



# THE TELEGRAPH KEY

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## The Confederate's Corner

*By Rick McPherson*

**Happy New Year** and Greetings to all compatriots and friends of the **Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920**.



**Don't forget to send in your Lee-Jackson reservation. If you are a current member, your dinner is at no charge this year. You need only pay for your spouse or guest. Of course, donations are greatly appreciated! 😊**

### Recap of our December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, our 232<sup>nd</sup> meeting

**The Key Camp** welcomed 15 members and 5 guests at our December meeting. Thanks to those that attended. We hope to see you all again at our January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting.

**Compatriots are reminded that spouses, guests and especially prospective members, are always welcome to our meetings.**

# Meeting Recap

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Membership report: 48 current members are paid.



**Adjutant Lawson Rener** presented a motion, that member's fee for the Lee-Jackson dinner be waived and paid for from the current treasury for this year's banquet. The waiver does not apply to spouses or guests. The idea is to encourage greater attendance, extend our appreciation to our loyal members who have consistently paid into the treasury with their dues and to utilize some of the treasury that has grown beyond our immediate operational needs. That motion was voted upon and passed by a majority of those attending.



The **Lee-Jackson** banquet will be held on **Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**. Donations of items to be auctioned, to benefit the Camp, are being solicited. Heading that committee will be **Compatriots Dan Peterson** and **Chris Edwards**. Our auctioneer will be **Compatriot Lane Smith**



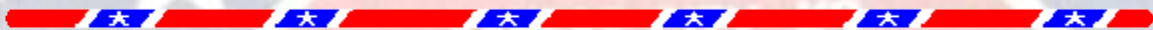
As a reminder, because of the Lee-Jackson Banquet's late January date; there will not be a February meeting.



The monthly program was given by **Compatriot Rick McPherson**, presenting, "The man who killed the man who killed Lincoln, the Boston Corbett story".



Hits to the **Key Camp Web Page** from 11/25 to 12/30 were +27. YTD total hits are 610.



**Reserve your seats now!**

**Lee-Jackson Banquet**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**Check your mail for your invitation sent from Adjutant Lawson Rener**

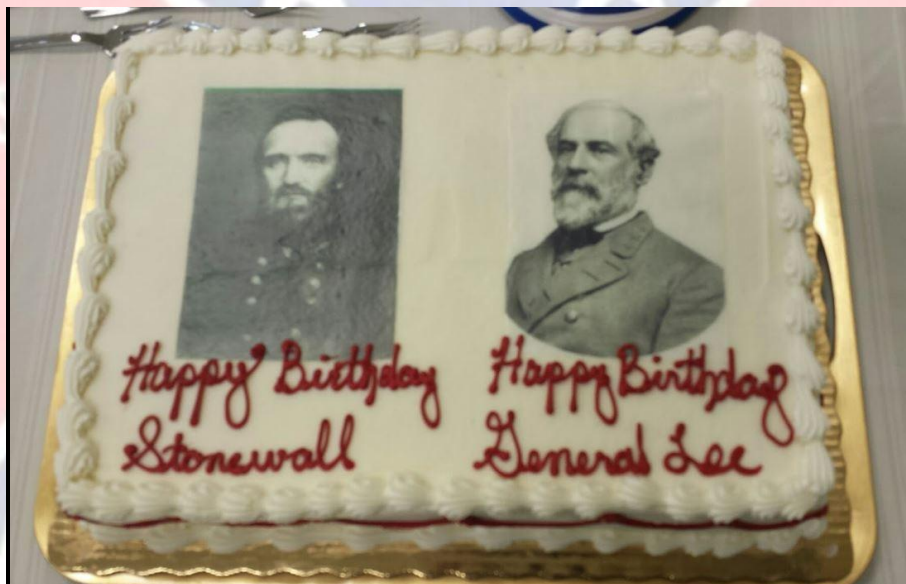
**(Donations for the auction are also needed)**

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**Coming January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**





Our December speaker was **Compatriot Rick McPherson** who presented **The Boston Corbett Story**, The man who killed the man who killed Lincoln.

Thomas P “Boston” Corbett gained fame as the soldier who would kill John Wilkes Booth at Garrett Farm and would later be known as a mad man, even inspiring the character, “The Mad Hatter” in the cartoon movie “Alice in Wonderland”. Corbett became a resident of Concordia, Kansas and was committed to an insane asylum before escaping and vanishing forever. His story brought to light one of Kansas’s most intriguing and infamous former residents.

*Below is one of my favorite Civil War stories. It's probably apocryphal, but still very entertaining.*

### **He Said He Was Hit in the Leg**

Two soldiers were sitting at a campfire the night before what was clearly going to be a battle. The two were buddies who had enlisted together and had fought alongside each other for months. As they gazed into the embers, one broke the contemplation by saying: "You know that rule that we can't stop to help the wounded?" "Yep" "I say to Hell with that rule. I don't want to lie all day in a field bleeding to death." "What do you propose?" "I say that if either of us is wounded tomorrow, the other will stop what he is doing and help his buddy out." "Agreed."

The next day the two were in the thick of the fighting and while charging across a field, one was wounded. He called out to his mate and reminded him of the promise they had made. "Where are you hit?" "In the leg. Carry me back to the hospital." His friend lifted him over his shoulder. He trudged about a mile with shells exploding all around and finally reached the hospital. Seeing a doctor, he yelled at him to come help his friend.

The doctor took one look at the wounded soldier and said: "I hope you didn't go to a lot of trouble getting him here. He's stone-cold dead." The soldier was upset by this quick diagnosis and insisted the doctor take another look. Doctor: "You need to take a look." The soldier gently lowered his buddy to the ground and saw that he no longer had a head. Apparently, a cannon ball had taken just the right angle when it bounced and took the head clean off. The soldier had not even noticed it.

He turned to the doctor shaking his head and said "Damn, he said he was hit in the leg!"



# Wreaths across America- Higginsville



The **Wreath's Across America** ceremony was once again held at the Confederate Cemetery and Chapel in Higginsville, Missouri. Attending were **Compatriot Paul Allen and Betty**, shown lower left preparing to place a wreath. The Missouri Division UDC, representatives of the Armed Services, Hughes Camp of Independence, MO. and Lafayette County Blue and Gold Singers were among those that participated. Thank you Betty and Paul!

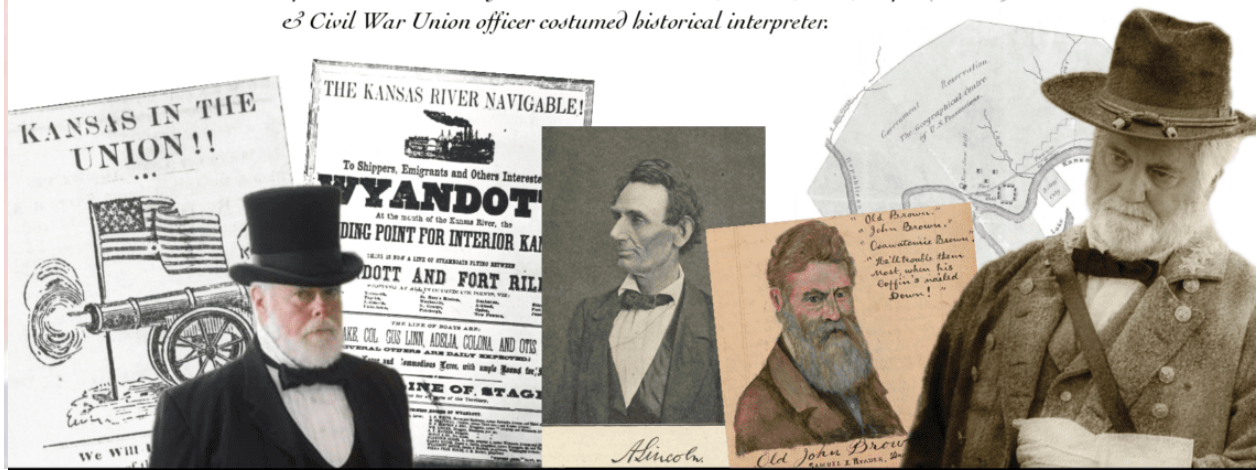
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## PROGRAM SERIES 2023

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- JANUARY 29** **“Kansas Day” ‘If I Went West, I Think I Would Go to Kansas’:**  
**Abraham Lincoln, the Sunflower State, and the Election of 1860”**  
by Jonathan Earle, Ph.D., Dean, Roger Hadfield Ogden Honors College  
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.  
*Special introduction by Suzanne Valdez, District Attorney, Douglas County, Kansas.*
- FEBRUARY 5** **“The U.S. Army's Response to the Unrest in Kansas - 1855-1861”**  
by Robert J. Smith, Ph.D., Director, Fort Riley Museum, Ft. Riley, Kansas.
- FEBRUARY 12** **“John Brown, a lit match in a tinderbox”**  
by Grady Atwater, Site Administrator, John Brown Museum and State Historic  
Site, Osawatomie, Kansas.
- FEBRUARY 19** **“John H. Matthew and ‘The Lecompton Swindle’ ”**  
by T. Kevin Griffin, Major (Retired) & MA
- FEBRUARY 26** **“Steamboats on the Kansas River”**  
by Kendall G. Gott, Major (Retired) author, retired senior professor, Combat  
Studies Institute, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. (Books signing following talk)
- MARCH 5** **“An 1869 Conversation with General Robert E. Lee”**  
by Lane Smith, costumed historical interpreter.  
*Special introduction by Dr. Herschel L. Stroud, D.D.S., O.D., Capt. (Retired)*  
*♂ Civil War Union officer costumed historical interpreter.*



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# Random pics from the December Meeting



## Toys for Tots

**Adjutant Rener, Commander-elect Schley, Commander Sewell** and Miss Elsa display some of the toys collected at the December meeting for Toys for Tots. The toys will be distributed by the Marine Corps Reserve to kids across the Kansas City metro.

According to **Commander-elect Schley**, the camp collected 17 toys and \$20 for the program.

Thanks to all who contributed to help Christmas be a little bit brighter for some Kansas City kids.



**Betty Allen** (above) holds a Christmas candle made by **Jill McPherson**. **Betty** and **Donna Brooks** (not pictured) were both given candles as an expression of appreciation for their continued support and attendance at the Key Camp meetings and functions. They were acknowledged at our December meeting.



Miss Elsa, daughter of our Commander, sang and danced a jig to the tune of Jingle Bells played by **John Atherton**



The **Key Camp** sponsored wreaths for 7 Confederate graves, at Fort Leavenworth and represented in Higginsville as part of **Wreaths Across America**.

## The Kentucky River Giant: Martin Van Buren Bates – 7”11” Tall

The mysteries and marvels of the life of Martin Van Buren Bates begin with his birth. What’s not contested is that he was born on November 9 at Kona, in Letcher County, Kentucky, to John Wallis Bates and his wife, Sarah.

But was it November 9, 1837 or November 9, 1845?

More on the eight-year disparity in a moment, but first to what would make Bates an international circus and social-circle sensation as part of a couple who by the 1870s toured the world as “The Largest Married Couple in the World.”



How large? Their publicity touted their total height at just less than 16 feet with a total weight at about 900 pounds.

Martin Van Buren Bates’ life began traditionally enough. The family owned a large farm at Kona, on the north fork of the Kentucky River. There John and Sarah Bates raised a family of seven boys and five girls, with Martin being the baby. He was apparently of unremarkable size at birth.

Anna Swan, from Nova Scotia, Canada, was an accomplished performer before she met her would-be husband.

But beginning at about age seven, Martin began to grow. And grow. And grow some more. Soon it was impossible to deny that he was going to be bigger than his big brothers and sisters, not to mention his parents. By the time he was 13 he weighed 300 pounds and was as tall as a man.

He would continue to grow until he was 28 years old, ending up at what he touted to be 7 feet, 11 inches tall, with a well-distributed weight of 525 pounds. It was said that one of his boots could hold a half-bushel of shelled corn, about 28 pounds of the grain.

Despite his mammoth size, Bates’ adult life began in a normal pattern for the time. He traveled across the Kentucky line to Washington County, Virginia, to attend Emory & Henry College, then becoming a schoolteacher. Not long after the Civil War began, he left the profession to enlist as a private in the 5th Kentucky Infantry.



His huge size soon caught the attention of opposing Union troops, who referred to the Confederate giant as a man large enough to



make five men, with the fight of 50. He and his unit saw action throughout the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, distinguishing himself enough to be made a Captain.

It was at one of the numerous battles at the Cumberland Gap that he was wounded and captured, then sent off to be imprisoned at Camp Chase in Ohio. He didn't stay there for long, as he managed to escape and make his way back to his unit to fight another day.

Martin Van Buren Bates' imposing demeanor and dress combined to complement his stature.

When the war ended, Bates made his way to Cincinnati, where he began to capitalize on his size. He joined the John Robinson Circus and its "Cabinet of Curiosities"—the sideshow or "freak show." Along with Bates came his cousin, John Wright, who joined the same circus as a marksman who performed his "shootist" show on the back of a galloping horse while aiming at targets with his pistol. Wright, also known as Devil John Wright and later known as the most famous U. S. Marshal in Eastern Kentucky, was also the inspiration for the character of Devil Judd Tolliver in the book "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" by John Fox, Jr.

Martin Van Buren Bates made the circus his home for the next five years, traveling throughout North America under the watchful eye of his promoter, Judge H. P. Ingalls. And it was Ingalls who brought the Kentucky River Giant the greatest gift of his life.

He and Ingalls were talking about organizing a tour of Europe, to introduce Bates and his great stature to the people of that continent. Finally, Bates accepted Ingalls' European tour plan, and

in 1871 Bates traveled to Elizabeth, New Jersey to finalize the plan.

While there, Ingalls introduced his client to the ultimate showman, P. T. Barnum. With Barnum was one of his sideshow attractions, Anna Swan, of Nova Scotia, Canada, reputed to be the tallest woman in the world and, in fact, a few inches taller than Bates. The two fell in love, and before the end of the year, Miss Swan would become Mrs. Bates.



*Wedding ring worn by Martin Van Buren Bates*

The tour with Anna was a triumph. Here are some entries from Martin Van Buren Bates' journal referring to his time with Anna on the tour:

April 22, 1871, couple left New York on the City of Brussels of the Inman Line accompanied by Judge H. P. Ingalls.

May 2, 1871, arrived at Liverpool, and spent a week at the Washington Hotel.

May 19, 1871, arrived in London and gave a reception at the Willis Rooms on Kings Street to editors and medical men exclusively.

May 29, 1871, gave first public reception at same place.

June 2, 1871, Ordered by royal command to appear before Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, at Buckingham Palace. The Queen expressed her pleasure in the warmest terms and presented us with several valuable presents.

By 1872 they were using the billing of The Largest Married Couple in the World. Their claimed particulars:

Martin Van Buren Bates: 7' 11½"; 525 lbs.; age 35 (using birth year of 1837)

Anna Swan Bates: 8' 1"; 425 lbs.; age 26 (using uncontested birth year of 1846)

And who are we to cite Guinness and other sources that he was 7' 7½" and she was 7' 11"?

Whatever their sizes, on May 19, 1872, Anna gave birth to a stillborn daughter that weighed 18 pounds and was 27 inches long. The couple donated the body of "Sister" to science. In July, 1874, they ended their time in Europe and returned to America, where they took another tour, this time in the Southwest.

After they finished that tour, Martin bought a farm for the couple in Seville, Ohio, and there built a house designed just for them and known locally as The House The Giants Built.

Another child was born to the couple in 1879, a boy, who died hours after birth. "Babe" was 28 inches long and weighed 22 pounds, and is still listed in Guinness as the largest child ever born.

After this the two returned to Seville and the farm life. And they were apparently happy for 10 years. During that time, according to several sources, Bates compiled autobiographical information, part of which states: "I was born on November 9, 1845."

According to press accounts of the 1871 wedding, "the bride's dress became her well. . . " And, "Captain Bates, the bridegroom, may be pardoned for having looked rather less at ease in a blue coat, white waistcoat and grey or light-tinted trousers."

Speculation is that, wanting to continue his career as a circus performer, and worried that advancing age—mid 50s based on an 1837 birth date—Bates simply knocked eight years off his age.

In 1889, Anna became ill and died, apparently of heart failure. Owing to problems with obtaining a casket large enough for Anna, Martin soon had his own casket specially built and stored it in his barn until it was needed.

He later remarried, to the normal-sized Annette LaVonne Weatherby, and lived with her until his death in 1919, at age 82. Or was he just 74?



# 2022 Camp Activities

Events and activities various Key Camp members participated in.

**January-** Removal of Wreaths @ Fort Leavenworth National Military Cemetery.  
Lee- Jackson Day Banquet

**February-**

**March-** Activation of new Key Camp web page and Facebook page  
**Compatriot Lane Smith** presenting “The Trial of Jefferson Davis” at Lecompton, KS

**April-** Mine Creek Battlefield “Park Day”, Pleasanton, KS  
Missouri History Day at Lone Jack Battlefield, Lone Jack, MO

**May-**

**June-** Kansas Division Reunion led by our own **Kansas Commander Lawson Renner**  
Southern Memorial Association Service at the Fayetteville, Ark. Confederate Cemetery  
Confederate Memorial Day celebration at the Higginsville, Mo. Confederate Cemetery

**July-** Confederate headstone cleaning at Camden Point Cemetery, Camden Point, MO.  
Camden Point Confederate Cemetery Memorial Service, Camden Point, MO.  
National SCV Convention, Cartersville, GA.

**August-** Mine Creek Heritage Day, Pleasanton, KS

**September-** Ladies of the Plains, UDC, State Conference, Shawnee, KS  
Key Camp Picnic, Shawnee Mission Lake

**October-** Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival, Mission, KS  
Wilson Creek Battlefield visit, Republic, MO

**November-**

**December-** Toys for Tots  
Wreaths across America @ Fort Leavenworth National Military Cemetery  
Wreaths across America @ Confederate Cemetery, Higginsville, Missouri

## Reminder

**Ms Linda Curtiss, Chapter Founder/Charter President of the The Ladies of the Plains 2696, United Daughters of the Confederacy**, has invited those interested, in joining them in a Zoom presentation for their February Chapter Meeting, *The Black participant in the War Between the States*, presented by Teresa Roane, Richmond, Va., and most recently, Archivist at the **Museum of the Confederacy**.

To register, email [bridgetmcward@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetmcward@gmail.com) or text your name to 785-640-2500.

Please reply prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

# Wreath Across America

## Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery



Nearby Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery is the final resting place for seven Confederate soldiers. The **Major Thomas J Key Camp #1920**, under the leadership of **Commander-elect Walt Schley**, once again made sure each Confederate headstone was adorned with a wreath. The following is a short bio on each of those soldiers that are interred at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery. **We remember them.**



**NAME & RANK:** Private J. W. Bayne

**Unit:** Company B,  
Shank's 12<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry Regiment

**Died:** 06 Nov 1864

**Approximate Age:** 25 Years

**Cause of death:** Amputation

**Additional information:** Private Bayne is listed on General Shelby's casualty report as having received a severe gunshot wound that shattered his right humerus at the battle at the Big Blue River on 26 Oct 1864. His arm was amputated a few days later on 31 Oct. He had been a member of the "Iron Brigade" since August 1862. Born in Virginia, he was the son of A.S. Bayne and was farming in Moniteau County in Missouri when the war started.



**NAME & RANK:** Private George W. Brashear

**Unit:** Chorn's Company,  
Searcy's Battalion Missouri Sharp Shooters

**Died:** 21 Feb 1865

**Approximate Age:** 20 Years

**Cause of death:** Died in prison

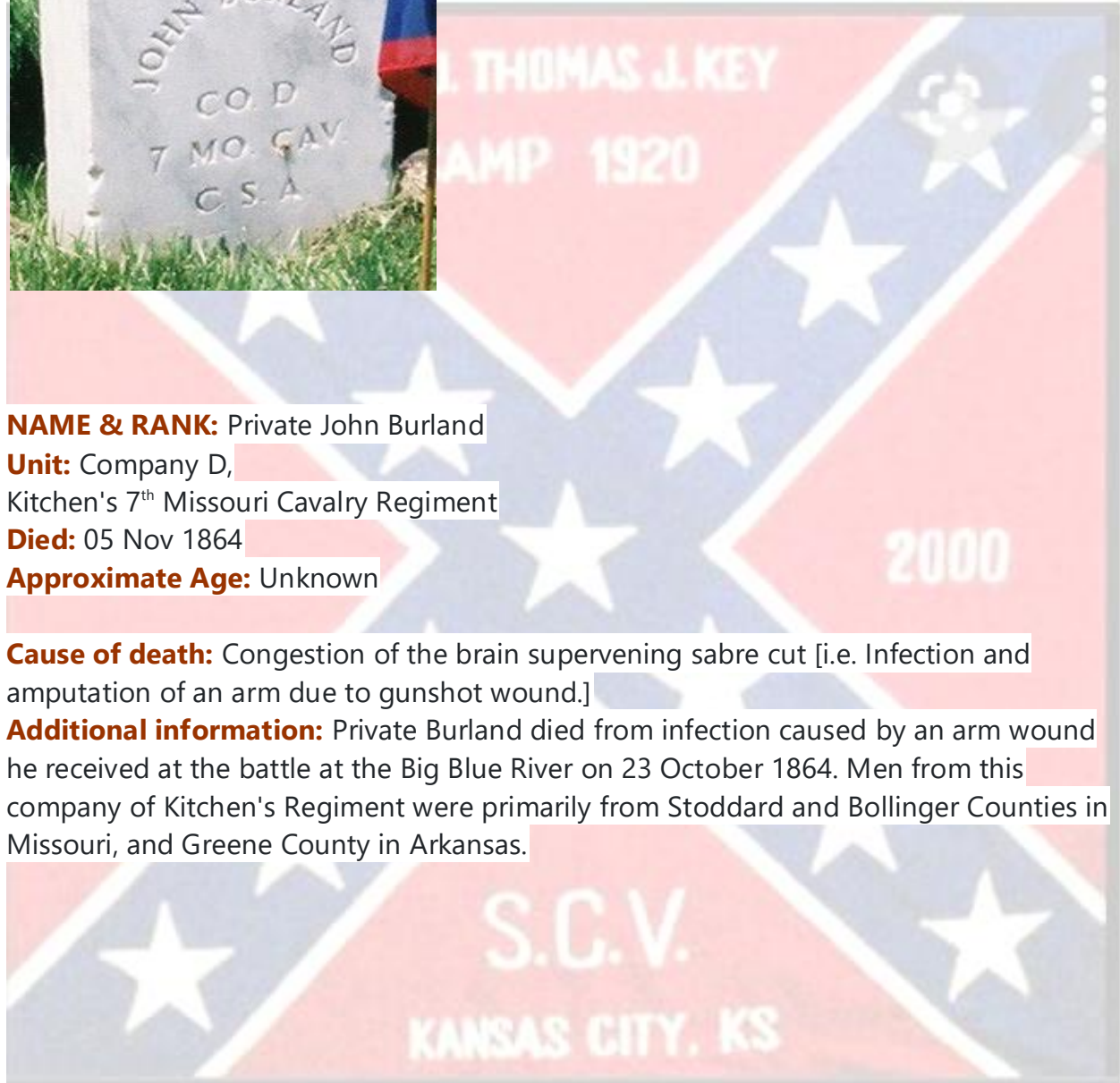
**Additional information:** Private Brashear surrendered or was otherwise captured around Fort Scott, Kansas. He spent time there in the hospital and was transferred to Fort Leavenworth 01 Feb 1865. He "died in prison" on 21 Feb 1865. No cause of death was listed. George was the son of George W. Brashear, Sr., who died before the war, and Casadana Williams, both of Howard County, Missouri. George's brother, Uriah, also served his country and state in the Confederate army. He too was captured, but survived the war. [Source: Richard Johnson, a distant relative of Pvt. Brashear.]



**NAME & RANK:** Private John Burland  
**Unit:** Company D,  
Kitchen's 7<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry Regiment  
**Died:** 05 Nov 1864  
**Approximate Age:** Unknown

**Cause of death:** Congestion of the brain supervening sabre cut [i.e. Infection and amputation of an arm due to gunshot wound.]

**Additional information:** Private Burland died from infection caused by an arm wound he received at the battle at the Big Blue River on 23 October 1864. Men from this company of Kitchen's Regiment were primarily from Stoddard and Bollinger Counties in Missouri, and Greene County in Arkansas.





**NAME & RANK:** Private Jesse Gregg

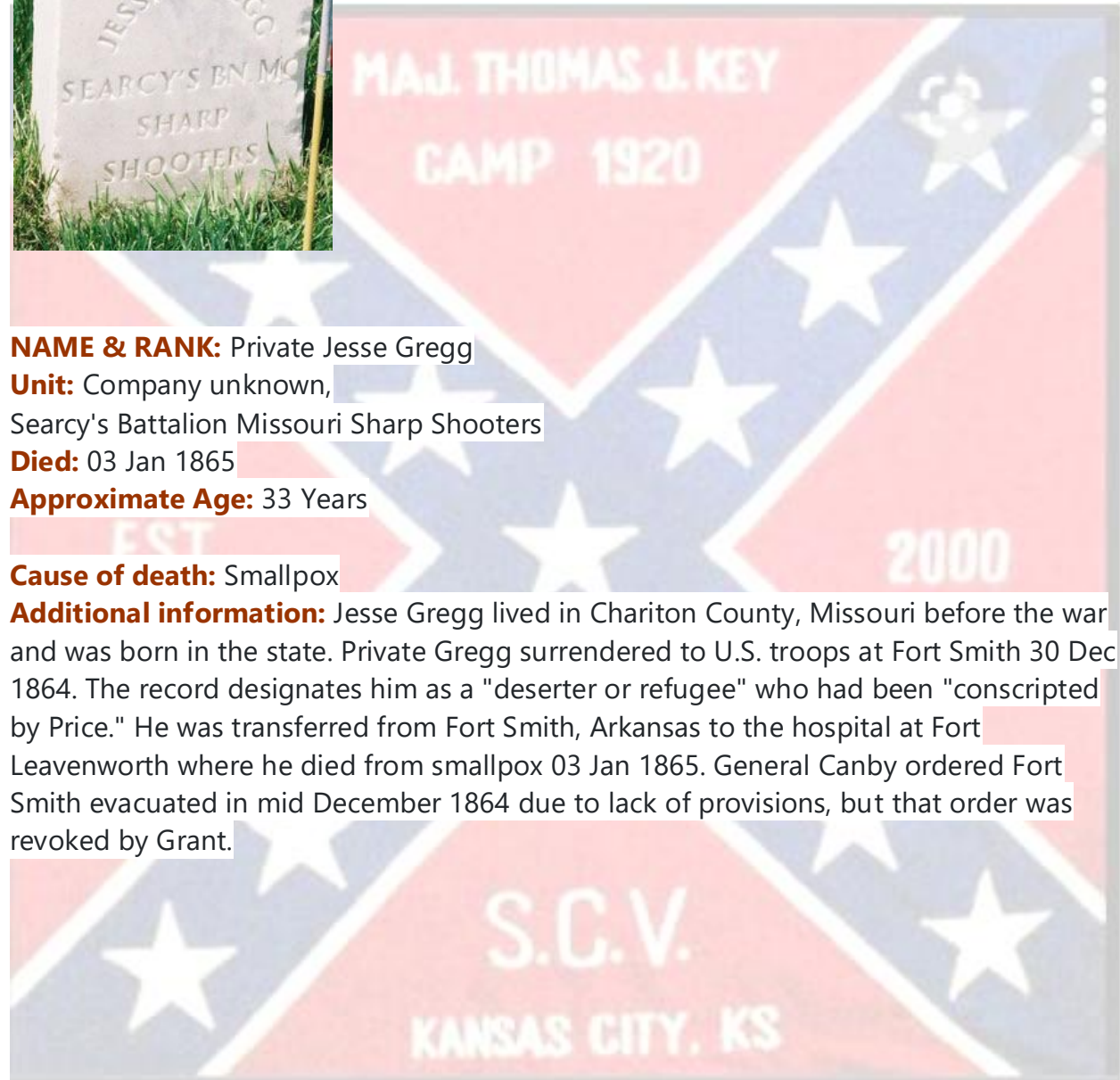
**Unit:** Company unknown,  
Searcy's Battalion Missouri Sharpshooters

**Died:** 03 Jan 1865

**Approximate Age:** 33 Years

**Cause of death:** Smallpox

**Additional information:** Jesse Gregg lived in Chariton County, Missouri before the war and was born in the state. Private Gregg surrendered to U.S. troops at Fort Smith 30 Dec 1864. The record designates him as a "deserter or refugee" who had been "conscripted by Price." He was transferred from Fort Smith, Arkansas to the hospital at Fort Leavenworth where he died from smallpox 03 Jan 1865. General Canby ordered Fort Smith evacuated in mid December 1864 due to lack of provisions, but that order was revoked by Grant.





**NAME & RANK:** Private John A. Halston

**Unit:** Company H,  
Fristoe's Missouri Cavalry Regiment

**Died:** 05 Nov 1864

**Approximate Age:** Unknown

**Cause of death:** Congestion of Brain Supervening Sabre wound [i.e. Infection and amputation of an arm due to gunshot wound.]

**Additional information:** Private Halston was captured at the Battle of Westport, Mo. 23 October 1864. Though the headstone spells his name "Halston", the death records for Private Halston also have the surname spelled "Hulston". Company H was formed in Oregon County, Missouri.







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**NAME & RANK:** Private M. K. Jones

**Unit:** Company E,  
Slemon's 2<sup>nd</sup> Arkansas Cavalry Regiment

**Died:** 06 Nov 1864

**Approximate Age:** 23 Years

**Cause of death:** Gunshot wound to the right chest - ball penetrating lung

**Additional information:** Private Jones was captured 22 Oct 1864 during the battle at the Big Blue River, MO and - suffering from a gunshot wound - was sent to hospital at Leavenworth, KS. The gravestone doesn't provide either a company or regiment for Private Jones. It reads "M K Jones Ark. CSA." The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (a Federal government system) records him as having been in Company A, McGehee's Arkansas Cavalry regiment, while Missouri state parks records and his death record have him as being a member of Slemon's Regiment. M.K. Jones was originally a private in the 37th Regiment of Arkansas Infantry, but was given a general disability discharge in 1862. After his discharge, he returned to his home in Princeton, Arkansas. He probably joined Slemon's regiment in 1864 as part of Price's army.

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**NAME & RANK:** Private Benjamin H. Moulton

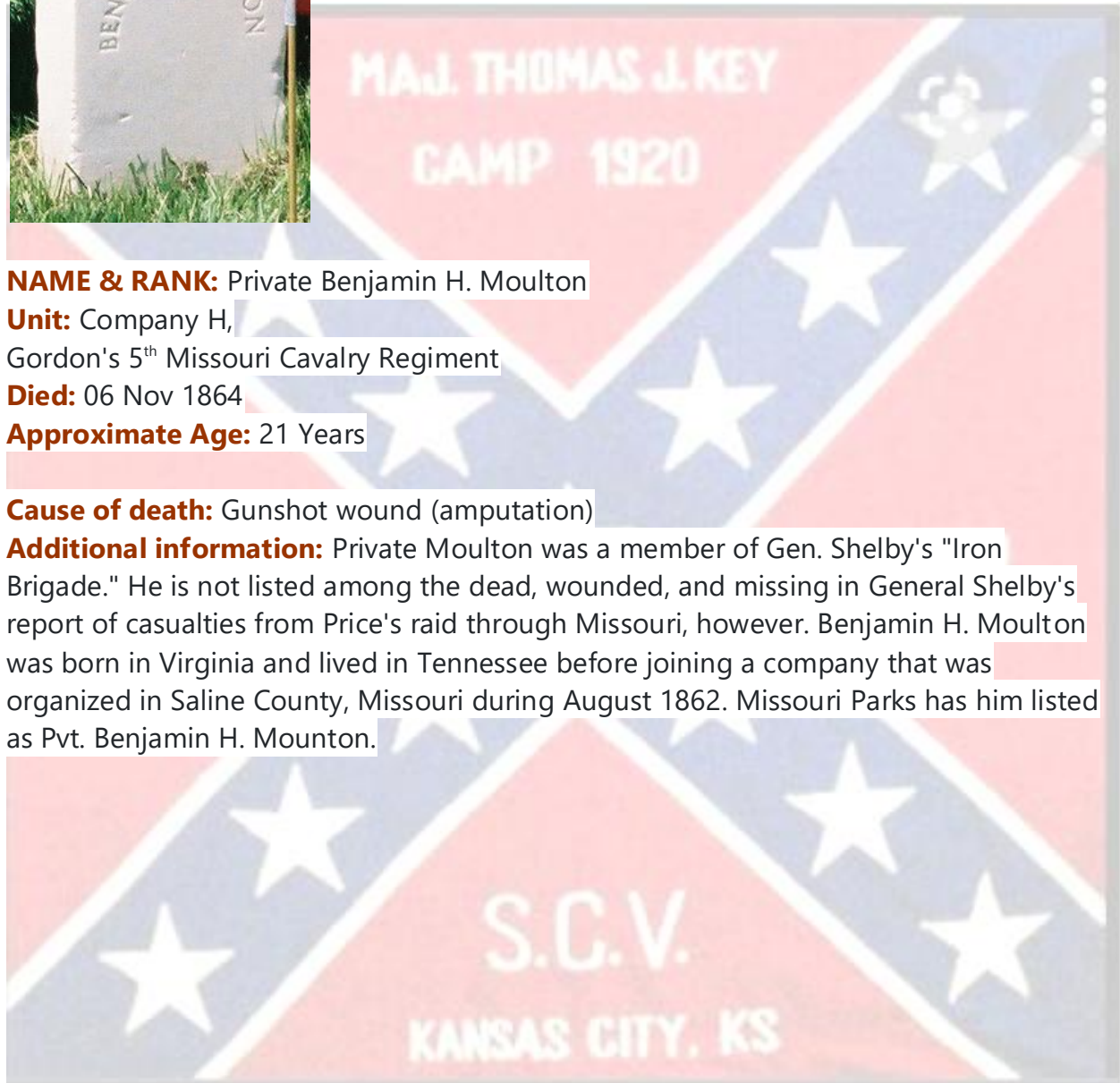
**Unit:** Company H,  
Gordon's 5<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry Regiment

**Died:** 06 Nov 1864

**Approximate Age:** 21 Years

**Cause of death:** Gunshot wound (amputation)

**Additional information:** Private Moulton was a member of Gen. Shelby's "Iron Brigade." He is not listed among the dead, wounded, and missing in General Shelby's report of casualties from Price's raid through Missouri, however. Benjamin H. Moulton was born in Virginia and lived in Tennessee before joining a company that was organized in Saline County, Missouri during August 1862. Missouri Parks has him listed as Pvt. Benjamin H. Moulton.



**Your Lee-Jackson Reservation is awaiting your return. Please RSVP  
by January 18<sup>th</sup>.**

*You are cordially invited to the 21st Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet  
Sponsored by the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920  
Sons of Confederate Veterans*



6:00 PM, Saturday, January 21, 2023

The Abdallah Shrine Temple  
5300 Metcalf Avenue  
Shawnee Mission, KS 66202  
(Metcalf just south of I-35)

*Auction items, Dinner, Camaraderie, Lane Smith and William Stoker presentations,  
Live music by Fine & Dandy*

No charge for Key Camp members - \$30.00 per Guest – Cash Bar  
Coat and Tie / Business Casual / Confederate Uniform / Period Attire

**PLEASE SUBMIT RESERVATIONS BY JANUARY 18, 2023**

**RSVP:**

**21st ANNUAL LEE-JACKSON BANQUET**  
*Sponsored by the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Saturday, January 21, 2023*

*Reservation Confirmation  
(Please Print Names - Use Reverse Side for Additional Names)*

*Compatriot Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No Charge this year*

*Name of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Name of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_*

*TOTAL Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_*

*TOTAL Amount Enclosed: # guests attending x \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
No charge for Key Camp members*

*Mail This Form and Payment (checks payable to Key Camp #1920) to:  
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# Thomas J. Key Camp

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Johnson County, Kansas  
Camp Activities

**January Camp Meeting – January 5th**

**Lee- Jackson Banquet – January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Ladies of the Plains Chapter Mtg via Zoom – February 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00am**

**MO Division Reunion March 2023**

*As always, we encourage your participation in your Camp's activities.*

*Email **Commander Sewell** for more information on any events you are interested in assisting*



**\*\*\*\*\*NEXT CAMP MEETING\*\*\*\*\***

**Thursday January 5th**

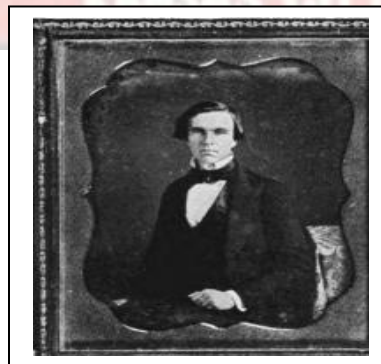
**Presentation by Walt Schley**

**Featuring Patriot- Anthony Scott O'Connell**

The Key Camp will meet on Thursday January 5th at Zarda's Bar B-Q on the southwest corner of 87th and Quivera in Lenexa, Kansas with the official meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to arrive early (6:00 p.m.) for BBQ, conversation and camaraderie.

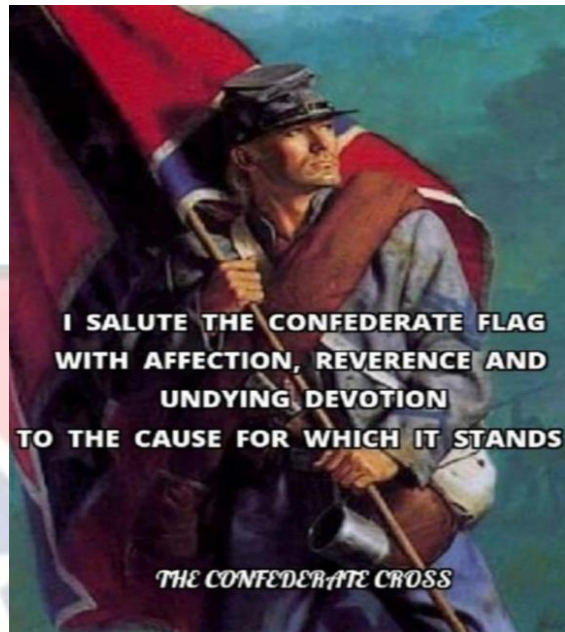
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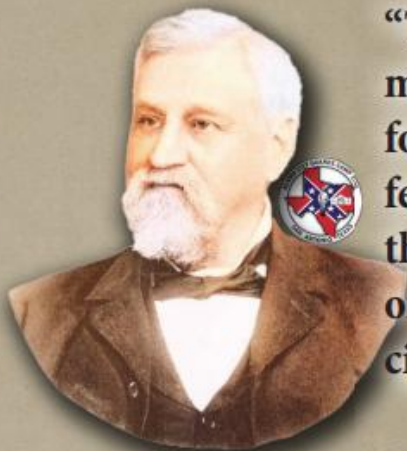
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**“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish.”**

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906