

Jefferson Pike

NARRATIVE

On December 27, 1862, the Fourth Michigan Cavalry joined Col. William B. Hazen's Union brigade in a strike to seize the bridge across Stewarts Creek on the Jefferson Pike. The Michigan troopers quickly pushed the detachment of the 51st Alabama Partisan Rangers from the bridge and then withstood several counterattacks by Gen. Joseph Wheeler's cavalry brigade until the arrival of Hazen's infantry and artillery sealed Union control of the crossing. The seizure of the Jefferson Pike bridge and another bridge across Stewart's Creek on the Nashville (Murfreesboro) Pike to the south secured two key crossings of a significant barrier for the Left Wing of the Union army. Control of the bridges would allow this portion of the army to move swiftly towards Murfreesboro without the risks accompanying fording a flooded watercourse.

HISTORICAL THEMES

Crucible for Leadership, Influence on Campaign

EXPLANATION OF ATTACHMENTS/VIDEO:

Map/photos of site

LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

N/A

COUNTY:

Rutherford

DATE:

12/27/1862

GEO COORDINATES:

35.996108° N,
86.506806° W

PRESERVATION

OPPORTUNITY INDEX:

LOW

CONFEDERATE UNITS:

Gen. Joseph
Wheeler's cavalry
51st Alabama
Partisan Rangers

UNION UNITS:

Col. William B.
Hazen's Brigade
4th Michigan Cavalry





LEGEND OF TERMS:

Historical themes: Topics and subject matter that characterize the battlefield including Control of Tennessee's Resources, Crucible for Leadership, Guerilla Warfare, Transformation in Warfare, Enslaved People, and Influence on Campaign. Sites are identified that exhibit themes at moderate to high levels, and some sites may contain one or more Historical Themes.

Preservation Opportunity Index (POI): A rating assigned for each battlefield to indicate relative opportunity and potential for successful site preservation. The Index is generated by a model that evaluates ratings assigned for site significance, condition, risk of loss, protection potential, and opportunities for interpretation. Based upon the POI values for each region in Tennessee (West, Middle, East), sites are indicated as having High, Medium, or Low opportunity.

Geo Coordinates: General/central location of the battlefield area per latitude and longitude coordinates utilized in Google Earth

DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON A BATTLE SITE?

Please email us at info@tcwpa.org and we will reach out to you soon. If you have copies of documents or photos to share, you can include those. If you want to discuss by phone, we will schedule that too.

HELP US COLLECT INFORMATION TO PRESERVE THESE BATTLEFIELDS

TCWPA's Statewide Preservation Plan team captains are recruiting volunteers to help gather information about many of the lesser-known sites with hopes of verifying the condition of each site and identifying opportunities for preservation and interpretation.

If you are interested in helping, please contact TCWPA at info@tcwpa.org .

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Thank you!

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