

Kentucky and Kentuckians in the American Civil War: Nonfiction Materials Available at Madison County Public Library, Plus Selected Websites

Voices From the Century Before: The Odyssey of a Nineteenth Century Kentucky Family (K/973.7/Ber in Richmond and Berea) by Mary Clay Berry. “A remarkable family album unfolding as a personal drama of slavery, Civil War and the turmoil of Reconstruction, these letters were written between 1843 and 1867 by men who fought, variously, for both the Union and the Confederacy. Her great-grandfather Brutus Clay, one of Kentucky's major slave owners, was a staunchly conservative yet pro-Union, border-state congressman whose anti-abolitionist stance was diametrically opposite that of his brother Cassius Clay, outspoken opponent of slavery and emancipationist newspaper publisher...The chatty letters, skillfully linked by Berry's commentary, yield an unvarnished account of the brutal realities of slavery, and are a window on Lincoln's election and the war's outbreak and bloody course...” (--*Publishers Weekly*)

The Battle of Perryville, 1862: Culmination of the Failed Kentucky Campaign (K/973.7/Bro in Richmond) by Robert P. Broadwater. “In 1862, the South launched a campaign to bring the indecisive border state of Kentucky into the Confederacy. Full of blunders and missed opportunities, the campaign convinced the Kentuckians that the Confederacy was incapable of holding the state against determined Union forces. Among the disasters was the bloody battle of Perryville. Drawing on research in letters, diaries and regimental histories, this book tells the story of the South's ill-fated effort.” (--from the publisher)

Glory at a Gallop: Tales of the Confederate Cavalry (973.7/Bro in Berea) by William R. Booksher and David K. Snider. With a cast of characters including Jeb Stuart, Nathan Bedford Forrest, and Robert E. Lee, this informative and well-received volume details the Confederate cavalry's intrepid exploits during the Civil War. See especially Chapter 2, “A Stampede in Kentucky.”

The Butcher Burbridge: Union General Stephen Burbridge and His Reign of Terror Over Kentucky (K/973.7/Bus in Berea) by Bryan S. Bush. “One of the most vilified and hated men during the Civil War in Kentucky had to be Kentucky born Union Major General Stephen Gano Burbridge. He received the praise of Union General William T. Sherman, and also received the thanks of President Abraham Lincoln for his victory over

Confederate General John Hunt Morgan's forces at Cynthiana. Burbridge's problems arose when he became military commander of Kentucky in January of 1864. He helped to raise and arm slaves for the United States Colored Troops, which offended Kentucky Union slaveholders. He also issued Order 59 in which every Union soldier killed by a guerilla, four Confederate prisoners would be taken to the spot and shot. His brutal tactics to stop guerilla warfare in Kentucky ended up alienating Unionists in the state and moved Kentucky away from the Republican Party and towards the Democratic Party." (--from the publisher)

The Civil War in Appalachia: Collected Essays (973.7/Civ in Berea) edited by Kenneth W. Noe and Shannon H. Wilson. "This excellent collection of essays provides nothing less than the first comprehensive social history of the Civil War in Appalachia. " (--Daniel E. Sutherland, University of Arkansas)

Pleasant Hill in the Civil War (BER 973.7/Cla) by Thomas D. Clark. From the book jacket—"Caught between opposing forces in a war in which they wanted no part, the Shakers at Pleasant Hill, Kentucky recorded in their journal the struggle of the Union and Confederate forces for the control of Central Kentucky, and the day-too-day events that transpired in their village."

The Orphan Brigade: The Kentucky Confederates Who Couldn't Go Home (K/973.7/Dav in Berea) by William C. Davis.

Lincoln of Kentucky (K/973.7/Har in Berea, Richmond, and on Bookmobile) by Lowell Hayes Harrison. "Young Abraham Lincoln and his family joined the migration over the Ohio River, but it was Kentucky--the state of his birth--that shaped his personality and continued to affect his life. His wife was from the commonwealth...Henry Clay was his political idol...and all three of his law partners were Kentuckians. During the Civil War, Lincoln is reputed to have said, ""I hope to have God on my side, but I must have Kentucky."" Harrison emphasizes the particular skill and delicacy with which Lincoln handled the problems of a loyal slave state populated by a large number of Confederate sympathizers." (--from the publisher)

Diary of a Confederate Soldier: John S. Jackman of the Orphan Brigade by John S. Jackman (K/973.7/Jac in Richmond) "Though memoirs of the Civil War abound, Jackman's diary is the only surviving record of a soldier in the fascinating, albeit troubled, First Kentucky Regiment, or "Orphan Brigade." A perceptive diarist, Jackman was involved in action from Shiloh to Vicksburg, from Baton Rouge through all major battles in Tennessee; he fought against Sherman in the March to the Sea and observed the last meeting of the fleeing Confederate cabinet in Washington, Georgia. Insightful, candid, and entertaining, Jackman's words provide an unusually detailed glimpse of life behind the lines in the Army of Tennessee, capturing the essence of common soldiering in the Rebel forces. Davis's introduction is solid and his editing unobtrusive." (--*Library Journal*)

The Longest Raid of the Civil War : little-known & untold stories of Morgan's Raid into Kentucky, Indiana & Ohio (BER 973.7/Hor) by Lester V. Horowitz. The longest raid of the Civil War is explored in what Neil Bristow of *Morgan's Men Association* calls this "the definitive work on the Great Raid." The raid was the "northernmost penetration of the confederacy into the Union North," running from Tennessee through Kentucky to West Point, Ohio.

Kentucky Soldiers and Their Regiments in the Civil War: Abstracted From the Pages of Contemporary Newspapers (R/K/973.7/Ken in Berea; 5 volumes 1861-1865) by Steven L. Wright is a series of reports and narratives from various issues of Kentucky newspapers, arranged chronologically. The author's purpose is to allow his readers "to see Kentucky's evolution...from untenable neutrality to inevitable war, and its amateur citizen soldiers, of every political stripe, develop into seasoned warriors."

Kentuckians in Gray: Confederate Generals and Field Officers of the Bluegrass State (BER/973.7/Ken and 973.7/Ken in Richmond) edited by Bruce S. Allardice and Lawrence Lee Hewitt. ***Kentuckians in Gray*** contains full biographies of thirty-nine Confederate generals. Its principal subjects are native Kentuckians or commanders of brigades of Kentucky troops, such as Morgan. The first complete reference source of its type on Kentucky Civil War history, the book contains the most definitive biographies of these generals ever assembled, as well as short biographical sketches on every field officer to serve in a Kentucky unit. (--from the publisher)

Basil Wilson Duke, CSA: The Right Man in the Right Place (973.7/Mat in Berea) by Gary Robert Matthews. "Second in command to the more flamboyant John Hunt Morgan, Duke's usually good judgment and sense of military tactics contributed greatly to the exploits that won Morgan acclaim. The decline in Morgan's reputation while Duke languished in Union prisons testifies to Duke's contributions to the unit's success.... In this new study, Basil Duke receives merited recognition as one of the unsung heroes of the Confederate cause." -- Lowell H. Harrison

War In Kentucky: From Shiloh to Perryville by James Lee McDonough (K973.7/McD in Berea) "According to McDonough the South's failure to bring Kentucky into the Confederacy gave the Union access to Kentucky's important railways and waterways, thus providing the Yankees with a back door to the South. He examines Union General Buell, Confederate General Bragg, and their subordinates, detailing strengths and weaknesses on both sides. He leads the reader to wonder whether the Civil War was as much a conflict of egos and eccentricities as it was of tactics and strategy...Civil War scholars, buffs, and informed lay readers will find this book a valuable addition to the literature." (--*Library Journal*)

Perryville: This Grand Havoc of Battle (K/973.7/Noe in Berea and Richmond) by Kenneth W. Noe. Winner of the Peter Seaborg Award for Civil War Scholarship. "On October 8, 1862, Union and Confederate forces clashed near Perryville, Kentucky, in

what would be the largest battle ever fought on Kentucky soil...Some said the hard-fought battle, forever remembered by participants for its sheer savagery and for their commanders' confusion, was the worst battle of the war, losing the last chance to bring the Commonwealth into the Confederacy and leaving Kentucky firmly under Federal control...**Perryville: This Grand Havoc of Battle** is the definitive account of this important conflict.” (--from the publisher)

In ***Sister States, Enemy States: The Civil War in Kentucky and Tennessee*** (K/973.7/Sis in Richmond), Kent Dollar, Larry Whiteaker and W. Calvin Dickinson explore how the war affected these two crucial states, and how they helped change the course of the war. Essays by prominent Civil War historians, including Benjamin Franklin Cooling, Marion Lucas, Tracy McKenzie, and Kenneth Noe, add new depth to aspects of the war not addressed elsewhere. The collection opens by recounting each state's debate over secession...The editors also spotlight the war's overlooked participants, including common soldiers, women, refugees, African American soldiers, and guerrilla combatants. The book concludes by analyzing the difficulties these states experienced in putting the war behind them.

Lincoln and the Bluegrass: Slavery and Civil War in Kentucky (K/973.7/Tow in Berea) by William H. Townsend. “William Townsend was a Lincoln scholar/collector of the old school. He was born in 1890 and lived his whole life in Lexington, Kentucky, where he stood out as a Lincoln-lover in a pro-Confederate, Lost Cause-inclined state. ***Lincoln and the Bluegrass*** is...a pioneering study of Lincoln's contact with slavery in Kentucky. The Bluegrass had always been moderate on the slavery issue, and had even produced its own home-grown abolitionist, Cassius Clay. But in the 1840s and '50s, Kentuckians became more stridently committed to the institution, a development that alarmed Lincoln. In his few trips to the state to visit his wife's family, he not only witnessed the evils of slavery first-hand but was disturbed to see the moderate South openly embracing an evil the Founding Fathers had hoped to put on the road to ultimate extinction.”—(review by Ted Stevens)

Remembering Kentucky's Confederates (Images of America: Kentucky) by Geoffrey Walden (973.7/Wal in Berea.) From the publisher—“Although its state government remained in the Union, the people of Kentucky were divided in sentiment... When Confederate soldiers eventually returned ...they were held in high regard by their fellow Kentuckians...and when the number of living Confederate veterans began to dwindle, groups across Kentucky raised monuments to their memory.” ***Remembering Kentucky's Confederates*** presents a visual overview of Kentucky's Confederate memorials.

Abraham Lincoln, Kentucky African Americans and the Constitution (K/973.714/Abr in Berea) This is a collection of essays compiled by Alicestyne Turley for the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission in honor of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial.

Essays are arranged in four sections: Abraham Lincoln, America's 'Agent of Change;' The Lincolns, Slavery and Opening of the West; Kentucky African Americans and the Constitution; and Kentucky and the Civil War.

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

(K/973.742/Gor in Richmond) by Betty J. Gorin "John Hunt Morgan, and his dauntless cavalymen, roamed the countryside of Taylor and surrounding counties in KY, burning Pleasant Hill Church, stockades and bridges, tearing up rail lines, and striking fear into the hearts of Kentuckians, with Union forces in hot pursuit. The "invincible" Morgan met his match in Michigan's Col. Orlando Moore at the decisive bloody battle of Tebbs Bend, July 4, 1863. Book includes: 15 maps, 42 illustrations, 233 photographs, and over 400 soldiers listed from area, Morgan's Cumberland river crossings, the battles of Columbia and Lebanon, and other Confederate raids are included." (--from the publisher)

Johnny Green of the Orphan Brigade: The Journal of a Confederate Soldier

(K/973.78/Joh) edited by A.D. Kirwan. "A man as remarkable as his brigade...[Green] effortlessly makes the war, the men, and the cause come alive, and Kirwan's introductions and footnotes fittingly embellish the fine piece of Americana."(--*New York Times Book Review*)

The Paper Trail of the Civil War in Kentucky, 1861-1865 by Armando J Alfaro

(K/976.9/Alf in Berea)

The Civil War in Kentucky: Battle for the Bluegrass State (K/976.9/Bro in Berea and

Richmond) A book of essays compiled by Kent Masterton Browning on the complex series of battles and political maneuvers for control of Kentucky during the Civil War. Includes "The Decisive Battle of Richmond, Kentucky" by D. Warren Lambert.

Lexington During the Civil War (K/976.9/Col in Richmond) by J. Winston Coleman.

Hidden History of Kentucky in the Civil War (American Chronicles) by Barry Craig

(K/976.9/Cra in Berea). "From the Graves County gun grab to pirates in Paducah to dueling gunboats on the Mississippi, this one-of-a-kind collection of little-known tales by Kentucky historian Barry Craig will captivate Civil War enthusiasts and casual readers alike." (--from the book jacket)

The Civil War in Kentucky by Lowell Harrison (K/976.9/Har in Richmond) "The Civil

War scene in Kentucky, site of few full-scale battles, was one of crossroad skirmishes and guerrilla terror, of quick incursions against specific targets and equally quick withdrawals. Yet Kentucky was crucial to the military strategy of the war. For either side, a Kentucky held secure against the adversary would have meant easing of supply problems and an immeasurably stronger base of operations. The state, along with many of its institutions and many of its families, was hopelessly divided against itself...What this division meant militarily is made clear as Harrison traces the movement of troops and the outbreaks of

violence. What it meant to the social and economic fabric of Kentucky and to its postwar political stance is another theme of this book. And not forgotten is the life of the ordinary citizen in the midst of such dissension and uncertainty.” (--from the publisher)

Battle of Richmond Kentucky: August 30, 1862 (K/976.9/Haf) by Kenneth A. Hafendorfer Considering the distance marched, terrain traversed, and the scarcity of food, water, and supplies, [the Confederate Kentucky Campaign of 1862] was arguably the greatest campaign conducted during the Civil War. The Battle of Richmond was one engagement fought in the Campaign, and it was a major event leading up to the occupation of Lexington by the Confederates in 1862.

Of Savage Fury: The Battle of Richmond, Kentucky (K/976.9/Haw in Berea) by Anthony Hawkins.

Kentucky's Civil War 1861-1865 (K/976.9/Ken in Berea and Richmond) Edited By Rose Jerlene. This is a cram course in the Civil War as it pertains to Kentucky: “The editors...have put together, in concise form, just about everything a well-informed citizen should know about the war.”

The Decisive Battle of Richmond, Kentucky (K/976.9/Lam in Berea) by D. Warren Lambert

Dear Wife: Letters from a Union Colonel by Maude Barnes Miller (K/976.9/Mil in Richmond)

Great Civil War Stories of Kentucky (K/976.9/Mye in Richmond) by Marshall Myers. This book contains a collection of engagements, incidents, colorful characters, and even lighter moments that have thus far been overlooked by scholars and historians. Author Marshall Myers brings us accounts of Kentucky personalities such as George St. Leger Grenfell, Adam "Stovepipe" Johnson, Lightnin Ellsworth, African American Hero Andrew Jackson Smith, and Loreta Velazquez (the man who was a woman), to name a few. The book also includes stories about the lives of Kentucky Shakers during the war, religion, the Louisville Civil War prison, the Orphan Brigade, and other stories about life and living in this state that fell between north and south, including a collection of stories about native Kentuckian Abraham Lincoln.

Camp Nelson, Kentucky: A Civil War History (K/976.9/Sea in Berea and Richmond) by Richard D. Sears "Camp Nelson, Kentucky, was designed in 1863 as a military supply depot for the Union Army. Later it became one of the country's most important recruiting stations and training camps for black soldiers and Kentucky's chief center for issuing emancipation papers to former slaves. Richard D. Sears tells the story of the rise and fall of the camp through the shifting perspective of a changing cast of characters -- teachers, civilians, missionaries such as the Reverend John G. Fee, and fleeing slaves and enlisted blacks who describe their pitiless treatment at the hands of slave owners and Confederate

sympathizers. Sears fully documents the story of Camp Nelson through carefully selected military orders, letters, newspaper articles, and other correspondence, most inaccessible until now. His introduction provides a historical overview, and textual notes identify individuals and detail the course of events.” (--from the book jacket)

My Old Confederate Home: A Respectable Place for Civil War Veterans by Rusty Williams (K/976.9/Wil in Berea) “In 1902 Kentucky’s Confederate veterans organized and built the Kentucky Confederate Home, a luxurious... for their unfortunate comrades. Until it closed in 1934, the Home was a respectable...place where disabled and impoverished veterans could spend their last days in comfort and free from want. In ***My Old Confederate Home*** Williams frames the lively history of the Kentucky Confederate Home with the stories of those who built, supported, and managed it...” (--from the publisher).

Neither Blue nor Gray: Stories of the Civil War in Kentucky (K/976.903/Mye) by Marshall Myers. This book, as well as *Great Civil War Stories of Kentucky* (above) was written by the president of the Madison County Civil War Roundtable. He was appointed by Governor Steve Beshear to the Sesquicentennial Committee on the Civil War in Kentucky, and teaches at ECU.

Lincoln and the Speeds (B/Lin in Berea) by Bryan Bush. In April of 1861 after the attack on Fort Sumter, the citizens of Kentucky debated the issue of whether to join the Union or Confederacy. Because of Joshua and James Speed’s loyalty to the Union, Lincoln depended on the brothers to help secure Kentucky for the Union. With their help, Lincoln managed to transport thousands of weapons into Kentucky for distribution among the loyal Union Home Guard. During the war Lincoln needed trustworthy friends to help him deal with the delicate situation in Kentucky. James and Joshua Speed kept him informed on both the political and the civilian affairs. (--from the publisher)

A Union Woman in Civil War Kentucky: The Diary of Frances Peter(K/B/Pet in Berea and Richmond) by Frances Peter. “Frances Peter was one of the eleven children of Dr. Robert Peter, a surgeon for the Union army... Peter's candid diary chronicles Kentucky's invasion by Confederates under Gen. Braxton Bragg in 1862, Lexington's month-long occupation by Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith, and changes in attitude among the slave population following the Emancipation Proclamation. As troops from both North and South took turns holding the city, she repeatedly emphasized the rightness of the Union cause and minced no words in expressing her disdain for the hated "secesh." ... Peter's descriptions of daily events in an occupied city provide valuable insights and a unique feminine perspective on an underappreciated aspect of the war. Until her death by epileptic seizure in 1864, Peter conscientiously recorded her account of a torn and divided region.” (--from the publisher) See also ***Window on the War: Frances Dallam Peter’s Lexington Civil War Diary*** edited by John David Smith and William Cooper, Jr. (K/976.9/Pet in Richmond).

Kentucky Civil War Websites

There are many thousands of websites dedicated to the Civil War, and a number of them deal specifically with Kentucky battles, Kentucky regiments, and other topics. A Google search for “Civil War Kentucky” on May 4, 2012 returned over 50 pages of mostly relevant hits (not counting the several sites dedicated to the “Civil War” battle of UK vs. U of L!). Here are just a few of the many, many websites on the Civil War in Kentucky, and Kentuckians in the war.

- Battle of Richmond: <http://battleofrichmond.org/>
- Battle of Perryville: <http://www.perryvillebattlefield.org/>
- [Kentucky's German-Americans in the Civil War \(http://kygermanscw.yolasite.com/\)](http://kygermanscw.yolasite.com/)
- [Kentucky in the Civil War Message Board : \(http://history-sites.com/cgi-bin/bbs53x/kycwmb/webbbs_config.pl?index\)](http://history-sites.com/cgi-bin/bbs53x/kycwmb/webbbs_config.pl?index) A searchable message board with posts from Civil War enthusiasts. “Battle of Richmond Kentucky” brings up 2,599 posts.
- [Camp Nelson: Union Army Supply Depot \(http://www.campnelson.org/home.htm\)](http://www.campnelson.org/home.htm)
- Civil War Era National Cemeteries: Honoring Those Who Served: Kentucky Sites http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/national_cemeteries/
- Civil War in Lexington, KY: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/lexington/civilwar.htm>
- KET's Kentucky in the Civil War Education Site: (<http://www.ket.org/civilwar/>) Continues information about the Civil War in Kentucky and includes links to [Kentucky Life](#) programs on the Civil War that you can watch online.
- Kentucky Heritage Council's Civil War Page: (<http://heritage.ky.gov/milsites.htm>)
- [Kentucky Historic Tours: Civil War Tours/Sites \(http://www.kentuckytourism.com/explore/tours_byways_trails.aspx\)](http://www.kentuckytourism.com/explore/tours_byways_trails.aspx) Lists 29 Kentucky Civil War related driving and walking tours and sites to visit.

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