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SMITHSONIAN EXHIBIT IN COWAN March 10 through April 21, 2012
"THE WAY WE WORKED"

LECTURES and PROGRAMS

Sunday, March 25th at 4:00PM Dr. Michael Bradley will present "Rebel Ingenuity", the way we worked in the South during the Civil War.

One frequently hears the phrase "Yankee ingenuity" but the history of the Civil War tells us that a lot should be said about "Rebel ingenuity." In 1860 the states, which formed the Confederacy, contained only 20% of the nation's manufacturing capacity but, in a very short period of time, the Confederacy had produced a burgeoning industrial capacity, which sustained a four-years long war. Much of that industrial capacity involved the use of innovation and clever makeshift substitutions for the accepted industrial practices of the day. Surprisingly, some of these innovations worked better than the established, standard practices.

In areas ranging from weapons manufacturing to the practice of medicine to the fabrication of gunpowder "Rebel ingenuity" enabled an agricultural society to create an industrial capacity that challenged the might of a nation with four times the manufacturing capacity and five times the manpower.

In considering the topic of "how we worked" in the past the accomplishments of "Rebel ingenuity" cannot be overlooked.

This is the topic to be pursued by Dr. Michael Bradley this Sunday at 4:00 at Cowan Center for the Arts Training Center.

Be sure to visit the Smithsonian Exhibit, in the theater building open 1:00 – 4:00, before the lecture.

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