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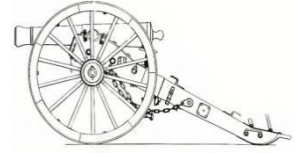
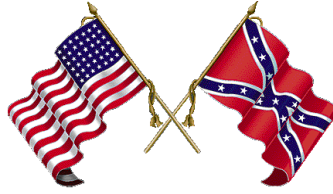
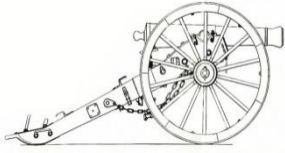
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Founded March 2011 – Bowling Green, Kentucky

# **Bowling Green Civil War Round Table**

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The Bowling Green KY Civil War Round Table meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month (except June, July, and December).

Email: [BGCWRT@wku.edu](mailto:BGCWRT@wku.edu)

Rm. 125, Cherry Hall, on the Campus of Western Kentucky University.

The meeting begins at 7:00 pm and is always open to the public.

**Members please bring a friend or two – new recruits are always welcomed.**

## **Important Dates/Information**

There's a ton of 150th anniversary things happening in Tennessee from early November onward. At the first part of November, Johnsonville and NB Forrest State Parks are doing events for the 150th of Forrest's Johnsonville Raid. Their events can be found at - [www.tn.gov/environment/parks/about/johnsonville](http://www.tn.gov/environment/parks/about/johnsonville)

Also, events for the 150th of Hood's Tennessee Campaign begin middle of the month. You can find much of these listed at - [www.battleoffranklintrust.org](http://www.battleoffranklintrust.org) and [www.franklin-stfb.org](http://www.franklin-stfb.org)

Events commemorating the battle of Nashville are also coming up in December: You can find information on this at the battle of Nashville Preservation Society website - [www.bonps.org](http://www.bonps.org)

Stones River National Battlefield is also having their annual seminar in October. You can get the information by Googling their web site. <http://www.nps.gov/stri/index.htm>

## **Our Previous Meeting: September 18th, 2014**

During our previous meeting Jamie Gillum, discussed both the battle of Perryville and the battle of Spring Hill. Mr. Gillum made a very compelling argument that the current conception of how the battle of Perryville commenced is inaccurate. He convincingly argued that the tactical movement of Braxton Bragg's Confederate troops was very different than what current maps suggest. To prove this he presented a recently discovered map, which shows that the location of a previously undocumented cabin on the battlefield grounds, and that this obstruction played a role in battlefield strategy. The BGCWRT would like to thank Jamie for his informative presentation, and would like to extend an invitation for him to return in the future.

**Our Program for October 16th 2014**  
**Dan Lee,**  
**“The Louisville and Nashville Railroad”**

The Bowling Green Civil War Roundtable is pleased to have Mr. Dan Lee as our guest speaker this month. Dan will be discussing the Louisville and Nashville railroad’s importance in the Civil War. Completed just before the first guns of the war sounded, the L&N was one of the few rail lines linking the North and South. For this reason both the Union and Confederacy wanted to control it. The Confederates made the first successful move, but the Union soon won back the entire length of the L&N and then spent the rest of the war defending it against Confederate raiders. This talk will focus primarily on the military events in the years 1861 through 1865 and also examine the still-resonant theme of the relationship between a major corporation and the government during a time of national crisis.

Biographical Information: Dan Lee is a native of Hardin County, Kentucky. He has degrees in history from Murray State University and Western Kentucky University. He wrote several articles that appeared in the late and much lamented "North and South" magazine, and he is the author of four books to date. They are: "Kentuckian in Blue: A Biography of Major General Lovell Harrison Rousseau (McFarland and Co., 2010); "The L&N Railroad in the Civil War" (McFarland, 2011); "Thomas J. Wood: A Biography of the Union General in the Civil War" (McFarland, 2012); and 4) "The Civil War in the Jackson Purchase" (McFarland, 2014). He is currently working on a biography/regimental history of Colonel Frank Wolford and the 1st Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry.

**This Month in Civil War History**

- October 2, 1864- In Augusta, Jefferson Davis meets with P. G. T. Beauregard to give him command of the Department of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>- Battle of Peeble’s farm ends with General Meade extending the Union left flank toward Peebles farm after successfully repulsing an attack by CSA forces under A.P Hill the day before.
- October 4, 1864- Moving north along the Western and Atlantic Railroad in an attempt to sever Sherman's supply line, John Bell Hood attacks blockhouses and encampments at Acworth and Moon's Station.
- October 12, 1864-Roger Taney, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, dies. Taney gave the majority opinion in the *Dredd Scott* case, and had been a vocal opponent of the Lincoln Administrations policies, including the suspension of habeas corpus.
- October 13, 1864-Maryland, a border state, abolishes slavery in their new constitution.
- October 19, 1864-Battle of Cedar Creek (Belle Grove) in the last major engagement in the Shenandoah Valley, Jubal Early [CS] defeats Phillip Sheridan [US] in the first of two engagements. During the second engagement, Sheridan arrived and rallied the federals, who easily repulsed Early.
- October 19<sup>th</sup> 1864- St. Albans raid commences: Bennet H. Young leads a small CSA force into the town of Saint Albans where they rob the town’s three banks. Young and his accomplices made off with over \$208,000 and successfully escaped to Canada.
- October 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>- Battle of Boydton Plank Road (also known as Burgess Mill) begins when Union forces under General Hancock successfully repulse a Confederate counterattack under the direction of General Henry Heath. Despite this success the Union forces ended their offensive and settled into winter quarters.

- October 28, 1864-William Tecumseh Sherman, in Gaylesville, AL, decides to return to his field headquarters in Kingston, GA. rather than pursue John Bell Hood into Alabama.
- October 31, 1864-Nevada becomes the 36th state in the United States.

### Civil War Quotes

"Wherever the enemy goes let our troops go also."- *Ulysses S. Grant*

"Captain, my religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has fixed the time for my death. I do not concern myself about that, but to be always ready, no matter when it may overtake me. Captain, that is the way all men should live, and then all would be equally brave."- "Stonewall" Jackson

"Both parties deprecated war; but one of them would make war rather than let the nation survive; and the other would accept war rather than let it perish. And the war came."- *Abraham Lincoln*

"I worked night and day for twelve years to prevent the war, but I could not. The North was mad and blind, would not let us govern ourselves, and so the war came."- Jefferson Davis

"A Union that can only be maintained by swords and bayonets, and in which strife and civil war are to take the place of brotherly love and kindness, has no charm for me."- Robert E. Lee

"Poor boy! I never knew you, yet I think I could not refuse this moment to die for you, if that would save you"- Walt Whitman

"Gen. Grant habitually wears an expression as if he had determined to drive his head through a brick wall and was about to do it." – Unnamed Union soldier

"America has no north, no south, no east, no west. The sun rises over the hills and sets over the mountains, the compass just points up and down, and we can laugh now at the absurd notion of there being a north and a south. We are one and undivided."- Sam Watkins, First Tennessee

"I have read in my earlier years about prisoners in the revolutionary war, and other wars. It sounded noble and heroic to be a prisoner of war, and accounts of their adventures were quite romantic; but the romance has been knocked out of the prisoner of war business, higher than a kite. It's a fraud."- John L. Ransom

"Grant stood by me when I was crazy, and I stood by him when he was drunk, and now we stand by each other."- William Tecumseh Sherman

"You ask me if I have confidence in the success of the Southern Confederacy? I pray for success but I do not expect success."-Senator Herschel V. Johnson of Georgia, prominent member of the Confederate Congress

"What are you fighting for anyhow?"

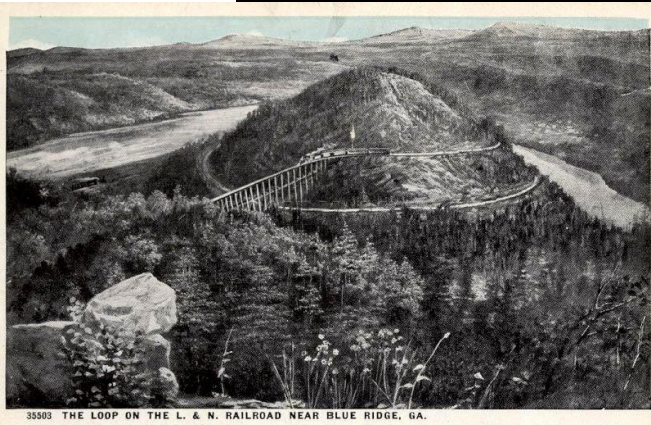
"I'm fighting because you are down here."-Confederate prisoner to Union soldier.

"I should be glad if I could flatter myself that I came as near the central idea of the occasion, in two hours, as you did in two minutes."- Edward Everett to Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg.

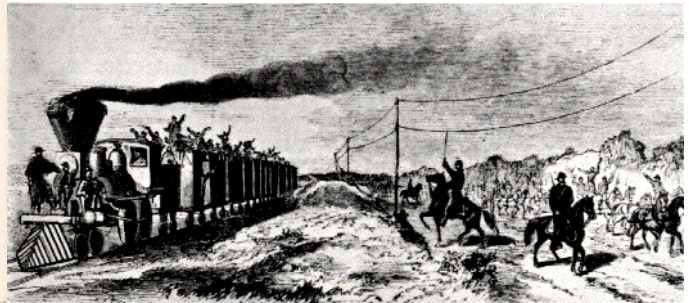
## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE BGCWRT

- **November 13<sup>th</sup> 2014** - Linda Barnickel, author/historian - "The Battle of Milliken's Bend - A Civil War battle in History and Memory" (based on her award winning book - one of the first battles where United States Colored Troops were used)
- **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015** - Brian Allison, author/historian - The United States Colored Troops in the Battle of Nashville
- **February 19<sup>th</sup> 2015** - Ron Sydnor, Jefferson Davis State Historic Site - "Jefferson Davis - The Man"
- **March 19<sup>th</sup> 2015** - Mark Hoffman, author/historian - "The 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics" (based on his book)
- **April 16<sup>th</sup> 2015** - TBA
- **May 14<sup>th</sup> 2015** - Gus and Traci Belt, authors/historians - "Religion and the Army of Tennessee" (based on their book)

## A View of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad

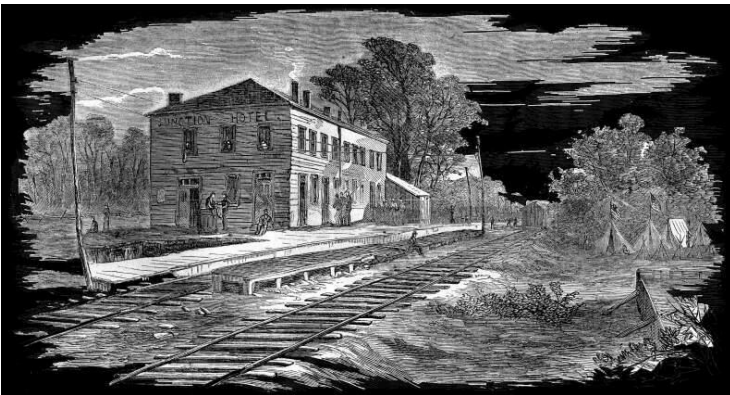


35503 THE LOOP ON THE L. & N. RAILROAD NEAR BLUE RIDGE, GA.



Left: A view of the L&N "Loop" located in Blue Ridge Georgia.

Right: Artist depiction of action taking place on the L&N in Louisville, Kentucky.



Left: Lebanon Junction, 29 miles from Louisville KY

## Civil War Letters

Though Morgan's "great raid" is no longer our topic for this month, the following letter is still of great interest:

Special Order Number 44, 18 June 1863, signed by Major General Wheeler, Confederate States of America Cavalry, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment, near Shelbyville, Tennessee, detailing plans for Morgan to proceed to Kentucky with a force of 2,000 in an attempt to destroy the Louisville and Nashville Railroad and supplies. Impressment authorization is granted to Captain McCarthy and assistants. This item appears courtesy of WKU's Manuscripts & Folklife Archives. The content may not to be re-printed or used in any format without written permission from the repository.

Dear Quarter  
Cavalry Corps  
Near Shelbyville 18<sup>th</sup> June 1863

Special Order }  
No 44 }

It is ordered that Genl Morgan will proceed to Kentucky with a force of two thousand Officers and men including such Artillery as he may deem most expedient. In addition to accomplishing the work which he has proposed he will as far as possible break up and destroy the Louisville & Nashville Rail Road. He will if practicable destroy Depots of supplies in the state of Kentucky after which he will return to his present position.

It is further ordered that Capt Mc Carthy A. D. M. & the Adjutant Cavalry is hereby authorized to impress forage under General Order No 27 Adjut & Insp Genl Office Richmond Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 1863.

As it is impossible for Capt Mc Carthy to be present at all times when impressments are necessary his Lieut Col Leight or forage master is authorized to act in his place.

By Order of  
Maj Genl Wheeler  
E. S. Buford  
Acting General