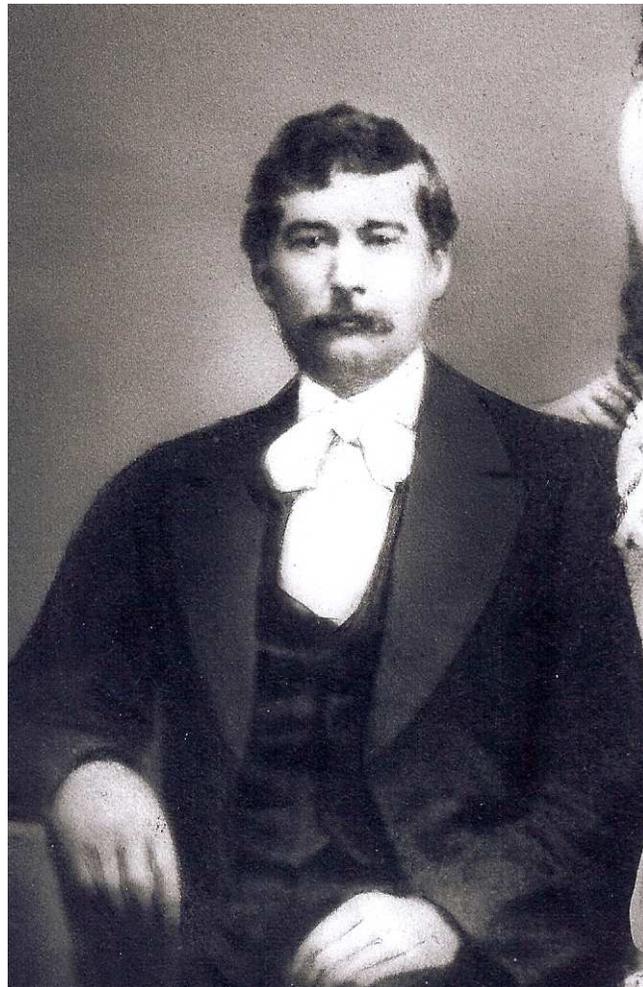




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Charles Edwin Wells

Cole Younger's friend, Guerilla Charles Edwin Wells

See Paul Petersen's article inside about Cole Younger's friend. Charlie is credited with getting Quantrill and his men safely home from Lawrence as he knew the territory. After the war, Cole and Charlie rode thru Mexico on Mules to California. They were good friends that grew up together in the Lee's Summit area.



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Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

Confederate Patriots:

If your name is highlighted on this newsletter, it means that we have not yet received your dues. Please see last months news for your invoice. Or, just mail a check to payable to Hughes Camp for \$39 to Adj. Larry Yeatman at 5606 NE Antioch Rd Gladstone, Mo 64119

Thank you for taking care of that!



It is September and we as a camp are going to be very busy at different events on weekends. I have reserved recruitment booth space at Marshall Missouri on the 14th and 15th. There will be a battle reenactment both days. Shelby camp will be with us at this event helping us recruit new SCV members. I was informed that we will be set up in the sutler's area, so we will get lots of traffic.

I have reserved a recruitment booth space in the arts and crafts section of the Jesse James Festival in Kearney Missouri on the 21st and 22nd. Kelly's Irish Brigade will be at this event also to the best of my knowledge. It would be an astounding feat is if we could actually get 20 or more men/women/children adherent and sympathetic to the charge of Stephen Dill Lee in the Jesse James Parade with flag poles and flags.

Since the Jesse James Festival will be the busiest for us, I have a surprise for this event. How would you like to ride in the Parade with Jesse and Frank James double 2nd (4x) cousin. You can only meet him if you show up at the Jesse James Festival. **John Vincent Powers** lives in Texas and he likes the Hughes Camp. He is a member of the Major General William D McCain HQ Camp No. 584. Not only is John double 2nd (4x) cousins to Jesse and

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Hughes Camp 2013 Winner of the Col. John Q. Burbridge Award, Best Camp

Commander Coffman, Winner of the 2013 Col Joseph C. Porter Award, for Outstanding Service. Most Valuable Division Member.

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Camp Calendar

September 12th, 7:00 PM Camp Meeting *Kross Lounge and Ernie's Restaurant 605 N Sterling Sugar Creek, MO 64054 816-254-9494* Our speaker this month will be **Tom Rafiner** who will tell us about his new book, **"Cinders and Silence"** You won't want to miss Tom's presentation as we learn more about Missouri's history and the atrocities committed against it's citizens.

September 14-15 Battle of Marshall Mo reenactment, we will set up our camp booth at this event, come on out.

September 21-22 Jesse James Festival Parade. We will be in the parade and set up our booth and honor Jesse James!

September 28 Cannon Ball Festival, Holt, Missouri Once again, we'll set up our booth!

September 28 & 29, 2013 116th Annual Missouri Division UDC Convention, , Hosted by the Central District, Isle Of Capri - **100 ISLE OF CAPRI BLVD, BOONVILLE, MO 65233 • 1-800-941-4753** (BE SURE TO MENTION UDC WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS)

October 26th, 5:30 PM Secession Day Dinner Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, Missouri. Registration form is enclosed. Our Speaker this year will be Jim Orebaugh of Edmond Oklahoma and his topic will be on his efforts to preserve Confederate Records and archives by working with then Senator Trent Lott. Trent Lott is a past Mississippi Division SCV Commander, very cool!



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

What's been happening on the Western Front..

August 8th Camp meeting...

We had what I believe was our largest crowd ever at the August meeting. Good job men and the women guest that were there! If we get any bigger, we'll need a bigger meeting room!

Our speaker was Carol Bohl, who is related to the great Partisan Ranger, John Singleton Mosby. Known as the Gray Ghost, he was the commander of the 43rd Reg. Virginia Cavalry. At 5'6" and 125 lbs, he was not a big man, but was a fierce fighter and leader.

He was born in Dec. 6, 1833. He graduated from the Univ. of Virginia in 1849 with a law degree. In 1853 he was jailed when he attacked and shot a guy. He was released in 1857 and married Pauline Clarke in 1857.

He was not for secession and felt it to be a mistake, but chose to fight for his country of Virginia. In 1862 Jeb Stuart promoted him to 1st Lt as a Cav Scout. In 1863 he talked Stuart into allowing him to form a Cavalry regiment of Partisan Rangers. He chose only excellent horseman who were loyal, courageous and self motivated. He demoralized the Union Cav by attacking supply trains, communications and striking fear into the enemy.

The Fairfax County Courthouse was occupied by

the Yankees with 350 Union Cav protecting it. Mosby snuck in there with 20 Rangers, captured Union General Edwin Slaughter, took 32 prisoners, arms, munitions and 58 horses.

In 1864 while Sheridan was raiding the Shenandoah Valley, Mosby continuously attacked him and even stampeded his ambulance. To retaliate, Sheridan ordered the burning of what was by then called Mosby's Confederacy there in the Shenandoah. He ordered all fields, barns implements burned, and live stock taken.

After the war, Mosby had a \$5000 bounty put on him. Grant pardoned him and Mosby took the oath on July 26th. Later, Mosby campaigned for Grant, which ticked many Virginians off! He went on to become US Consulate to Hong Kong and then went into the Justice Department. He died on Memorial Day, 1916

Thanks to Carol Bohl for speaking to us and her excellent presentation with slides on John Singleton Mosby!





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Commander Coffman continued...

Frank James, his 3rd great uncle John Anthony Lindsay was a Colonel from Arkansas in the CSA Military and served as a guide for General Sterling Price in the 1864 Missouri Campaign. John wants to help us recruit at our booth during the festival. Sunday September 22nd we will be taking pictures of him and all who want to attend where Jesse James is buried. The Hughes Camp has secured one Quantrill grave marker flag for this event. Of course, all who would want to attend this should wear period clothing, guns, flags and such if you have them. See John Vincent Powers SCV certificate and picture of John on the following pages. I will email you all exact information on all of these events as the dates get closer.

I have reserved a recruitment booth space at the Holt Cannonball Festival in Holt Missouri on the 28th. This event gets bigger each year with even more interest of the local Confederate history. A lot more folks know who John T. Hughes was and his ties to Clinton County during the early 1860's.

I would like at least 3 to 4 men helping recruit new members each day at every one of these events. We have lots of camp merchandise to sell and lots of new members to recruit and I cannot do it by myself.

See you all at the next meeting.

Yours in the Bonds of Confederate Brotherhood,

Jason-Nathaniel: coffman

John T. Hughes Camp 614 Commander

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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.

Cole Younger's Friend - Guerrilla Charles Edwin Wells

Charles Edwin Wells was born on September 2, 1845. His ancestors were from Virginia having fought in the Revolutionary war. Charles served with Quantrill as a private in Lieutenant Cole Younger's company under Colonel William Clarke Quantrill riding on the Lawrence raid. Wells also served part of his time in General Joseph O. Shelby's division in Elliott's Battalion under General Sterling Price during 1861-1865 in the Missouri State Guard.

C. E. Wells was the oldest son of George Washington Wells. G. W. Wells owned 198 acres in southeastern Jackson County eight miles south of Independence, Missouri raising cotton and wheat but owning no slaves. Before the war G. W. Wells owned a hotel in McCamish Township, Kansas which was sacked and burned by Jayhawker James Henry Lane. William McCamish married Mary Jane Wells, daughter of C. E. Wells.

Following the 1st Battle of Independence where Quantrill spearheaded the assault on the Federal garrison resulting in an overwhelming Confederate victory and followed by another Confederate victory at the Battle of Lone Jack, where Quantrill's men arrived at the closing turning the tide of victory in the Southerners favor, most of the Confederates withdrew with newly recruited soldiers and headed south to join Sterling Price. Colonel Upton Hays remained and continued to recruit under the protection of Quantrill and his newly bolstered force of 160 men. They set up a recruiting camp near Well's farm along the banks of White Oak Creek in Southern Jackson County. The last two Confederate victories within a week's time marked a potential turning point in the Southern campaign in Missouri in 1862. Enlistments were brisk. The men from nearby Brooking Township and other nearby villages flocked to join up. The officers noted that they found "the woods full of men" willing and ready to join the Southern fight. The recent Confederate triumphs had made the

local men eager to enlist. Recruiting had been very rapid indeed for 24 hours; in fact they came in from every direction. The woods seem alive with men.

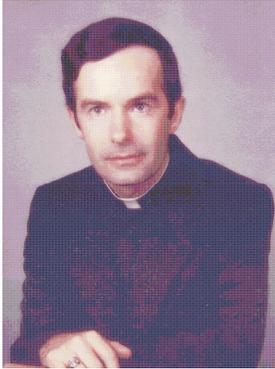
Word of the recruiting camp reached the headquarters of Colonel Charles Jennison and his 7th Kansas Jayhawker Regiment. Jennison called for help from the regiment of Colonel William Penick. They approached the area and descended into the valley in a pincer movement. One regiment rode past the home of G. W. Wells. During three separate charges the Southerners turned back the Federal attacks eventually chasing them back into Kansas. Wells followed the Federal soldiers and as the battle turned against them he climbed onto a large boulder along the rocky ledge and shouted encouragement to the Southern soldiers. In their exasperation in failing to dislodge Quantrill and Hays the Federals turned their weapons on Wells killing him instantly. Following the battle the Southerners carried him back to his farm and buried him.

Wells was neighbors of William and John Hagan who lived just north of him in the Valley of the Little Blue. The Hagan brothers along with the parents of Frank and Jesse James and the parents of Cole and Jim Younger started the Big Cedar Missionary Baptist Church in the Valley where most the Southerners worshiped. On occasion the Reverend Robert and Zerelda James came from Clay County to visit and preach in the newly built church. A few months previous Quantrill's men cut the telegraph lines and laid in ambush for a Federal patrol to come investigate. The first person the Federal patrol came upon was John Hagan riding in a wagon with his wife and family. In their anger at having the telegraph wires cut they ordered Hagan to get down from his wagon and follow them into the woods. They ordered Mrs. Hagan to ride on saying they were going to take her

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Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." (Ex. 20:16) This commandment forbids speaking unjustly and falsely, lying, deceiving, slandering, or equivocating to elevate one's own reputation at the expense of another's.

The targets of those who bear false witness are not limited to innocent victims among the living. This year, Warner Brothers produced a movie entitled *1942*. The subject of the movie is Jackie Robinson, a rookie with the Brooklyn Dodgers. In the film, Fritz Ostermueller, who pitched for the Pittsburgh Pirates, is portrayed as a racist who hit Robinson in the head with a fastball and said, "You don't belong here." Mr. Ostermueller retired in 1948 and died in 1957. Ostermueller's daughter, Sherrill Duesterhaus, told the *Joplin Globe* that the scene in the movie is fiction and never occurred. She said, "I can understand Hollywood making a good story, but not at the expense of somebody else's memory and legacy." "You shouldn't have to make something up. Truth and fiction get blurred in this picture. It put a spotlight on my Father for the wrong reason." "My Father was a good pitcher. He was a good man. You know, it's hard to defend yourself while you are no longer here." Finally, she concluded, "There is nothing I can do now but try to set the record straight."

Immediately after the Moslem terrorists attacked innocent victims with bombs in Boston this year, a liberal commentator affiliated with a major network was quick to erroneously speculate that it was the work of right-wing extremists. He knowingly made a baseless charge to reinforce a bias and impune the reputations of a vast segment of American society.

The use of strategic attacks to sabotage reputations is not limited to social and cultural or political venues. Nothing is sacred; nothing is off limits; none can stoop too low. An article recently appeared in "Personality and Social Psychology Review" the thesis of which concluded that smarter people are less likely to be religious. Miron

Zuckerman, a University of Rochester psychologist, examined what were purported to be 63 studies done since the 1920's. A summation of this work reported, "A new study of almost a century's worth of data shows that the smarter you are, the less likely you are to believe in God." The intended implication meant to be distilled from this toxic statement is obvious.

Defamation of character is not limited to believers in God. The reputation of God Himself is called into question. A blind and mute demoniac was healed by Christ in the presence of many witnesses "(a)nd all the people were amazed." (Matt. 12:22) The fact of this man's healing was incontrovertible. Christ's detractors said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." Unable to deny the truth, they resorted to denigrating Him Who is Truth.

Today, if you are a conservative, a Christian, and a southerner, you have three targets on your back. Like the late Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher Fritz Ostermueller, the reputations of our Confederate ancestors and their descendants are not beyond the vicious reproach of character assassins and purveyors of prevarications. Paul wrote to Timothy, "Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived." (II Tim. 3:12) Prejudiced and biased by their own selfish interests and pride, unable to give rational explanations for their positions, defenseless in their zeal to contest the truth, they carelessly seek to diminish it and, by means of unsustainable accusations, associate the adherents of truth with being in collusion with the detestable. Consequently, the deceivers become deceived, the victims of their own lies. Their own deeds pave the way to their ultimate fatal destination. Paul advised Timothy and us, "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed..." We are not to be "...tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles." (Eph. 4:14) We who are undoubtedly grounded in the truth of history and the scriptures and steadfastly adhere to it can be confident



Paul Petersen continued from page 4...

husband to Independence and make him take the oath. When Mrs. Hagan returned she found her husband murdered having been shot numerously. The Hagan's were cousins of the Flanerys and Charles Edwin Wells was their nephew. The Flanery brothers all rode with Quantrill. Another cousin of G. W. Wells was George Shepherd one of Quantrill's captains.

On a former occasion neighbor Dr. Pleasant Lea whose son rode with Quantrill rode to the home of George Washington Wells to get a newspaper. A Federal patrol stopped him seeking for his sons Joseph and Frank Lea who rode with Quantrill. When he refused to divulge any information about Quantrill or his sons the Federals tied him to a tree breaking both his arms in their interrogation then bayoneted him to death. The Federals then rode to the doctor's large colonial home and burned it down along with fourteen others the same day. Before applying the torch the Federals stole Lea's furniture and shot his only remaining slave.

During an interview with Cole Younger after the war Charles Edwin Wells was given credit for leading Quantrill's men to safety after the Lawrence raid once they reached the hills surrounding the Little Blue back in Jackson County. Cole had this to say about his friend Charles E. Wells. "Why we were raised together at Lee's Summit. We went through the war together. We were with Quantrill together. We rode through Mexico on mule back and went over the plains to California together after the war. Charley's father was Captain G. W. Wells of Lee's Summit, who was killed in battle at White Oak. Old Captain Wells and my father were two of the earliest settlers of Jackson County...It is not known, generally," said Cole, "but Charley here was the boy who saved our necks after the raid at Lawrence. If it had not been for his knowledge of

the country we would never have been able to get away. There were 1,500 men at our rear and 700 men in front of us. They thought that we were going west, but Charley said to go north. It was our only chance, and we got away, but we had to fight our way out after fighting all day under a hot August sun." Wells told the reporter that Cole had opposed the Lawrence raid: "It is not generally known either that Cole was the only officer who voted against making the raid at Lawrence." Cole replied, "I thought it was too dangerous, that was my only reason."

During the outlaw period detectives searching for Frank and Jesse James after the Blue Cut Train robbery at one time believed them to be holed up at the home of Charles E. Wells in Wyandotte County, Kansas. Following Cole Younger's prison sentence in Minnesota following the failed Northfield bank robbery Charles Wells offered Cole Younger a home with him in Wheeler County, Texas. Accompanying Cole in the Northfield robbery was Charles's younger brother Samuel Wells also known as Charlie Pitts who was killed during the raid. In 1914 Charles Wells was elected Justice of the Peace in Blythe, California. He died on October 26, 1923. His funeral was the said to be the largest ever held in the city up to that time. Papers recorded that "Judge Charles E Wells was held with deepest respect by every man, woman and child, and his passing has caused grief to all local residents."

Paul R. Petersen

Reference:

1. *Family history and photograph supplied by Shirley Wells whose husband is the great, great grandson of G. W. Wells.*
2. *Lee's Summit Journal, Feb 2, 1900*
3. *Lexington (Missouri) Intelligencer, August 25, 1885*
4. *Quantrill of Missouri by Paul R. Petersen.*

Fr. Rudd Continued... that we are adequately armed against the insidious snares and baseless insinuations of our seducers and our ancestors' detractors. Christ assures us, "If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (Jn. 8:31)

Fr. Richard Rudd

Hughes Camp Chaplain



To the left, our latest member William F Greene IV (Will) takes the SCV oath as given by Chaplain Rudd, and is presented his SCV Certificate by Commander Coffman.

Will is the son of Camp Member Bill Greene. The Ancestor Will honors on his SCV Certificate is **1st Lt. William T. Hickman, Co. E, 12th Missouri Cavalry, Shelby's Regiment.**

Will is a Data Base Engineer at Sprint and is also working on getting a Masters in IT. He is married to Gina and they have 4 boys ranging from age 24-14, and two Grandkids. He lives north of the river and his hobby is music and running sound mixing boards for bands and concerts.

Will's son Nicholas is currently serving in the Marines and is a Lance Corporal. Nicholas is in Afghanistan at Camp Leatherneck as we speak. **Salute to Nicholas and Will!**



To the right is Will Greene, with his father, Bill Greene. Good to have another father son team in the Camp!



To the left, Missouri Division SCV Commander Darrell Maples presents Camp Member James Bradley with the SCV Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate.

James is the webmaster for www.Hughescamp.org, but also the Missouri Division website, www.missouridivision-scv.org. If you look at our camp website and Missouri Division website, you will see they are both very well done. A professional Information Technology person, James has done a wonderful job with these websites. They both look great and are chock full on good information and content.

James has also put the Camp and Division on Facebook. He keeps up with the post and content on those Facebook sites and we have thousands of followers on Facebook due to James' hard work. Those Facebook sites are spreading the truth to a lot of people who wouldn't hear it otherwise.

Good job to James Bradley!





Secession Day Dinner October 26th, 2013

Remembering the Anniversary of Missouri's Secession on October 31, 1861

*Hosted by the Missouri Society– Military Order of the
Stars and Bars.*



Our Speaker this year will be Jim Orebaugh of Edmond, Oklahoma,

Jim is a long time member of the SCV and his subject will be on his efforts to preserve the original Confederate Records and Archives that are stored in the National Archives. Jim has worked with former Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi, who is a past Mississippi Division SCV Commander. Jim will tell us about his efforts and progress in attempting to preserve and protect this original records from neglect and decay.

Inn at Grand Glaize
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We have secured a room rate of \$69 per night plus tax. Make your reservations early to get that rate, tell them you are with the MOSB Secession Day Dinner!

5:30 PM - Doors open for Social Hour Mint Juleps provided or there's a cash bar available!

6:00 PM - The Dinner begins with greetings from the Missouri Society Commander, Larry Yeatman to be followed by Dinner and Jim Orebaugh

Cost is \$30 per adult. Children under 12 are \$15 Registration deadline is October 20th, 2013.

Please use the following registration form to send in your reservation! For questions, call Larry Yeatman at 816-728-2291 or email at larryyeatman@msn.com We hope to see you all there!
Deo Vindice! Larry Yeatman, Missouri Society MOSB Commander

2013 Missouri Secession Day Dinner Registration Form

Name _____

Number of Guest and names _____

Total Number of people _____ X \$30.00 per person = \$ _____

Total Number of children under 12 _____ X \$15.00 per person = \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

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upon the record of his Confederate Ancestor,

Private Jesse Woodson James

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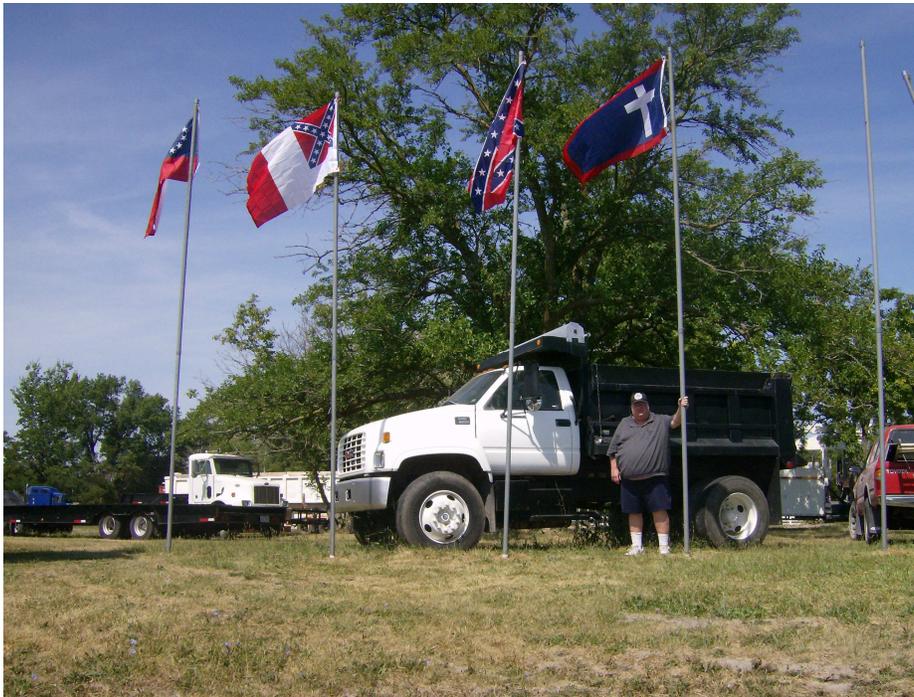


In witness whereof this certificate is given under the hand and seal of
the *Commander-in-Chief*, duly attested by the *Adjutant-in-Chief*,
at General Headquarters, Columbia, Tennessee this the 20th
day of December - 2011

R. Michael James
Commander-in-Chief
Charles Rand III
Adjutant-in-Chief



Above is the SCV certificate and a photograph of John Vincent Powers, a cousin to Jesse James. John will be coming up from Texas for the Jesse James Festival on Sept. 21 and 22 and will ride on our float and help man our booth. Come on out to have your picture taken with him and get to know John! Not every day you get to shake hands with a guy that shares the same DNA as Jesse James!



Thanks to the hard work of Major James Morgan Utz Camp 1815 & BG Francis Marion Cockrell Chapter 84, there are once again Confederate Flags flying at the Baker House Plantation on I-70. That is near Danville Missouri at about mile marker 170. The Baker House sold a while back and we used to fly the flags there. Gene Dressel approached the new owner recently and asked if they could put the flags back up on the poles, the guy said yes! Let's hope it continues but for now, you can see them fly right on I-70!