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Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the month - 7:00 pm
Old Blake Museum - 106 E. Walnut
Independence, Missouri
Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 15.00
Family ----- 22.50
Student (under 21) ----- 5.00
Newsletter Only (no meetings)-- 9.00

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"Studying the Border War and Beyond"



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 2071 days as of the date of our Round Table meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2005.

I'VE SEEN THE ELEPHANT, AND. . . (Thoughts from Tim Cox, President)

ELEPHANT TALES

The expression "see the elephant" is an old one, perhaps dating to Hannibal and his use of elephants in battle. Of course, in 19th century America, everyone loved to see the elephants at the circus when they came to town, always the featured attraction. Gold Rush travelers used the term to refer to the remarkable sights they had seen in their adventures out west. Finally, Civil War

Calendar

CWRTWMO – August Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 10, 7:00 p.m.

CEMETERY TOUR – Fairview Cemetery, Liberty, MO

CWRTWMO – October Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.

Program: Quantrill of Missouri: The Making of a
Guerrilla Warrior by Paul Petersen

Old Blake Museum – 106 E. Walnut Street, Indep., MO

William Clarke Quantrill Society

~ August 13-14 – Lone Jack Reunion, Lone Jack, MO

~ September 17-18 – Reenactment of the Battle of
Centralia, Centralia, MO

~ September 29-October 1 – James Younger Gang
Annual Conference, Northfield, MN

~ September 30-October 1 – WCQ Society Annual
Banquet and Business Meeting, Harrisonville, MO

For more information, please visit the WCQ Society
website at: www.geociteis.com/quantrillsoc

Battle of Athens

The August 5, 1861 Civil War Battle of Athens will be
reenacted at the Battle of Athens State Historic Site,
Revere, Missouri, on August 6 and 7, 2005. Other
activities will include period craftsmen demonstrating
and selling their wares, period musicians and various
living history demonstrations. For additional
information, please visit Missouri State Parks website;
www.mostateparks.com.

Centralia Massacre and Battle

Reenactment of Commemorate the 141st Anniversary of
the Centralia Massacre and Battle is planned for
September 17 and 18, 2005. The reenactment will be
held on the actual battlefield, three miles south of
Centralia, Missouri. Events also include a barbeque,
dance and period church service. For additional
information, please visit the Centralia website:
<http://centralia.missouri.org/massacre/>

Meeting 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
near by and a few spaces across the street at the
Plasterers' Union building, 301 S. Main. Please do not
use any other private parking.

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