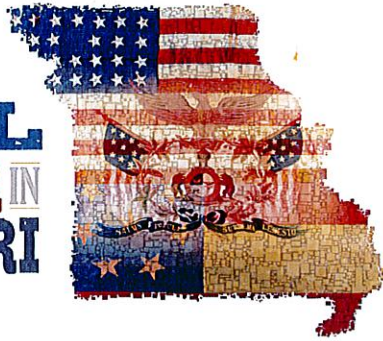


THE CIVIL WAR IN MISSOURI



A TRAVELING EXHIBITION
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The Missouri Humanities Council invites small museums, historical and cultural institutions in Missouri to apply to host *The Civil War in Missouri* a traveling exhibition available in March 2013. The Missouri Humanities Council in partnership with the Missouri History Museum are proud to be offering this traveling exhibit to our constituents throughout the State beginning 2013 through 2015.

Designed to audiences through museums, libraries, historical and cultural institutions in communities across Missouri, this exhibit is free to selected host organizations. While there is no direct cost for a museum to participate in the tour, with support from the Missouri Humanities Council, host communities will be expected to create public programming around the exhibition.

Four communities will be selected for this exhibition, with each exhibit lasting eight weeks. Notification of selected sites will be summer 2012. Sites will be selected based upon geographic location, evidence of strong community support, strength of proposed ideas for complementary events, and physical event space (800 square feet and 8 foot ceiling minimum).

The Civil War in Missouri 2013-2015

Description: Missouri's status as a border state forced many of its citizens to make difficult decisions and choose sides in a complex situation that resulted in a bitter, divisive, brutal, and psychological war within a war. Organized along three broad themes, the exhibition looks at the contest for the hearts, minds, and bodies of Missouri's citizens. The complex issue of slavery in Missouri is examined in the context of that contest. The guerilla war that consumed Missouri during the period of the Civil War and the Union efforts to suppress that activity are featured as well.

Organization: The exhibit would be organized around three major topics; slavery in Missouri, people forced to choose and/or acknowledge their loyalty and beliefs, and the guerilla war. The exhibit will be crafted in a way that connects the present to past experiences in Missouri.

Section One: Slavery in Missouri would present information on the role of slavery in the Missouri economic, political, and social realms. It would also address the tension over emancipation in Missouri and the changing status of African Americans during the war. Finally, the section would examine the legacy of race in Missouri since 1865.

Section Two: Forced to Choose is the point of entry into the many forces at work in Missouri before and during this period. Citizens were forced to declare loyalty to one of two ideals (Union or Confederate) and often had to navigate among passionately held beliefs within those camps. Citizens were compelled to consider the impact of their choices on their families, their businesses, and their freedom.

Section Three: War of No Quarter focuses on the guerilla war that eventually blanketed much of Missouri. Stories of guerilla actions and military reprisals in an effort to control the Missouri countryside can be found in almost every part of the state. This created a sense of uncertainty about daily life few can imagine today and led to one of the harshest treatments of civilians in U.S. history, Ewing's Order No. 11, forcing many people in western Missouri to leave their homes.

How to Apply: Applications for *The Civil War in Missouri* should be submitted to the Missouri Humanities Council by Friday, March 30, 2012 (postmarked or emailed). Tours for the exhibit begin in March 2013 and run December 2015.

Note: The application is available online at www.mohumanities.org. If you do not have internet and email access, please contact the Missouri Humanities Council office at 1.800.357.0909 or email: mail@mohumanities.org to make other arrangements for submission of materials.



For more details about *The Civil War in Missouri* traveling exhibit tour and how you can be involved, contact Anna Marie Wingron, at the Missouri Humanities Council at 314.781.9660 or email: annamarie@mohumanities.org.

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