

Commander's call....

Hello. How many are glad spring is finally here? We had another great meeting in March. Those who attended the Missouri Division Reunion had a great time. Those in attendance were Duane Mayer, Billy Bowden, Gene Dressel, Bob Arnold and myself. With new Compatriots Jim Boulware, Steve Pfeil and Randy Simmons.

Our next Camp Meeting will be April 18 at 1:00 in room 259 at the Community Commons/Spencer Road Library. The address is 427 Spencer Road, St. Peters, MO 63376. It is just off Mexico Road and South of the new Menards Home Improvement Center. You can access Mexico Road from Interstate 70 by exiting either at Mid-Rivers Mall Drive and go South to Mexico Road, then East to Spencer Road or exit at Cave Springs and go South to Mexico Road and then West to Spencer Road. When you get to Spencer go South a few blocks to Boone Hills Drive. The Community Commons Building (427 Spencer Road) is located at the South-East corner of that intersection. For this meeting we will be in Room 259. We were able to get reservations for all of 2015 and up till February 2016 for this facility. Our 2015 schedule is as follows: **April 18th** room 259, **May 9th** room 240, **June 6th** room 240, **July 11th** room 240, **August 8th** room 240, **September 12th** room 240, **October 10th** room 240, **November 7th** room 240, **December 12th** room 240, **January 9th 2016** room 240 and **February 13th 2016** room 240. All of these are Saturday afternoon meetings beginning at 1 PM.

Dave Roper:

Commander James Morgan Utz Camp #1815

next meeting...Saturday, April 18th

Camp News..... from our March 14th 2015 meeting. In addition to our regular members we had three guests. Gary Mayden from the Price Camp, Larry Grooms (Mike Bevill's father-in-law) and Scott Kilburn, who is a potential member. The first order of business was the induction of our newest member, David Kaufman.



Adjutant Brad Bludsworth gave the minutes for the February 22, 2015 meeting and the report on the February 28, 2015 Jefferson Barracks Swap Meet. Thanks to Brad Bludsworth, Mike Beville, Duane Mayer, James Martin and Doug Neff for their help at the swap meet. Gene Dressel gave a report on the updating and distribution of the Camp Handbook. Commander Roper then appointed the 2015 by-laws review committee, that will propose changes to our rules for the upcoming year. We then discussed the possibility of having a black powder shooting contest, between the Utz Camp and several other local camps. Time and place to be determined later. Duane Mayer then gave an excellent presentation on WBTS small arms bullets & Cartridges. At the 2015 Missouri Division Reunion, Boonville, Missouri, March 20-21, the Major James Morgan Utz Camp was presented with: [1] The Missouri Chaplain's Monument Donor Certificate, [2] The Lindsey J. Whiteside Recruiting Award for enlisting more members than any other camp in the Missouri Division (2nd year in a row for this one), and [3] The John Newman Edwards Award for Best Camp Newsletter in the State of Missouri. Many thanks to all of you who have worked so hard to make all of this possible.



My Confederate Ancestor: Isaac Conway

by Compatriot Mike Blair

My great/ great grandfather Isaac J. Conway was born in Arkansas on March 1st, 1839 or 1840 to James and Rhoda Conway from Tennessee. Like many farmers, Isaac followed his family around in search of a suitable place to raise crops and settle down. He ended up in the Courtois Hills region of Missouri in Shannon County near Eminence with his family until the summer of 1862 when the War Between the States reached the area.

The Federal Government had dispatched the 3rd Missouri Militia to search for Southern partisans and secessionists living in the area. On August 25, 1862, a detachment had reached the home of Joshua Chilton aka "King of Shannon County," who was a judge and elected a Missouri senator in 1860 but never served his term. Chilton was a personal friend of Gov. Claiborne Jackson and Maj. Gen. Sterling Price. He was known as a Southern sympathizer and informal recruiter for the Confederate army. Chilton was captured but one of Isaac's relatives who lived with Chilton, Louis Jesse Conway, was shot and killed when he ran from the house, trying to evade them. Also amongst these prisoners was a Jackson Herren, whose daughter would later become Isaac's wife. Chilton and the others were en route to Salem to presumably be forced to swear an oath of allegiance to the Union under threat of trial for treason when at some point were asked to step out of the wagon and were then executed. The official Provost Marshal report lists these prisoners as "shot while trying to escape," which was the common term used under such circumstances.

It is assumed that these events combined with the Federal invasion of Missouri into their homelands motivated Isaac and several of his brothers and nephews to join the Confederate forces to defend Missouri against the Union army. He enlisted in 1862 and served under Col. Thomas R. Freeman in Freeman's Regiment of the Missouri Cavalry, CSA as a 4th Corporal. This regiment was led by Maj. Gen John S. Marmaduke and fought several notable battles and skirmishes in Missouri, Arkansas, and Kansas including Pilot Knob, Poison Spring, and Mine Creek. Freeman's Regiment was one of the last Confederate units to surrender on May 11, 1865. Isaac was paroled a few weeks later on June 5th at Jacksonport, AR and began the journey home.

Upon Isaac's return to Shannon County, he tried to forget about the war and put his life back together as did most other soldiers who survived the war, especially those in the war ravaged Ozark region of Southern Missouri. He married Elizabeth Rebecca Herren in 1865, a daughter of Jackson Herren. They had nine children and raised them in the Christian faith as Baptists. Issac died in his home in Rat, Missouri on April 5, 1901 from heart disease, survived by 7 of his 9 children and wife Rebecca, who lived to be 100 years old. He is buried in Conway Cemetery near Loggers Lake in Shannon County. A headstone and Missouri Battle Flag marks his resting place.

Sources:

Shannon County Current Wave newspaper, May 2, 1901 issue
Missouri's Union Provost Marshal Papers, Missouri State Archives
Ozark NSR: A Hinterland and Homeland, National Park Service

Gordon Lee Baum

(August 24, 1940 - March 5, 2015)

Gordon Lee Baum of Saint Charles, Missouri passed away on Thursday, March 5, 2015 in Saint Charles, Missouri.

Gordon is survived by his Wife - Linda Gaye Baum nee Gullledge, Sons - Gordon Lee (Victoria) Baum II, Mark (Marie) Baum and Duane (Tammy) Baum, Daughters - Laura (Andrew Beard) Baum and Renee (Brad) Griffin, Grandchildren - Alicia, Nick, Alex, Christian, Gordon (aka Trey), Georg and Dee, Great-grandchildren - Harrison and Scarlett.



He was preceded in death by his Father - James Paul Baum, Mother - Johnnie Thelma Thompson and Brother - James Paul Baum Jr.

Mr. Baum was a veteran of the United States Navy and a charter member of the Major James Morgan Utz Camp #1815 Sons of Confederate Veterans. Gordon also served as Chief Judge Advocate for the Missouri Division, S.C.V. as well as the National Executive Director of the Council of Conservative Citizens.

Funeral Services were held Sunday, March 8, 2015; at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 115 South 6th Street, St. Charles, MO. 63301

Interment: March 9, 2015; 10:00AM at Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Charles, MO.

Chaplain's Corner...

Missourian E.M. Bounds was a Confederate chaplain who was originally imprisoned in Missouri for failing to take an Oath of Loyalty to the Union. After his release, he walked to Jackson, MS to join the Southern army. He remained with the Army of Tennessee throughout the war, sustaining a serious saber wound to his head.

After the failed attempt to take Nashville, he decided to remain with the wounded in Franklin, even though he knew he might face a Yankee prison. The Yankee army sent him to a prison in Nashville for 6 months, even though he was a noncombatant.

Released at war's end, he returned to Franklin to preach for many years, even writing 2 books. He later died in Georgia in August of 1913, at the age of 78.



General Basil Duke.....was involved in the war from beginning to end. He was present during some of its most well known events, from the Camp Jackson Massacre in St. Louis to President Jefferson Davis's capture. His battles and skirmishes included Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas. He was brother-in-law to my MOSB ancestor, General John Hunt Morgan.....submitted by Compatriot Bob Arnold

Basil Duke was born May 28, 1838, in Scott County, KY. He attended Georgetown College, Centre College and studied law at Transylvania Univ. in Lexington, KY. In 1858 he moved to St. Louis to practice law. On June 18, 1861, he married Henrietta Hunt Morgan of Lexington, and they became parents of seven children.

As war clouds gathered in Missouri, Duke attempted to persuade Gov. Claiborne Jackson to let him place a secessionist flag atop the St. Louis courthouse, which would create a stir and much commotion in the street, no doubt bringing the Union military to the scene. While they were thus distracted, he would break into the St. Louis armory and take arms to be sent to the Confederate forces. Jackson did not approve the plan. Instead Jackson sent Duke and another man South to request arms from newly appointed CSA President Davis. They did so, and were given four guns (cannons) to take from Baton Rouge to St. Louis. Upon arrival in St. Louis they were overcome by the Union military and the guns were taken from them.

Duke then attempted to recruit a Missouri cavalry unit, but finding that difficult, decided to cross the Mississippi and join his brother-in-law, John Hunt Morgan and his raiders. Upon arrival in Morgan's camp, Duke was given the rank of 1st Lt., from which he later rose to rank of colonel. Their success as raiders helped convince President Davis to support other partisan ranger groups.

It was rumored that Duke was the "brains" behind Morgan's success. Duke supposedly planned the raids and Morgan carried them out. Duke takes credit only to the extent of "making suggestions".

Duke tells of some of his experiences with well known CSA commanders. He speaks highly of Albert Sidney Johnston, saying that if Johnston had lived the South may have won the war. He describes Braxton Bragg as being slow to move into action, and that his hesitancy cost the South valuable ground in Kentucky and Tennessee. Duke also had passing acquaintance with General N. B. Forrest. He greatly admired Forrest. At one time he served as Forrest's second in a duel. Forrest instructed Duke to arrange the duel on horseback with

sabers. Another time, post war, he and Forrest were riding by train to New York to attend a Democratic national convention, when a bully rushed into the car with the intent of attacking Forrest. All Forrest had to do was to stand up, announce, "I am Forrest", and the attacker backed off.

Duke tells of some of the peculiarities of some of Morgan's men. Tom Boss carried an ax on his back into battle, and is known to have split skulls with it. Col. Greenfell carried a Bowie knife, and when a surgeon refused to amputate one of Greenfell's infected fingers, he place his hand on a chopping block and hacked it off himself. Parson Wynne hated to see civilians' horses impressed into service by soldiers, and often spoke harshly against it. But when his own horse was killed, he did not hesitate to take a civilian's horse. He called it a "compulsory and necessary trade."

Duke was with Morgan's raid into Indiana and Ohio, which ended with the entire unit being captured and placed in the Yankee prison in Columbus, OH. Gen. Morgan and several others escaped and made their way back to Confederate held territory. Duke and most of the others preferred to not risk escape. Instead, they were transported to Fort Delaware. Duke was afforded the privilege of an officer by riding in coach on the train to Delaware with an armed escort. During the trip they became friends, and upon arrival in Delaware Duke was invited into the escort's home for a few days as the Fort was overcrowded. That Union escort was severely reprimanded afterward for showing such hospitality to a "rebel".

Duke and fifty others were arranged for exchange. They took a boat from Fort Delaware to North Carolina, but they ran into a storm and the boat was sunk. Duke made it to shore, and made his own way to rejoin his unit in West Virginia. General Morgan was killed one morning in camp, when a young girl in the home of their host betrayed their presence. Following Morgan's death, Duke took command of the unit for the duration of the war.

When the war ended, General Duke was among those accompanying President Jefferson Davis on his escape from Richmond, and was with them until Davis's capture in Georgia.

Moving to Louisville in 1868, he was active in public life and was one of the city's most respected leaders. He was elected as a Democrat to the Kentucky House of Representatives in 1869 and from 1875 until 1880 was the commonwealth's attorney for the 5th Judicial District. He later served for twenty years as the chief council and attorney for the L&N railroad.

Duke was a charter member of the Filson Club Historical Society and was appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1901 as commissioner of the Shiloh National Park. (Duke had been in that battle, too. He was wounded twice at Shiloh.). He was active in Veterans' organizations, and we can assume from that that he was a member of the Confederate Veterans - which later became the SCV.

He died following surgery in New York on Sept. 16, 1916, age 78 and is buried in the Hunt-Morgan family cemetery in Lexington, KY, alongside his wife and other family members including General John Hunt Morgan.

I have visited that cemetery and was taken aback by the poor condition of the Hunt-Morgan family plot. Headstones were covered with moss. I mentioned this to a member of the camp in Lexington and was informed that the cemetery does not allow individuals to come in to clean up grave sites for liability insurance reasons, but was assured that the moss is a seasonal thing that disappears of its own accord each winter. Our SCV camp there keeps an eye on it.....Bob Arnold

Liberty Quotes.... "If it weren't for lawyers, we wouldn't need them." *A.K. Griffin*

"You don't make the poor richer by making the rich poorer." *Winston Churchill*

"You can't run a society or cope with its problems if people are not held accountable for what they do." *John Leo*

"The great majority of mankind are satisfied with appearances, as though they were reality, and are more influenced by the things that seem than those that are." *Niccolo Machiavelli*

Pilot Knob...has some real potential for recruiting and forming a new Camp for the Missouri Division. With that in mind several Utz Camp members met at the Pilot Knob Firehouse to plan future activities in that area. Commander Roper, 2nd Lt. Commander Robert Graham, Adjutant Brad Blutsworth, Gene Dressel, Rob Adelson, James Boulware, Mike Mosier, Hal Bishop, Mary Hause, Jessica Mosier, Zack Burnett, Mike and Mary Schafer, Amy Graham and Norman Kneusel shared ideas for a proposed flag plaza in Pilot Knob, as well as plans for recruiting in the area. 2nd Lt. Commander Graham gave an excellent talk on the importance of explaining the sacrifices our Confederate ancestors made and the importance of defending their good name.

Editors notes...I was pleased to be able to publish several articles that were contributed by our members. Thanks to Bob Arnold and Mike Blair for their help. I hope this will catch on and everyone will contribute articles for future issues. I would like for the newsletter to belong to all of our members. If you have anything you would like to have published, please send them to me:

Camp Calendar...

[1] April 18th, Saturday, 1 PM, Next camp meeting, Spencer Branch Library

[2] April 25th-26th, St. Charles Gun Show Recruiting, Table costs \$75, admission \$10; J. B. Reenactment

[3] May2-3Washington, MO. Gun Show.

[4] May 9th, Saturday, 1 PM, May Camp Meeting, Spencer Branch Library, Room 240 & Gala Costume Ball at the Grand Opera House St. Charles, MO. \$40 contact: (636) 946-9828

[5] May 16th-17th, Pacific, MO. Gun Show Recruiting, Eagles Club, Tables cost \$40, admission \$5.

[6] May 16th - 17th, Dixon Camp Confederate Memorial Day at the Alton, IL. Cemetery; National Genealogical Society Family History Conference at St. Charles, MO. (held from May 13th till May 16th)

[7] May 24th, Sunday 1 PM, Annual Utz Camp Confederate Memorial Day at Fee Fee Cemetery, Bridgeton, MO.

[8] June 6th, Saturday 1 PM, June Camp Meeting, Spencer Branch Library

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Hope to see y'all at the April 18th meeting