

SOUVENIR

1962

PROGRAM

APRIL 12, 1862

ANDREWS RAID

100 Anniversary

THE GREAT LOCOMOTIVE CHASE



THE ENGINE

GENERAL



1862

W & A R. R.

1962

L & N R. R.

ANDREWS RAID

CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES

SATURDAY 3:30 P.M., APRIL 14, 1962

Sponsored By

THE CHATTANOOGA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

In Cooperation With

CHATTANOOGA - HAMILTON COUNTY CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

&

THE LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY



THE STORY OF THE CHASE

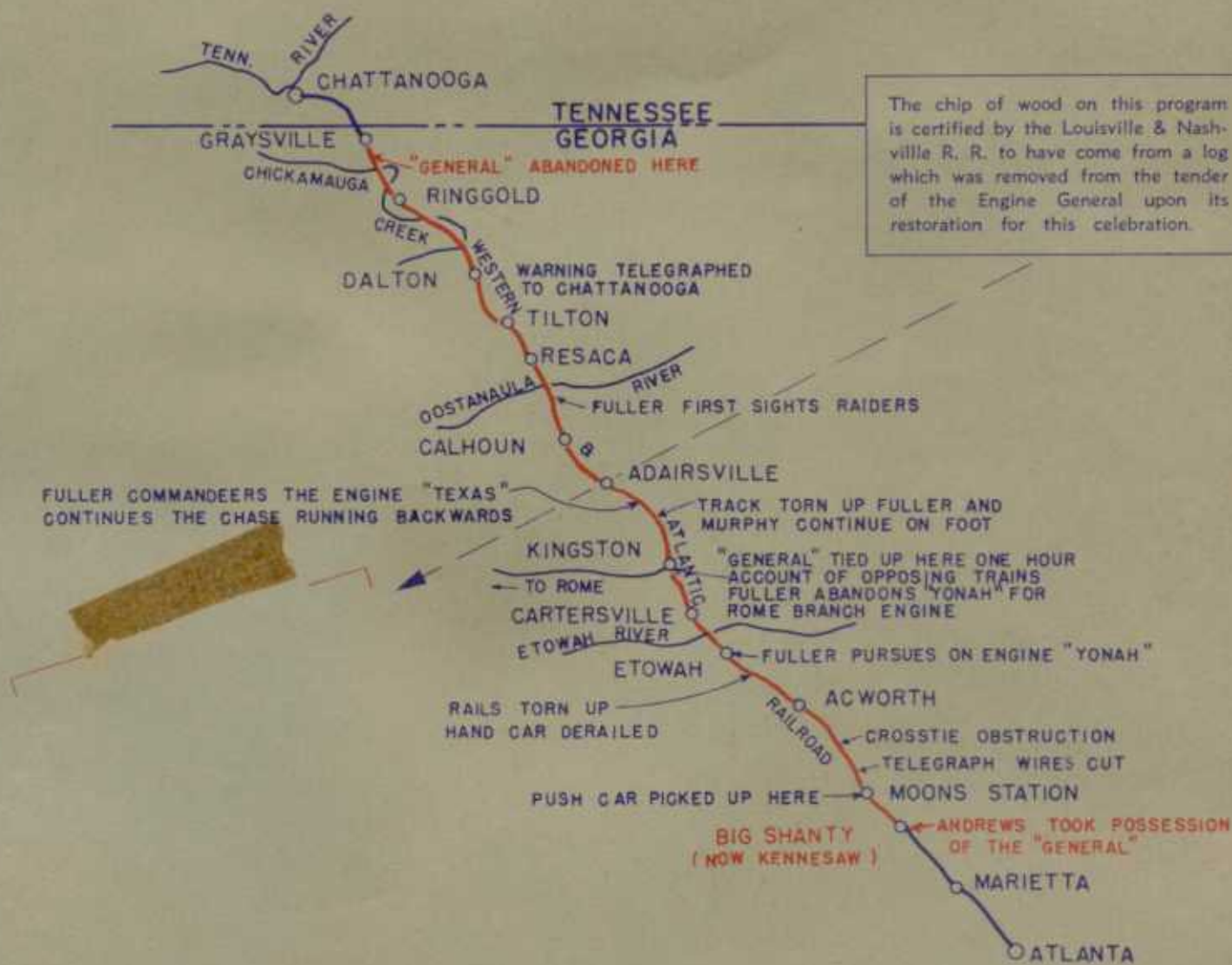
On a rainy Saturday, April 12, 1862, at Big Shanty, Georgia, Union Secret Agent James A. Andrews from Kentucky and 21 men from Ohio, stole the Engine General and several cars, their purpose to destroy the W&A Railroad (now L&N between Atlanta and Chattanooga), a vital supply line of the Confederacy, to prevent reinforcement reaching Chattanooga. W&A Conductor William A. Fuller, Engineer Jeff Cain and Foreman Anthony Murphy, with no thought as to who had stolen the train, ran down the track in pursuit. At Moon's Station, they borrowed a push car and continued, rolling downgrade north to Etowah. At Etowah, Fuller and the others with some six Confederate soldiers boarded the Old Yonah, to continue the chase. The 14 miles to Kingston were covered in 15 minutes. At Kingston, Fuller met frustration, for he hoped to catch the raiders here, but Andrews had convinced the agent that he was really a confederate officer taking ammunition north to General Beauregard and the agent had sidetracked a freight and let him pass.

Abandoning the Yonah, Fuller and his men commandeered the William R. Smith and with additional militiamen continued the chase. After four miles the Smith had to be abandoned due to torn up rail. Undaunted, Fuller continued on foot, with only Murphy following. Shortly they met the Texas and side-tracking the train, continued the chase in reverse. Two miles north of Calhoun, the Texas sighted the General for the first time. Beyond Tilton, the track

ran straight for over a mile and here the Texas and the General, in sight of each other ran wide open at more than a mile a minute. Aboard the General and cars rode 20 armed men, aboard the Texas were five men and two boys, unarmed except for a shotgun.

At Dalton, a warning telegram was sent to Chattanooga. Up ahead the W&A tracks crossed the Chickamauga Creek 11 times. Fuller knew that if the raiders succeeded in burning a bridge, the W&A would be useless for weeks. Close pursuit and the ever-falling rain, however, apparently discouraged bridge burning. Nearing Ringgold, Andrews saw the last opportunity to wreck the W&A and ordered "Everyman for himself." Just beyond Ringgold, the General, out of wood and water, rolled to a dead stop. Andrews and his men fled into the woods. The daring Andrews Raid had failed. Within weeks, all the raiders, including two who overslept and missed the chase, had been captured. Andrews and seven of the raiders were tried, found guilty and hanged. Eight other raiders escaped and the remaining six prisoners were exchanged. The newly authorized Congressional Medal of Honor was presented to twenty of the raiders or their next of kin. Jacob Parrott was the first man ever to receive this highly prized military decoration. Thus ended one of the most daring escapades of the Civil War and one of the most exciting in the annals of railroad history, 100 years ago on a rainy Saturday.

MAP OF THE GREAT LOCOMOTIVE CHASE



Additional Copies of this Program available @ 50c from Chattanooga Convention & Visitors Bureau, Chattanooga 2, Tenn., while available

CHATTANOOGA ANDREWS RAID COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

HONORARY CHAIRMEN

Buford Ellington, Governor
State of Tennessee

P. R. Olgiate, Mayor
City of Chattanooga

Chester Frost, Judge
Hamilton County

CHAIRMEN

Claude Ryan

Lee S. Anderson

Ray W. Atkinson
Richard C. Borden
Thomas J. Boylan
Walter M. Cline
John Cook
Mrs. John S. Dixon
George G. Eaves
Milton J. Eckhoff

Dr. Gilbert Govan
T. J. Hale
Herb McCartney
George McInturff
J. Ralph McIntyre
H. Pendell Meyers
Harold Mitchell
Clement C. Moseley

John N. Neal
Martin S. Ochs
Z. Cartter Patten
Morris Quave
Gene Roberts
Archie Trundle
Tom Williams

CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Lee S. Anderson

Dr. James Livingood

Dr. Culver Smith

Member, Tennessee Civil War Centennial Commission, Dr. Gilbert Govan