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2nd Wednesday of each month - 7:00 p.m.
Old Blake Museum - 106 E. Walnut
Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 15.00
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The bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861 was the opening engagement of the American Civil War. The countdown to the 150th Anniversary on April 12, 2011 is just 1735 days as of the date of our Round Table meeting, Wednesday, July 12, 2006.

*In Memory of
Tim Cox
9-15-1956
1-14-2006*

The past month has been a busy time for our group so I thought I would take the opportunity to fill everyone in on what has happened.

First, the effort to nominate the Little Blue Battlefield to the National Historic Registry has finally come to some sort of conclusion. Some months ago the Partners in Parks organization through the efforts of Connie Langum of Wilson's Creek agreed to finance the preparation of the nomination papers. An intern was found and the project was launched. Through many trials and tribulations, half starts and what actually came to be a no start, I received the nomination forms. I have talked about this before at our meetings but the nomination I received was not anything anyone should be proud enough of to put their name on. After many conversations with Connie and many attempted conversations with the nomination preparer it was finally decided last week that the nomination was not complete. What this boils down to is that the preparer will not be paid, if not in total, at least only partially. This still means the nomination is not complete. But, here's the good news in all of this - I have had an E-mail from Connie and she has volunteered to do the preparation. In her words "The Western Civil War Round Table folks deserve to have a quality nomination that can not only be listed on the state level but on the national level as well." That's good news to me and things should go much smoother in the future. Connie and I are planning to meet soon to discuss where we go from here. It's been a long process but at least now I feel we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and it's not a train headlight!

Second, at our annual picnic on July 12th plans are being made to transfer the ownership of the Lewis Gregg Cemetery from the Jackson County Historic Society to The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri. The lawyers still have to do their thing but if all progresses as planned it will happen. This is truly a great step for our group. To be willing to be the caretaker of this important part of our history is a very momentous decision. Because we are willing to shoulder this responsibility we can be assured that this piece of history will never fall beneath a bulldozer's blade. Members have volunteered to form the Lewis Gregg Cemetery Committee. These volunteers will be contacted in the near future and then the work will begin. My personal thanks go out to the entire membership of the Round Table and to the volunteers for their support in this all important endeavor.

Last, I have news about the subcommittee to the City of Independence Historic Preservation Commission that is being formed and that I have been asked to be a member. The first meeting will be held next month. I don't know exactly what will be taking place. I do know that this is the first time, that I am aware of, that the City of Independence has formally acknowledged that the Civil War has importance. The City must be made aware of the history of the War, its significance, its need to be preserved and the impact it can have on the tourist industry. We'll see what the future brings but for now I truly look forward to any effort that will promote preservation of our past and especially Civil War preservation.

See you all at the Picnic.

~Mike Calvert, President, CWRTWMO

CWRTWMO Calendar

July Annual Meeting / Picnic

Wednesday, July 12th, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Lawson-Moore Home (Lucky and Fran Mason). See details and map below!

July Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 19th, 7:00 p.m.

17313 E. 51 Terr. Court

Independence, MO

August Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, August 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Old Blake Museum – 106 E. Walnut Street

Independence, MO

August Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 16th, 7:00 p.m.

17313 E. 51 Terr. Court

Independence, MO

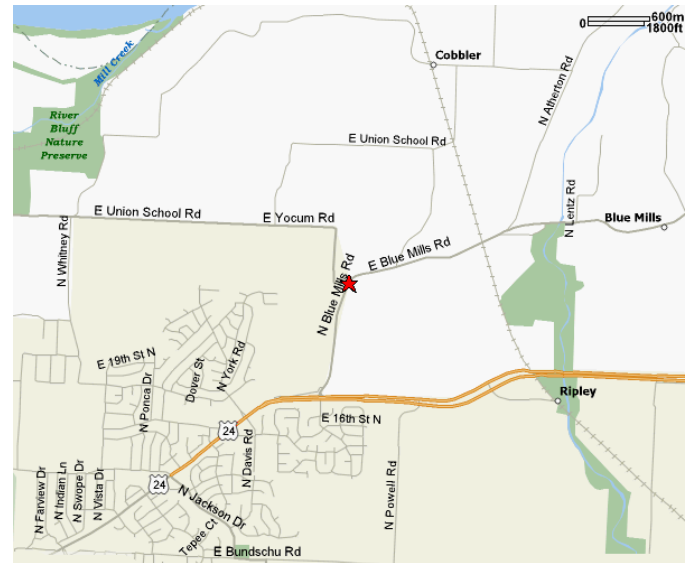
Civil War Round Table Annual Picnic

Lucky and Fran Mason have invited us to have our July 12th picnic at the Lawson Moore house, located at 20309 E. Blue Mills Road which is about .6 mile north of 24 Highway on Blue Mills Road. There are three driveways on the south side of the road, and we should use the middle one to park in the field between the Moore House and the Masons' former home. Yes, I said, "former home" because the Masons now live in the 1856 Lawson Moore house which they have been restoring for some time. We have also been invited to tour the home after our picnic at 6:00 p. m. Don't worry if you can't get there exactly at 6:00; come when you can.

The Civil War Round Table will provide fried chicken and drinks. Everyone else should bring a side dish or dessert to share plus plates, service, and folding chairs. If you have a card table handy, please bring it.

Lawson Moore was a Confederate soldier. Mrs. Moore and her eight children moved to Clay County in 1863 due to Order No. 11 and never returned to the home. The house was abandoned and partially burned when General J. O. Shelby moved his wounded men into it during the Battle of the Little Blue, October 21, 1864.

Lucky Mason says that he actually acquired the property in order to get the barn which was built in 1910 and is quite large and handsome. That same description might also apply to Lucky's prize ox named Charley whom you might see in the pasture.



**Lucky and Fran Mason (Lawson Moore Home)
20309 E. Blue Mills Road**

Mourning Customs of the Civil War

We want to thank Rick Gardner assisted by Sandra Martin and the mysterious "lady in black" for sharing mourning customs of the Civil War and beyond. Listeners remembered some of the customs extending into the 20th century in stories they shared with the group at the June meeting. We hope to share some pictures in the August newsletter.

Refreshments for the August Meeting

Volunteers helping Karen Wells with refreshments at the August meeting are;

Notice the blank space above? That's because there are no names on the list for the August meeting! So, if you can help, please telephone Karen at (816) 628-9910. These people make a very important contribution at all of our meetings!

Additional Memorial Gifts

We appreciate the recent donation from Assurant Benefits, Tim Cox's former employer, for their matching gift of \$95 which came as a result of the personal memorials sent by his friends. As a result of our 501(c)(3) status we are eligible for corporate and philanthropic gifts.

We also received a total of \$60 from Tim's friends in Clay County, Missouri (Eric Langhorst, Jay Thorn, and Karen Wells).

We would also like to thank Dorothy Myers for the lovely donation of a lady's wool riding costume in navy blue with a fine white stripe. When we have events during cooler weather, this would be a period costume to be modeled by some of our ladies. Call Beverly Shaw for more details.

Maienschein Collection of Books

Thanks to Pat Gradwohl and Karen Wells we are updating the list of the books we hold in the Maienschein Collection which was started with a gift from Bob Maienschein and has grown during the years through further gifts and purchases to about 180 volumes. This collection of Civil War books is housed at the Clay County Archives in Liberty, Missouri, and is kept intact as a collection. This is a research library rather than a lending library.

As we have acquired new books, these were sometimes lent to members to read before delivering them to Liberty. We would now like to assemble the books and put bookplates in them. If you have one of the books, please bring it to the July or August meeting or give it to a board member.

Lone Jack to Protect Wagon Swales

Those who went on the field trip to the Noel Ranch near Lone Jack will remember the wagon swales that Mr. Noel pointed out near U. S. 50 Highway and Buckner-Tarsney Road. These are deeply worn wagon tracks on land that once belonged to the Russell, Majors, and Waddell freight company which used to supply settlers between Old Westport and Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The Kansas City Star reported on June 23rd that the city of Lone Jack has created a historic district to protect wagon swales. In the future, any development plans for the area will have to be reviewed by the city's historic preservation commission.

Abraham Lincoln Celebrations

Those traveling East this summer might want to factor in several Lincoln sites. During Memorial Day weekend there was a reenactment of the wedding of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks at the Lincoln Homestead State Park near Springfield in central Kentucky. It was the prelude to a much larger celebration being planned to commemorate the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth in 1809. The national celebration will begin February 12, 2008, at Lincoln's birthplace. A Lincoln Heritage Trail will be developed, and Lincoln sites in Kentucky are planning exhibits and programs.

Another significant site is the \$90 million Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum complex in Springfield, Illinois, which has drawn more than 530,000 people since opening in April 2005. It is one of the new museums that tries to touch hearts as well as brains. The floor trembles and cannons belch smoke in the theater, while in the library, wispy holographic ghosts haunt the artifacts, according to the travel section of *The Kansas City Star*.

Order Number Eleven Display

The Cave Spring Historic Site is planning a reenactment on August 19th in cooperation with the Rice-Tremonti Home and the Raytown Historical Society which make up the Three Trails Heritage Group. They have asked our Round Table to display Civil War artifacts and memorabilia in two locked cases. We would like to prepare the display by the end of July and have it seen during the month of August. Please call Beverly Shaw at (816) 478-7648 to let her know if you have clothing, munitions, or paper artifacts to share. If you are coming to the July picnic, you can bring items then. Please make a list of what you have with a brief description. The Cave Spring building has an alarm system and the items will be insured.

Civil War Round Table of John Knox Village

Margaret and John Hunt invite you to the July 13th meeting at 7:00 p. m. at the Sun Valley Club House, Craigmont and Killarney in Lee's Summit, MO. The program will be on the Battle of Franklin.

Napoleon Cannon Dedication

On Saturday, July 22nd, the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund and the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department will dedicate the 12-pound Napoleon cannon that is a replica of one of the four artillery pieces fired at Byram's Ford during the Battle of Westport on October 23, 1864.

The dedication will be held at 11:30 a. m. at 4800 E. 63rd Street, Kansas City, MO. From 10:00 a.m. there will be tours of the battlefield, exhibits of artifacts, and historical displays. Much of the Big Blue Battlefield is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Boots and Saddles: George Armstrong Custer Display

The National Archives - Central Plains Region is presenting a lobby display of documents relating to Custer and several members of the Seventh Cavalry who fought in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in recognition of its 130th anniversary. The display is located at 2312 E. Bannister Road, Kansas City, MO through August 20th.

Bingham-Waggoner Estate

Don't miss the 19th annual Antique and Craft Fair on Saturday, July 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come early for the best selection of items from more than 100 crafters and antique dealers. A wonderful variety of items will be available such as home decorations, jewelry, collectibles, vintage dishes, and linens. Admission to the Fair is free but tours of the House will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the regular price. A free shuttle bus will operate from the Community of Christ Auditorium Parking Lot at River and Pacific.

The July display at the House is "Needle Work Extraordinaire – Beautiful and Fine Linens."

Battle of Athens Annual Celebration

On August 5th and 6th, the annual celebration will be held at the Battle of Athens State Historic Site at Revere, MO, telephone (660) 877-3871.

William Clarke Quantrill Society

The William Clark Quantrill Society is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the study of the Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas border with emphasis on the lives of Quantrill, his men, his supporters, his adversaries and the resulting historical record. A secondary purpose is to collect and disseminate genealogical information about Quantrill, his men and their descendants. For more information, please visit the WCQ Society website at www.geocities.com/quantrillsoc or E-mail; wcqsociety@aol.com.

Monthly Meeting Site (NOT the July Picnic Site!)

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri meets at the Old Blake Museum, 106 E. Walnut Street, Independence, Missouri (northeast corner of Walnut and Main). Parking for the meeting is any street parking nearby and a few spaces across the street at the Plasterers' Union building, 301 S. Main. Please do not use any other private parking.

Save the Little BLUE Buttons

Just \$1.00 each



The 1856 Lawson Moore Home



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1910 Barn at the Lawson Moore Home



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