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Dr. Leander Caruth “Lee” Miller With Quantrill

Leander Caruth Miller, was born in Callaway County, Missouri, October 29, 1836. His father, Abraham Miller, a native of Kentucky, immigrated to Missouri in 1818 and settled in Callaway County in 1819, and by occupation was an agriculturist, and continued to reside in the above named county until his death in 1862. L.C. Millers mother, Polly Rule-Miller was also a native of Kentucky. Born and raised in Bourbon County, the daughter of Capt. Rule, he being a Captain in the war of 1812. She died in the year 1848.

L.C. spent his youth on a farm, and attending common school and afterward attending high school at Independence, Jackson County, Mo. He quit school and went to California, remaining five years. Then entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia where he graduated in 1857. [in another article he states he went to Medical College in the Spring of 1866.]

Returning Missouri he settled in Shelby County and began his practice and in a short time he extended his practice into Jackson and Cass Counties.

L.C Miller married three times, first to Miss Sarah Belle Shanks, niece of Col. Shanks. She died on 22 December 1860, at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Shanks, in Jackson County. Mrs. Sarah Bell Miller, was the wife of L.C. Miller, she was 17 years old. As recorded 4January, 1861 in Death Notices from Callaway Newspapers-*The Telegraph and The Missouri Telegraph 1861 – 1865*. Sarah Bell leaves one child, William E. Miller.

His second wife was Miss Mary Ellen Nesbit, of John Nesbit of Shelby County; she died in 1881, leaving two children: Minnie B. Miller and John W. Miller married his third wife Emma T. Dodds.

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NEW !
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Please remember to cite your sources and include documentation. Photographs must include the owners name so credit can be given. We obviously want to bring our members new information, therefore, we ask that no previously published articles be submitted unless the work is out of copyright, including stories appearing on websites.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Members,

With the pandemic of Covid 19 it is difficult to know where to start in a message to members of the Quantrill Society. It seems like most organizations have been put on the "back burner", so to speak.

Confederate Memorial Day at Higginsville was canceled this year. However, I noticed that most cemeteries are more lovely decorated than usual. This means that people have more time (hopefully) to remember their deceased loved ones and are getting out showing they are remembered.

Even though the flag ceremony and spoken words to attendees did not happen this year, Civil War veterans and all veterans have been on our minds. Perhaps that is most important. Next year we will hopefully be able to gather and remember our veterans as a group.

Waiting for the pandemic and social distancing to calm down Quantrill Society Board has some decisions to make about our whether or not to hold our Annual Meeting, Tour, Meal and Election of Officers. This will be on our agenda for the next board meeting.

While it may be made on short notice, members will be notified of the board's decision on this matter so watch your mail and email or information from WCQS.

If you are interested or know a member who would be interested in serving on the board please drop us a note by email or on our website comments section.
Take good care.
Cindy Taylor, WCQS President

NOTE: Our Society President has made an Executive decision to cancel all events this year including Annual Meeting, Tour and Elections.

Check out our NEW website
www.wcqociety.org

Dr. Leander Caruth "Lee" Miller With Quantrill -continued from p 1**Miller Talks about Being in The War**

During an interview published in a February 1910 issue of *Sedalia Capital* L.C. stated: "I was captain of a company of 90 men and was with Price's army during the first year., taking parts in the fights at Rock Creek, Carthage, Lexington, Fort Scott, Springfield and many minor skirmishes. We enlisted for 9 months, and after that nearly all of Price's men went into the regular Confederate Service..."

L.C. served with Regular Confederate units under General Price for nine months [Missouri State Guard Co. E 1st Regiment Cavalry Volunteers CSA] then rode with Quantrill's company for most of the war, serving as both a soldier and doctor. L.C. and his brother John Walter Miller fought with Quantrill, L.C. being the oldest in his command.

Describes Quantrill

"There was a remarkable man-Quantrell. He was about my height. I am five feet ten and a half, but not quite so heavy. He was straight and well formed, light hair, blue eyes, a Roman nose, and fair skin. He was generous, kind and unassuming, yet born to command. He kept his own counsel, and when he made up his mind to do anything his determination was such, backed by courage, and by loyal followers, that nothing could prevent him from carrying out his plans. There was 83 of us, and no man in his command ever flinched or refused to follow him. He was a gentleman in his instincts and I have often heard his say he would shoot any man who would abuse or insult women or children."

Defending The Border

"Many people looking back over the scenes of Missouri warfare forget a certain order that was issued by the federal commander of Missouri in 1862. The order was that all

federal officers and soldiers should kill every man found bearing arms. It will be remembered that Kansas men were laying waste our border and that hundreds of homes were being ruined. When Quantrell read the order he called his men into line and advised all who wanted to leave the command to go south; but as to him he intended to stay in western Missouri and help the federal authorities carry out that order. Every man spurred forward to his side. There were 40 of us. That order gave rise to the killing of prisoners..."

Most Remarkable In All The History Of Warfare

"The most remarkable achievement of Quantrell's forces and to my mind the most remarkable in all the history of warfare was the Lawrence, Kansas, raid. We left the Grand River, in Cass County, Aug.21, 1863, with 297 men, for Lawrence. It was 5 in the afternoon. At 5 the next morning we reached Lawrence, 80 miles westward. At 10 o'clock the town was in ashes and many federal soldiers slain. They begged to be taken prisoners, but Quantrell reminded them of General Halleck's orders and of the hundreds of old men they had killed in Missouri. There were 350 federals stationed at Lawrence.

Return To Missouri After Lawrence

On our return to Missouri we were pursued by more than 2000 soldiers from Kansas City but we arrived at Grand River timber in safety after a skirmish in which we killed not less than fifty. We had traveled 160 miles , 297 of us, without eating, sleeping or feeding our horses.; fought twelve hours out of forty and only lost five men, but had spread death and destruction in our track. It sounds like a fable but it is true. We had two objects in going to Lawrence, one was to seek revenge, the other was to let Kansas know that fire would burn on the west side of the state line. Of course a howl went up and they

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said we killed women and children, expecting the Confederate government would withdraw us; but Jeff Davis knew what was going on along the border. The fact is there was one boy killed and one woman wounded inadvertently. In 1864, sixty-five of us under Todd, killed all but one out of 100 federals at the noted battle of Centralia. We did not go south that fall as we knew the war would soon be over..."

Incident at Fight in Wellington

In the summer of '62 L.C. Miller remembers the fight at Wellington:

"I left camp about noon and went over to B.A. Keen's, who lived nearby. They were just sitting down to dinner and ask me to join them. I removed my pistol belt and hung it in the hall, my horse having been hitched at the Iron Gate. We had hardly began to eat when a member of the family looked out through the window and exclaimed "Here come the Federals. Sure enough there they were galloping right up to the house. I grabbed my pistol and ran out the back door and down a deep ravine., through which I made my escape. When I reached our camp, the first question to arose was as to another horse, the Federals had captured mine at the Keen's. Somebody said there was a black mare in the pasture of Jim Roberts, who lived in the neighborhood, but that nobody could ride her.

We were expecting a fight in a short time and I determined to take my chances with the black mare...."

Mrs. Roberts offered the horse to L.C. if he could ride her. Well, needless to say L.C. broke the mare and went on to fight that same day. After a short skirmish the Federals started to retreat, just as they turned to gallop away L.C.'s mare took after them. He says, "I pulled and pulled until her mouth was in a red foam but she went right on and I saw that she would soon land me in

the Federal lines. I pulled my revolver and resolved to sell my life as dearly as possible, for I supposed they would kill me. Just then I heard someone coming up behind me. I looked and it was Quantrill. He dashed up to my side and said "Old man, where are you going? seized the rein of my bridle close to the bit and pulled the head of the mare around and started the other way. She went alright and ran as fast to join our men as she had to join the Federals. It was a handsome act on the part of Quantrill done in his usual cool and undemonstrative manner..."

He attended the Quantrill Reunion August 17, 1909 in Independence, Mo.

L.C. died 2 August 1913, in Chicago, Illinois. at the age of 84y 9m 5d. He was buried in Knob Noster, Missouri [Johnson County] Knob Noster Cemetery, beside his second wife Mary Ellen.

Submitted by Jackie Polsgrove-Roberts

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**National Confederate Museum
 Ribbon Cutting
 & Forrest Reburial Ceremony
 POSTPONED**

The afternoon of May 23, 2020 was scheduled for the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new Confederate Museum at Elm Springs, SCV Hqtrs. in Columbia, TN. It was to take place immediately following the reburial ceremony for Gen. Nathan Forest and his wife on the same grounds. To find out the details of the events and updates on the rescheduling please visit the SCV website www.SCV.org or local SCV.



Hello Members,

While many of us remain under self quarantine, it would be a great time to dig out those old picture, documents and old family stories that have been stored away for years.

It is apparent, because you are a member of this organization, that you are interested in Quantrill and his men, many of you being descendants so why not share that information with WCQS?

We need your input, any info, pictures, stories you have related to Quantrill or his men, would be greatly appreciated for possible inclusion in the newsletter, anything will be considered.

Please let us hear from you, your suggestions or comments about our newsletter are important to us.

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**BATES COUNTY MISSOURI MUSEUM
 Houses QSCR - Update**

The Bates County Museum is pleased to announce the season's opening of the Museum for visitors.

The new home to the Quantrill Special Collections Research (QSCR) will soon be ready for researchers to use. Please check with the Museum in July to see if the collection is ready.

The collection had been stored in Arkansas but recently became the collection of Bates County, Missouri Museum at Butler, Missouri. While QSCR is NOT quite ready for researchers to use, having this collection in western Missouri will provide easier access for researchers, historians, authors, teachers, and others who are interested in Quantrill and the Missouri partisan guerrillas who fought during the War Between the States.

As Museum Director I am thrilled to have this wealth of invaluable information in our facility. Our Bates County Historical Society and Museum is privately funded and we honor and respect all our ancestors.

The Society's motto is: Preserve Our History & Sustain Our Heritage.

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**2020 Commemoration of
 The Battle of Lone Jack, Missouri**

Due to Covid 19

This year, Lone Jack will be having a memorial only. Saturday, August 15, 10 a.m.

Social distancing will be observed.

PILOT KNOB -STILL ON

As far as we know now, the Civil War Re-enactment of The Battle of Pilot Knob at Fort Donaldson State Historic Site is Scheduled to continue as planned. Please contact 573-546-3454 for latest updates.

Cut To Pieces - Joseph Callaway Who Had Served With Quantrill

Joseph Marshall Callaway was born 12 July 1839 in Madison County, Tennessee to John F. Callaway and Mary Cassandra Moore Marrow. John M. was one of seven children born to John and "Cassandra".

The family came to Cass County, Missouri in 1844, John entered 600 acres of land in what is now Bates County, they made their home in what was then Van Buren County [now Cass County] and were prominent members of society. When Joseph was in his early 20's the family lived in Dolan Township, Cass County, Missouri. With the Civil War heating up he joined Quantrill.

Callaway did not marry until 12 November 1872, in Carroll County, Missouri, he was 33 and his wife Susan Virginia Timbrook, 15 years his junior.

Joseph and Susan became parents of four children, one of which was William Hugh Callaway, [known as Hugh] born 3 July 1874.

After their marriage Joseph and Susan lived in Carroll County for several years, moving to Tennessee for one year in 1879 before returning to Carroll County, Missouri. Sometime in the early 1880's they went to Golden Lake Arkansas where Susan died on June 8, 1884.

In 1898, their son, William Hugh Callaway, at age 24, married Robert Minnie Johnson and first lived in Ray County Missouri, soon moving to Lafayette County, Missouri. Joseph Callaway remained in Ray County, Missouri.

Robert Minnie Johnson-Calloway, wife of William Hugh Callaway was the daughter of

Taylor L. Johnson and Sabrina O'Brian. She was the youngest of six children. Her eldest brother was Doctor Franklin Johnson, known as "Doc".

On July 14, 1902 the brothers in law- William Hugh Callaway and "Doc" Johnson boarded a ferry boat in Lexington, Missouri for a friendly game of dice. But the friendly game turned into a time of horror for all. Thirty-four year old Callaway and Thirty-one year old Johnson got into a quarrel about the game. Johnson stabbed his brother in law Callaway four times, but not fatally. When Joseph Callaway, the father of William Hugh, stepped in to settle the matter, Johnson, without being provoked, attacked him and disemboweled him and there the former Quantrill man died.

Johnson made his escape, running to the woods but was soon caught by a posse after being surrounded for several hours.

Submitted by Jackie Polsgrove-Roberts

Major Sources: Missouri Federal Census Records 1850-1900; Missouri Marriage Records; *The Saint Louis Republic*, July 19, 1902; *The Atlanta (Georgia) Constitution*, July 16, 1902; Personal genealogical research on both the Callaway and Johnson families; *History of Cass County*, Chapter XLIV. Biographical History p 710-711.

EVENTS CANCELLED

- **The Annual Reenactment at Hulston Mill has been canceled this year.**
- **Hartsville Event - canceled**

WILLIAM CLARKE QUANTRILL SOCIETYDescendants of Quantrill Men Info Form

In the interest of preserving history and discovery of who is descended from these men, WCQS is attempting to establish a database of today's Quantrill men descendants. If you are willing to be known as a descendant of one (or many) of these men, please register, giving your name, address and other contact info that you desire. We will keep your contact info private if you wish, or share with other society members and other descendants. Please designate your wishes below.

Your name: _____

Quantrill relative's name (may be more than one): _____

*Your address: _____

*Phone Number: _____

*Email: _____

(* is optional)

Please check or write in your preference:

- I know that I am related to a Quantrill man, but want to remain anonymous.
- Keep my contact info private—not for anyone's use.
- Place my name and contact info on a database to be known by WCQS members only.
- I would release my NAME ONLY for WCQS members and researchers.
- I wish to be notified of WCQS events and receive newsletters.
- OTHER: _____

THANK YOU!!

In the space below explain Relationship: Are you a direct descendant or a relative (cousin, uncle, etc)?



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