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Is it time to get the band back together again?!



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Message from the Commander, Jason Coffman

Confederate Patriots,

The Hughes Camp was at the reenactment in Warrensburg Missouri on Saturday April 2nd. It was well attended but very windy. The camp set up on the corner of the Veterans home by the street at first.

About two hours later the camp was told to go across the street to set up because they did not want the Confederate Veteran



flags flying on Missouri State Veterans property due to the discriminatory Liberal Progressive Marxist Communist mind think of continuous ignorance gone to seed that the camp always seems to run into.

Thanks to Western Brigade Commander Tim Borron, Camp Recruiter Bill Greene, camp member Johnny Storey, and Friend of the SCV Byron Botts for helping man the recruitment tent. We have two real good prospects that want to join the SCV and our camp in general. We sold a lot of camp merchandise.

One kid rode up on his bike and bought a Confederate Navel Jack Battle flag license plate, a Confederate flag hat, and a bumper sticker. He rode back by the recruitment tent about an hour later with the license plate taped on the front of the handle bars, had his hat on, and the bumper sticker adhered to the frame of the bicycle.

The Mushroom Festival in Richmond Missouri is May 6th and 7th. Let me know if you can attend and help out at the recruitment tent.

PLEASE GO TO www.hughescamp.org AND GO TO THE CONTACTS SECTION ON THE WEBSITE. SEND ME AND EMAIL SO I CAN PUT YOU ON THE HUGHES CAMP EMAIL LIST.

Our next meeting will be at Sticks and Stones on April 14th. I will see you all there.

**Yours in the Bonds of Confederate Brotherhood,
Jason-Nathaniel: coffman**

John T. Hughes Camp 614 Commander

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Camp Calendar

April 14th, 7:00 PM Camp Meeting *Sticx and Stones Bar and Grill. 11404 US 24 Hwy, Sugar Creek, MO 816-833-7849* Our speaker this month will be **Steve Constable** and his subject will be, *My Ancestors rode with Quantrill*". Steve was going to be our February speaker but came down ill, so he's back on the schedule!

Note! Big Letters! Camp Meeting is at new location, Stix and Stones Bar and Grill, See picture and address below!

April 8-9 Missouri Division SCV and Missouri Society MOSB Reunion. Isle of Capri Hotel, Booneville, MO. Mark your calendars. Registration details are enclosed inside. Key note speaker is to be CIC Kelly Barrow, and one of the Kennedy brothers should be the luncheon speaker.

June 4th, 2016 Confederate Memorial Day at Higginsville, MO. Details to follow in May.



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

What's been happening on the Western Front..

March Camp Meeting...

Well, the Camp meeting didn't go without it's wrinkles. After going to press and saying we would be meeting at the Courthouse Exchange, I was then told by the Exchange they had rented out the room to a higher bidder. So we hastily sent out emails notifying you the best we could we were going back to Ernie's. I know of at least one person that did not get the memo, and we apologize for that.

That said, we did have a meeting. Our speaker was Singer, songwriter and musician, **Hank Roberts**. Hank was very good, and sang us songs he has written about the War in the burnt district of Missouri. Hank has worked with Tom Rayfiner on Burnt District subjects. It's a neat way to tell the story of the brutalities of the war here in Western Missouri.

I did have men sign a new release of liability for the trash pick up. They wanted that as all their paperwork was old and the names they had don't exist with us anymore for the most part. I'll get that to the lady at Independence public works.

We have two **Hundley Awards** to give out next week, April 12th and 14th, the 14th is our meeting night. I need volunteers! *LTY*



Our new meeting place!

11404 US 24

Sugar Creek, Missouri 64054

816-833-7849

This is just east of Sterling on 24 Hwy on the north side of the road.

Let's give this place a try men. Jason checked it out and the basement is super nice. Maybe this will end our nomadic journey!

Note! This news will be short and sweet, I'm getting ready for this weekends convention! Larry



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Burnt District Press

Here are some Hughes Camp special deals:

Our company recently reprinted the Don Hale book "They Called Him Bloody Bill" about Bloody Bill Anderson. \$12.00

Also we have two new books about the battle at Pilot Knob. One is the updated version by R. Scott House of the original "Thunder In Arcadia Valley" \$18.00 and the other is "Fort Davidson. \$18.00

Plus the new book about the battle at Lexington in September 1861 called "The Siege Of Lexington Missouri by Larry Wood. \$18.00

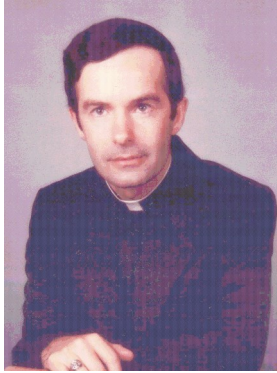
And the last one is "The Homefront in Civil War Missouri" by James W. Erwin. \$18.00

Normally shipping is \$4 additional, but local Camp Members can save the \$4 shipping fee by having John deliver your orders to the Camp Meeting!

Call John to place your orders!



Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



The ramifications of a foreign influence on a domestic economy are illustrated by St. Paul's visit to Ephesus. (Acts 19:23) Ephesus' economy was based on the worship of the pagan goddess Artemis, otherwise known in other cultures as

Diana, Astarte or Ashtoreth, and Ishtar. The temple built there for Artemis was considered one of the seven wonders of the world at that time. When Paul came teaching about Christ, craftsmen, particularly the silversmiths, were alarmed that sales for the idols they manufactured would decline, threatening their income and livelihood as well as the cultural structure of their society.

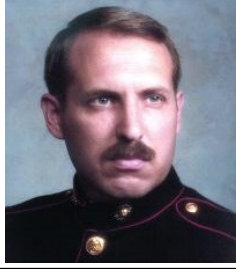
Foreign threats to domestic economies in the 21st century are much more complex, assuming such forms as international trade agreements, corporate and stock market deals, and the investment of sovereign funds that total an estimated \$7.2 trillion owned and controlled by national governments around the world from Asia to Europe. Approximately 75% of this cash is concentrated in the Middle East, accumulated by Moslem oil-producing states. Those who control these funds act as government agents, reporting only to top government officials. Committee meetings and investment strategies are shrouded in secrecy, creating a blind spot in the financial and political global environment. These funds are used by foreign governments to buy stock in US corporations and real estate such as agricultural land, office and apartment buildings, hotels, and industrial property. They are also used to buy US government bonds, the loaning of money to Americans. We buy their oil and they loan our money back to us at a rate of interest. The flow of these funds has a direct effect on US treasury rates. However, those who own and control these funds do not function as normal investors who seek only a

profit motive. Through their investments, foreign governments can promote their political influence, programs, objectives, and ideologies within America in opposition to US interests by melding of their monetary and diplomatic foreign policies. Consequently, the building and strategic use of sovereign funds has become as critical as military planning. For example, when the US and Europe sought to bring pressure through economic restrictions against Russia for its usurpation in the Crimea, rival nations mobilized their sovereign funds to rescue Russia and thwart the West's objectives.

Private US and European corporate deals pose another problem for the West's and America's patriotic interests. Due to the implementation of the nuclear program agreement promoted by the current administration, US trade restrictions against Iran will be terminated with the approval of the US Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control. Corporations including HP Inc., GE, Hewlett-Packard, and Apple are poised to do business with Iran, a terrorist state with ambitions of global domination inflamed by a radical Islamic ideology that targets America. The financial gain Iran reaps from these deals will be used to fund global terrorism and the continuation of its nuclear program. Yet, for base material gain, western corporations emulate those shortsighted Israelites who were willing to cede freedom from slavery for the meager physical comforts of the fleshpots of Egypt. (Ex. 16:3)

The latest international trade agreement is the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) involving 12 Pacific-rim nations excluding China. Formulated last October. Congress has yet to vote on it. A threat to US sovereignty, TPP benefits Asian nations more than the US. Protective trade barriers and tariffs would be removed, preferential access granted to other nations to US markets, and US employment and industrial infrastructure jeopardized. But, that is not all! The committee that

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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.

Finally, a Yankee Lie Revealed and a Legend Rebuffed

John W. Sheets is known mostly as an unfortunate and innocent victim of circumstance, allegedly shot by the outlaw Jesse James who mistook him for former Union leader Major Samuel P. Cox during the December 7, 1869 robbery of the Daviess County Savings Association in Gallatin, Missouri. But was John W. Sheets actually an innocent victim?

During the Civil War, Sheets became the Captain of Company D, First Cavalry Regiment in the Union's Missouri State Militia. Following the war he returned to civilian life and was employed by his former commanding officer, Colonel James McFerran, owner of the local Gallatin bank. Although Jesse James was never convicted of murdering Sheets nor of robbing the savings association, he was implicated because witnesses said he was sworn to avenge the death of Bill Anderson and along with Jim Anderson, Bill's brother, who was rumored to say he wanted to kill Major Cox for killing his brother during the war. From these rumors it was naturally assumed that Sheets was mistaken for Cox.

War time animosities had a hard time dying in Missouri. History shows that Jesse James was seriously wounded by Federal soldiers while trying to surrender at the end of the war. With Frank James following Colonel William Quantrill into Kentucky in the war's final days he was not at first permitted to return to Missouri. When Frank did finally return to his home in Clay County he was challenged by four former Union soldiers who started a provocation in order to murder him, which resulted in Frank killing two and seriously wounding the third while the fourth managed to shoot Frank in the hip causing a grievous wound. Friends carried Frank into hiding and summoned a doctor who saved his life.

Sometime later on February 18, 1867, five former Union militiamen rode to the James farm looking for

Frank and Jesse. Only Jesse was at home in bed with a fever. His stepfather, Dr. Reuben Samuel, heard the soldiers on the front porch and inquired what they wanted. When they demanded he open the door, Dr. Samuel asked Jesse what he should do. Jesse saw that all the horses hitched to the fence had cavalry saddles. While a militiaman was hammering on the door with the butt of his pistol, Jesse placed his pistol up to the inside of the door and fired. The soldier on the other side fell back dead as Jesse threw open the door firing rapidly. A second soldier was killed as he tried to run, and two more were seriously wounded. The fifth soldier escaped into the darkness. From this moment on Jesse and Frank were forced to take to the bush as outlaws. This identical scene repeated itself many times to those who had belonged to Quantrill's guerrillas. On April 4, 1868, a gang of former Union soldiers surrounded the home of guerrilla Oliver Shepherd. When he came to the door he was shot twenty times, killing him in front of his wife and children.

The murder of Union Captain John W. Sheets has long been attributed to a case of mistaken identity but in fact it was the direct result of retaliation for the murder of Confederate Captain William T. Anderson by Sheets and his company. The two foes had had many skirmishes with each other throughout the war. On June 12, 1864 Anderson attacked fourteen men of Sheets' company where only two escaped. Anderson's raids north of the Missouri River were in retaliation for the atrocities being committed by the Missouri Militia who were robbing Southern citizens and killing old men. But the worst barbarities were directed at Anderson and his men. On September 12,

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governs TPP can change the rules on its own, ban "Made in the USA" on our products, exercise over-reaching authority over such areas as immigration, wealth distribution, education, wildlife and wetlands, homosexual rights, gun control, abortion, pollution, health care, and human rights. Political and religious beliefs could effect how contracts and jobs are allocated, how employees dress, accommodation of cultural and religious practices during working hours, and which holidays are recognized. Nations and their individual citizens who violate the committee's mandates can be punished. One of the nations to benefit the most is Islamic Malaysia. Presently, 1 Malaysian Development Bhd is backed by fellow Islamic Abu Dhabi's sovereign funds. With \$621 billion in assets, Abu Dhabi is one of the biggest real estate owners in the world. Examples of its US holdings include hotels in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and North Carolina, and industrial property across the nation in places like Memphis, Tennessee, and Mesquite, Texas. Yes, all of this directly affects Dixie.

International free trade, as it is being practiced, does not lead to freedom. It involves more than the simple capitalistic system of the exchange of goods and services among private citizens. Unlike illegal immigration, it is less visible and more subtle, unable to be controlled by walls, fences, and border patrols. National borders and sovereignty become symbolic and merely evaporate in its wake. It is the exportation of independence and nationalism and the importation of foreign control over not only the American economy, jobs, and standard of living, but also America's social and religious culture. Washington advised, "It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with...the foreign world..." He specifically said, "But even our commercial policy should hold an equal and impartial hand, neither seeking nor granting exclusive favors or preferences..." He reminded that we should be "...constantly keeping in view that it is folly in one nation to look for disinterested favors from another; that it must pay with a portion of its independence for whatever it may accept..." He concluded, "There can be no greater error than to expect or calculate upon real favors from nation to nation. It is an illusion..."

Fr. Richard Rudd

Hughes Camp Chaplain

Petersen continued from page 5... 1864 Major Austin King of the 5th Missouri State Militia killed two of Anderson's men. One was 17 year old Al Carter. The Federals shot out his eyes then scalped him as well as his 17 year old companion Buck Collins. On September 15, a Federal patrol surrounded five of Anderson's men. They shot them until their bodies were unrecognizable then scalped them.

The death of William Anderson on October 26, 1864 might have been accredited to

simply a casualty of war except what occurred in the aftermath. Colonel James McFerran commanding the 1st Cavalry Regiment, Missouri State Militia, whose officers, Major Samuel Cox and Captain John W. Sheets with three hundred Federals were attacked by Anderson's men north of the Missouri River between Richmond and present day Orrick. Anderson charged in the lead with twenty guerrillas and was struck down in the initial volley. Not satisfied at vanquishing a fearless foe the soldiers rifled through Anderson's effects before deciding on their next course of action.

Relishing the sight of the dead guerrilla Captain Sheets under the direction of Major Cox ordered an army wagon to be brought up. A rope was tied around Anderson's neck and the body dragged through the dusty streets of Richmond until they could find a photography studio to take the dead ***Continued on page 7...***

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guerrilla's picture. By now the soldiers had already cut off Anderson's finger to get to his wedding ring. A cousin of Anderson's living nearby begged to be able to clean the body and comb his hair before being photographed but was rebuffed. Following this Sheets had Anderson's body decapitated and his head mounted on a nearby telegraph pole as a warning to other guerrillas. Once the body was buried in a remote corner of the city cemetery local women brought flowers for the grave. Disgusted at this simple show of respect the soldiers then rode their horses roughshod over the grave while other soldiers repugnantly urinated over the spot.

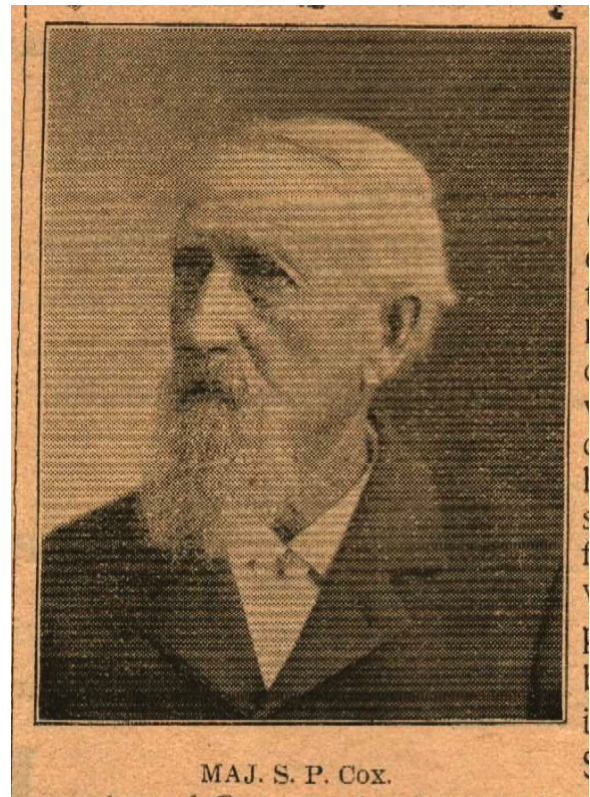
When the war ended Colonel McFerran used his enrichments to open the Daviess County Savings Association in Gallatin, Missouri, employing his former Union officers Major Samuel P. Cox as manager and Captain John W. Sheets as cashier and hiring Private William A. McDowell also of Company D, 1st Cavalry Regiment as clerk. While Cox would occasionally be in the bank it was always Sheets who could be found at his place behind the cashier window.

It would be inconceivable to not believe that the men who entered the Daviess County Bank on December 7, had already reconnoitered the bank and easily knew the employees by their personal characteristics and past military service. Former uncredited information that has been widely accepted as fact stated that Jesse James had been told that Cox was a cashier at the bank and had presumably confused Major Cox and Captain Sheets to be the same man. This would have been contrary to how the guerrillas obtained intelligence information about Union troop movements during the war. They knew that the owner and every employee of the bank was involved in the killing and butchery of Bill Anderson's body. Before the robbery two men were seen riding their horses at a fast pace into town in order to arrive at noon when many townsfolk would have returned to their homes for lunch, resulting in many innocent people not being on the streets or present in the bank. Their prior intelligence of the town pointed out the best escape route. They tied their horses in the alley behind the bank where they would make their escape. When the two men entered the bank they found Sheets talking to bank clerk William A.

McDowell. One of the robbers asked change for a large bill and followed Sheets into the vault where he was then shot. McDowell immediately bolted for the door as the other robber fired rapidly at him but missed. Fortunately Major Cox was away from the bank for a few minutes and avoided the same fate. In the years following what has transpired is an erroneous account by numerous authors and historians about a robbery and revenge killing that has turned into legend. And the legend lives on. Neither Major Cox nor Captain Sheets, or any of their men had any qualms or compunction about cutting off Bill Anderson's head and dragging his body through the streets and afterwards mounting his head atop a telegraph pole nor did they object to their men riding their horses roughshod over Anderson's grave and urinating on it.

As a result, on December 7, 1869, there were no innocent men present in the Davies County Savings Association in Gallatin, Missouri.

Article by Paul R. Petersen - author of Quantrill of Missouri, Quantrill in Texas and Quantrill at Lawrence.



Major Samuel P. Cox