



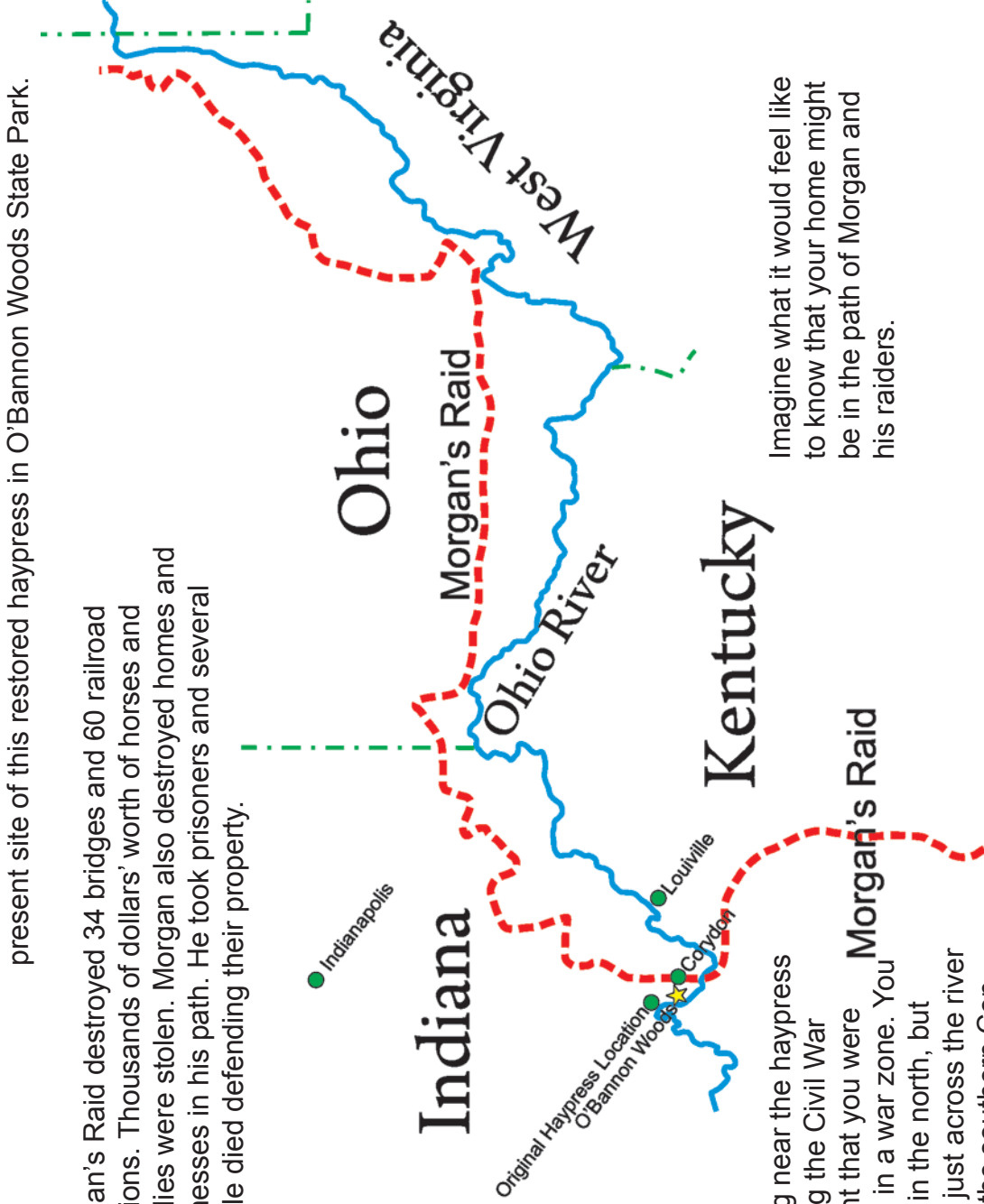
## Morgan's Raid

The Civil War took place while the haypress was in operation as a way to bale hay. In 1863, Confederate Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan conducted a raid into Indiana and Ohio. His goal was to damage farms, businesses and transportation routes. Morgan's raid targeted places like this haypress, which was originally located near Leavenworth, in order to destroy or disable the northern economy. He entered Indiana near Corydon, which is just a few miles east of the present site of this restored haypress in O'Bannon Woods State Park.

Morgan's Raid destroyed 34 bridges and 60 railroad locations. Thousands of dollars' worth of horses and supplies were stolen. Morgan also destroyed homes and businesses in his path. He took prisoners and several people died defending their property.

Living near the haypress during the Civil War meant that you were living in a war zone. You lived in the north, but were just across the river from the southern Confederacy.

Imagine what it would feel like to know that your home might be in the path of Morgan and his raiders.



# The O'Bannon Haypress



In the mid-1800s, people relied on horses the way we rely on cars to get us places. While your car runs on gas, horses ran on hay. As America's population grew, so grew the need for a steady supply of hay to feed horses.



O'Bannon Woods State Park

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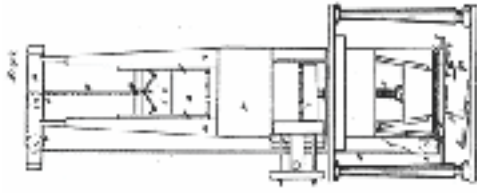
## The Problem

Loose hay did not transport well. The wagon full of loose, light hay did not add up to much hay. It took time to load and unload a wagon full of loose hay.



## The Answer

In 1843, Indiana resident Samuel Hewitt invented the haypress. A haypress could take a large amount of hay and press it into a tight rectangle, called a bale. A wagon or river barge could carry a much larger amount of hay when it was in tightly pressed bales.



The haypress operated until the early 1900s when a new type of transportation fuel was needed -- gasoline. The invention of cars removed the need for horses and the hay to feed them.

## How a Haypress Works

3. The weight is dropped 5-6 times onto the hay, pressing it down.

6. The finished bale is loaded onto a wagon or boat for shipment.

2. Hay is loaded into a closed box on the second floor.

5. The hay box is opened and twine is wrapped around the bale to secure it.

1. Oxen harnessed to a "sweep" walk in a circle on the first floor, raising a heavy weight.  
4. An ox walking in the opposite direction raises a press from below to further press the hay from underneath.

