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## Battle of Cynthiana Reenactment to Celebrate 144th Anniversary of the First Battle of Cynthiana, July 17, 1862 Bill Penn



**Morgan's Attack at the Covered Bridge**—Print from Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, August 16, 1862. Courtesy of *Rattling Spurs and Broad-Brimmed Hats* (Battle Grove Press, 1995).

The Battle of Cynthiana Reenactment 2006 will take place July 28, 29, 30, 2006, at the scenic Elk's Club Farm on Oddville Pike. All weekend, reenactors in authentic Civil War period outfits will portray camp life and demonstrate military drills.

The Battle of Cynthiana will be reenacted Saturday and Sunday about 2 p.m. Prepare yourself to hear muskets firing and cannons booming as opposing lines of Union and Confederate soldiers, supported by artillery and cavalry units, collide in mock battle. Visitors may view the event from a shaded picnic shelter.

The authentic Civil War campsites are open to the public before and after the

battle reenactments.

Sutlers—merchants selling replica Civil War clothing, firearms, books, and children's toys—will be open during the weekend; vendors will have sandwiches and soft drinks for sale.

Various educational displays and presentations will take place throughout the weekend. Look for the Harrison County Historical Society table for brochures on the Cynthiana Civil War Driving Tour and a guide to the battles at Cynthiana along with maps of the engagements, which originally took place July 17, 1862, and June 11-12, 1864.

## President's Corner Bob Owen

The Planning and Zoning Committee forwarded the Burrier package to the City of Cynthiana and the City voted to annex the property to the city. Thus, for the time being, this issue is on hold.

As many of you know, I recently lost my father. He had done extensive research into our family history and produced about a half dozen charts that outlined twelve or more generations. These charts and his records of research are his legacy to the family. I can remember my Grandmother Owen telling us to listen and remember the family history as she told it to us. She said one day I will be gone and you will not have access to that information. How right she was and how sad it is that I did not take better notes.

My point is that even in today's era of high tech information pools, it can be very difficult to find information about our past generations. We all need to be quizzing our elders about the family history and recording it for future use. To assist you in your genealogical endeavors, Philip Naff will do a Harrison County Genealogy workshop at our Nov. 16 meeting. He thinks he can probably get Janie Whitehead and Charley Feix to contribute also. Be sure and put this on your calendar and bring others to hear it.

Thanks to everyone who brought an item(s) for the June "show and tell." Remember, this month we will be discussing changes to the charter and bylaws.

## Harrison County Historical Society

Bob Owen, President  
Billy Fowler, Vice President  
Janie Whitehead, Secretary  
Dorothy Slade, Treasurer

### Meeting Notes—June 15, 2006

President Bob Owen mentioned the annual Ruddle's and Martin's Station Historical Association gathering will be June 22. The Sarah Morgan Boone Chapter of the Colonial Dames XVII Century will be dedicating a bronze marker at the Endicott Meeting Hall also known as Indian Creek Baptist Church June 24.

Melissa Jergensen is writing a book about covered bridges and plans to include three from Harrison County. She has requested pictures, and anyone wanting to donate copies should contact Bob. Her Web site is <http://www.kycoveredbridges.org/>. Janie Whitehead suggested having a future meeting at Duncan Tavern in Paris, and will get information on renting space. Bob Owen again suggested that members join the Kentucky Historical Society. Janie Whitehead is the president of a new organization known as the Harrison Heritage Council. Janie stated that the main function of the group is to preserve buildings, farms, and items such as newspapers. The Historical Society's June program, Show and Tell, was once again a great success. (Submitted by Billy Fowler).

### Upcoming Harrison County Historical Society Programs

July 20— Historical Society—Review by-laws of the Harrison County Historical Society

August 17- Meeting at the Handy House, including update on status of the building and tours by Mr. and Mrs. Fowler.

September 21 - Marsha Hicks of The Colonial Dames XVII Century.

October 19 - A representative from Friends of Griffith Woods will discuss the planned activities of this support group, and present an update on the preservation plans for Griffith Tavern.

November 16—Workshop on Harrison County Genealogy—Phillip Naff with others to be announced.

## Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum

112 S. Walnut St., Cynthiana, Ky. 41031

Hrs: 10-5 Fri-Sat

Martha Barnes, President

July is our anniversary month at the museum - a time of celebration, reflection, and anticipation. On July 22, 1994, we opened the museum door to the public with approximately twenty five items on display in one room. Robert Poindexter graciously rented to us this our present location. We truly have expanded - as we have filled several rooms at 112 S. Walnut Street. Our collection continues to grow - thanks to all those who have donated items through the years. Just a few years ago, Mr. Poindexter rented to us the front of his theater building also on Walnut Street - and we opened the museum annex.

Anticipation abounds as our dream of having the museum in one place in the old Rohs seems to come closer to fruition. At present, planning, funding, working, volunteering, moving are key words.

Indeed, Harold Slade and his wife Dorothy are steadfast in their dedication to the museum. They are our curators, our leaders, our "hanger and fixer uppers," our pushers, our encouragers. As well, we have a number of faithful volunteers - folks who make the museum possible. I hesitate to list names lest I omit someone - but these are the fine people on whom we depend - to be there for whatever - to volunteer each and every Friday and Saturday. You know who you are and what outstanding service and dependability you give!

On July 6, thirty-three of these volunteers and their family members visited Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc. and took the grand tour. Truly, a good time was had by all - and no one can say that we are "stuck in the past."

July 21-22 marks our anniversary weekend. On Friday, July 21, at 8:00 A.M., Rick Chasteen of WCYN will host his Coffee Break program from the museum annex. We appreciate Rick and WCYN for their support of the museum since its beginning. We also thank The Cynthiana Democrat for their willingness to publicize the museum. We continue to have our weekly "Museum Musings" column. Local Cable 6 has also been a good museum friend.

In addition, we appreciate the community - the local governments, organizations, and individuals who have given of their time, talent, and treasures and who have been so faithful in their continued support of the museum.

Special thanks to each and everyone mentioned in this article. The Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum would not - could not - exist without you. You are appreciated! This truly is our community's museum. Happy Anniversary and - Ever onward!

Note: This issue of Harrison Heritage News is shorter than usual in order to catch up with unavoidable publication delays. The August issue will be the normal six pages. Editor..