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The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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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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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 2036 days as of the date of our Round Table meeting, Wednesday, September 14, 2005.

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

I've seen the elephant...receiving a premonition of a mysterious dark headed individual who will lead our group through many obstacles on the way to an intriguing, informative, and fun twilight Civil War presentation. Such is the extravaganza for which I am prepared, as Pat Gradwohl, Round Table Board Member and Clay County Museum volunteer, leads us on a tour of Liberty's Fairview Cemetery, at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, September 14th, during the September regular monthly meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri. Pat has graciously agreed to help us weave our way through the monuments and headstones of Fairview as we learn about such figures in repose there as Colonel H. L. Routt (Liberty Arsenal fame), Alexander Doniphan (Doniphan Expedition), Jacob Hicks (Liberty photographer), Colonel John "Coon" Thornton, and the Confederate Soldier Memorial, just to name a few.

After the presentation at Fairview, we'll then move on to Main Street, on the Square, in Liberty, where Pat will host our party at the Clay County Museum. Refreshments will be served there and a short tour of the museum will be available. Itinerary is as follows:

Fairview Cemetery Tour (corner of Terrace and Shrader) - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Clay County Museum Tour (Main Street on the Square) - 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Please note the map and directions to Fairview in this newsletter.

*A special thank you to Don Hale, our August Meeting presenter. Don lectured on the Vaughn family. Mr. Hale has written many books on this area's Civil War history, and the history of Lee's Summit. He has provided many hours of reading pleasure to many of us. Mr. Hale is also a great individual. Thank you, Don.



Calendar

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

September Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m.
17313 E. 51 Terr. Court
Independence, MO

October Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 12th, 6:00 p.m.
Program: Chiles (Pearson) Home Tour on
Blue Mills Road, Independence, 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.
17313 E. 51 Terr. Court
Independence, MO

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)

News About CWRTWMO Members

We received word that Earl Kenneth Cavanah had cancer surgery at St. Mary's Hospital and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery!

Congratulations to Lucky and Fran Mason and their children for a wonderful 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration on August 28th. Many Civil War Round Table friends enjoyed sharing this very special time with Lucky and Fran.

Mary Ann (Hazzard) and Keith Yoder have moved back to our area from Illinois and are living in Tonganoxie, Kansas. Mary Ann recently wrote a letter to the Editor of the *Kansas City Star*, commending volunteer ushers at our various arts venues. You may remember that Mary

Ann was the House Manager at the Lyric Theatre for many years. She writes that her husband, Keith, is heading down to the hurricane disaster area this week as part of Kansas Homeland Security.

Liberty Missouri Photos

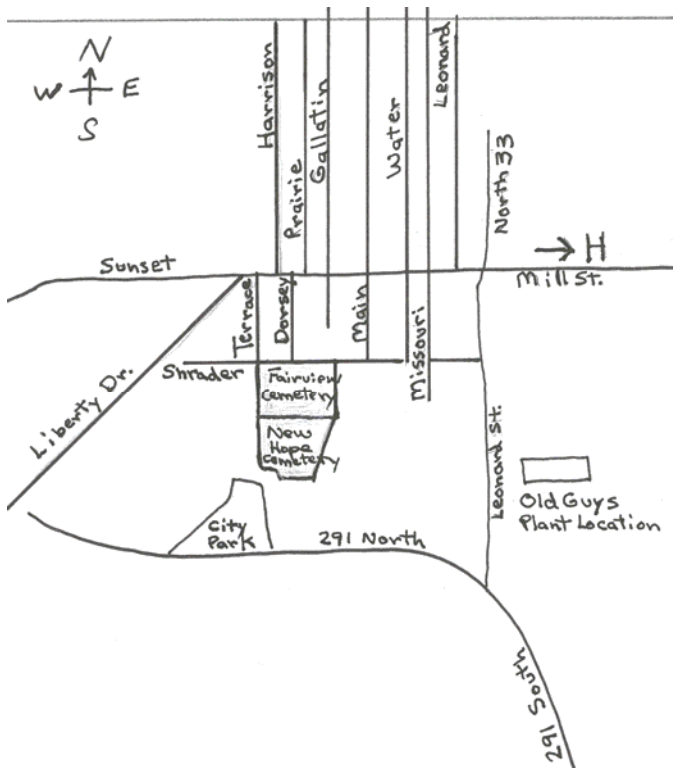


Arch at the entrance of Liberty Cemetery



"Manschein Collection," the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri's library, housed at the Clay County Archives in Liberty, Missouri

Fairview Cemetery – Liberty, Missouri



The Fairview Cemetery is located at the southeast corner of Terrace Avenue and Shrader Street in Liberty, Missouri. This is southwest of the courthouse.

Proceed north on 291 Highway:

- 1) Turn right (continue northward) on Leonard (33 Highway North)
- 2) Turn left on Mill Street (1st light just past the railroad tracks)
- 3) Turn left on Terrace (2nd light). Shrader is the next street
- 4) Parking in the cemetery at the corner of Shrader and Terrace

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.

Summertime Stirfry

Beverly Shaw shares the following recipe for the vegetable dish she brought to the July picnic;

- 6 T. cooking oil
- 2 C. chunked zucchini (no skin)
- 2 C. chunked yellow squash (no skin)
- 1 C. onion chunks
- 2 cloves of garlic diced
- 1 C. raw green pepper chunks (can be a combination of sweet and hot varieties)
- ½ C. okra slices
- ½ C. tomato chunks

In a skillet, heat oil and cook onions, peppers and garlic on low heat until onions are soft. Add squash and cook through, stirring frequently but do not overcook. Should be *al dente* to your taste. Add okra and tomatoes at the end to heat thoroughly but not overcooked. Can be seasoned with an oriental spice mix before serving.

To make a main dish, cook thoroughly Polish sausage slices or Italian sausage chunks in oil before cooking the vegetables. Add back to the stirfry before serving.

William Clarke Quantrill Society

- ~ September 17th – 18th – Reenactment of the Battle of Centralia, Centralia, MO
- ~ September 29th - October 1st – James Younger Gang Annual Conference, Northfield, MN
- ~ September 30th - October 1st – WCQ Society Annual Banquet and Business Meeting, Harrisonville, MO

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

Centralia Massacre and Battle

Reenactment of Commemorate the 141st Anniversary of the Centralia Massacre and Battle is planned for September 17th and 18th, 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/>