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Brad Harville  
Dana Skaggs

## Revisiting the Civil War

On April 9, 1865, Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox. Six days later, on the evening of April 14, 1865, Lincoln was shot at Ford's Theatre, and died the following morning. On May 12-13, 1865, the last battle of the Civil War was fought at Palmito Ranch, Texas (a Confederate victory). On June 19, in Galveston, Texas, Union Gen. Gordon Granger - who is buried in the Lexington Cemetery - announced federal orders that all slaves in Texas were freed.

Those were the events that wrapped up the Civil War. 155 years later, it remains firmly embedded in our collective consciousness as Americans.

The military death toll from the Civil War was staggering. For over a century, 618,222 was the accepted number of total battlefield deaths, North and South. In 2012, however, an article in the [New York Times](#) reported that this figure underestimated the military death toll by around 20%. Historians now agree a more accurate total is around 750,000. That's more than the combined total from all other wars ever fought by the USA. That figure doesn't include civilian dead or all of the widows and orphans left behind.

It didn't happen overnight. There were decades of rancor over the issue of slavery before the Civil War broke out in 1861. Lincoln's election in 1860 proved to be the trigger for the secession of the Southern States.

To this day, the Battle of Gettys-

burg stands as the bloodiest battlefield in the history of the Western Hemisphere. Last



October, Mary, Clay and I took our first trip to Gettysburg. It was fascinating. You cannot appreciate the scale of that 3-day battle unless you've actually been there. There is an eeriness that pervades the entire area. You can still see bullet holes and cannon balls in buildings downtown. Churches were used as hospitals, and amputated body parts were thrown into the streets. We visited the Sachs Covered Bridge, where the Confederates retreated after the battle. It is closed at night to prevent visitors from investigating paranormal activities. There are Union and Confederate memorials everywhere.

I will be the first to admit that the Confederate memorials have always seemed strange to me. I don't think there has ever been any other country on earth that has allowed monuments to be erected for the losers of a war. I say this as the great-grandson (you heard that right) of Sam C. Harvill (the "e" was added later), who fought for the Ninth Louisiana Infantry and was taken prisoner by the Union Army at the Battle of the Rappahannock on November 7, 1863.

In my opinion, I think the main reason these memorials were built is this: When the South surrendered, its soldiers were welcomed back as citizens of the Union and were

allowed to return home. Lincoln did not want to disgrace them. And they wanted to honor their dead.

Gen. U.S. Grant put it this way: "I felt anything rather than rejoicing at the downfall of a foe who had fought so long and valiantly, and had suffered so much for a cause, though that cause was, I believe, one of the worst for which a people ever fought, and one for which there was the least excuse."

Lincoln himself summed up the meaning of the Civil War in his Second Inaugural Address, which is etched onto the North wall of the Lincoln Memorial:

"Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword as was said three thousand years ago so still it must be said 'the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"

In short, Lincoln believed that the Civil War was God's punishment for the sin of slavery. He himself paid the ultimate price for this sin when he was assassinated, forever enshrining him as the Christlike savior of this nation.

The takeaway is this: The Civil War ought to be remembered for the terrible cost this nation paid for slavery and how wrong it was. Somehow, it seems to me that this fact should unite us, not divide us.

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# DAY TRIPS FOR SUMMER FUN

Dying to get out of town? Kids climbing the walls? Don't blame you! If you live in the Louisville area, here are 20 outdoor day trips to consider that you can easily drive to and from in a day:

- 1. The Parklands (Jefferson County).** Everybody in Louisville already knows about the Parklands. Floyd's Fork is probably the most overrun. But still, it's great. Try biking the 4.7 mile strip, known as the Strand, from Pope Lick to Turkey Run Park, it's shady and very scenic.
- 2. Long Run Park (Jefferson County).** Hit the driving range at the golf course or head over to the park to walk the 2 mile loop. Great area for birdwatching. Fishing and kayaking, too.
- 3. Falls of the Ohio (Clark County, Indiana).** A great place for fossil hunting and fishing.
- 4. The Quarry, Lagrange (Oldham County).** My son Clay went there a couple of weeks ago and had a blast. Tickets must be purchased in advance online.
- 5. Bernheim Forest (Bullitt County).** If you haven't been out to see the Forest Giants, there is still time to catch them while you still can. Nice hiking in the back of the forest.
- 6. My Old Kentucky Home, Bardstown (Nelson County).** The grounds of the mansion are beautiful, and the park has an 18-hole golf course. Downtown Bardstown is also a fun place to walk around.
- 7. Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill (Mercer County).** Another beautiful place to enjoy the summer outdoors. Walk or take a car down the hill from the Village to the banks of the Kentucky River to view High Bridge and the Palisades.
- 8. Perryville Battlefield (Boyle County).** Kentucky's bloodiest Civil War battle. Great ghost tours in the evening. A reenactment is held every October on the anniversary of the battle.
- 9. Constitution Square, Danville (Boyle County).** Historical site of Kentucky's first Constitutional Convention when Ky. became a State in 1792. Many historical buildings and replicas.
- 10. Carrollton (Carroll County).** Home of General Butler State Park where you can walk around the former golf course. If you go into town there is a park where the Kentucky River flows into the Ohio.
- 11. Big Bone Lick State Park (Boone County).** Off the beaten path, it's known as the "Cradle of American Paleontology" where fossils were first discovered in 1739. It's also the site where Mary Draper Ingles escaped from the Shawnee in 1755 and made her way back to her family in Pennsylvania.
- 12. Blue Licks Battlefield State Park (Robertson/Nicholas Counties).** The last battlefield of the American Revolutionary

War. In 1782, a group of British-led Indians defeated a band of pioneers, including Daniel Boone. Boone's son, Israel, was among those killed in the battle.

- 13. Cane Ridge Meeting House (Bourbon County).** Historic site where an estimated 20,000 settlers attended a Presbyterian-led religious revival in August, 1801. The event caused a split within the denomination and led to the formation of the Disciples of Christ Christian Church that we know today.
- 14. Maysville (Mason County).** Another historical town that's fun to walk around. Maysville, formerly known as Limestone, was one of the two gateways into Kentucky when the state was first settled (Cumberland Gap is the other). Also an important exit point into Ohio via the Underground Railroad.
- 15. Kentucky Horse Park (Fayette County).** A beautiful place to walk around outside and explore. Some attractions remain open.
- 16. Natural Bridge State Park (Powell, Wolfe Counties).** Hike up to the natural stone bridge, but keep a good eye on those kiddos! There is also a Reptile Zoo up the road where venom from poisonous snakes is extracted for medical purposes.
- 17. Berea (Madison County).** Another nice walking town with many arts and crafts shops. Berea College is very historic.
- 18. Cumberland Falls State Park (McCreary, Whitley Counties).** In my opinion, the area below the Falls offers the prettiest hiking in the entire state. The Falls are great, too.



*Cumberland Falls*

- 19. Barren River State Resort Park (Barren County).** Kentucky has many nice lakes. This one in particular is not too far from Louisville and does not seem overcrowded. There is a swimming beach on the lake.
- 20. Mammoth Cave National Park (Edmonson County).** The caves are open, and offer some relief from the summer heat. Space is limited, so be sure to look into reservations before you go.

## Current Trends in Personal Injury Law

About the only current trend going on with personal injury lawyers these days is this:

We're not very busy. Not like we want to be.

Seriously, it's just not business as usual. The COVID-19 shutdown of the Courts and the workers comp system has stalled out many of our cases. We haven't been able to do anything to move our cases forward while the Courts were closed.

Also, the word we are hearing from judges is that there won't be any civil jury trials this year or early next year, because of the backlog of

criminal cases that has been piling up. So there isn't any time pressure to move these cases along.

It's not only the legal system that has affected our cases. Many of our personal injury clients have had to suspend treatment for their injuries because medical offices have been shut down. We haven't been able to schedule appointments for many of our clients with doctors to evaluate their injuries.

It's not just our office, either. It's every lawyer I've been talking to lately. Just the other day, I was talking to a top medical malpractice lawyer in town who was telling me

the same thing. He said he doesn't even bother going into his office a lot of days.

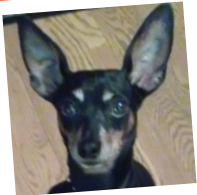
Thankfully, things are starting to open up again. I appeared for 3 depositions in June, whereas everything in April and May got rescheduled. We are getting appointments scheduled in July and August with doctors to evaluate our clients' injuries. But the 2-3 month hiatus from any meaningful activity has certainly thrown a big roadblock in the way of our ability to move our cases and get them resolved.

To say the least, it's not the way we normally like to operate.

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### 20 Questions about Kentucky No-Fault

The key to understanding how the legal and medical system works in personal injury cases resulting from motor vehicle accidents in Kentucky.



Casey's Ky. Trivia Question:  
Which county has the smallest population of any county in Ky.?

- A. Menifee
- B. Carlisle
- C. Hickman
- D. Robertson

Be the first person to answer correctly by sending an e-mail to [bdh@harvillelaw.com](mailto:bdh@harvillelaw.com) and we'll mail you a \$5 Starbucks gift card!

## Stupid-Easy Recipe of the Month

A hot summer treat!

### Easy Cheesecake Ice Cream:

This recipe is perfect for summer cookouts. Make it the morning of or night before!

#### Ingredients:

- 3 cups of cold heavy cream
- 1 14oz can of sweetened condensed milk
- 1 1/2 cups of hand crushed graham crackers
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 cup of pie filling (your choice: cherry, strawberry, blueberry)



#### Directions:

In a large mixing bowl, use a hand mixer to beat heavy cream until peaks form (about 3 minutes). Fold in can condensed milk and vanilla until fully incorporated, then fold in 1 cup of the graham crackers. Pour half of cream mixture into a 9"x5" loaf pan. Place 1/2 of your chosen pie filling onto cream mix in loaf pan, swirl with knife. Repeat above steps and top with remaining 1/2 cup of graham crumbs. Freeze for at least 8 hours. I usually cover with plastic wrap after about 4 hours. Serve on a cone or in a dish!

## Favorite Pet of the Month

Meet Checkers! This kitten (together with siblings Jenga, Chess, and Yahtzee) were left in the road and brought to Barktown Rescue by a good Samaritan!

Checkers is exploring and playing in the cat room until the purrrfect family comes along. Is that you? Visit [www.barktownrescue.org](http://www.barktownrescue.org) and fill out an application.

Dana serves on the Board of Directors at Barktown Rescue.

Brad and his family love pets, too!

If you want to tell us about your pet(s), send an e-mail to [bdh@harvillelaw.com](mailto:bdh@harvillelaw.com) with a photo and we'll try to put this in a future issue!





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