members of the **Friends of the James Farm**. The main speaker was **Kevin Makel**, with help from **Linda Tarantino** and **Scott Cole**. Scott is the Great Great Grand Nephew of Zerelda Cole.

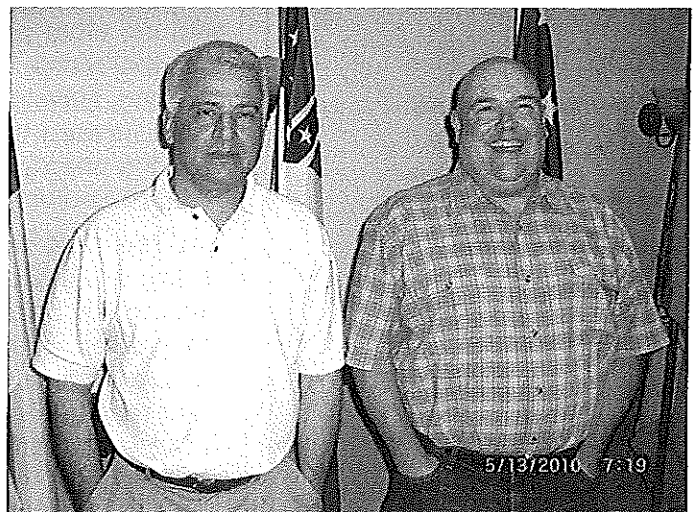
Kevin had a power point presentation on the James Farm, which is owned by the Clay County Parks Department. The farm had been owned by the James Family until 1978, when they sold it to Clay County. The Friends of the James Farm exist to gather items for the museum there and the research library.

The Research Library is available by appointment by calling 816-736-8500. Their website is jessejames.org

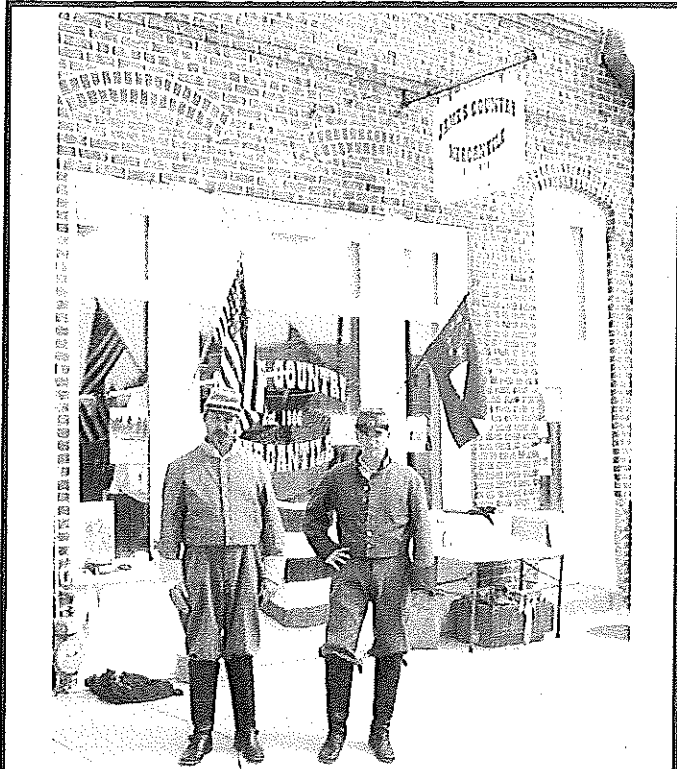
The James Farm host Historical and Social Gatherings. The have a reunion each year about the second weekend of each June. As a matter of fact, June 12th will be the date this year. This years theme will be Bloody Bill Anderson. You can go

do that this weekend if looking for something to do! Anyway, Kevin told us about events in Jesse and Frank James life, and about happenings on the Farm. Of course, he talked about Jesse being exhumed not too long ago for DNA testing to be done to prove who was his real descendants. They got Jesse's DNA from one of his teeth. It was proved that Betty Barr and Judge Ross are his real descendants and the imposters from Texas were just that, imposters!

But it was good stuff, **thanks for speaking to us Kevin, Linda and Scott!**



On the left is Scott Cole, nephew of Zerelda Cole, and on the right is Keven Makel, who gave us the presentation.



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Commander Coffman continued...

Of 1454 names on its rolls, about 130 were killed, about 370 died of disease, and 135 were transferred or discharged.

My Great Great Great Grandfather Enos Carroll Land, Jr. and his son William Jeremiah Land fought in the 41st Alabama Infantry. William is my Uncle as he is the brother to my Great Great Grandfather Benjamin Franklin Land. Enos Carroll Jr. Land was born on January 8th 1818 in Tennessee. He died on July 30th 1889 in Lodi, in the county of Montgomery, Mississippi. William Jeremiah Land was born on April 8th 1845 in Moore's Ridge, in the county of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He died on February 5th 1915. They were tough!

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

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John T. Hughes Camp 614 Commander

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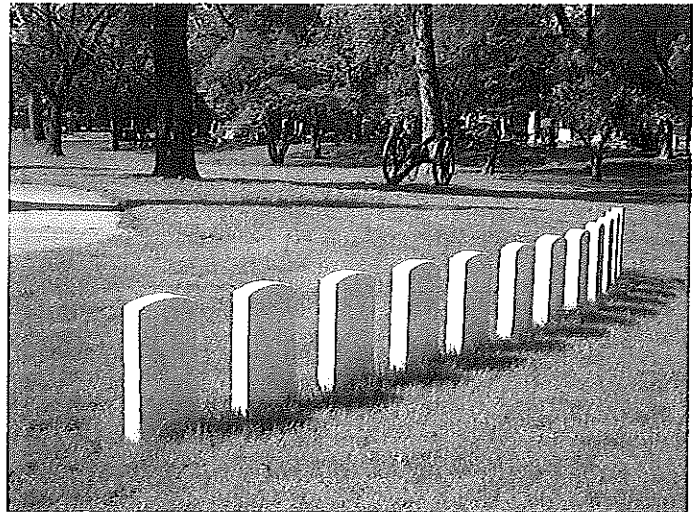
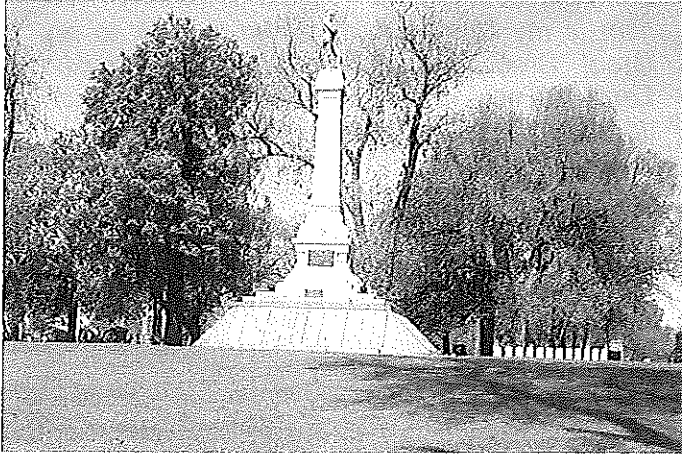
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Salute!



Some pics from Camp Douglas in Chicago Illinois

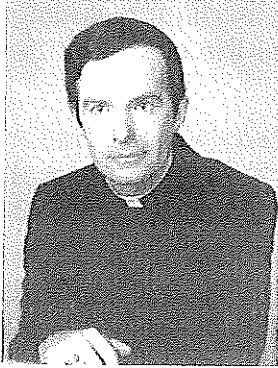
Recently, Jerry and Trish Spencer went to Chicago, and while there went and visited where Camp Douglas was. It's right in downtown Chicago and is where the Yankees neglected the Confederate POW's and allowed many of them to languish. There's a huge memorial there to the Confederate Dead, along with many unmarked graves of the Confederate victims that died there. While the Yankees had food and clothing to provide the prisoners, they made a choice to deprive the soldiers, so thousands of them froze and starved to death.



**Jerry Spencer places flowers at the
Monument to the Confederates that died
there**



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



Each spring the faithful make pilgrimages to holy ground made sacred by the bones of saints and the tears of mourners. It is a time when the living and the dead come together in one place and when memories of the past and visions of the future meet in the present. It reminds one of when Christ visited the tomb of Lazarus.

While Christ was away across the Jordan with His disciples, Martha and Mary sent word to Him that their brother, Lazarus, was seriously ill. After two days and Lazarus' death, Christ left for Bethany in Judea, two miles from Jerusalem. By the time he arrived at the home of Martha and Mary, Lazarus had been dead and entombed four days. Martha and Mary reaffirmed their belief that Jesus is "...the Christ, the Son of God..." and they both said to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." (Jn. 11:21, 32) Yet, they wondered with the mourners who accompanied them, "Could not He Who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" (Jn. 11:37) "When Jesus saw her (Mary) weep, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled..." (Jn. 11:35) As evidence of His own humanity, of His compassion for those who mourn, and of the stinging and sobering reality of death, we are told, "Jesus wept."

As God deals with men, so He deals with nations. The judgment and reward or punishment of men are carried out in the life and world to come. The judgment and reward or punishment of nations, because they do not have eternal souls, are carried out in this world. History bears witness to this. When we visit the graves of the Confederate dead, we share in the lamentations of the children of Israel. "By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. (Ps. 137:1) By the graves of the Confederate dead we weep when we remember Dixie. Like Martha and Mary, we wonder why Christ, Who raised the dead, let the South and those who placed their faith in Him fall. Christ loved Lazarus' family and regarded their faith in Him. For allowing Lazarus' death,

He explained it was "...so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it." (Jn. 11:4) Christ loves us and regards the faith we have in Him. Our afflictions are opportunities for God to act and show His goodness, mercy, and power for His glorification. He told Martha, "Your brother will rise again." (Jn. 11:23) In the past, the Confederate ancestors we commemorate were the South. Today, we are the South. If the South is to rise again, it must be by God working through us. Lazarus, dead in the tomb, was inactive, silent, and unseen. Lazarus, raised from the dead, came out and showed he was alive. Our detractors would have us like Lazarus—dead even when we live (I Tim. 5:6), inactive, silent, and unseen. We must have the faith in Christ of Martha and Mary if Christ is to work and be glorified through us and the South is to rise again. Like Lazarus, we must go out and show the world we are alive.

As Moses would gather the nation to teach them the statutes that the people might rededicate and remember, so we regather as a nation each spring to rededicate and remember Who is our God, who are our ancestors, and who we are born and called to be. "If (we) forget you, O (Dixie), let (our) right hand wither! Let (our) tongue cleave to the roof of (our) mouth, if (we) do not remember you, if (we) do not set (Dixie) above (our) highest joy" (Ps. 137:5)

Delivered at the Confederate cemetery, Higginsville, MO, June 5, AD 2010

Fr. Richard W. Rudd

Hughes Camp Chaplain



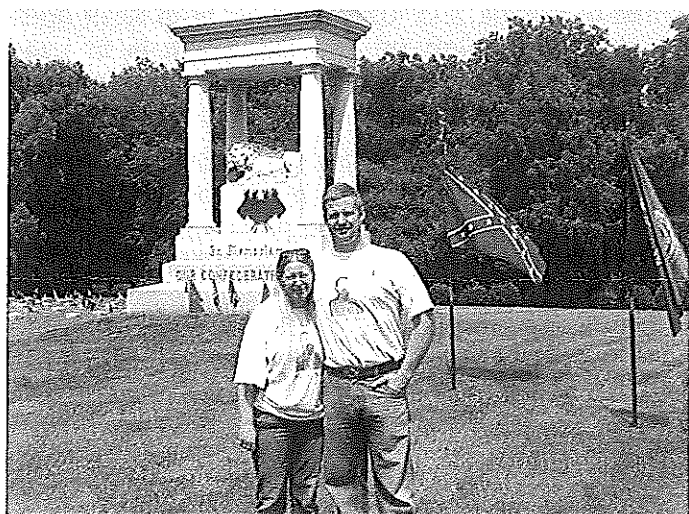
Confederate Memorial Day at the Confederate Cemetery in Higginsville, MO

Jim Beckner is to be commended for the great job he did in organizing this event this year. It's always good, but this year's event was the best ever! The speakers were outstanding, including Jim's comments, and the weather was perfect. It was kind of hot, but nice under the shade of the trees.

Richard Rudd gave the speech printed on the previous page, it's awesome as always. We had a good turnout from the camp and set up our tent. We sold 4 books and a bunch of flags. The event in general was well attended, although it would be good to see thousands there to honor the 800 plus Veterans buried there.

Bill Bowden, Commander of the Missouri Society MOSB gave a great speech, as well as Jim England, Missouri Division SCV Commander, Joan Jones, Missouri Division UDC President, and Jim Beckner, as MC of the event.

Here's some pics of the event. All photos are courtesy of Billie Holland who was our photo journalist for the day! Thanks Billie!



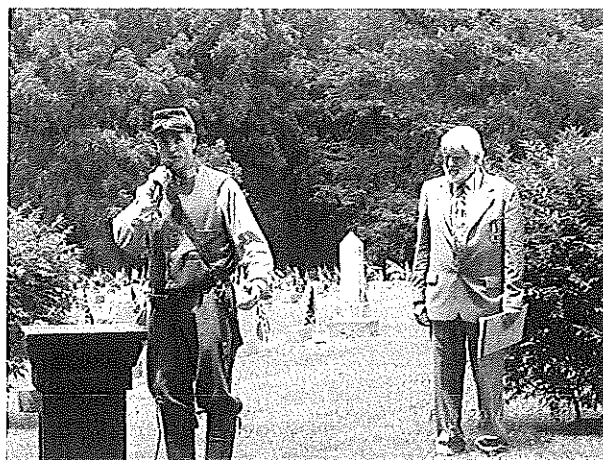
Member Matt Knapp and his girlfriend Angie in front of the UDC Lucerne Monument.



Kurt and Billie Holland manning the booth



Bill Bowden, Missouri Society MOSB Commander



Larry Yeatman giving the "Charge" with Jim Beckner, our MC, to the right .

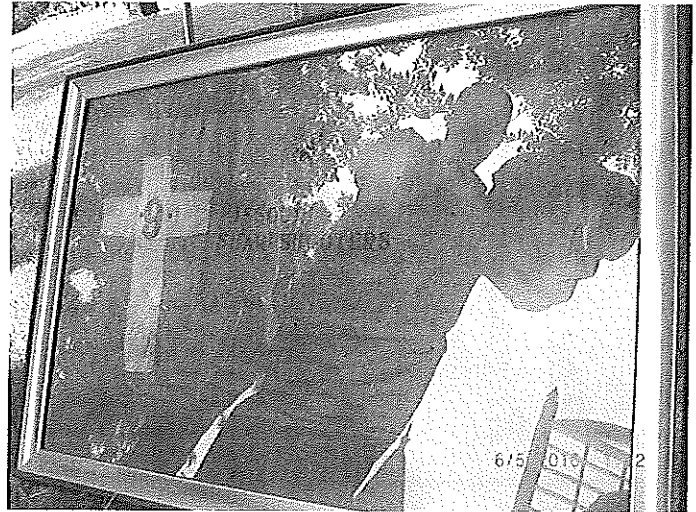


Confederate Memorial Day at Higginsville Continued...

Another couple of thoughts on the event, it was held on June 5th, President Jefferson Davis' Birthday. Also, there were many organizations represented and part of the event, such as the Friends of the Confederate Memorial, Quantrill Society, SCV, MOSB, UDC, the State of Missouri. I probably forgot some groups!



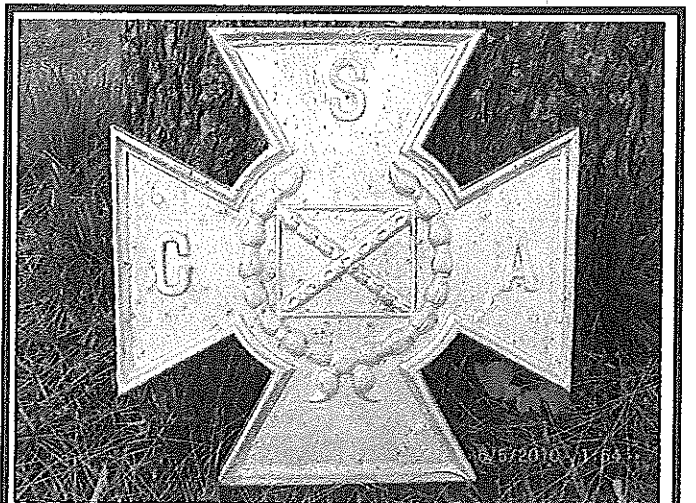
Richard Rudd giving his speech and the invocation.



Not a great picture due to the glare, but this is an original flag of the 9th Missouri Sharpshooters. Very cool! It's in pretty good shape overall.

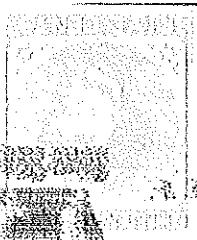


Jim England giving his speech and comment, Jim is the Missouri Division Commander SCV



Southern Cross of Honors for sale!

I'm squeezing this in. But Kurt Holland has arranged to have these cast for us to be placed on graves. They are aluminum and come with a stake or you can order it as flush mount also. The price is \$50, allow 3-4 weeks for delivery. Email larryeatman@msn.com if you would like to buy one or more for ancestor graves.

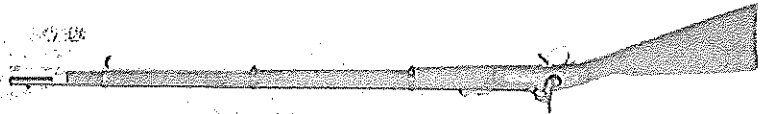
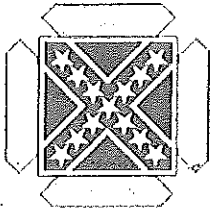


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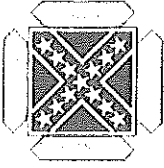
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Confederate Flags fly again for Confederate Memorial Day at the Confederate Memorial and Cemetery in Higginsville, Missouri. The event was held on June 5th, which is Jefferson Davis' Birthday. The Confederate Veterans who lived at the Veterans Home there always did their Memorial Day Service on June 5th.