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Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

Confederate Patriots

The Confederate Navel Jack Battle Flag is flying high in Miller county Missouri state now. Some of the local businessman in Camdenton in the Camden county next to Miller county are not liking it. The local paper at the Lake of the Ozarks published their comments on an article they had wrote. My guess is they published all the negative comments and the positive comments far outweighed the negative comments. They probably did not publish all the positive comments.



The ironic occurrence of all this is the Camden county Sheriff declared the county a second amendment sanctuary not long after the flag was raised in Miller county. Hopefully, other folks in Missouri will see our flag flying and want a pole and flag on property they own along a major Missouri thoroughfare.

Block 174 in the Liberty cemetery is still under fire and is ongoing. I do not understand why they will not just give it up. It is a disease they have, a mental defect or disability.

There is not much going on this year as far as festivals are concerned. I will keep my eye on it though and there are some grave markers that need new headstones looks like. While the Chicom virus is still wondering around Missouri supposedly we should target headstones on graves that need them. Whether or not we can get the headstones from the VA is another task with the Amero-Communists in power supposedly.

I will see you all at the next meeting with other subjects to discuss.

**Jason-Nathaniel: Coffman John T. Hughes Camp 614
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Camp Calendar

March 11th 7:00 PM Camp Meeting Buckner Town Hall, 32 S. Sibley St Buckner MO 64016. Mr. Chris Nelson will be our speaker this month, and his subject will be **“Following Hemp Along the Santa Fe Trail”** This should be a neat topic and let’s have a good showing for Chris. Bring a guest! **Bring a mask or social distance from the speaker if you can, he is concerned about Covid exposure.**

April 9th and 10th Missouri Division and Missouri Society Reunion. Registration flyer enclosed. Men, we have some guys with talent putting on this convention! Check out the flyer, you’ll notice it’s chock full of info. Deadline to get the cheapest price is February 9th, so jump on that early bird special! Lot’s of things to consider on the flyer, neat souvenirs available etc. So look it over closely. But, this event is well planned with some new ideas, should be a great event!



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

What’s been happening on the Western Front

Camp Meeting, February 11th, 2021

Well, what we had for February was an Artic Blast! So we cancelled the meeting. With temps below 0 Degrees, and snow etc, we thought it best to not have folks out on the road. Being in your warm car is fine until you have car trouble, slide off in a ditch, whatever. It is then that weather like that could be dangerous. Hope you all got by the 9 days or so and didn’t have trouble with frozen pipes etc. While we’re all tough and most of us around here are used to Winter, we don’t live in North Dakota either! So none of us is really used to what we all went thru there. Hope you all did ok, but at least the weather is looking up now!

So, nothing to discuss from a meeting last month. But there’s other things to talk about.

Theresa Byrd, Black Lives Matter type Nazi, is stirring up stuff again about our Liberty Monument. She’s gone to various newspapers, and now the some of the local news channels. Telling about what an “Abomination” our Grave Marker is at Fairview Cemetery, her words of course, not mine.

This women is bringing undue attention to the location of this monument. I believe it is her intent to let the crazies know exactly where this monument is, so they show up and tear it down, because the

City of Liberty is not doing it fast enough for her.

The lady needs mental health counseling. I heard a good quote lately which is: “When you say you’re offended, what your really saying is that you have no control over your own thoughts and emotions, and need other people to do it for you”

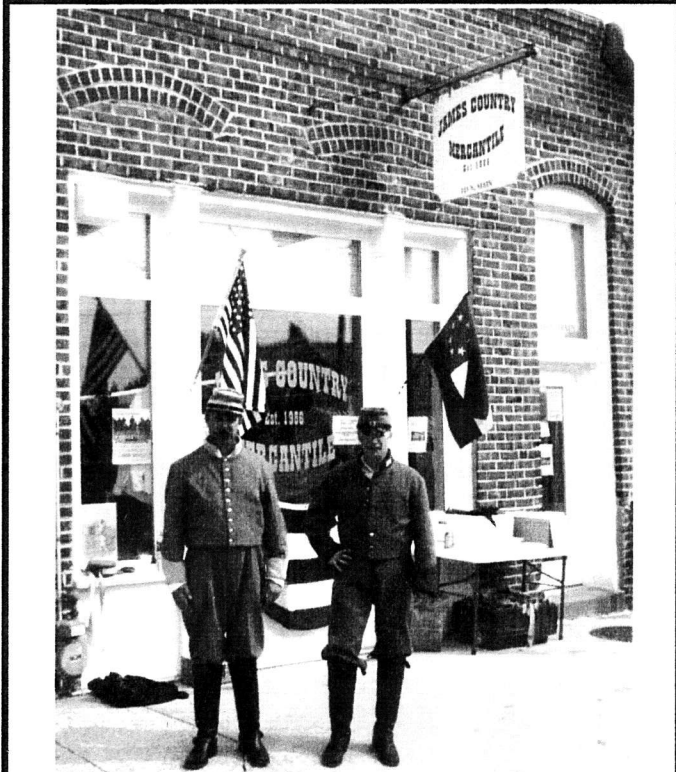
The Red Star did call me for Comment, and of course, I do see a slight misquote from the Good reporter: Most of what he printed I did say, but I did not say I “Understand the Monument Offends some people”, but here’s the quotes they printed:

“We’re not going to voluntarily destroy our own markers and monuments. That’s what they’re asking us to do,” said Larry Yeatman of Clay County, an insurance agent and member of a local chapter of Sons of Confederate Veterans whose predecessor group, the United Confederate Veterans, erected the monument in 1904 on a plot purchased using donations.

Yeatman said he understands the monument offends some people.

“There’s millions of Confederate markers in cemeteries in this country,” he said. “But if you start the precedent of saying, ‘Well, I want you to move that because it’s offensive,’ what happens when the first atheist walks to the cemetery and sees all those crosses in the city cemetery? Where are you going to stop with it?”

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Salute!

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On that line about me understanding, what I actually said was: "I understand that some people say they are offended by it" Should I ask for a correction to be run?!

Anyway, the gal is wasting our time, plastering our names out there in the press. It's all intentional. She has no respect for anything or anybody. And better yet, she lives on you, the Jackson County Taxpayers! That's right, she's an employee of Jackson County. Works in their circuit court system. So she lives on your back, then makes you miserable with the salary you pay her.

Enough about that mean nasty women!

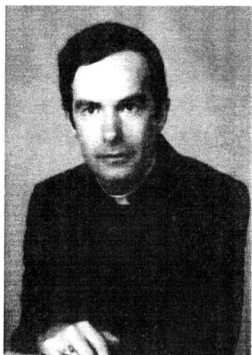
The new Flag Pole is up by Eldon Missouri! Woohoo! It's made some press at the Lake of the Ozarks. That paper seems to have no clue that we own it or why we put it up. I almost think it would be better to let the press know it's ours. The Missouri Division Wes Franklin said, "heck no, let them howl, and twist in the wind, and wonder how or why it is put there!" I was thinking though, if the word got out, other potential land donors may come out of the woodwork offering to donate land. But, we're getting the word out in other ways.

We raised the Flag and did a dedication ceremony in February, that was the day the weather was turning for the worst but it was bearable. We had Division Chaplain Bob Painter bless the pole and recognized Commander John Dinken and Herb Turner's hard work in getting the flag pole erected and securing the land. We fired a couple of volley salutes, then did a couple of shots of Rebel Yell! We had a pretty decent crowd, but some folks bailed, due to the coming snow storm. We got her done, then the polar vortex plunged us into the deep freeze for 9 or 10 days! And I-70 turned into an ice rink on the drive home, so some of you folks made a good and safe decision to not come down.

Larry Yeatman



Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



As some stories traditionally begin, it was a dark and stormy night and Christ's disciples thought they had seen a ghost. They were out on the Sea of Galilee in a boat being "...beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them." Christ "...came to them, walking on the sea."

He greeted them saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear. And Peter answered Him, 'Lord, if it is You, bid me come to You on the water.' He said, 'Come'. So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.'" (Mat. 14:24-30)

Christ compared life on earth in the latter days to "...the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear..." (Lk, 21:25-26) Christians, as Christ's disciples in the 21st century, are living in turbulent times. Life is more complicated and changes are accelerating at a faster pace. Competing ideologies and temptations abound. Fear and despair are more prevalent. In these circumstances, Christ says, "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me, cannot be my disciple." (Lk, 14:27) The crosses we bear come in many forms.

Regarding the crosses of fear and despair, David said, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me." (Ps. 23:4) Except for the last verse, which is written in the future tense, all of this psalm is written in the present tense. We enter and pass through the valley of the shadow of death every time major trials are encountered. But, those trials are mere shadows, intimidating specters of tribulations that can be vanquished by Christ Who proclaims, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (Jn. 8:12)

Christians around the world are experiencing virulent attacks- -criticism, discrimination, and persecution. They are enduring "...a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so

treated." (Heb. 10:2-33) What should be Christians' response? "Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." (I Tim. 6:12)

Crosses also come in the form of internal struggles and afflictions. The pursuit of wealth, power, fame, and sensuality becomes an obsession. It is easier to follow the crowd, doing what is popular and meets with the least resistance, to indulge old habits, and grow accustomed to unlimited freedom to follow your own heart. Syncretism, the irrational deception that all religions lead to the same deity, allows one to avoid having to make definitive spiritual decisions. Christ says, "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many." (Matt. 7:13)

Even the weight of legitimate responsibilities and aspirations can become crosses that divert our attention from spiritual concerns. The perspective from the vantage point of youth tends to be shortsighted, focusing on recreation, academic goals, a successful career, marriage and family, finances, and a secure retirement. Time needed for the care of one's spiritual wellbeing is crowded out of a busy schedule. Consequently, psychological traumas and suicides are filling the void created by failure "...to set the mind on the Spirit..." (Rom. 8:6) Our spiritual welfare should not be deferred to old age as a last choice of necessity. Christ advises, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, ...but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven..." (Matt. 6:19-20)

As St. Matthew gave us his account of the disciples striving against a wind on the Sea of Galilee, so Daniel tells us about a dream in which he saw a vision of winds, representing contentions and tumults, stirring up a sea, symbolic of the world. (Dan. 7:2) We who are Christ's disciples are blown about on the sea of this world by winds stirred up by the allures of sinful gratification, the aspirations born of dreams, and the burdens of assumed responsibilities. Like Peter, we are able to navigate through the storm as long as we keep our focus on Christ. It is when we allow the winds of the storms of life to blow

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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.

The Best Possibility

Missouri had been surveyed for statehood starting in 1817. In 1821 Missouri was admitted into the Union as a slave state. As new settlers moved west they brought with them their most important things: their families, a few of their most prized possessions, their Bibles, their faith in God, and their religion. As their settlements grew the first buildings to be constructed was a schoolhouse and a church. With broadly scattered communities preachers were sought for who could preach on a monthly basis. These preachers came to be known as "circuit riding preachers" due to the fact that they often served up to four different churches and would preach to each one individually once a month. This continued until a congregation grew large enough to hire a full time pastor of their own. One such pastor was Rev. Hiram Bowman.

Bowman was born in Somerset, New Jersey, on July 2, 1796. He traveled to Ohio then to Illinois before settling in Oak Grove, Jackson County, Missouri, with his wife and fifteen children sometime around 1840. The old log building which became the Oak Grove Baptist Church which he helped organize was built in 1853 being one of only four Baptist churches in the county. Bowman soon became a prominent figure in Eastern Jackson and Western Lafayette counties in Missouri in both before and after the Civil War. Bowman, wherever he went offered his services in the form of baptisms, conducting funerals and performing marriages. In those days, country preachers simply recorded marriage ceremonies in private log-books. B. J. George Sr. of Oak Grove, wrote after the war: "Hiram Bowman kept a small private book of marriages that he performed. This was the only official record." Official records show us that Rev. Bowman conducted marriages for several of Quantrill's men like Nathan George, John Koger and Joshua Owings whose wife Martha was a sister of several brothers serving under Quantrill. Nathan George had three brothers riding with Quantrill and his wife, Martha Webb, had several

brothers and cousins also in Quantrill's company. John Koger's wife, Elizabeth, was Hiram Bowman's oldest daughter. Bowman also did the marriages for numerous other of Quantrill's men as well as their close relatives besides Quantrill being noted for being a regular attendant at the Oak Grove Baptist Church during the war.

One of the first skirmishes Quantrill had took place on the streets of Independence, Missouri, on February 22, 1862. The skirmish resulted in two of Quantrill's men killed: Hop Wood and Gabriel George. George was the first of Quantrill's men to die during the war. After the skirmish the bodies of the slain guerrillas were picked up by their relatives and prepared for burial. Gabriel George's home was in Oak Grove, sixteen miles east of Independence. Two days after the battle Rev. Hiram Bowman conducted the funeral services for 18-year old Gabriel George surrounded by fifteen to twenty of Quantrill's men. Standing next to Rev. Bowman Quantrill delivered a short eulogy before disbanding his men for a short time.

When Jayhawkers raided homes through Western Missouri one of the articles first sought out was the family Bible, which had recorded in it dates of births, deaths and marriages. Births revealed the age of any military aged male while marriages showed relations that would naturally have Southern sympathies. Unparalleled during the war the most heinous crime committed by the Yankees was the 1863 Jail Collapse in August 1863. Fourteen women relatives of Quantrill's men were rounded up and put into a three story brick building in Kansas City, Missouri. Immediately after their imprisonment soldiers from the Kansas Jayhawkers undermined the building causing its collapse and killing five

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us off course, to distract us, that we fail to keep our focus on Christ and become disoriented and afraid.

In biblical numerology, 40 signifies preparation. As the forty years spend in the wilderness prepared the Israelites to renew their faith in God and deal with the challenges presented by the Canaanites, the forty days of Lent prepare us to renew our faith in Christ, pass through the wilderness of our world, and deal with the challenges with which we are confronted. Lent is not only a season to prepare for the celebration of the Paschal high holy days, it is also a time to reawaken our consciousness, to repent of worldly distractions, to regain our orientation, focus, and sense of direction, to reorder our priorities, and to rediscover our true purpose in life. "Therefore ...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us..." (Heb 12:1) "Every athlete exercises self-control in all things." (I Cor. 9:25) So "...let us...lay aside every weight, and sin." Let us discipline our lives with charitable deeds, study of the scriptures, prayer and meditation, and worship of God so that we can say as St. Paul. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (II Tim. 4:7) Then, we can look forward to hearing Christ welcome us into His presence by saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant..." (Matt. 25:21)

Father Richard Rudd

Hughes Camp Chaplain

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innocent Southern girls. Accounts by many guerrillas stated this is what initiated the raid on Lawrence, Kansas, two weeks later.

When Quantrill returned from Lawrence, he returned to the Blue Springs area and set up camp. Accounts say that shortly after he borrowed a gray mare from guerrilla Fletcher Taylor and picked up Kate King. Together they rode to a preacher's house six miles from his camp and were secretly married. In the photograph collection of guerrilla Augustus Myers is an image of Kate in her wedding dress confirmed in his accompanying photo journal. After what had transpired to other young Southern girls related to Quantrill's men it would have been natural for Quantrill to ask the Reverend Bowman not to keep a record of his marriage. Quantrill and Kate would often ride together through the Sni Hills of Blue Springs, but now he was more concerned for her safety than ever before. He had her use the name Kate Clarke to throw off suspicion of her identity in case she was questioned by the Federals. Kate continued to keep the name Kate Clarke even after the war until she afterwards remarried. Keenly concerned with Kate's well-being, Quantrill made sure there were no written records for the Federals to find and track down her and her family in order to murder them. He kept her hidden in the most isolated and heavy timber for her safety.

Rev. Hiram Bowman's records ceased from late 1862 to early 1867. Most if not all Southern churches were closed by the Federal authorities when the pastors refused to recite prayers to the health of Abraham Lincoln and to the success of the Federal army. Historians have argued for years that there has never been a record found for the marriage of William Clarke Quantrill to Kate King even though many of Quantrill's men remembered when he got married and referred to her as his wife. It is more than likely and most evident that the person who officiated their marriage was the Reverend Hiram Bowman who lived the six miles from Quantrill's camp. But until any absolute proof of the marriage surfaces Hiram Bowman is very much the best possibility.

Article by Paul R. Petersen, Author of the Quantrill trilogy.

Ref: George, B. James (1896-1975), Collection, 1887-1975: State Historical Society of Missouri.

Records of Marriages Performed by Rev. Hiram Bowman, Primitive Baptist Minister, "The Kansas City Genealogist," Vol 8, No. 1, July 1967.

Letter of Charles Fletcher Taylor to W. W. Scott: Kansas State Historical Society.

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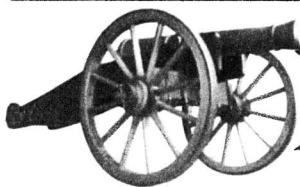
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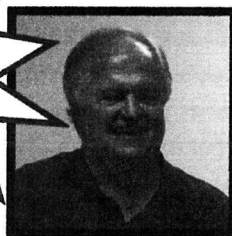
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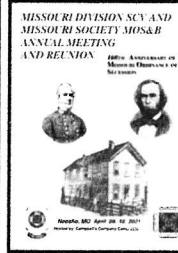


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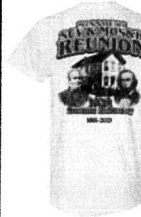
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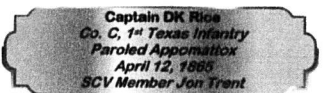
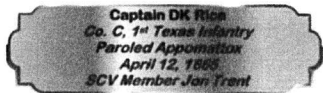
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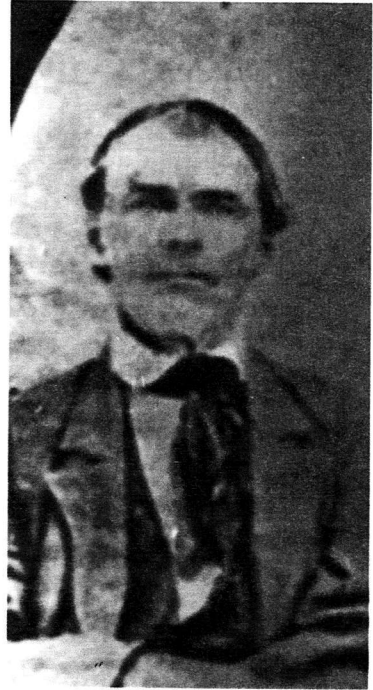
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Above left is Kate King in her wedding dress in 1863. She was the wife of William Clarke Quantrill. Above right is Reverend Hiram Bowman, who most likely performed the marriage of Kate and William.

See inside for Paul Petersen's article, "The Best Possibility" to learn more about the above photos.