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Independence, Missouri**



Marcus Gill

1814 – 1886

maternal great-great-grandfather of

*Byron Christopher Shutz
Born 1928*

See inside for Paul Petersen's story about Quantrill and Marcus Gill!



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Message from Commander Sam Stanton

Compatriots and Friends,

Camp meeting is coming up on September 14th, hope to see you all there. Jim Beckner will be our speaker, he says he has something new to tell us!

Thanks to all that worked the booth at Holden. It worked out well. Larry didn't tell me the final numbers yet, but I think we did pretty good on sales there, or at least close to the usual.

We'll have Lick Skillet Days coming up in Oak Grove, Mo on Sept 29th and 30th. We can discuss set up times etc



at the meeting . It's just Friday afternoon and evening, and Saturday.

Next up after that will be the Quantrill Reunion Reenactment at Lone Jack Historical Society. We'll set up a table at that event. It's just a one Day Show, Saturday October 14th, start about 9 AM. Let's help spread the word about that event, see if we can help get the public there.

Just got the word that the UDC will be hosting Wreaths Across America on December 16th at Higginsville.. They are in need of uniformed color guard members. Those in the color guard will need to be there by 10 AM, show starts at 11 AM, although we'll nail that down as it gets closer.

See you next Thursday!

Sam Stanton
Commander
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Camp Calendar

September 14th 6:30 PM - Camp Meeting Zarda BBQ: 214 NW Hwy 7, Blue Springs, MO 64014 Show up by 6 to eat first, let's support our venues business! Jim Beckner will be our speaker and his subject will be on something new he's come up with!

September 29th and 30th, Lick Skillet Days at Oak Grove, MO, Starts at 3 Pm on Friday, then pretty much all day on Saturday. Need folks to man the booth!

October 14th- Battle of Lone Jack Historical Society, Recreation of Quantrill Men Reunion. This event is being put on by the Quantrill Society and Lone Jack Historical Society. Should be a neat event! I'll get you a flyer!

October 21st Secession Day Dinner, hosted by the Missouri Society MOS&B. Flyer attached. Event will be at the Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach Missouri. Social hour starts at 5:30. Will be an executive council meeting before the event, at about 2-3 PM.



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

What's been happening on the Western Front

Camp Meeting August 10th

In August, our speaker was our own 2nd Lt Commander, Zech Melton! Also, we swore in long time Friends of the SCV Member, Paul Petersen, in as a full fledged Member! Yes, he did have a Confederate Relative after all! More on Paul inside.

Zech's subject was on **Nichols Regiment**, who Zech's Ancestor fought in during the war. Zech has been doing more research on his Ancestors unit and shared that info with us.

Zech's 3rd Great Grandfather was Joseph Franklin Melton and he was recruited into Nichols Mo Cavalry in the Spring of 1862. Nichols Cavalry was under Sidney Jackman.

Nichols Regiment was with Price on Price's Expedition into Missouri in 1864. That mission was intended to recruit new soldiers, and hoped to cause a general uprising against the Yankee occupation. After being more or less defeated at the Battle of Westport, Price's Army went south thru Mine Creek KS area. It was there that Joseph Melton was captured at Mound City, KS right after Mine Creek. Joseph along with other prisoners were sent to Rock Island, IL. While there, Joseph and others overpowered the guards and escaped! They got away wearing Yankee uniforms. While trying to rejoin with the CS Army, they were arrested, being mistaken for Union soldiers and were put in a CS prison. Before their true identities could be established, the war ended.

Joseph was then paroled at Shreveport, LA.

Many thanks to Zech for being our speaker and telling us some of these neat stories!

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Message from Boyd Chapter Commander Steve Ferguson

The World Watches

For us as the SCV and MOS&B to “win friends and influence our enemies”, we must set goals or standards for ourselves to achieve our affect or impact. With the woke/cancel culture in our current times trying to wipe away our Southern Heritage, (In fact, ALL of our American heritage and principles.) we must be very diligent in our efforts to win new friends and members and prove to our enemies and doubters our ideals.

I wish to challenge myself and all of us to follow a theme similar to the theme our church promotes. That is that “We must be living proof of Honorable and True Southern History to a Watching World”!

Like it or not, the world will watch and judge the merit and the worthiness of our beloved SCV and MOS&B by our actions and deeds and words. We must be the living examples and standards of an Honorable and True Southern Culture in our history to a world that watches every move made with the desire to cancel us and discredit us and to intimidate us.

Let us all (SCV and MOS&B) think of methods, habits and a demeanor that will make each of us – “Living Proof of Honorable and True Southern History to Watching World”.

Secession Day Dinner - you do not want to miss this SUPER event, speaker, coin and camaraderie. Bring a recruit!!! Pay for his meal!!!

Mark - May 16-19, 2024 – 87th Annual General Convention of the MOS&B in Springfield, Missouri. ALL are welcome!!! Bring a recruit!!!

Don't forget the \$10 challenge for each member for the national SCV debt reduction.

Don't forget to PLANT some seeds and WATER them often!! They will sprout and grow in their own time.

Talk and live and spread your personal stories and Honor Our Ancestors.

God bless America.

God bless Dixie.

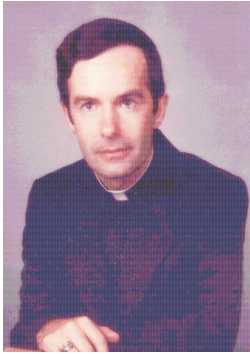
And God bless our families.

Steve Ferguson, Commander

Lt. Col. John R. Boyd Chapter #236



Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



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David in his familiar Psalm 23 wrote, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou (God) art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me." David speaks not of actually experiencing death or defeat, but of the shadow,

, the imminent challenge and threat, the prospect of their reality, that looms before us. Numerous incidents cause all of us to pass repeatedly through stressful low points of crisis and dark times of danger in our lives. Harold Kushner wrote a book entitled *When Bad Things Happen To Good People*. The incidents to which I refer are not the result of our own dereliction, but rather are imposed on us either personally or collectively by others or unavoidable circumstances.

In a global community that has become increasingly more connected since the advent of the 20th century, mankind has experienced the threats of two world wars, the dawn of the atomic age, and most recently, the Wuhan virus. As a nation, we Americans have contended with threatening situations from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the WBTS, The Great Depression, the Viet Nam era, and the 9/11 terrorist attack. Local communities deal with natural disasters ranging from tornados and hurricanes to forest fires, earthquakes, and volcanos like Mt. St. Helens. Families struggle with financial burdens, spousal conflicts, difficulties raising children, illnesses and death. As individuals, we experience our own personal crises. Even if there might be those who would accompany us through such stressful times, limitations might prevent their good intentions. Ultimately, there are some issues with which only we can come to terms; we must walk through the valley of the shadow of death alone, either to find an external solution or mental resolution and peace of mind.

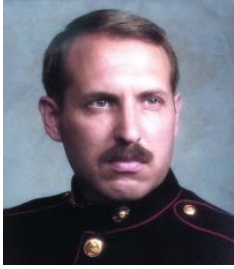
Throughout world history, there have existed those possessed by a tyrannical nature who are not content to co-exist peacefully with those different from themselves. They, whether the ruler of a nation, supervisor at work, or schoolyard bully, seek total emasculation or obliteration of those they victimize. Currently, we witness this being done by Russia against the Ukraine, China against Taiwan, Iran

against Israel, the secular left against conservatives and Christians, and the revived "reconstruction" of Confederate descendants. Just because we do not win every battle does not have to mean we have lost the war. While we might be outmaneuvered, outgunned, and physically subjected, as the CSA was by the North, we are not totally conquered until our spirit and will are broken. Physical attacks seek to conquer the body; psychological warfare seeks to conquer the mind and soul. The objective is to demoralize the victim to the point of not only losing hope and totally surrendering, but also to forget incrementally one succeeding generation at a time. Such dementia is psychological death. Thus, for practical reasons, the victim of the tyrannical bully ceases to exist.

Biblical examples of people traversing the valley of the shadow of death are numerous. In the Book of Esther, Haman, the Persian king's most powerful man, sought to destroy Mordecai and all his fellow Jews. But Mordecai and Esther persevered and Haman was hanged from the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. In the Book of Daniel, we are told the story of Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azeriah, who were exiles in Babylon. In an effort to erase even their identity, their names were changed to Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Daniel refused to stop praying to God and the three young men refused to worship a golden image. Daniel was cast into the lions' den and the others into a fiery furnace, yet all four survived. Other notable examples that also survived their trials in less miraculous ways include David attacked by King Saul (I Sam. 18), Joseph victimized by his own brothers and Potiphar's wife (Gen. 37), and of course, Job. None of them wavered in their trust in God, lost consciousness of their personal identity, or compromised their convictions. They continued to walk with confidence in the shadow of physical threats and psychological intimidation.

The trials we endure can divide or unite us, disillusion or motivate us, defeat or strengthen and steel us. How we choose to respond can determine the difference and give us some control over our circumstances. While our adversaries are motivated by irrational fanaticism, sometimes unfocused, fueled by fear and animosity, we can respond with dedication focused on a noble cause energized by courage and hope if we know with certainty what we believe and why we believe it. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart;

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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.

Quantrill Hired as a Bodyguard to Protect the family of the Future Mayor of Kansas City

The Civil War propelled many ordinary individuals into roles they would never have perceived before hostilities began. In December 1860, after a failed Jayhawker raid on the farm of a wealthy Missouri slave-owner, Morgan Walker, due to the warning of a young Kansas schoolteacher, William Clarke Quantrill, Walker introduced Quantrill to his close friend Marcus Gill, another slave-owner who also owned a large farm located on the Kansas border.

Forty-six-year-old Marcus Gill operated a 600-acre cattle farm close to the state line in southern Jackson County where he prospered as a miller, lumber baron, boat builder and stock raiser. Gill and other Missouri farmers sensed that trouble was brewing between the Jayhawkers in Kansas and the slaveholders in Missouri. Many decided to take their families south for protection against Federal military coercion and Jayhawker raids.

Since the North had already dissolved the Union by nullifying the Fugitive Slave Act Gill decided to move his twenty slaves and the rest of his possessions to Texas for safekeeping. Gill prepared his family for the trip which included his wife, Mary Jane, six daughters, Leah, Sarah, Susan, Sallie, Mary, Louella, and one small son, William, safely into Texas. His twenty-year-old son, Turner Anderson Gill, had already enlisted in the Missouri State Guard. An older son, twenty-two-year-old Enock, was living in Fayette County, Texas, and had appealed to his father to bring his family to a safer place until the coming hostilities were over.

Since being introduced to Marcus Gill, Quantrill had saved his life during a Jayhawker attack earning a reputation as a brave man who knew how to handle a gun. Before the war Gill and many of his neighbors suffered Jayhawker attacks from Kansans who had driven off their stock and assaulted several citizens. On one occasion Gill's neighbor, Jacob Teaford Palmer, was driving a herd of hogs to Gill's farm when he was met by a gang of

Jayhawkers who drove off the hogs and stole several of his horses. The Jayhawkers then broke into a nearby home with an axe, smashed the furniture and took what they pleased. Another of Gills' neighbors, thirty-year-old Emmett Goss also owned a farm nearby. When the war started Goss quit farming and joined Colonel Charles Jennison's dreaded 7th Kansas Jayhawker Regiment. Local residents remembered; "From a peaceful thrifty citizen he became suddenly a terror to the border. He seemed to have a mania for killing. Twenty odd unoffending citizens probably died at his hand. He boasted of having kindled the fires in fifty-two houses, and having bade fifty-two families homeless and shelterless, and of having killed, he declared, until he was tired of killing." It was said that Goss's share of the plunder taken from raids on Missouri homes were spent on drink and prostitutes. Ironically Goss met his fate by a member of Quantrill's band. Captain George Shepherd's company of guerrillas met Goss in a skirmish twenty miles north of Cane Hill, Arkansas. Shepherd came upon thirty-two Federals in Company M, of Jennison's 15th Kansas Jayhawker Regiment let by 1stLt Emmett Goss. As soon as Shepherd's men saw Goss's command they charged with pistols in each hand. Out of the thirty-two Jayhawkers twenty-nine were killed. One escaped, one was taken along as a captive and another released. The guerrillas suffered four killed and an untold number wounded.

Fearing from Jayhawker attacks Gill organized a plan. After hearing of Quantrill's prowess as a defender of Southern rights and his ability with a gun, he hired Quantrill as a guard to escort him and his family out of the country. He arranged to have Quantrill stay with him until he was able to arrange transportation and stock up on the supplies needed for the trip. Joh Newman Edwards a fellow Confederate soldier described Quantrill at the time: "His eyes were very blue, soft and winning.

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and lean not on your own understanding.” (Prov. 3:5) This is how David in Psalm 23 could say “...I fear no evil...” This is why over the millenniums of history Jews and Christians have been so resilient, so difficult to conquer and impossible to eradicate.

St. Paul suffered many trials for the purpose of disseminating the Gospel. He uses the analogy of running a race (I Cor. 9:24), a reference to the Isthmian Games, second only to the Olympics, held in Corinth every three years. Competitors would spend ten months in intense training, exercising self-discipline and restraint in dieting and other applications of temperance and self-denial. So we must prepare ourselves for the trials we must expect in life, endeavoring to keep the flesh subject to the spirit, educating ourselves, and maintaining a holy fear of ourselves by not acquiescing to our weaknesses and negative inclinations, not falling prey to presumptuous over-confidence, and keeping focused on our target.

While it can only be fully understood in retrospect, sometimes bad things happen to good people for their own edification and the benefit of others. Trials can strengthen us in our confidence, courage, and resolve. Like pain, they can awaken our attention to greater dangers and save us from the brink of disaster. And, not all is lost if we learn from our mistakes and their consequences. This is why Joseph could tell his brothers who sold him into Egyptian slavery, “...(Y)ou meant evil against me; but God meant it for good...” (Gen. 50:20) St. Paul assures us, “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.” (Rom. 8:28)

Father Richard Rudd

Hughes Camp Chaplain

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Peculiar they were in this that they never were at rest. Looking at the face, one might say there is the face of a student. It was calm, serene, going oftener to pallor than to laughter. It may be that he liked to hear the birds sing, for hours and hours he would linger in the woods alone. His hands were small and perfectly molded. Who could tell in looking at them that they were the most deadly hands with a revolver in all the border? Perhaps no man ever had more complete mastery over a horse than Quantrell, and whether at a furious gallop or under the simple swing of the route step, he could lean from the saddle and snatch a pebble from the ground.” Such prowess as Quantrill possessed were sorely needed along the border.

During the early spring of 1861, Quantrill accompanied Gill and his family south into Texas. Just as they arrived at their destination, they heard that they seceded states had fired upon Fort Sumter on April 12. Quantrill returned as quickly as he could and joined the first organized Confederate force he could find. Gill's older sons, Enoch and Turner both joined the Missouri State Guard being assigned to Company A of the 6th Missouri Cavalry under the command of Joseph O. Shelby. Turner gained his first military experience at the skirmish at Rock Creek, near Independence on June 13, 1861. Serving as a private in the battles of Carthage, Wilson's Creek and Lexington, Turner quickly rose through the ranks to a lieutenantcy. In the Battle of Champion Hills, Mississippi, he received a more serious wound. He was taken to Vicksburg for treatment and became a prisoner of war when that stronghold was surrendered. After exchange he was transferred to the Trans-Mississippi Department. The command participated in the Atlanta Campaign, fighting under General Hood in Tennessee, and shared in the defense of Mobile. Lieutenant Gill acquitted himself most creditable, especially in scouting duty, and was promoted to the rank of captain. General Shelby's appointed order stated that the promotion was “for gallantry and merit.” Captain Gill, however, would not accept the honor until the company to which he was assigned had expressed its satisfaction, which it did by unanimous vote. Captain Gill was again wounded in a skirmish in Arkansas. Shelby assigned him to duty as adjutant in Colonel Shanks' regiment where he was engaged in the Battle of Westport, and in other of the later affairs under General Sterling Price. He was commander in frequent important expedition, ever fulfilling the expectations of General Shelby, who held him in the highest regard.



Hughes Camp swears in new Member, Paul Petersen



That's right, after all these years, we've finally sworn in **Paul Petersen** as a full fledged member! Surprised right, as much as you've seen him around the Camp and given all he's done for Hughes Camp? For sure, he's been as much a member as anyone else has and worked as hard as any member to support Hughes Camp and defend our heritage. We've had Paul in on a "Friends of the SCV" membership, as he did not think he had any Confederate relatives. Well, thanks to Kevin Hawkins, MOSB Genealogist General, Kevin did find a relative for Paul. And now, Paul is a member of the SCV and the MOS&B!

The Relative Paul entered under is his 4th Cousin 6 times removed, **Lt. General Richard Stoddert Ewell, Commander of Second Corps, Army of Northern Virginia**. Pretty Cool! General Stoddert took over Second Corps after Stonewall Jackson died. General Stoddert was a close friend and Confidant of Robert E Lees. Now there was some conflict there in that General AP Hill was next in line under Stonewall, but Lt General Stoddert outranked him, so Lee felt like he should put Stoddert in that position. So Lee Created 3rd Corp and put Gen AP Hill in command of that, and all were happy! And I might be off a tad on that story. None the less, Kevin found a good one for Paul!

Congratulations to Paul Petersen, and we're thankful for your friendship and for the great member you've been, and will continue to be!

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After the war Turner Gill returned to Missouri getting a law degree from the University of Missouri. As a Democrat Gill was elected mayor of Kansas City in 1875, serving two terms. During his time as mayor, he inherited a city that was deeply in debt due to the irresponsible Republican policies of Reconstruction where the Yankees had raided the treasuries of the cities in every Southern state driving them in to bankruptcy. Kansas City was unable to pay its bills and was forced to pay its bills with script. Mayor Gill introduced numerous reforms, frustrated dishonest schemes of the Republicans and enforced municipal law vigorously and effectively. Although urged, Judge Gill refused to become a candidate for a third term. He had favorable settle all the matters of dispute, paid off the city's det, confined it expenditures within the limit of revenue and left a considerable surplus in the treasury. It was in the hot political fights of those years that Judge Gill gained the name of the "Little Giant of the Third Ward." Finishing his term as mayor he subsequently served as the city attorney later becoming a circuit court judge.

It has been consistently proven that the actions of William Clarke Quantrill were an influencing factor in the lives and careers of many of the distinguished individuals that rose to prominence during and after the war as they faithfully an honorably served the public good in many and various ways.

Article by Paul R. Petersen



33rd Annual Missouri Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars

Missouri Secession Day Dinner

Save the Date: Saturday October 21st, 2023

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Secession Day Dinner October 21, 2023

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Our Speaker this year will be Scott George, who will be doing a First Person Impression of General Sterling Price. Scott is a long time member of the SCV and MOS&B, and a long time reenactor.



Location and Lodging

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2023 Missouri Secession Day Dinner Registration Form

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