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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
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Newsletter Only (no meetings)-- 9.00

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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 2008 days as of the date of our Round Table meeting, Wednesday, October 12, 2005.

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

I've seen the elephant . . . while recently on safari to the home of Tom and Janice Pearson located at 30612 E. Blue Mills Road, Buckner, Missouri and I hope you will too as the couple will host the October monthly meeting of The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri starting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2005.

As I pulled into the driveway of the antebellum home on my scouting expedition, visions of the past came to mind as each maple of the tree covered lane leading to the house made its presence felt. Tom later showed an old photo of the home that clearly noted three trails leading up that same lane, two of them narrow buggy tracks and one wider path in the center that must have accommodated horse rider traffic. While the exterior of this "Kentucky Stoop" home was spectacular, it paled in comparison to the inside of the home. It will be a real treat to hear everyone's reactions when they see it all. Much time and effort has been put forth in restoring the home and furnishings.

* **The Meeting** - will begin at 6:00 p.m. outside in the yard to take advantage of the October light. Please pull into the drive and park at the rear of the house. We will have someone there directing the parking. After a few introductory remarks by yours truly and the Pearsons, we will discuss the history of the home, the outside and the yard, then we will move inside to convene for an interior tour.

* **The Home** - was built before the Civil War by William and Martha Steele Hughes. Subsequently their daughter (also Martha) came to possess the home with her husband Samuel Hamilton Chiles who served as Jackson County Marshall from 1896 to 1900. Some old-timers refer to this home as the "Chiles Home."

* **The Location** - is three miles east of Six Mile Baptist Church on Blue Mills Road, between Independence and Buckner on the North side of the road, or about 5 miles east of the Twyman Road / Blue Mills Road junction (near Fort Osage High School). See the map in this issue.

What tales of the Civil War does the home have to tell? Make an elephantine journey to see at 30612 E. Blue Mills Road next Wednesday and find out!

Please remember the 6:00 p.m. starting time!



Pearson ("Chiles") Civil War Home ~ 30612 Blue Mills Road, Buckner, Missouri

Calendar

Please note the October 12th, 6:00 p.m. starting time!

October Regular Meeting

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

Program: Pearson (Chiles) Civil War Home Tour
30612 E. Blue Mills Road, Buckner, MO

October Board Meeting

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

17313 E. 51 Terr. Court
Independence, MO

November Regular Meeting

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

Program: The book, *Quantrill of Missouri: The Making of a Guerrilla Warrior* by Paul Petersen
Location: Old Blake Museum – 106 E. Walnut Street
Independence, MO

November Board Meeting

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

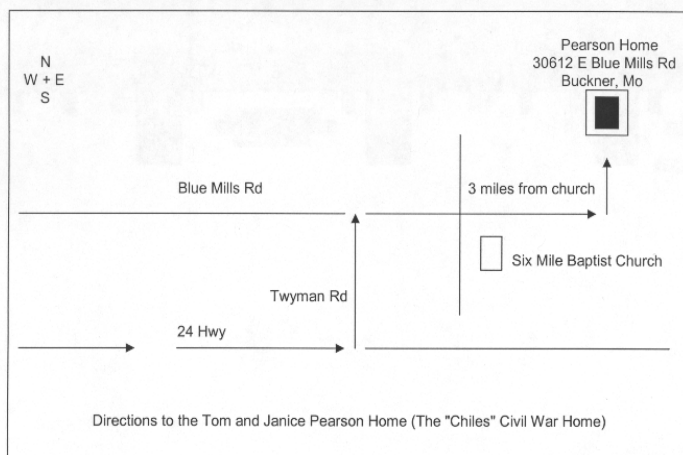
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Guardians of the Little BLUE Battlefield

Tuesday, October 18th, 7:00 p.m.

Blue Hills Elementary School
1911 N. Blue Mills Road
(Just north of Blue Mills Road and 24 Highway)

October Meeting – Pearson (“Chiles”) Civil War Home



Pearson (“Chiles”) Civil War Home
30612 Blue Mills Road, Buckner, Missouri

Election Nominating Committee

It's that time again; time to begin thinking about the election of Officers and Board Members. Our yearly election will occur at the November monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2005.

Prior to that evening, Pat Gradwohl, our Board Member from Liberty and recent Fairview Cemetery Tour Guide, has agreed to serve as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Please direct any thoughts you might have about serving in an elected office or any suggestions about who you think may be willing to serve in the coming year to Pat.

As always, while Pat directs the work of the committee, nominations will be taken from the floor at the meeting, prior to the vote, on November 9, 2005.

September Monthly Meeting / Tour

We had a great time in Liberty on Wednesday evening, September 14, 2005 as we toured the Fairview Cemetery and explored the Clay County Museum on the Liberty square. As usual, many thanks to Karen Wells and those who helped with food and the "Birthday Surprise."

Special thanks to Pat Gradwohl for conducting the tour and arranging the open house at the museum. Pat you did a marvelous job and we thank you.

Please extend a warm welcome to our two visitors the next time you see them: Jerry Tjelle and Chris Cooper.

Union Cemetery Historical Society

Come and enjoy a daytime walk in the autumn leaves at Union Cemetery. Bring a walking partner and enjoy the autumn air together. The UCHS office is open to visitors and volunteers are on site Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and Fridays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For additional information about the UCHS, please call (816) 472-4990.

William Clarke Quantrill Society

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

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.