TCWPA Battlefield Assessment

# Lawrenceburg

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# **NARRATIVE**

Advancing from Florence, Alabama toward Nashville, Tennessee, two Confederate cavalry divisions under William Jackson and Abraham Buford marched up the old military road to screen the army's advance. Arriving outside Lawrenceburg on the morning of November 22, 1864, they encountered three Union cavalry brigades under the command of General Edward Hatch. Hatch placed his command just north of Lawrenceburg but posted a picket south of town consisting of units from Colonel Datus Coon's brigade. Accounts of the fighting range from severe skirmishing to primarily an artillery duel. This action was largely a standoff with Confederates moving to the west and north of town to threaten the Union right flank. However, late in the day, Confederate artillery with help from the cavalry, including Frank Armstrong's brigade, forced Hatch to retreat east toward Pulaski, ending the fight.

# **HISTORICAL THEMES**

## **EXPLANATION OF ATTACHMENTS/VIDEO:**

Maps and photos of battlefield site

# LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

N/A

#### **COUNTY:**

Lawrence

#### DATE:

11/22/1864

## **GEO COORDINATES:**

35.2423° N, 87.3347° W

# PRESERVATION OPPORTUNITY INDEX:

LOW

#### **CONFEDERATE UNITS:**

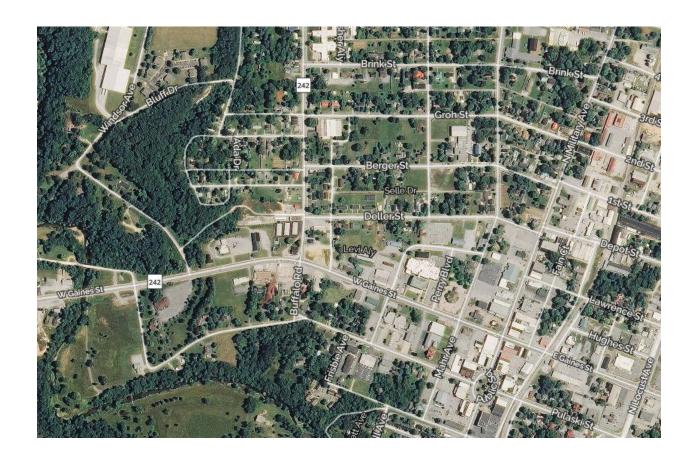
William Jackson's
Cavalry Division
Abraham Burford's
Cavalry Division
Col. Frank
Armstrong's Brigade

## **UNION UNITS:**

Brig. Gen. Edward Hatch Col. Datus Coon's Brigade









Old Military Road



Modern road to Florence



Shoal Creek Bluff



Bluff area to town square



Confederate approach



Hill west of town looking north

#### **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 <a href="mailto:info@tcwpa.org">info@tcwpa.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:info@tcwpa.org">info@tcwpa.org</a>.

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Thank you!

