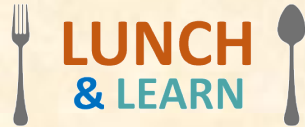


May



Cinders and Silence

When: May 22, 2019

9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Where: Osage County Community Center – Linn

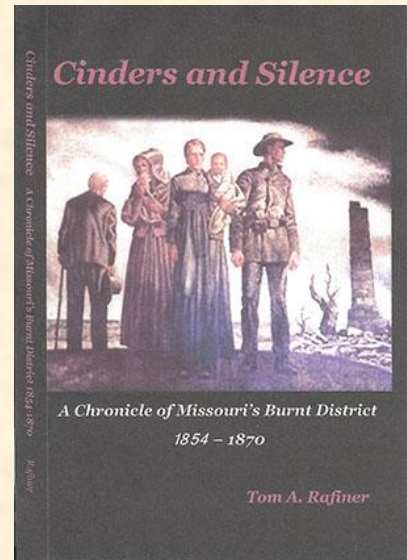
9:30 Coffee and Cookies

10:00 Bingo

11:00 Cinders and Silence

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Door Prizes



Tom Rafiner, our May Lunch and Learn speaker, was researching his family genealogy and became interested in Missouri's Burnt District. This interest soon became an obsession as he pursued the lives of the 34,000 people driven from their homes under Order No. 11. In 1863, 2,200 square miles of western Missouri was emptied followed by the destruction of 2,800 homes and farms.

Tom has written and self-published two histories of the burnt district: *Caught Between Three Fires: Cass County, Mo., Chaos, & Order No. 11, 1860 – 1865* and *Cinders and Silence: A Chronicle of Missouri's Burnt District, 1854 – 1870*. Research has taken him to the National Archives in Washington, D.C. five times. Tom's second book *Cinders and Silence* answers two basic questions about this event: (1) What happened? Why was western Missouri reduced to **Cinders**? and (2) Why is this horrific not remembered? Why has historical **Silence** hidden the event? Tom is an old school storyteller! Join us and learn about Missouri's Burnt District.