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Civil War Cuisine

Those who attended the WCGA meeting held on Saturday, April 16th had their taste buds treated to homemade cooking, Civil War style! Scarlett Griffith, Alli Mingle and Cheryl Watson-Mingle contributed their own versions of old recipes dating back to the antebellum era, and everything sampled was just as tasty as it would have been 150 years ago! Items on the menu included Hoe Cakes, Fried Apples, Cracklin Cornbread, Gingerbread, Hardtack Corn Chowder, Hoppin John, Swamp Cabbage Stew, and “Civil War Idiot’s Delight” (see recipe at right). Members were given a “A Taste of the Civil War” mini cookbook featuring Cheryl Watson-Mingle’s grandchildren in Civil War dress.



An Old Fashioned Feast!

Left to Right: Scarlett Griffith, Reba Prater, Cheryl Watson-Mingle, Alli Mingle, Bonita Mangrum, and Pat Berges. All members were asked to wear Civil War costumes

Civil War Idiot’s Delight



Ingredients:

- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1 c. raisins
- 1 tbsp. butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 4 c. water
- 7 tbsp. butter
- 1/2 c. white sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 c. milk
- 1 c. flour

Boil together the first 5 ingredients. Make a batter of the second 5 ingredients. Drop the batter in a greased pan by spoonfuls. Pour first mixture over it and bake in

WCGA wishes all mothers a Happy Mother's Day!

April Guest Speaker: Dr Michael Bradley

The guest speaker for WCGA's April meeting was Dr. Michael Bradley. Dr Bradley is a history professor at Motlow State Community College in Lynchburg, TN, and his topic for his presentation was how the Civil War is viewed by history. He pointed out that during the conflict, those who took up arms changed their opinion of what the war was about over time. He also stated that there were some differences in viewpoints concerning the war among future generations.

Dr Bradley has published several book about the Civil War. These include: *Tullahoma: The 1863 Campaign: With Blood and Fire: Behind Union Lines in Middle Tennessee: Nathan Bedford Forrest's Escort and Staff in War and Peace; It Happened in the Civil War; and Home Fires in the Line of Fire*, published in an anthology entitled *Sister States/Enemy States*. WCGA thanks Dr Bradley for his excellent presentation!

Dr Michael Bradley



Upcoming Meetings.....

For the May 21, 2011 meeting, WCGA will be going to the Bryan House for dinner and entertainment provided by Mr. Roy Davis at 12 Noon. The Bryan House, also known as Falconhurst, is located in McMinnville, TN, and is a Civil War Era home.

For anyone interested in attending, the price is \$25 per person and money needs to be given to Mrs. Jean Hobbs at 201 Locust Street, McMinnville, TN 37110.

Future Meetings....

June 18, 2011-Guest speaker, Don Martini

July 16th, 2011-Guest speaker, Dena Croft-Sullivan on her book, *The Civil War Diaries of a Confederate Soldier*

August 20th, 2011-Guest speakers, George and Charlein McGlothan, owners of Falcon Rest will discuss the Civil War

September 17th, 2011, Guest speaker, Jimmy Reedy will discuss the Native Americans' role in the Civil War.

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