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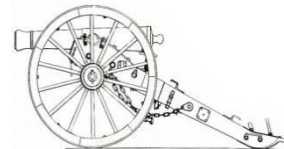
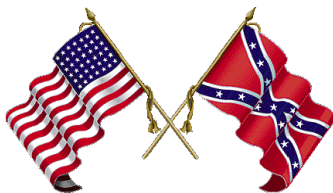
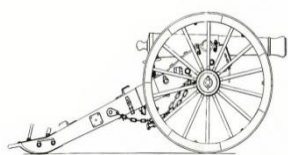
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# Bowling Green Civil War Round Table

President - Dr Ron Hatcher; Vice President – Jonathan Jeffrey; Secretary – Tom Carr; Treasurer – Robert Dietle; Advisors – Dr Glenn LaFantasie and Greg Biggs(CCWRT)

## President's Notes: March 2013

We are privileged this month to have *the* authority on the Battle of Tebbs Bend as our speaker. Betty Gorin is largely responsible for the preservation and presentation of the Green River battle site, cemetery and trail in Taylor County and wrote the book, *Morgan is Coming!* detailing Gen. John Hunt Morgan's forays into KY. I've read the book and no matter your opinion of Morgan, you can be assured that you will know more about him and his generalship after Betty's program. It is my understanding that a commemoration of the battle is planned for this summer and a bus tour of Taylor county civil war sites is upcoming as well, so make a special effort to be at **Cherry Hall Room 210, 7PM on Thursday, March 21** to hear the details. Don't forget to invite your friends who might be interested in hearing what happened on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 150 years ago at this now quiet place adjacent to Green River Lake—an easy afternoon trip from Bowling Green.

Ron Hatcher

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**March's Program:** Betty Gorin, "John Morgan is Coming!: Confederate Raiders in the Heartland of Kentucky"

7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 21. **Please note that this month we will meet in Cherry Hall 210.**

**This month's speaker:** Betty Gorin is a native of Taylor County. She is a graduate of University of Kentucky with a Masters in History and Rank I in Teaching from Western Kentucky University. She won a Fulbright to the Netherlands and has done postgraduate work at Vanderbilt and the University of Virginia. After retirement from public schools, she taught part-time at Campbellsville University.

She won the DAR State History Teaching Award in 1985, Ashland Oil Teacher Achievement Award in 1989, Ida Lee Willis Service to Preservation Award, and Sullivan Medallion for Public Service. She has served on the Kentucky Bicentennial Commission, John Hunt Morgan Trail Commission, Kentucky Highway Markers Commission, Kentucky Historical Society Executive Committee, and Friends of the Archives.

Her Publications on the Civil War include:

*Morgan Is Coming! Confederate Raiders in the Heartland of Kentucky*

*Civil War Quartermaster Claims from Taylor and Surrounding Counties.*

*Civil War African American Soldiers from Taylor and Green Counties in the 5<sup>th</sup> US Colored Cavalry and 107th and 108th Colored Infantry.*

Ms. Gorin-Smith is currently working on *Kentucky Civil War Burials from Diary of Edmund Whitman.*

Copies of *Morgan is Coming!* will be available for purchase at the meeting.

## **Schedule of upcoming BGCWRT Speakers:**

**April 18** - David Bastian, historian/author - "Grant's Canal"

**May 16** - Thomas Flagel, Columbia State College/Franklin CWRT - "The 1863 Federal Occupation of Franklin"

June and July– No Meetings

**Aug 15** - Greg Biggs, Bowling Green/Clarksville CWRTs - "Debacle On The Rivers: The Forts Henry and Donelson Campaign"

### **At Last Month's Meeting:**

Our guest speaker at February's meeting was Karel Lea Biggs. Karel's presentation, "Shortages and Substitutions in the Confederacy," explained how the civilian population bore the brunt of the shortages caused by the Union blockade. With many items of daily use no longer available, southerners were forced to find alternatives or do without. The most unappetizing examples were the various recipes for ersatz coffee which Karel summarized as "Burn something until it's black and then pour boiling water over it."

### **Last weeks of Civil War Photograph Exhibit on WKU's Campus -- Witness: Photographs of a Nation Divided**

Civil War enthusiasts, people interested in American History and photographers who want to explore the beginning of photojournalism will want to mark their calendars for later this month when an exhibit opens at Western Kentucky University featuring 3D images in a multimedia environment as well as reproduction photographs from the Civil War era.

The show will feature a collection of over 60 Civil War images looking at the portfolios of several well-known and some more obscure photographers as well as a re-creation of Matthew Brady's 1862 New York City gallery called "The Dead of Antietam" documenting the Battle of Antietam. The Sept. 17, 1862, battle at Sharpsburg, Md., is known as the bloodiest single day in American history. The Sept. 17, 1862, clash, also known as the Battle of Sharpsburg, left 23,000 soldiers from both sides killed, wounded or missing – much higher than the toll of Americans during the World War II D-Day landings in Normandy.

**The exhibit runs through March 29, excluding the week of March 11**, in the university's Mass Media and Technology Hall atrium and gallery between the hour of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. This event is free and open to the public and the entire WKU community.

**Time to Renew Membership for 2013:** If you have not yet renewed your membership, now is the time! The treasurer will be collecting dues at the March meeting.