

CIVIL WAR SPEAKER SERIES

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AT THE

JESSE JAMES FARM & MUSEUM

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Tom Rafiner is an independent researcher and historian. Tom lives in Parkville, Missouri, but was raised in Raytown, Missouri. Tom's ancestral roots in Jackson County, Missouri, stretch as far back as 1831. While conducting family research, Rafiner found relatives who lived in Cass County, Missouri, during the Civil War. Tom's ancestors, the Samuel Parsons family, were driven from the county in 1863. Natural curiosity about Order No. 11 and questions about the fate of Cass County families soon became an all-consuming passion.

Three fires raged all around and through the families of Cass County during the time period of the Civil War in Missouri. For the Kansas-Missouri border, this was the undying Border War. Although little is known about Order No. 11 in the public eye, the conflict in the three-county border area was bad enough that the area came to be known as "the burnt district." The three fires that raged, that meant destruction for this area and these families, were Unionism, Secessionism, and the undying Border War. You will find these stories and more in [Caught Between Three Fires: Cass County MO, Chaos, and Order No. 11.](#)

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